

2021 – ISSUE AREAS FOR MACo POLICY STAFF

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<p><u>Business Affairs (BAF)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Regulation/Licensing Regulated Utilities – ratepayer issues Local Government Franchising Rights-of-Way and Local Governance Gambling and Gaming Issues 	<p><u>Health and Human Services (HHS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid and Federal Funding Public Health Programs and Funding Behavioral Health Programs and Funding Substance Abuse Programs and Funding Workforce Development Children and Family Services Special Needs Services Aging & Disability Resources Continuum of Care Family Violence/Sexual Assault Human Trafficking
<p><u>Government Liability & Courts (GLC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Tort Claims Act Public Official Immunity Standing Tort Reform / Civil Liability Issues 	<p><u>Public Safety and Corrections (PSC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Aid Funding Fire and Rescue Issues Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights Sheriff / County Police Issues State’s Attorneys’ Issues Police Equipment and Training Seizure / Forfeiture Issues Correctional Facility Funding Local Prisoner Issues Inmate Health and Mental Health
<p><u>Housing and Community Development (HCD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Housing – local government effects Affordable Housing Foreclosure Issues Community Development Programs Nuisance and Blight 	<p><u>Environment (ENV)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water & Sewer Issues Septic Systems Environmental Permitting Environmental Fines and Penalties Recycling Plans and State Goals/Mandates Recycling – County Facilities Landfills and Rubblefills Composting – Facilities and Permitting Waste-to-Energy facilities
<p><u>Planning & Zoning (PLZ)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural Preservation Municipal Annexation Code Enforcement Critical Areas Program Eminent Domain and Condemnation Forest Conservation Growth Management Historic Preservation Land Use Issues Rural Legacy Programs 	<p><u>Environment (ENV)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water & Sewer Issues Septic Systems Environmental Permitting Environmental Fines and Penalties Recycling Plans and State Goals/Mandates Recycling – County Facilities Landfills and Rubblefills Composting – Facilities and Permitting Waste-to-Energy facilities
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<u>Procurement</u> Cooperative Purchasing Regulations	<u>Public Information & Ethics (PIE)</u> Local Ethics Laws Open Meetings Act Public Records and Information
	<u>Parks and Recreation (PAR)</u> Community Recreation Services Program Open Space State/Local Recreation Planning

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<u>Elections (ELE)</u> Voting Systems Early Voting Voting Procedures and Election Judges Election Board Issues	<u>State Budget & Fiscal Issues (SBF)</u> Operating Budget Program-Driven State Aid Disparity Grants State Funding Formulas Budget Reconciliation and Financing Cost Sharing and Shifts
<u>Finance (FIN)</u> Tax Sales and Collection/Enforcement County/Municipal Tax and Finance Issues Revenue Distributions from State Special Taxing Districts Public Funds Investments Economic Development Programs	<u>Taxes & Revenues (TXR)</u> Local Taxes, Fees and Taxing Authority Property Assessments Property Tax Credits and Exemptions Income Tax – local effects and limits Recordation & Transfer Taxes Tax Collection and Administration Tax Incentives for Econ Development
<u>Emergency Services (ESV)</u> Emergency Planning, Response Continuity of Operations 9-1-1 and Local PSAPs	<u>Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)</u> Federal Aid and Mandates County Funded State Agencies Liquor Boards Clerks of Courts Government Structure Issues Local Government Mandates
<u>Pensions</u> State Pension System – Local Units Local Pension Systems and Funding OPEB and Retiree Obligations	

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<u>Education (EDU)</u> Education Funding Formulas Collective Bargaining (Education) Community Colleges Libraries Maintenance of Effort School Board Issues	<u>Schools and Capital Facilities (CAP)</u> Capital Budget School Construction Funding, Formulas School Construction Process, Regulations Prevailing Wage and Facility Mandates

<p><u>Employee Benefits & Relations (EBR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective Bargaining Health Insurance Benefits Labor Relations Unemployment Insurance Criminal Records Checks Worker's Comp – Benefits and Applicability Worker's Comp – Presumption Laws 	<p><u>Transportation & Public Works (TPW)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway User Revenues and Local Funding Sidewalks, Sound Barriers, Traffic Signals Transportation Planning and Process <hr/> <p><u>Information Technology (INT)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cybersecurity Geographic Information Systems Document and File Storage, Security GIS Telecom/Broadband
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