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Happy Hanukkah from CSA!

Hanukah/Hanukkah/Chanukah/Chanukkah/Chanukka...? However you may spell it, may this year's Festival of Lights bring you and your family good health, good fortune, love, peace, prosperity, happiness, and joy! Today and always!

On the first day of Hanukkah, Governor Ducey shared, "The traditional lighting of the menorah during the eight-day, Jewish 'Festival of Lights' reminds us that even in the darkest times, hope, faith and God's grace can light the way. I wish all Arizonans a prosperous, safe and blessed holiday this Hanukkah."



On behalf of the entire CSA staff, Happy Hanukkah!

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OSPB Director Talks with County Managers

Today, the Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB), Matt Gress shared insights with the county managers about the status of the Arizona State budget and the outlook going forward.

Gress noted that State General Fund revenues beat expectations in 2018 and are projected to do so in 2019 as well, but the Governor's Office continues to exercise fiscal restraint to protect resources long term. He discussed the Governor's priorities of both K-12 Education and public safety in the coming legislative session.

Gress also explored a variety of indicators that demonstrate the strong position Arizona is currently in, including population growth and job growth.



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CSA Holds County 101 for Legislative Staff

On Monday, CSA was pleased to host its annual County 101 presentation and roundtable with legislative staff. More than 40 attendees from legislative staff offices from both chambers joined the discussion, including: Senate minority, Senate research, House majority, House minority, and House majority research staff.



CSA's Legislative Research Program Manager, Robin Hillyard kicked off the event by sharing the importance of the partnership between county government and the legislature as well as the invaluable work of the legislative staff at the state legislature. Kristin Cipolla, Senior Legislative Liaison and Brandon Nee, Budget and Fiscal Analyst, also presented.

The roundtable examined the role of CSA, the importance of county government, CSA's legislative package and the challenges ahead in 2019.

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2018 Midterm General Election Results Canvassed

On November 6, 2018 Arizonans went to the polls to vote for a variety of officials, including a U.S. Senator, nine congresspeople, state-wide officers, and local and judicial officials.

On December 3, 2018, Secretary of State Michelle Reagan [canvassed](#) the results. The Secretary was joined by Governor Doug Ducey, Attorney General Mark Brnovich and Chief Justice Scott Bales for the formal certification.

"2.4 million Arizonans voted in the general election," said Secretary Reagan. "Turnout for the 2018 midterm was a full 17 points higher than our previous midterm and highest it has been in 36 years. Between the General and the Primary, 3.62 million votes were cast. Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Pima, and Yavapai all had the highest turnout percentage of any midterm on record."



For more information please visit the [Secretary of State Website](#).

To view the final election results, please [click here](#).

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Affiliate Groups Meet: ACDEHSA & County Finance Directors

ACDEHSA

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met to discuss a variety of issues. Presentations to the group included the "Health Giving Campaign," which educates citizens on homeless feeding by Maricopa County and an update on campgrounds, public accommodation, and trailer park rules.

CSA staff gave a legislative update on the upcoming 2019 Legislative Session.



County Finance Directors

On Thursday, the County Finance Officers Organization (CFOO) met at CSA to discuss a variety of topics, including the processes for creating the county's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

CSA staff presented on the state budget projections, the implications of the taxation of online sales for counties, and CSA's legislative priorities for 2019.

The next meeting of the County Finance Officers Organization will be held in the spring.

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NACo High Performance Leadership Academy Open Enrollment

The National Associations of Counties (NACo) in association with the Professional Development Academy created a 12-week mentorship-based leadership program to empower frontline county government professionals. Participants spend 3-5 hours a week engaged in an online, interactive learning platform to engage in live events, video sessions and breakout group discussions.



The curriculum developed by the Professional Development Academy in a partnership with Fortune 1000 executives, public sector leaders, world-renowned academics and thought leaders, including General Colin Powell and Dr. Marshall Goldsmith, focuses on five essential skills:

- LEAD: Engage teams and stakeholders to foster positive climates and exceed common expectations
- ORGANIZE: Plan, lead and execute organizational change more effectively and consistently
- COLLABORATE: Establish alignment and strong partnerships through building stronger relationships
- COMMUNICATE: Create clarity, confidence and community
- DELIVER: Measure projects and processes to deliver results aligned with county and community priorities

NACo secured a discounted rate of \$1,495 per enrollee for members; additionally NACo will provide a \$1,000 one-time stipend for the first participant in each county to subsidize the discounted rate. The next course will start on January 7, 2019 with subsequent classes planned for April and August of 2019.

To learn more about the program or to sign-up, please [click here](#).

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NACo Webinar: Stepping Up Reducing Recidivism for People with Mental Illness in Jails

On December 12, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (EST) the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Stepping Up Four Key Measures #4: Reducing Recidivism for People with Mental Illnesses in Jails](#). Part of the Stepping Up framework encouraging counties to focus their efforts on impacting one or more of “Four Key Measures” for people with mental illnesses: jail bookings, jail length of stay, connections to treatment and recidivism.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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