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Greg Cox Elected NACo 2nd Vice President

San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox today was elected as Second Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo), a post that will directly lead to him serving as President of the organization and shaping national policy discussion on critical issues. Supervisor Cox was elected Monday at the 81st Annual NACo Conference and Exposition, held in Long Beach.

"I'm deeply honored and appreciative of the opportunity to take on this new challenge," said Supervisor Cox. "No level of government impacts people more directly than county government

and I strongly believe that it is critical for local government voices to be heard at the national level.”

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NACo Annual Conference Wraps Up in LA

NACo’s four-day Annual Conference in Los Angeles County had a great turnout this year with nearly 3,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country in attendance. California county officials and CSAC staff participated in several panel discussions on a wide range of topics including negotiating intergovernmental agreements with tribal governments, lessons learned from California’s drought, Ventura County’s Foster Health Link Program, and the Pew–MacArthur Results First Initiative to name a few.

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California County Officials Appointed to NACo Leadership Posts

California County officials received a number of key leadership appointments in NACo for 2016–17. The appointments were announced by new NACo President Bryan Desloge on the last day of the association’s recent annual conference in Los Angeles County.

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They’re Ba-aaaack, (Almost) Legislature Returns to Capitol on Monday

Did that month-long legislative summer recess seem short to anyone else? The Legislature returns to work on Monday and it will be a sprint to the finish, as the final bell rings on the 2015–16 session on August 31.

CSAC has worked diligently to provide ongoing updates to counties on several unresolved issues and bills that loom large on the August agenda, including the state’s ongoing [transportation funding crisis](#) and the linked issues of new funding for affordable housing and the [Governor’s proposal for “by-right” approval](#) for certain housing projects.

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Several Housing Bills Also Still Pending

In addition to the ongoing transportation funding issue—for which special session bills are still alive—and the Governor’s “by-right” housing proposal, CSAC’s Housing, Land Use and Transportation policy staff will continue to engage on a variety of bills in the final month of regular session.

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AOJ Committee: Take No Position on Proposition 57

CSAC’s Administration of Justice Policy Committee voted 12–0 to not take a position on Proposition 57, Governor Jerry Brown’s Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016. Proposition 57, would amend the Constitution to give parole consideration for offenders sent to prison for a non-violent felony once they have completed the full term of their primary offense. In addition, the measure authorizes the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to adopt regulations to implement the above changes and additional credit earning changes.

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New Ruling re: Confidential Law Enforcement Records

A recent ruling out of the Court of Appeals delves into the issue of which type of law enforcement investigatory records are protected under the *Pitchess* case. The court ultimately determined that if the record is not generated in connection with an officer's appraisal or discipline, it is not protected by *Pitchess*.

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NACo Asks for Changes in Families First Act

The National Association of Counties (NACo) joined California, New York, and Wisconsin in our efforts to amend the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, which is moving through the U.S. Senate. The resolution seeking amendments was sponsored by the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), CSAC, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

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Governor Signs Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver Bill

Governor Brown signed SB 815 by Senators Hernandez and Pro tem de León, which implements portions of California's new Medicaid Section 1115 "Medi-Cal 2020" Waiver. This new waiver, approved in December 2015, builds on the successes California has achieved in expanding coverage, transforming care, and improving health outcomes.

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Cal OES Grants Available for Child & Youth Advocacy

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services has released a Request for Proposal for the Unserved/Underserved Child & Youth Advocacy (XY) Program for fiscal year 2016–2017. Approximately 15 projects will be selected to receive an allocation of up to \$371,000 for a one-time, 23-month grant period. The program provides one-time funding for advocacy and support services to child and youth victims of a crime. It is supported with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds.

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Free Planning Help for California Communities

The California Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) has launched a program to provide pro bono professional planning assistance to financially constrained municipalities and community groups throughout California and Baja California. The Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) pairs expert planning professionals from throughout the State with residents and other stakeholders from communities with limited resources to solve specific local planning problems.

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From Our Blog: Working Together to Overhaul California's Outdated Tax System

By State Controller Betty T. Yee

Taxes touch on every issue we face in California, from funding education to addressing our growing transportation needs.

Developed more than eight decades ago during a manufacturing-based economy, our tax system fails to generate dependable revenues or to keep pace with changes in the state's economy. Our system leaves the state budget prey to boom-and-bust cycles, in turn disrupting

funding of essential public services. As the state's chief fiscal officer, I am responsible for managing cash flow in a time of continued revenue volatility. I know counties experience these dramatic revenue effects as well.

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CSAC's Communications Unit Wins Six National Awards

CSAC was recently honored with six communications awards by the National Association of County Information Officers, an affiliate organization of NACo. The awards were presented in conjunction with the recent NACo Conference in Los Angeles County.

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California Counties Recognized for Best Technology Practices

Two California Counties are among four first-place winners in the 2016 Digital Counties Survey competition, conducted by NACo and Center for Digital Government. The survey identifies the best technology practices among US counties, including initiatives that save tax dollars through new efficiencies, boost transparency, cybersecurity and engagement, or show innovation through unique projects.

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