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CSA's PURPOSE

The CSA is a non-partisan forum for Arizona's 61 county supervisors to address important issues facing local constituents, providing a mechanism to share information and to advance a proactive state and federal policy agenda.

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CORE GOALS

- Protect and enhance county authorities and resources in order to promote efficient, responsive constituent services.
- Develop and disseminate information to assist state and local decision-making.

CORE CAPABILITIES

CSA capabilities leveraged by:

- *County Supervisors*
- *County Managers*
- *Legislative Affairs Staff*
- *Technical Experts*
- *Affiliate Organizations*
- *Contract Lobbyists*



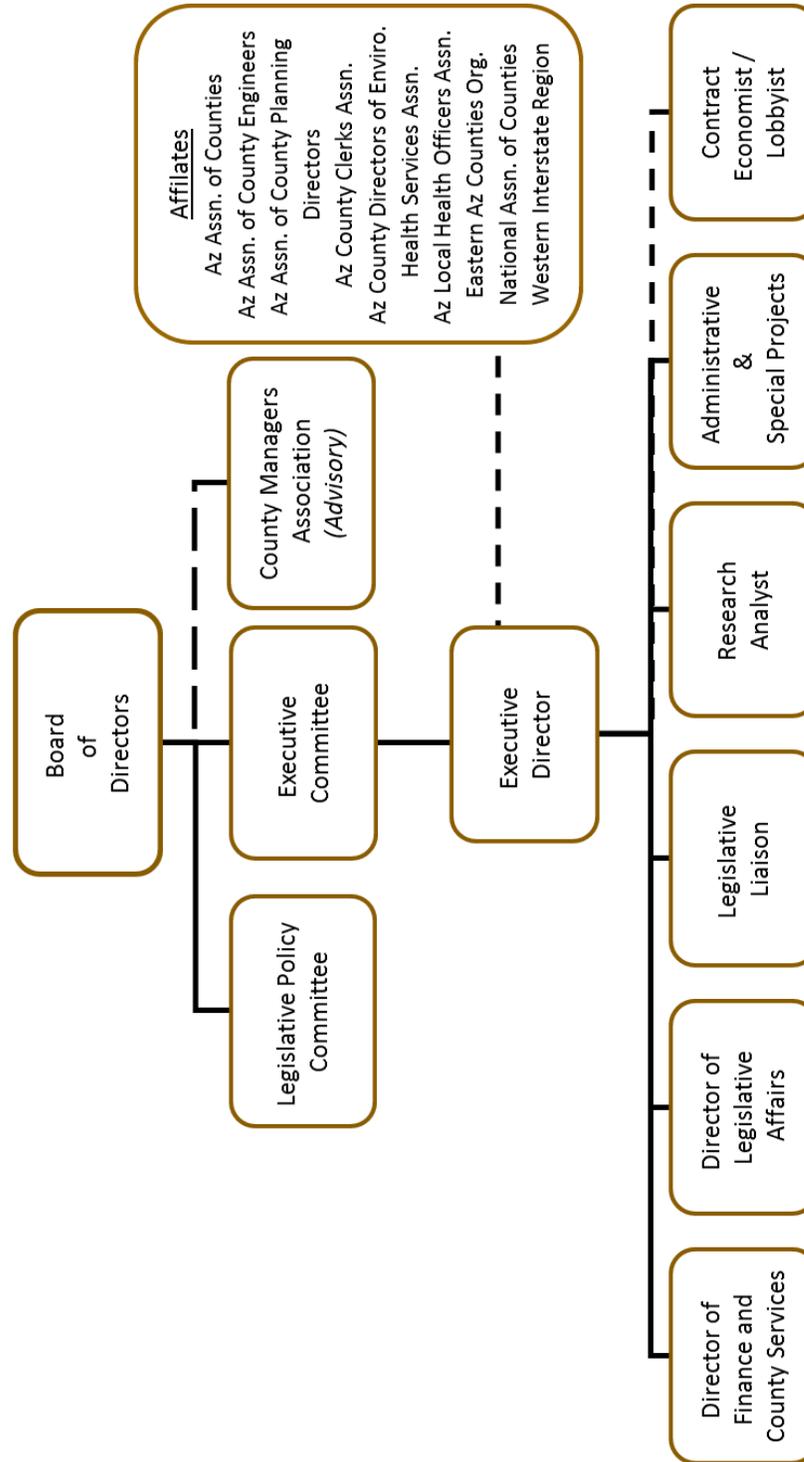
STRATEGIES

- Advance a proactive policy agenda
- Leverage statewide county supervisor lobbying force
- Develop legislative champions statewide
- Support membership via outreach and specialized support
- Identify, prioritize and develop information products to assist state and local decision-making
- Retain and develop a talented, knowledgeable workforce
- Maintain a fiscally efficient, service-oriented organization



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CSA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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Select Outcomes, Information Products and Support Services

Advocacy and Policy Development

- 2012 Eighth Annual Legislative Policy Summit, Hosted by Cochise County
 - 19 proposals analyzed for consideration
 - Three of six adopted CSA initiatives enacted into law
 - Secured approximately \$9.0 million in relief for FY14
 - \$7.2 million appropriated to 13 counties (\$550,000 each)
 - Reduced county share of SVP costs, saving an estimated \$1.8 million in FY14
 - Reauthorized resource “flexibility” language for all county expenditures
 - Defeated or favorably amended legislation harmful to county operations including proposals that:
 - Micromanage and broadly constrain county rule making processes
 - Constrain secondary property tax districts and further restrict county levy limits
 - Increase county costs for Post-Conviction Relief process
 - Impacted county ability to ensure proper infrastructure maintenance
 - Establish a state-wide human resource standard for employees
 - Facilitated/prepared content for CSA leadership meetings with the Governor, and Senate and House Majority Leadership
 - Briefed House and Senate Minority Leadership and staff
 - Regularly communicated with Governor’s Office policy staff
 - Regularly briefed members of the legislature
 - Hosted “County 101” briefing for legislative research staff
 - Regularly staffed AACo LPC calls to represent CSA and support President Stuart
 - Represented county interest in Governor’s Transaction Privilege Tax Simplification Task Force and related legislation
 - AZ Supreme Court’s Commission on Technology, Member
- Represented county interests in legislative workgroups and stakeholder processes on the following topics:
 - Impacts of HURF diversions and transportation funding options
 - Retirement system employers briefing (PSPRS/CORP/EORP/ASRS)
 - The closing of the EORP as a “defined benefit” plan
 - Municipal law enforcement decertification
 - Proposed public notices reforms
 - Financial oversight of fire district proposals
 - Public Intoxication in border communities
 - Office of Pest Management oversight
 - Childhood Immunizations
 - Food allergies and public health workgroup
 - Regulatory “Bill of Rights” amendments workgroup
 - Water augmentation authority
 - County borders realignment study committee
 - County Comprehensive Plans and forest management
 - APDM Workgroup for legislative amendments
 - AZ Criminal Justice Commission
 - Metal Theft Interim Study Committee
 - Restitution Liens/Victim Compensation workgroup
 - Post-conviction relief revisions
 - Illegal dumping penalties
 - Lobbied AZ Congressional delegation regarding:
 - Support of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative
 - Continuation of full funding of PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)
 - Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act
 - Support for the Federal Tax Intercept legislation to assist crime victims
 - Letter to Joint Select Committee on Federal Deficit Reduction: County Priorities
 - Letter to Rep. Gosar supporting HR596 Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act
 - Adopted Resolution No. 1-13: Supporting county representation to the National Freight Advisory Council
 - Coordinated county transportation policy with RTAC
 - Adopted Resolution No. 2-13 for Resolution Copper Mining. Supporting Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act



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Research and Information Products

- 2013 Legislative Summary
- 2013 Session in Review: Briefing to the Board of Directors
- Analyses of FY14 state budget impacts
- County Budget Impacts Survey
- FY14 County Revenue/Expenditure Report
- "County Primary and Secondary Property Tax Compilation"
- Property Tax Analysis: A Review of Property Tax Related Legislation
- Federal Sequestration 101, county impacts
- Analysis of TPT reform measures and the impacts on county finances
- County Fund Balance Education handout
- Distributed Legislative Action Alerts and Updates
- Developed a series of fact sheets, including:
 - "County Priorities-2013 Legislative Session"
 - Analysis of 2012 Ballot propositions
 - Newly created Congressional/Legislative Districts
- CSA Brochure: "What We Do and Why it Matters"
- CSA Board of Directors Membership Poster
- CSA Board of Directors Contact Sheet
- Legislative Session Progress Report
- Legislative Contact Sheet
- Developed or facilitated New Supervisors Orientation presentations:
 - "Welcome to CSA"
 - "Arizona's Legislative Process"
 - "The State/County Nexus"
 - "Open Meeting Law and Robert's Rules of Order"
 - "Working with the Media"
- Guest presentations for Board of Directors and County Managers meetings, including:
 - Governor Janice K. Brewer, State of Arizona
 - Rep. Andy Tobin, Speaker, House of Representatives
 - Sen. Steve Pierce, President of the Senate (2012)
 - John Arnold, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting
 - Tom Betlach, Director, AHCCCS
 - John Halikowski, Director, ADOT
 - Alan Stephens, Director, USDA

Media, Communication and Outreach

- Provided counties with press releases for local distribution on county legislative priorities and activities, resulting in more than 10 news articles published statewide
- Briefed *The AZ Capitol Times*, resulting in article "As economy improves, counties push to restore lost state funding" -12/21/2012
- Briefed *The AZ Republic*, resulting in articles "Brewer's budget axes public-defense funds" - 4/15/2013 and "Counties ask state to return millions" - 5/7/2013
- AZ Planners Association "Day at the Capitol, 2013"
- Yuma County Legislative Roundtable Discussion
- Provided legislative briefings to the following:
 - AZ County Planners Association
 - ACIP Public Practice Legal Seminar
 - AZ City/County Management Association
 - AZ Association of County Engineers
 - AZ County Dir. of Environmental Health Services Assn.
 - AZ Civil Deputy Attorneys Association
 - Gila Valley Leadership
 - Nat'l Assn. of Women Business Owners-AZ Chapter
- Web platform: www.countysupervisors.org
- *CSA Legislative Update*, weekly e-newsletter
- Established fundraising relationships with 13 businesses
- New Supervisors Orientation 2013, attended by 38 county officials and management
- Hosted 2013 Legislators and Supervisors Reception
- Conducted weekly LPC briefings
- Facilitated Governor's "County Government Month" Proclamation
- Hosted over 100 group meetings at CSA facilities
- Digital Arizona Council, Member
- Arizona Capitol Times "Meet the Candidates," Sponsor

NACo Engagement

- Facilitated/supported member participation in NACo
- Advocated appointment of 39 members to NACo
- Nominated Supervisor Tommie Martin (Gila) for NACo County Leadership Institute
- Supported members with NACo credentials process
- Arizona Caucus Reception, Co-sponsor
- U.S. Senators and Supervisors Breakfast, Co-sponsor
- Western Interstate Region, *Ex Officio*
- Supported Coconino County's planning efforts in hosting WIR Annual Conference, May, 2013