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## 2018 Preliminary Primary Election Results

The 2018 Primary Election took place earlier this week. Though many of the results are final at this point, the election has not yet been officially canvassed. Please see below for the most updated election results:

- [Federal, State & Legislative Preliminary Primary Election Results](#)

Please note the candidate results do include independent candidates that did not have to go through the primary process, but will be on the general election ballot in November.

For more information on the 2018 primary election results, please visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website.

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## Step Up AZ 2018 Campaign & Summit

This week county elected officials and staff from across the state, including Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith, attended the *2018 Step Up Arizona Campaign* and two day *Mental Health Criminal Justice Summit*. The event was sponsored by David's Hope – the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition. The event aimed at engaging with county leaders to strengthen Arizona's adoption of the practice and principles of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Stepping Up Initiative.



The (NACo) [Stepping Up Initiative](#) was established in 2015 to help advance counties' efforts to reduce the number of adults with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders in jails.

The two day summit explored a variety of issues and areas, including a presentation on the development of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model for law enforcement. This program arms law enforcement with the tools to combat mental illness on the streets. In addition participants heard information on regional court ordered evaluation and treatment in Arizona, the sequential intercept model, and the integration of mental health care in jails.

As part of the Stepping Up Initiative county elected officials were asked to pass a resolution locally. Arizona holds the distinction of being the only state in the country where every county has passed a resolution.

For more information on the Stepping Up Initiative, please [click here](#).

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## CSA Presents at County Clerks Training

Last week CSA had the honor of hosting the Arizona County Clerks Association for their certified professional county clerk program. Clerks and Deputy Clerks from across the state, led by President Melissa Buckley of Navajo County, took a deep dive into a variety of issues over the course of their three day program.



CSA Staff presented to the group on a variety of issues including the Arizona Legislative process and county governance. Presenters from across the state addressed the program attendees on ethics issues, records management, legal issues, Arizona State archives, web-posting requirements and the history of county clerks in Arizona.

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## CSA Staff Attends NACo Forum

This week Robin Hillyard, CSA's Research and Budget Analyst presented to the National Association of Counties (NACo) - National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) Knowledge Management Forum this week in Washington, D.C.

Hillyard discussed major financial priorities for Arizona counties including the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and Arizona Department of Revenue state cost shifts, constraints on county expenditure limits due to uncontrollable cost-drivers, and CSA's push to collect and share data to inform conversations on county related issues.

The NACo-NCCAE Knowledge Management Forum is an opportunity for state association executive directors and staff to discuss top county issues with their peers, share solutions and develop thought leadership through educational sessions.



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## CSA Welcomes Fall Intern

CSA is pleased to welcome the newest member of our team, Nathan Blair, as our fall intern. Nathan is from northern California and moved to Arizona in 2014 to attend Arizona State University.

Nathan comes to CSA after previously working as an intern with the Arizona Department of Corrections Office of Victim Services.

Nathan earned his bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice with a minor in Public Service and Public Policy from Arizona State University. He is currently pursuing his Master of Public Administration from Arizona State University.



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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) released their Monthly Fiscal Highlights for July 2018 with General Fund revenues of \$915.2 million, an increase of 17.3 percent over July 2017 and \$42.2 million above forecast. JLBC attributed some of this growth to \$81.5 million in one-time transfers in July 2018 – compared to none in July 2017. Excluding the one-time transfers and Urban Revenue Sharing, General Fund collections still grew by 6.4 percent. That growth came mainly from individual income tax collections seeing a 7.8 percent increase \$19.2 million above forecast – while sales tax revenues increased by 4.9 percent over the previous year. Due to the strong revenue growth in FY 2018, the state only needs to see 1.7 percent growth to meet the enacted FY 2019 forecast.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections of \$121.5 million in July are 1.9 percent higher than July 2017 and (1.0) percent less than the budget forecast.

July General Fund spending totaled \$2.61 billion, up \$241.1 million over July 2017, with most of the increase being due to the timing of certain payments.

The State's Budget Stabilization Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) has a current balance of \$448.0 million.

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## NACo Webinar: County-State Partnership ~ Criminal Justice Planning

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar on September 27, 2018 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. (EST) titled [County-State Collaboration in Criminal Justice Planning](#).

The webinar will explore how counties and states across the country work together to make their justice systems run more fairly and effectively. County and state justice systems are run separately in most states, but they are very intertwined and changes at the state level can have major impacts at the local level and vice versa. Join NACo and the National Criminal Justice Association for this webinar to learn how states and counties can work together to identify issues and opportunities and develop solutions that improve criminal justice at both levels of government.

For more information and to register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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