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HARNEY COUNTY STANDS STRONG AMID TAKEOVER OF FEDERAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hundreds of protesters converged at the Harney County, Ore. courthouse on Feb. 1 as the standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge passed the one-month mark.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

NACo 2016 UPDATED POLICY BRIEFS

Check out NACo's legislative policy briefs. In each policy brief, you will find background information, advocacy next-steps, key talking points and a listing of the Congressional committees of jurisdiction.

NACo ANNOUNCES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2016

On Jan. 21, NACo released its federal legislative priorities for 2016. Each year, NACo's Board of Directors adopts policy priorities, which help guide NACo's advocacy efforts on behalf of counties.

FEATURED SPEAKERS AT THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

New featured speakers include Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Additional featured speakers include U.S. Senator John McCain, Acting U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

FEATURED ARTICLES

NACo-BACKED HOUSE BILL PROMOTES RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON FEDERAL LANDS

PLREDA would establish formula for distributing royalties paid by companies using public land for energy development.

HIGH COURT CHALLENGES PUBLIC UNIONS

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments about free riders in public employee unions.

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2016 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

For 46 years, NACo has recognized outstanding efforts in county government through the Achievement Awards Program. Awards are given in 21 categories such as Criminal Justice, Health, Human Services and Information Technology. [Apply Here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| FEB.
11 | WEBINAR: Maximizing 2016 Grant Funding in Urban Counties
<i>2 – 3 p.m. EST</i> |
| FEB.
18 | WEBINAR: Effective Cross-Systems Information Sharing in Juvenile Justice
<i>2 – 3 p.m. EST</i> |
| FEB.
20-24 | CONFERENCE: 2016 NACo Legislative Conference
<i>Washington, D.C.</i> |

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The Sorenson Impact Center at the University of Utah is launching its next round of funding for governments and non-profits within the western United States to develop innovative, data-driven approaches to their communities' largest social issues.

Sub-grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to four governments and four non-profits.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 19.
Additional information is available [here](#).

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| MAR.
03 | WEBINAR: The Importance of Legal Counsel in Pretrial Justice
2 – 3 p.m. EST |
| MAR.
21 | WEBINAR: Defining Measurable Goals and Outcomes for Juvenile Justice Reform
2 – 3 p.m. EST |

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