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AROUND CSAC

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT, JULY 17 – 18, SACRAMENTO

CSAC is joining with our local government partners to develop reform measures that restore a greater degree of local control over services, taxation and spending decisions, and end the decades of the state's failure to adopt balanced budgets and meet the pressing needs of our state. The Local Government Summit on State Governance and Fiscal Reform, July 17 – 18, in Sacramento is sponsored by the Cities, Counties and Schools (CCS) Partnership, an ongoing partnership of CSAC, the League of California Cities and the California School Boards Association. Don't miss out on this critical effort. Click [here](#) to register. On-site registration will also be available. For registration and hotel information, contact CSAC Administrative Assistant Chris Feusahrens at cfeusahrens@counties.org. For additional summit information, contact CSAC Analyst Geoffrey Neill at gneill@counties.org.

REMINDER: STATE BUDGET LETTERS AND INFORMATION ON CSAC WEB SITE

CSAC is constantly updating its Web site with the ever-changing news on the state budget. Resources such as our Budget Action Bulletins, letters to legislative members, fact sheets and other useful information can be found by clicking [here](#). You can also find the budget news page from our home page – www.csac.counties.org – by clicking on the "Counties in Fiscal Crisis" icon. There is also a section on the budget news page where county letters to legislative members and resolutions are posted. For more information or questions about the budget news page, contact CSAC Communications Coordinator Sarah Jimenez at sjimenez@counties.org or 916/327-7500 ext. 516.

CHECK OUT THE CSAC INSTITUTE SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government is offering several exceptional courses this summer. Upcoming classes include: "Labor Relations in Local Government: The Hidden Side of Labor Negotiations" on July 10, Sacramento; "County Finances: It's a Whole New World" on July 23, Sacramento; "Local Governance in California" on August 13, San Diego; and "Managing Effective Meetings" on August 14, Sacramento. To view the summer/fall schedule, click [here](#). For more information or to register, visit the Institute's Web site at www.csacinstitute.org or contact Bill Chiat, Program Manager, at bchiat@counties.org or 916/327-7500, ext. 510.

AROUND THE STATE

STANISLAUS COUNTY WINS DOCUMENTARY AWARD FOR ELDER ABUSE PROJECT

Stanislaus County is the winner of a 2009 Videographer Award of Excellence from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals for the county's documentary "Secrets in America." The high-definition video documentary looked at the issue of elder abuse in the United States, including the fact that most seniors are not reporting these crimes. "Secrets in America" incorporates footage from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco, with a wide array of experts. The project also moves to the community-level in Stanislaus County where the stories of two different victims of abuse are shared. The documentary was a grassroots production shot on \$11,000 in grant funding from Kaiser Permanente and the Stanislaus Community Foundation. For more information and to view the documentary, visit www.secretsinamerica.org. CSAC congratulates Stanislaus County on this prestigious award and their remarkable efforts to educate the community on elder abuse.

ORANGE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NAMED TO ACCOUNTING FOUNDATION BOARD

The Financial Accounting Foundation has named Orange County Auditor-Controller David Sundstrom to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which establishes and improves financial accounting and reporting standards for state and local governments. Sundstrom has worked for Orange County since 1995, starting as its Director of Internal Audit. In 1998, he was elected to serve as Auditor-Controller. CSAC congratulates Sundstrom on his appointment.

AROUND NACO

NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUST A MONTH AWAY, STILL TIME TO REGISTER

With health care reform taking center stage in Washington, D.C., the ongoing implementation of the federal Recovery Act and a multitude of other pressing issues challenging counties, you don't want to miss out on NACO's Annual Conference, July 24 – 28, in Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee. More than 30 workshops are being offered. The opening general session will feature keynote speaker Tamara Erickson, an award-winning author and expert on organizations and the changing workforce. And don't miss out on seeing NACO President-elect and Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown sworn in as NACO President. In addition, the California Caucus will meet Sunday, July 26, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center. The meeting will feature an update on federal issues by staff from Waterman & Associates, as well as casting California's vote for NACO 2nd Vice President. Register online and save \$25. For more information and to register, visit [NACO's Annual Conference Web page](#).

17 COUNTIES WINNERS OF NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Seventeen California counties were among the winners of NACO's 2009 Achievement Awards Program, which honors programs that better serve constituents. Counties honored for their programs are: Alameda, Colusa, Humboldt, Lassen, Los Angeles, Merced, Nevada, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Sutter. The 2009 winners will be recognized July 26 during NACO's 74th Annual Conference and Exposition in Nashville/Davidson County, Tenn. For a full list of winning programs, click [here](#).

ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPRESENTS NACO AT TRANSPORTATION BRIEFING

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty appeared at a Capitol Hill briefing on June 22 to describe counties important role in the nation's transportation systems. This briefing was a part of NACO's "Restore the Partnership" efforts. Haggerty, who chairs NACO's Transportation Committee, was joined by Dunn County, Wisconsin, Supervisor Dan Fedderly, who chairs NACO's subcommittee on highways, and NACO's Legislative Director Edwin Rosado. NACO pledged to work with Congress to develop comprehensive legislation to reauthorize the federal highway, transit, and safety programs and explore various financing resources available to fully fund these programs.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

YOUTH DETENTION ALTERNATIVES WEBINAR, JULY 9

NACO is hosting a free webinar titled "Youth Detention Reform at the County Level: Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative" on July 9, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn about the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Two initiative county sites will teach participants why and how the program was implemented, challenges faced, and the great outcomes achieved. The initiative programs have shown that youth detention can be decreased and money saved, all without posing a risk to public safety. To register, click [here](#). For more information contact Kati Guerra at kguerra@naco.org or 202/942-4279.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS HOSTS MENTAL ILLNESS BROADCAST, JULY 15

The National Institute of Corrections is hosting a live, three-hour satellite/Internet broadcast on July 15 at

9 a.m. to address how organizations can prepare to work with persons suffering from mental illness in jails. The broadcast will address several topics, including identifying stakeholders who need to be involved in designing a successful mental health treatment program and implementing strategies to leverage existing resources and develop an action plan. Register online by July 13. There is no registration fee. For more information, visit www.nicic.gov/Broadcasts or contact Ed Wolahan at 800/995-6429, ext. 4419, or at ewolahan@bop.gov.