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2016-2017**

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

NACo supports nationwide implementation of the American Community Survey to improve the utility of census data and permit more frequent releases of data to demonstrate emerging local and regional trends. In particular, NACo recognizes the importance of the American Community Survey to identifying and serving veterans across the country.



FINANCE, PENSIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution on Preserving Municipal Investment Options and Access to Capital for Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Issue: State and local governments rely on access to robust capital markets to finance the construction and maintenance of schools, roads, public transportation systems, affordable housing, airports and other important infrastructure projects. Money market funds facilitate that access by investing in short-term municipal debt that is normally held to maturity. That access has been put at risk by a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule that requires prime and tax-exempt money market funds offered to institutional investors to no longer use amortized cost accounting to operate on a stable net asset value (NAV) basis. Instead, beginning October 14, 2016, such funds would be required to use a floating NAV. Bipartisan and bicameral legislation has been introduced in Congress to permit money market funds that invest in the short-term debt of commercial entities and state and local governments to continue to use amortized cost accounting for valuing fund assets. The legislation would preserve money market funds as a source of liquidity and capital for the public infrastructure needs of our citizens.

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to enact S. 1802/H.R. 4216, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act. The legislation will preserve communities' access to capital and promote economic development by expressly permitting any money market fund with the choice to operate on a stable net asset value (NAV) basis if it adheres to certain requirements and restrictions. The legislation would not have any impact on the other changes to the regulation of money market funds that were adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 2010 and 2014.

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Resolution to Fully Fund the 2002 Help America Vote Act

Issue: In the Matter of Full Funding of the 2002 Help America Vote Act

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to fully fund the required payments of the Help America Vote Act. These funds are allocated to States to continuously upgrade voting systems, register voters in statewide voter registration databases, provide provisional voting options, improve voter accessibility, and implementing other improvements to the administration of elections.

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Resolution on the Marketplace Fairness Act and Remote Transactions Parity Act

Issue: Remote Sales Tax Legislation

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages and supports efforts to permit the collection of sales and use taxes from remote sellers and endorses remote sales tax legislation like the Marketplace Fairness Act or Remote Transactions Parity Act to provide states with the ability to enforce their existing state and local sales and use tax laws.