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Wishing Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the CSA Newsletter will not be sent out next week.

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CSA Board Thanks Supervisor Anthony Smith for a Successful Year



On Thursday during the CSA Board of Directors meeting, Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith handed over his gavel after completing a successful year of service as CSA's President.

"I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve as president of this outstanding organization," Supervisor Smith said. "When I reflect on our work together over the past year, it is clear that when we combine talented staff with the power and influence of all of you, Arizona's county supervisors, we can achieve our goals and promote a better, more efficient state/county partnership. Thank you for the privilege of serving as CSA's president."

Incoming CSA President and Yuma County Supervisor Russell McCloud lauded Supervisor Smith for his leadership in strengthening the partnership between county elected officials and state lawmakers. He said, "Supervisor Smith's leadership and commitment to this association's mission contributed directly to CSA's success during the last legislative session. As the LPC members know well, he was passionate about mobilizing all of us to 'TAP with our legislators,' (short for Take A Position with our legislators). We all responded by strengthening our relationships with our legislators and that work paid off. I know I speak for all of us when I say how incredibly grateful we all are to have had Tony at the helm over the past year."



Supervisor Smith will continue to serve on the CSA Executive Committee through 2019 as the CSA Immediate Past President.

Thank you Supervisor Smith!

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New CSA President Russell McCloud & Executive Committee Elected

On Thursday, the CSA Board of Directors elected the six Executive Committee Officials to lead the organization during the coming year. Yuma County Supervisor Russell McCloud was unanimously elected by his colleagues as the President of CSA.

Also elected to serve with President McCloud on the executive committee are:

- Santa Cruz County Supervisor Rudy Molera
- Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Gallardo
- Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith
- Navajo County Supervisor Jason Whiting
- Immediate Past-President: Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith

"I want to thank my colleagues for their support and I am greatly honored to take on the role of CSA President." Supervisor McCloud said. "This year I hope to continue to strengthen our relationships with legislators at both the state and federal level. I firmly believe that supervisors being actively involved in the legislative process is the most valuable tool we have to further our objectives as an association."

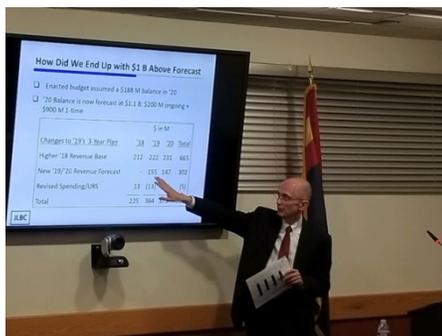
Outgoing CSA President and Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith offered his congratulations, stating; "Supervisor McCloud is a dedicated public servant whose experience and commitment to local government and his community make him an exceptional representative of Arizona counties. His selection as President reflects the trust and confidence that his fellow supervisors have in him."

CSA's executive committee helps to develop plans and implement strategies for strengthening Arizona counties in state and federal policymaking.

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Status of the Arizona State Budget



On Thursday, Richard Stavneak, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Director, briefed the Board of Directors regarding the current status of the Arizona State Budget.

Stavneak highlighted that the FY2020 balance is forecasted to be at \$1.1 billion, which is higher than expected. Of that \$200 million is considered ongoing revenue and \$900 million in onetime funds. He shared that "strong economic growth has substantially improved the state's fiscal condition." However, Stavneak noted that there are still major recession era issues that remain, including debt repayment, K-12 building repairs, and \$930 million in K-12 rollover.

He said that forecast assumptions indicate there will continue to be strong revenue growth throughout 2019 and into 2020. Stavneak mentioned that although there isn't a recession projected in the 3 year planning horizon, growth is expected to slow going forward.

The legislative session will convene on January 14, 2019 and Governor Ducey is expected to release his budget by the end of that week. To view the JLBC October 2018 Revenue and Budget Update, please [click here](#).

For more information on JLBC, please [click here](#).

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CSA Congratulates Nathan Blair on Completion of Fall Internship

At Thursday's CSA Board of Directors meeting, CSA President and Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith recognized Nathan Blair, on behalf of the association, for completing his service with CSA's Arizona Public Service (APS) Local Government Internship Program.

Craig Sullivan, CSA's Executive Director said, "During his time with CSA, Nathan has been a great part of our team and has performed a substantial amount of data collection and analysis that will benefit policy makers in Arizona's counties. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

CSA offers this internship program in partnership with APS to give students exposure to the significance of public service.

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General Election Results....the Counting Continues

Voters made their voices heard on Tuesday, November 6, during the 2018 General Election, but in Arizona ballots continue to be counted throughout the state with approximately 92,000 votes remaining according to the Arizona Secretary of State's Office. The turnout percentage for this election surpassed turnout for any midterm election since 1982, with nearly 2.4 million Arizonans making their voices heard. The result of the election will be canvassed statewide on December 3, 2018.

For the most up to date result information on the 2018 elections, please visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website.

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NACo Webinar: Addressing Inequities in Health – Key Concepts

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar on December 6, 2018 from 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. (MST) titled [Addressing Inequities in Health: Key Concepts for Counties](#).

The webinar will discuss the impact counties have on the lives of their residents through the many agencies that serve their communities and the potential to influence the health and well-being of residents by utilizing approaches that address the social determinants of health that influence how people grow, live, learn and work. Participants will learn how counties can use health equity as a framework to develop programs and policies to improve the health of their residents. Experts from County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and the Government Alliance on Race and Equity will share strategies and tools for counties doing work to create positive shifts in health for their residents. Then hear from Boone County, Mo. on the work they are doing to create more equitable health opportunities in their community.

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

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