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CSA Legislative Priorities: If it prints front and back, it's still a "one-pager"!

Last month, the CSA Board of Directors adopted its priorities for the 2019 legislative session. The [linked document](#) briefly outlines CSA's objectives and policy proposals.

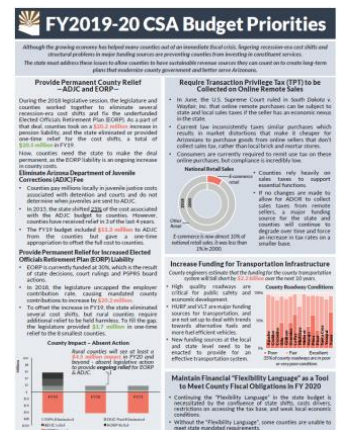
Top of the list is to complete the work from last session related to major state cost shifts and spikes in pension liability. In FY19, state leaders did a great job addressing county financial issues and counties encourage law-makers to make the relief permanent in FY20 and beyond.

Specifically, counties are counting on state leaders to eliminate the mandated county fee to support the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and to provide permanent relief for the increased liability associated with the Elected Officials Retirement Plan.

Counties also encourage the state to take action in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's Wayfair decision, which removes the major barrier for states to tax on-line transactions and to promote tax fairness between main-street and on-line retailers.

Additionally, CSA will continue to participate in a coalition of public and industry associations to encourage increased investment in transportation infrastructure and will work to advance 5 county-submitted policy proposals.

For more information, please review the [linked document](#).



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Updated Public Lands Materials & Resources



The newest CSA Public Lands Briefing Book is now available. This updated version shifts from a compendium of materials to a quick guide that will direct you to useful public lands and water resources.

The document provides direct links to relevant information, research and resources on important county public lands issues including Payment In-lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS). To assist in federal advocacy, it also contains information on key congressional committees and their membership as well as pertinent federal laws.

To access the Public Lands Materials & Resources document and other CSA public lands and water information please, click [here](#).

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Arizona Courts Committee on Mental Health and the Justice System Meets

The Committee on Mental Health and the Justice System (Committee) was established by an [administrative order](#) of the Arizona Supreme Court in August 2018, based on recommendations from the Task Force on Fair Justice. The Committee has been tasked with identifying and recommending ways to address the issues faced by individuals with mental and behavioral health needs within the justice system.

During the Committee's second meeting held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, the discussion focused on: their scope of work, the need to establish workgroups, and the importance of spending an appropriate amount of time on each step of the [Sequential Intercept Model](#). The Committee plans to determine the focus of each workgroup prior to the next meeting scheduled for November 29, 2018.

To learn more about the Committee please, click [here](#).

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Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition Meeting

On November 2, 2018, David's Hope held their monthly meeting of the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition (AZMHCJC). David's Hope is a non-profit organization working to reduce incarceration and promote treatment for individuals with mental illness and addiction. The AZMHCJC works to bring mental health and criminal justice entities together to collaborate and share experiences using evidence based practices to divert individuals with mental disorders and addictions away from the criminal justice system into community-based treatment.

To learn more about the David's Hope and the AZMHCJC please, click [here](#).

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Election Day is Tuesday!

The 2018 General Election will take place next Tuesday, November 6. The general election will decide races for one of Arizona's U.S. Senate seats, Governor, all state legislators and a number of ballot initiatives. Please see below for the general election charts for candidates and ballot initiatives:

- [Federal, State & Legislative Candidates](#)
- [Proposed Ballot Initiatives](#)

Next Friday we will have the preliminary election results in our CSA Update!

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



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