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ATRA Presents to County Managers

During the September County Managers and Administrators meeting Kevin McCarthy, President of the Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA), discussed key tax policy issues ATRA is focusing on, including how the *South Dakota v. Wayfair* Supreme Court case impacts Arizona's ability to apply sales taxes to online retailers. Mr. McCarthy indicated that it might be challenging to address this at the state level during the next legislative session due to the lack of tax uniformity between state and city tax bases, pending lawsuits, and the need to create a safe harbor for small sellers. Mr. McCarthy also said that while immediate action may be challenging, it is important to move forward to ensure that main street businesses are not at a disadvantage to online retailers.

To learn more about the ATRA, please click [here](#).

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2018 Primary Election Results

The 2018 Primary Election has officially been [canvassed](#) (September 10, 2018) and all of the results have been verified. The primary election had a total voter turnout of 33.26 percent with over 1.2 million ballots cast. Yavapai County had the highest voter turnout with 46.89 percent.

For a list of the candidates on the General Election ballot and an overview of the 2018 Ballot Initiatives, please visit [CSA's Elections](#) webpage.

Please note the candidate results do include write-in and independent candidates that did not go through the primary process, but will be on the general election ballot in November.

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

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CSA Internet Sales Taxation Webinar

CSA staff hosted an internet sales taxation webinar on Thursday, September 13, 2018. The webinar covered the outcome of the recent Supreme Court case *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, the potential options for capturing sales tax revenue from online purchases, and the impact of the decision on county government. We will continue the conversation on internet sales taxation at our CSA Legislative Summit in Yuma, Arizona. Please reach out to CSA Staff if you have any questions.

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NACo PILT Fly-in

Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin participated in the annual NACo Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fly-in. The fly-in took place last week in Washington, D.C. with county officials from across the country visiting Capitol Hill to advocate for fully funding the PILT and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs in FY 2019 and beyond.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 funded the PILT program at 100 percent, a \$3.9 million dollar increase over FY 2017. Arizona counties stand to lose more than \$39.9 million if Congress does not act to meet its commitment to public lands counties. PILT funds support mandated essential county services including law enforcement, firefighting and health care.

In 1976, Congress enacted the PILT Act, acknowledging the county role in the stewardship of public lands – and the federal government's responsibility to compensate counties for the cost. PILT funding is critical to Arizona's counties and only partially compensates for the fact counties cannot 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.



To learn more about NACo's advocacy efforts and the importance of the PILT program please, click [here](#).

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Interim Committee Hearing

The [Joint Legislative Budget Committee](#) (JLBC) will meet next week on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in Senate Appropriations, Room 109.

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NACo Webinar: Discussing the Third Key Measure in the Stepping Up Initiative

On October 25, 2018, from 11:00 pm – 12:15 pm MST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [Stepping Up Four Key Measures #3: Increasing the Number of People with Mental Illnesses Connected to Treatment](#).

More than 425 counties have joined the national *Stepping Up* initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in their jails. The *Stepping Up* framework focuses on Four Key Measures for people with mental illness: jail bookings, jail length of stay, connections to treatment and recidivism. This is the third webinar in the series and will provide strategies for increasing the number of people with a mental illness who are connected treatment in jails and in the community. It will provide details on key data points to collect and provide feedback on how to measure success. Previous webinars in this series are available on the *Stepping Up* [toolkit](#).



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

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