

2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

COUNTIES

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OUR NATION'S 3,069 **COUNTIES STAND READY TO WORK TOGETHER**
TO NOT ONLY ENSURE A ROBUST INTERGOVERNMENTAL
PARTNERSHIP, BUT TO ALSO LEVERAGE OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTHS
TO HELP MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD.

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COUNTIES ARE A KEY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT —DIRECTLY SERVING THE PEOPLE.

OUR MISSION

The nation's 3,069 counties provide fundamental public services that make America's communities healthier, safer and better places to live and work. They are focused on finding solutions to some of the country's most pressing challenges including healthcare, justice and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, environmental stewardship and community and economic development.

WHY COUNTIES MATTER TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Counties are a critical piece of our nation's federal-state-local intergovernmental system. Decisions made by the President and the Executive Branch have a substantial and often long-lasting impact on our nation's counties responsible for implementing federal decisions and administering federal programs at the local level. **For all levels of government, our common bond is our shared constituency. It is our close connection to the people that make counties a key partner in the intergovernmental relationship.**

In an effort to strengthen the intergovernmental partnership at all levels, NACo has developed the "Counties Connect America" initiative. Over the course of the 2016 presidential campaign cycle, county officials from across the country will be engaging presidential and congressional candidates as they discuss ways to move this country forward together. NACo will use the "Counties Connect America" initiative to leverage the collective political capital of its membership to provide opportunities for county officials to directly engage presidential and congressional candidates throughout the course of the campaign cycle.

COUNTY OFFICIALS, AND ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, RELY ON A CORE SET OF GOVERNING PRINCIPLES AS A FOUNDATION FOR EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE.

OUR PRINCIPLES

Clear Vision

Counties are united behind a clear vision: to foster healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient communities across America.

Counties of all sizes are problem solvers, able to adjust their efforts to match local assets and needs.

Collaboration

Counties achieve results by partnering with public, private and philanthropic partners to serve constituents and build strong local economies. As both global and local challenges arise, counties are poised to lead, convene and participate in community and economic development efforts.

Connecting

Counties are the fabric that connects American civil society – practicing pragmatism over partisanship. County governments were designed to serve as connectors between the federal and state governments and constituents on the ground.