

# **CSA Weekly Update**

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# Former Arizona State Treasurer & Yavapai County Supervisor Carol Springer Passes Away

This past week the state of Arizona was saddened to hear of the passing of Carol Springer. Born in Colorado, Springer made Arizona her home in 1969. She spent her life dedicated to public service, becoming an Arizona State Senator from 1991 until 1998 and the Arizona State Treasurer from 1999 until 2003. We had the honor of working closely with Springer when she served as a Yavapai County Supervisor from 2005 until 2012.

During her many years of public service Springer was a leader in major public policy issues including creating Distance Learning Programs that enabled community college students to earn university degrees via interactive communications, and she worked to co-create telemedicine programs allowing interactive communication between health care providers and their patients. She brought national recognition to Arizona for fiscal accountability including receiving the 1995 National Excellence Award for performance-based budget reforms. Springer was also active in many water issues, creating the upper Verde River



Watershed Protection Coalition protecting the base flow in the Prescott active management area. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Springer is survived by hers sons, twin daughters, her brothers, her grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by her beloved dog Coco.

A celebration of her life will be held on August 22 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., at the Windsock Cocktail Lounge, 1385 Iron Springs Road, Prescott, Arizona, all are welcome. In lieu of flowers she requested donations be made to the Yavapai County Humane Society, 1625 Sundog Ranch Road, Prescott, AZ 86301.

On behalf of all of us at CSA, we wish the entire Springer family our deepest sympathies.

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## **County Managers Meet**



Today, county managers from across the state met to hear from CSA staff on various projects and issues they have been working on during the summer months.

Hunter Moore, Governor Ducey's Natural Resources Policy Advisor updated the group on SB 1493 environmental quality; dredge, fill permits (Griffin) which allows the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to adopt a Dredge and Fill Permit Program and outlines permissions, prohibitions and mitigation requirements relating to dredging and filling into navigable waters. He also discussed Governor Ducey's water policy initiatives.

CSA staff presented on the <u>County Data Initiative</u>, outlining the data collection overview, the local revenue dashboard, and the county revenue update and outlook. They also discussed the taxation of internet sales and legislation possibilities for the 2019 Legislative Session.

#### It is (Almost) Primary Election Day!

The 2018 Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, August 28. Early ballots were mailed out to voters across the state earlier this month and voters who received an early ballot have until 7:00 p.m. on August 28 to hand in their ballot at a polling place or drop box location. For those mailing back their ballots, they should do so by next Wednesday, August 22. For individuals who are not receiving an early ballot in the mail, but would still like to vote before Election Day, they can vote at early voting locations until Friday, August 24. For additional information on the primary election, please click here.



Please see below for the most updated version of the primary and general election charts:

- 2018 Federal, State & Legislative Primary Election Candidates
- 2018 Ballot Initiatives

For more information on the 2018 elections, please visit our CSA Elections page, Arizona Clean Elections, or the Secretary of State's website.

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#### **NACo Releases Summer Advocacy Toolkit**

As the congressional August recess continues and 2018 midterm elections draw near, members of Congress will spend more time in their home states and districts than in Washington D.C. between now and the end of the year. During this time, county leaders have an opportunity to meet with their members of Congress at home and advocate for pressing federal issues that impact their communities.



To help county leaders advocate for their priorities, this week the National Association of Counties (NACo) released its 2018 Summer Advocacy

Toolkit featuring helpful tips for communicating with members of Congress and the media, key talking points and other exclusive NACo resources detailing some of the most pressing federal issues for county governments, including:

- County priorities in a new federal infrastructure package
- Farm bill reauthorization
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reauthorization
- The Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program
- The Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization
- Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) regulations
- Collection of existing sales taxes on remote and online sales

To download the toolkit, please click here.

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### NACo Webinar: County Approaches to Improving Oral Health

On August 30, 2018 from 2:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. EST the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled Creating Healthy Smiles: Medicaid and County Approaches to Improving Oral Health.

Medicaid is the largest source of health care coverage in the United States and plays a particularly important role in the health and well-being of low-income children and pregnant women. Medicaid mandates that children enrolled in the service receive dental coverage. On August 30, the webinar will explore county approaches to providing dental services to children and families in their communities.

To register for the webinar, please click here.

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