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## Mohave County Appoints New Supervisor Lois Wakimoto



This week, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint new Supervisor Lois Wakimoto to represent District 5. She was appointed to replace former Mohave County Supervisor Steve Moss, who was appointed to the Mohave County Superior Court in July.

Supervisor Wakimoto was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, and has called Mohave County home since 1981. She has played an integral role in her family farming operation in Mohave Valley.

Supervisor Wakimoto has also served on the River Fund Incorporated Board of Directors, the Arizona Farm Service Agency, and was named citizen of the year in 2004 for Bullhead City/Laughlin.

CSA extends our congratulations and welcome to Supervisor Wakimoto.

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## NACo PILT Fly-in

Navajo County Supervisor Jason Whiting, participated in the annual NACo Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fly-in. The fly-in took place this week, in Washington, D.C., with county officials from across the country visiting Capitol Hill to advocate for continued funding of the PILT and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs. Supervisor Whiting presented to officials and staff regarding the importance of PILT and SRS for Arizona. Arizona counties stand to lose more than \$36 million if Congress does not act to meet its commitment to public lands counties.

In 1976, Congress enacted the PILT Act, acknowledging the county role in stewardship of public lands – and the federal government's responsibility to compensate counties for the cost. The PILT funding is critical to Arizona's counties and only partially compensates for the fact counties can't collect property taxes from federally owned lands, yet still must provide services to these areas, which included law enforcement, search and rescue, firefighting, and other community services.

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## Supervisor Reyes Receives Arthur Crozier Partners in Housing Award

During the Arizona Department of Housing's annual conference on August 25, 2017, Yuma County Supervisor and Chairperson of the Board, Marco A. "Tony" Reyes, was awarded the Arthur Crozier Partners in Housing Award for his more than thirty years of public service. This award celebrates the single action of a lifetime of successes of individuals committed to



improving the lives of families and the health of communities through the recognition that decent, affordable housing is basic to our social fabric.

During his time with the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, he has actively participated and advocated for affordable decent housing within Yuma County. As a result, Yuma County built an internal housing team comprised of Building Officials, HUD Housing Department staff, and Administration Grants staff to work on the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR) program. The county's OOHR program is a comprehensive program and provides a holistic approach to rebuilding neighborhoods.

Tony Reyes is also the founder and Executive Director of Comite De Bienestar, a nonprofit corporation in the City of San Luis. Since 1977, Comite De Bienestar has worked to empower Mexican-Americans and new immigrants in overcoming the many barriers they face, including very low wages, little access to conventional financing for housing, and limited political representation. As Executive Director of Comite, he has worked closely with the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Land Department for many years to develop hundreds of affordable homes in the City of San Luis.

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## **NACo Webinar: Maximizing Impact in Communities through Outcomes-oriented Contracting**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar on Maximizing Impact in Communities through Outcomes-oriented Contracting on September 21, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (EST).

Outcomes-based contracting strives to effectively deploy resources and provide services to individuals and communities by tying payments to measurable, data-driven performance standards. Join NACo for this webinar to learn how Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc., and several counties have made the shift to results-oriented contracting and improved outcomes in areas such as workforce development, child welfare, and criminal justice.

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