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Supervisor Jack Smith Attends NACo's County Leadership Institute

Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith was one of 26 county leaders from across the United States selected to participate in the 15th Annual National Association of Counties (NACo) County Leadership Institute (CLI), a rigorous program offered in partnership with [Cambridge Leadership Associates](#). This very prestigious program for county officials took place this week, June 3-7, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

Supervisor Smith has served as a Yavapai County Supervisor since 2012 and is the Third Vice President of CSA.

CLI is known for enhancing the capacity of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions in response to the complex challenges facing county government in the 21st century. The institute recognizes that elected county service embodies the art and practice of public leadership and offers curriculum centered on adaptive leadership techniques.



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CSA Legislative Summary Now Available

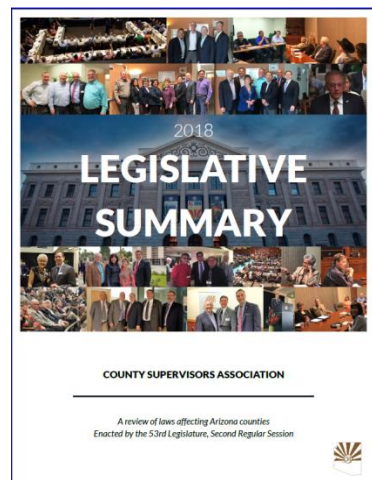
The [2018 CSA Legislative Summary](#) is now available. This publication contains brief summaries, arranged by subject, of new laws impacting county government that were enacted during the *Second Regular Session of Arizona's 53rd Legislature*.

The summary is available by [clicking here](#) or on the image to the right.

Please note that the final chaptered version of each bill is linked, so that you may review the legislative history of the proposal. The document is indexed in the back for easier reference.

The effective date for most new laws is August 3, 2018, which is 90 days after adjournment *sine die*. However, some bills contain alternate effective dates and those are noted in the bill summary.

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County Finance Officers Meet at CSA



On Thursday, May 31, CSA hosted the County Finance Officers Organization (CFOO) meeting with representation from across the state. Topics of discussion included an overview of expenditure limitations, an Auditor General update on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting guidelines, a legislative and state budget wrap up, PSPRS and CORP reporting requirements, and an overview of the CSA County Revenue Dashboard.

Keith Dommer, Pima County's outgoing Director of Finance and Risk Management, led a productive conversation regarding county expenditure limitations and was congratulated on his upcoming retirement. The CFOO also heard from Michael Stelpstra, a Professional Practice Manager in the Auditor General's office, regarding the updated GASB notes that cover county expenditures on other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

The next meeting of the County Finance Officers Organization will be held August 7 from 3-5pm in Pima County.

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Ad Hoc Committee Meets on Criminal Justice Reform

On Wednesday, the Legislative Ad Hoc Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform met to discuss the charge of the committee and identify the areas of focus to explore over the coming months. Legislative members of the committee include the Chair, Representative David Stringer and the Vice-chair Representative Ben Toma, in addition to Representatives Kirsten Engel, Tony Navarrete, and Tony Rivero. Additional public members were in attendance representing organizations including the Arizona Office of the Courts and the Salvation Army.



The charge of the committee is to "conduct research on opportunities for criminal justice reform in the State of Arizona. Through an investigation into the causes of Arizona's incarceration and recidivism rates, the committee will examine and consider specific legislative proposals and reforms instituted nationwide aimed at addressing these issues and enhancing public safety."

After the lengthy discussion on various areas of criminal justice reform opportunities in Arizona, the committee decided to explore the following areas:

- Truth in sentencing and exploring additional judicial discretion especially with respect to nonviolent offenders;
- Concerns regarding the felonization of drug possession in Arizona, specifically the potential decriminalization of simple possession of controlled substances; and

- Challenges regarding criminal record stigmatization and the impact on obtaining housing and employment.

The committee will continue to meet every two weeks for the next six months. The next meeting will occur on June 26, at 2:30 p.m.

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Election Season is Around the Corner

The 2018 Primary Election will take place on August 28. With only 81 days remaining until the primary election, candidates submitted their signatures last week. The deadline to challenge candidate petition signatures is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.



One U.S. Senate seat, all nine congressional seats, and all the statewide offices are up for grabs, as are the 90 state legislative seats.

Please click on the following links for the primary and general election information:

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

Though August 28 is the official primary election day, voters may cast early ballots starting on August 1. The final day to register to vote in the primary election is July 30.

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

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CSA on the Road



Each year, after the legislative session ends, CSA staff travels the state to meet with county supervisors and professional staff.

This week CSA traveled to Apache County and will travel to Navajo County on June 12. Over the course of the summer, we will visit each of the 15 counties to brief them on the recent legislative session and our work going into 2019.

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State & Counties Continue to Combat Wildfires



Fire restrictions on state-owned and managed lands in Apache, Coconino (south of the Grand Canyon) and Navajo counties have caused closures since Wednesday, May 23, 2018 for all entry for recreational purposes. All other counties are currently under either Stage I or State II restrictions.

According to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management annually, 90 percent of wildfire are ignited from human activity, but they recommend a few simple actions that can be taken by campers, individuals towing a recreational vehicle and property owners to reduce the risk of a wildfire. Below are a few recommendations on how individuals can help prevent wildfires:

- Follow all posted fire restrictions and when campfires are permitted, make sure it is fully extinguished before leaving the site.
- When towing a vehicle make sure the chains are secure and do not drag.
- Reduce dead fuels on personal property ([Homeowners' Firewise Guide for Arizona](#)).

There is currently one wildfire and one prescribed fire burning in Arizona, which includes:

- [377 Fire, Navajo County](#) – The 377 Fire started on Monday, June 4 on Arizona State Routes 277 and 377. A semi-truck dragging chains for approximately 20 miles sparked the fire; the fire is 55 percent contained and fire crews continue to assess activity and work to secure a fire line. Residents that were evacuated have been allowed to return to their homes.

For up to date information on wildfires, please click on the following links:

[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)

[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)

[Arizona State Parks Fire Restrictions and Information](#)

[InciWeb – Interagency All-Risk Incident Information Management System](#)

[Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)

[Southwest Coordination Center](#)

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NACo Webinar: Protecting Elections from Cybersecurity Threats ~ Resources to Help Counties

On June 21, 2018 , from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Protecting Elections from Cybersecurity Threats ~ Resources to Help Counties](#).

Based on recent published reports Counties have become increasingly concerned with the potential for threats and possible vulnerabilities in the coming election season. Cyber threats and I.T. systems manipulation is a growing concern – not only for county election officials but the public trust as well. Presented by NACo, the Public Technology Institute (PTI) along with the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), this webinar will present an overview of the types of threats that local elections officials might expect, while providing resources - tips for incident response and remediation, tools for monitoring vulnerabilities and threats, leading practices for elections systems security – to help local officials make their elections systems more secure.



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

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