



There has been a great deal of grim news over the last weeks and months about the state's budget crisis. We are pleased to now send you some good news from NACo. (For the latest on the state budget, please see CSAC's [Budget Action Bulletin](#) published today.)

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Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown Sworn In As NACo President

Davidson County (Nashville), TN – California officials were proud and excited to witness Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown being sworn in as the President of the National Association of Counties. Valerie joins Sandra Smoley (Sacramento County) and Ann Klinger (Merced County) as Presidents of NACo from California in the past 40 years.

Valerie gave a stirring speech in which she noted the strong support of her fellow supervisors in Sonoma County, as well as the support she felt from around the state by county officials. She also singled out the CSAC staff as a tremendous support group that keeps her informed on issues. We join all Californians in the pride we feel for Valerie and her representation of our state and our congratulations to her for reaching this level of her career.

Not only does California enjoy having the presidency of NACo, many California officials have been appointed to positions on policy committees within NACo. Working with Valerie on issues of national importance will be:

Brian Dahle , Supervisor, Lassen County	Chair of the Environment, Energy and Land Use (EELU) Committee
Scott Haggerty , Supervisor, Alameda County	Chair of the Transportation Committee
Salud Carbajal , Supervisor, Santa Barbara County	Chair of the Air Subcommittee, EELU and Vice Chair of the Western Region of the Membership Committee
Gary Wyatt , Supervisor, Imperial County	Vice Chair of the Energy Subcommittee, EELU
Mike McGowan , Supervisor, Yolo County	Vice Chair of the County and Tribal Relationships Subcommittee
Susan Adams , Supervisor, Marin County	Vice Chair of the Health Committee
Liz Kniss , Supervisor, Santa Clara County	Vice Chair of the Full Committee on Health Reform and Vice Chair of the Public Health and Healthy Communities Subcommittee
Greg Cox , Supervisor, San Diego County	Vice Chair of the Global/International Economic Development Task Force
Hub Walsh , Supervisor, Merced County	Vice Chair of the Human Services & Education Committee
Rose Jacobs Gibson , Supervisor, San Mateo County	Chair of the Welfare and Social Services & Immigration Subcommittee

Ronn Dominici , Supervisor, Madera County	Vice Chair of the Corrections Subcommittee
Roger Dickinson , Supervisor, Sacramento County	Vice Chair of the Large Urban County Caucus
Frank Bigelow , Supervisor, Madera County	Vice Chair of the Information Technology Committee
Patrick Duterte , Health & Social Services Director, Solano County	Vice Chair of the Health Disparities Subcommittee
Jo Weber , Human Services Director, Sonoma County	Vice Chair of the Welfare and Social Services & Immigration Subcommittee
Webster Guillory , Assessor, Orange County	Chair of the Essential County Technology Committee

Indeed, California is well represented in NACo. We again extend our congratulations to Valerie.

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