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## **Governor Appoints Supervisor D. Steven Williams to the Court of Appeals**



Last Friday, Governor Doug Ducey announced the appointment of Navajo County Supervisor D. Steven Williams to the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Williams has served on the Navajo County Board of Supervisors since 2015 and as Judge Pro Tempore for the Apache County Superior Court since 2016. Additionally, he currently serves as the Presiding Judge for the Eagar Magistrate Court and was appointed by Governor Ducey to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission in 2017.

Governor Ducey said of Williams, "Judge Williams is a respected judicial officer and leader in his community, who has served his community well. I am pleased to appoint Judge Williams to the Arizona Court of Appeals."

CSA congratulates Judge Williams and wishes him the best of luck in his new role!

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## **Coconino County Hosts Stronger As One Coalition Meeting**

In October, Coconino County held a Stronger as One Coalition (Coalition) membership meeting to bring together community leaders, elected officials, representatives from public agencies and citizens of the community. The Coalition is focused on advancing a culture of knowledge, compassion and action related to mental health and wellbeing.

The Coalition has partnered with the NARBHA Institute to expand the number of individuals in the community who have received Mental Health First Aid training. The free eight hour training course teaches participants to understand the warning signs of mental health problems, connect them with a five step action plan for helping someone in crisis and providing resources for professional help.



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## **Senate Discusses Senator McSally's Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act**



On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee heard testimony regarding the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act (Act), sponsored by Sen. McSally. The Act seeks to open up public lands as priority areas for development of renewable energy, while requiring at least 25 gigawatts of electricity to be produced on public land from solar, wind and geothermal energy by the end of 2025. In addition, 50% of the payments from the use of public lands will go to the applicable state and counties.

In her testimony, Sen. McSally stated, "In a state where nearly 70% of our land is controlled by the federal government, burdensome federal permitting processes and non-competitive prices severely restrict our renewable energy potential."

A companion bill sponsored by Rep. Gosar is also moving through the U.S. House and has been referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

For more information about the status of the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act, please click [here](#).

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## Interim Legislative Meetings

### Joint Ad Hoc Committee on the Impact of Short-Term Rentals on Arizona Communities (Committee)



The Joint Ad Hoc Committee on the Impact of Short-Term Rentals on Arizona Communities held the first of three meetings last Wednesday. The Committee is Co-Chaired by Senator Brophy McGee and Representative Kavanagh and is charged with gathering data on short-term rentals in Arizona, considering the unintended consequences on local communities, evaluating potential implications of tax revisions on short-term rentals, and discussing opportunities to address challenges presented by short-term rentals.

The meeting focused on addressing “nuisances” related issues created by the short-term rental industry on local communities. Representative Kavanagh started the meeting off with a video he created on short-term rentals in Arizona. In it, he noted some of the additional areas he would like addressed next session, including reducing concentrations of short-term rentals, banning off-site parking, and allowing occupancy limits.

The meeting brought about a lot of public comment, including testimony from the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and local city officials. They discussed some of the issues caused by short-term rental businesses on neighborhoods, including excess garbage, sewage backups, and party houses creating noise well into the night throughout the week.

The Committee plans to meet again in mid-November to discuss taxes and tax parity with the hotel industry.

To view Representative Kavanagh’s video on Short Term Rental Video please, click [here](#).

### Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference (Committee of Reference)

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference met for the sunset review of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) on Thursday, November 7, 2019. The Arizona Office of the Auditor General (OAG) completed four performance audits of ADHS: a [Performance Audit and Sunset Review](#), a [Procurement and Contract Monitoring Performance](#) Audit, an [Arizona State hospital Audit](#) and a [Medical Marijuana Program Performance Audit](#).

OAG Performance Audit Manager, Dot Reinhard noted that ADHS had appropriately reviewed and approved medical marijuana cards and stated that they found the Arizona State Hospital was accredited, had processes for admitting patients and for providing treatment. The OAG also identified a number of recommendations for ADHS to improve department processes.

The ADHS responded to the recommendations noting they agreed with 57 of the 60 findings and have established a dash board to provide data on implementation progress.

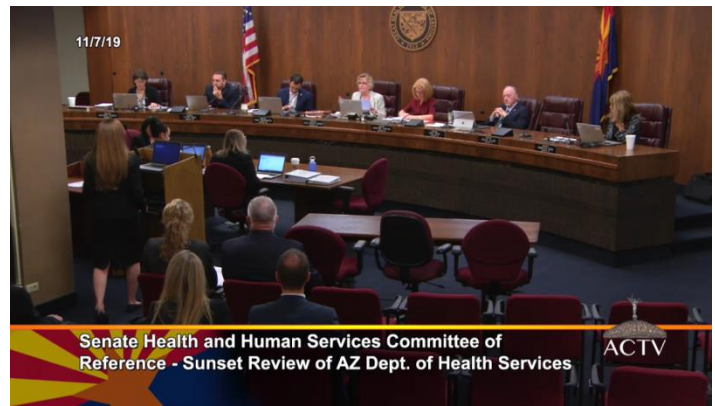
The Committee of Reference voted to continue ADHS with the understanding that the questions and concerns raised regarding the timeliness of responding to complaints would be addressed at a future meeting.

To view an archived recording of all meetings, please click [here](#).

### Upcoming Legislative Committee hearings:

- [Senate Commerce Committee of Reference](#), Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Senate Hearing Room 109
- [House Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults](#), Tuesday, November 12, 2019, House Hearing Room 1
- [Arizona Opioid Use Disorder Review Council](#), Wednesday, November 13, 2019, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System – 4th Floor – Arizona Room

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## County Spotlight – Yuma County Hosts Kids at Hope Benefit Concert

Yuma County hosted the Kids at Hope for their annual benefit concert at the Colorado River State Historic Park last month to support child success in the community. The reggae band Big Mountain, Credence Clearwater Relived, GWYNN and Don't Stop Believin' Tribute to Journey each performed. Last year, Yuma County Director of the Juvenile Justice Center Tim Hardy unintentionally established a friendship with Big Mountain after making a Kids at Hope video showing his team lip syncing to one of Big Mountain's songs, without their permission. The Band now maintains a friendship and working relationship with the County and Kids at Hope for the benefit of children in Yuma County and across the country.



Kids at Hope is a national non-profit organization that works to empower children and communities by providing resources to schools, organizations and entire communities to ensure success for all children in the areas of Home & Family; Education and Career; Community & Service; and Hobbies and Recreation. Proceeds from the event benefited the children of Yuma County.

To see video highlights of the benefit concert, please click [here](#).

For more information about Kids at Hope, please click [here](#). For information specifically about the Yuma Chapter, please click [here](#).

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## Filed 2020 Ballot Initiatives

There have been a number initiatives and constitutional amendments in anticipation of the 2020 General Election. Applicants have until July 2, 2020 to submit the required signatures to be placed on the ballot.

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

- [2020 Ballot Initiatives & Constitutional Amendments](#)

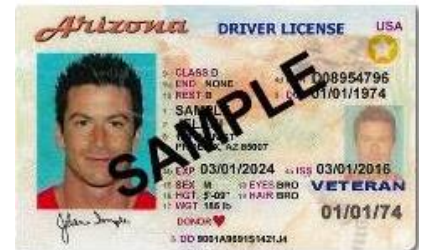
For more information on the 2020 elections, please visit the [Arizona Clean Elections'](#) or the [Secretary of State's](#) website.

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## Upcoming TSA Security Changes

In 2005 the United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act ([Public Law 109-13](#)), enacting new federal standards for the issuance of identification. The Real ID Act established minimum-security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Starting October 1, 2020 an individual without a compliant identification will be unable to enter a federal facility, board a federally regulated commercial aircraft, or enter a nuclear power plant.



The Arizona Travel ID issued by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is compliant with the federal Real ID Act and adds proof of identification required by federal law for licenses and identification cards. In order to apply for an Arizona Travel ID the applicant must provide proof of identity, social security number, and proof of Arizona residency. The Arizona Travel ID can be obtained at any MVD office (online appointment scheduling available) or through an authorized third party office.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please, click [here](#).

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## NACo Webinar: World AIDS Day and Ending the HIV Epidemic



On Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, NACo will host a webinar with Dr. Eugene McCray, Director of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention regarding the federal "[Ending the HIV Epidemic](#)" initiative. Counties involved with the initiative will discuss their work on putting an end to HIV and AIDS and discuss how other counties may do the same. An estimated 1.1 million people in the United States suffer from HIV, and about 1 of every 7 don't know they have contracted the virus. The CDC will share resources from the "[Let's Stop HIV Together](#)" campaign that counties may use on World AIDS Day on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and other HIV awareness efforts.

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

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