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## Governor Ducey Inauguration



On Monday January 7, county supervisors from across the state joined former governors, legislators, local elected officials and members of the public at the inauguration of Doug Ducey as Governor of Arizona at the state capitol for a second term.

Ducey stated, "Today I recommit to be governor for all the people. Civility and collaboration will carry us forward." During Governor Ducey's inauguration speech, he mentioned the importance of continuing to grow the economy, building Arizona's relationship with Mexico, limiting new spending, and preparing for the next downturn.

In addition to Governor Ducey, the following statewide officers were also sworn in:

- Secretary of State Katie Hobbs
- Attorney General Mark Brnovich
- State Treasurer Kimberly Yee
- State Mine Inspector Joe Hart
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman

The legislature convenes for its regular session on Monday, January 14, where Governor Ducey will give the State of the State address and where he will outline his vision of the state budget for the coming year. For those who are unable to attend, please [click here](#) to view the speech live.

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## County Association Presidents Convene in D.C.



CSA President Russell McCloud and Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) President Robyn Stallworth-Poquette (pictured) participated in the State Association Presidents and Executives 2019 Meeting this week in Washington D.C.

The annual meeting convenes leadership from county associations from across the country to share information, engage federal officials, and receive briefings from NACo regarding county issues before the United States Congress.

During the event, county leaders engaged in dialogue with several Trump Administration representatives, including the intergovernmental team, deputy United States Trade representative and officials working on streamlining federal permitting processes. They also were briefed by policy advisors from Speaker Pelosi's office regarding the policy priorities of the new majority in the House.

Representatives John Katko (R, NY) and Stephanie Murphy (D, FL) shared their perspective on the current political environment at the federal level, and the ranking member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Sam Graves (R, MO), shared his perspective regarding the critical need for federal action to address the infrastructure funding deficit facing the country.

CSA appreciates the hard work of the NACo team in putting together an excellent forum to strengthen the nationwide coalition of counties and to provide important information that will empower state associations in our efforts to support our local counties.

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## County Managers Meet



There was a familiar face at the January County Managers & Administrators meeting. Dan Bogert, now Chief Operating Officer with the Arizona Restaurant Association, shared that the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is in the process of adopting the 2017 FDA Food Code as the statewide standard. He noted that it is the first time in over a decade that all the counties will be on a common code and expressed a desire to work with counties to develop an intergovernmental agreement to keep counties on the same baseline food code moving forward. He indicated that local decisions such as fees, rules outside of food code, variances, grading systems and incentive programs are best determined by the individual counties.

Staff briefed the managers on the current status of the efforts to allow the taxation of online sales. There is currently a coalition working on this issue that includes Amazon, the Arizona Retailers Association, CSA, the International Council of Shopping Centers and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. The coalition's goal is to ensure tax equity for Arizona retailers by requiring that out-of-state sellers be subject to the same tax standards as Arizona stores.

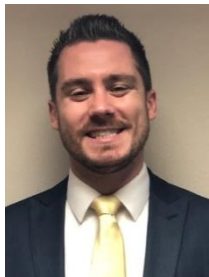
With state income tax conformity not yet addressed, CSA staff presented the various approaches the state may take in conforming to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Legislature has the ability to pass a bill that fully conforms to the IRC, as amended by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) or they could conform and make other statutory changes in order to offset any potential revenue impacts. If the state fully conforms to the IRC, the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee expect increased revenues of anywhere between \$134 million to \$200 million in the current fiscal year. The state also has the option to maintain the current level of conformity, although this is expected to be burdensome for taxpayers in future years. State policy makers are in active discussions to work out a deal regarding tax conformity as soon as possible, in order to limit the need for amended tax returns and an increased burden on taxpayers.

The managers also heard an update on the potential implications of Proposition 126, a constitutional ban on the taxation of services, which voters overwhelmingly approved in November of last year. At the general election in November, voters across the state also approved or renewed municipal sales taxes including those in Mesa, Scottsdale and Flagstaff. In December, these cities entered into agreements with a legal firm to clarify what should be considered a service, since the term is not defined in the constitutional amendment or in state statute. The cities also authorized the outside counsel to pursue any legal action necessary to achieve clarity.

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## CSA Welcomes New Members to the Team



CSA is pleased to welcome the newest members of our team, Michael Madden and Alexis Pagel.

Michael, who will be serving as our new Legislative Liaison, joins us after serving six years in the research offices of both the Arizona House and Senate. He entered the legislative research field as an intern in the Senate, providing research support to the Natural Resources & Rural Affairs and Transportation Committees. After a brief time in Government Affairs at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, he was recruited to the House research team to support multiple committees, including Ways and Means, Government and Education. For the past three years, he served as the principal research analyst for the House Ways and Means Committee.

Alexis is joining us as our spring intern. She is from Tucson, AZ and moved to Phoenix after completing her undergraduate degree to attend Arizona State University for graduate school. Alexis comes to CSA with a variety of previous professional experiences which include an internships with the University of Arizona Office of Federal Relations, the Pima County Administrator's Office, and the Maricopa County Assessor's Office.

Alexis earned her bachelor's degree in Public Management and Policy with a minor in Business Administration from the University of Arizona in 2017. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management at Arizona State University.



CSA is very excited to welcome Michael & Alexis to the team!

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## Arizona Delegation Begins 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

On January 3, nine congressional members took the oath of office for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. Overall, there were 100 non-incumbent winners from the November 2018 election.

Of the nine elected U.S. Representatives from Arizona, four are republicans and five are democrats. Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, District 2, Congresswoman Debbie Lesko, District 8, and Congressman Greg Stanton, District 9 are all serving their first full terms in their respective districts. Senator Kyrsten Sinema and Senator Martha McSally are both beginning their first term in the Senate.

For more information on the Arizona Congressional delegation, please [click here](#).

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## 2019 Legislation Trickling In; Session Begins January 14<sup>th</sup>

The legislative session is almost upon us and legislative proposals have begun to trickle in. As of today, 108 bills and seven memorials/resolutions have been introduced. That number will most likely change, because the legislature has not introduced fewer than 900 bills since 1993. In 2018, 667 bills were introduced in the House and 539 bills were introduced in the Senate.

The 2019 legislative session will officially begin on January 14, when Governor Doug Ducey gives his State of the State address.

Calendar Deadlines*	
<b>January 14, 2019</b>	Session Begins Governor Ducey's State of the State Last day for Pre-filing in the House
<b>January 17, 2019</b>	House 7-Bill Introduction Limit Begins (5:00 p.m.)
<b>January 18, 2019</b>	Governor Releases Executive Budget Proposal
<b>January 22, 2019</b>	Senate Bill Request Deadline (5:00 p.m.)**
<b>January 28, 2019</b>	Senate Intro Set Deadline (5:00 p.m.)
<b>February 4, 2019</b>	Senate Bill Introduction Deadline (5:00 p.m.)
<b>February 8, 2019</b>	House Bill Request Deadline (5:00 p.m.)
<b>February 11, 2019</b>	House Bill Introduction Deadline (5:00 p.m.)
<b>February 22, 2019</b>	Last Day to Hear Bills in a Committee of the Originating Chamber
<b>March 29, 2019</b>	Last Day to Hear Bills in a Committee of the Opposite Chamber
<b>April 19, 2019</b>	Last Day for Conference Committees (by House & Senate Rule)
<b>April 23, 2019</b>	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of Session

*\*All dates are estimated based on rule and statutory guidelines*

*\*\*1/21/2019 Martin Luther King Jr. /Civil Rights Day*

*\*\*\* Extended by the Speaker pursuant to Legislative Council Rule 28*

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## NACo Webinar: Evidence-Based Policymaking

On February 7, 2019, from 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm MST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [Evidence-Based Policymaking Part 3: Delivering Effective Programs & Monitoring Outcomes](#).



NACo and The Pew Charitable Trusts created a three-part webinar series, Evidence-Based Policymaking, focused on strategies county leaders can use to create evidence-based practices and programs in their jurisdiction to better serve residents. This webinar will highlight strategies on how county officials can enact program implementation oversight, monitor and support service providers and measure program outcomes effectively. Webinar participants will also have the chance to learn about and discuss these strategies with county officials utilizing evidence-based policymaking in their work.

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

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