



## **NACo Proposed Interim Policy Resolutions Sponsored by Illinois County Officials**

The following seven interim policy resolutions sponsored by Illinois County officials/staff will be considered during the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference (February 10-13). In total, 37 interim policy resolutions will be considered. Each proposal will receive a hearing before one or more of NACo's 10 Policy Committees.

This document includes the title of each interim policy resolution, the sponsor and a summary of the resolution. The Illinois resolutions are presented in the order they appear in NACo's 2024 Interim Policy Resolutions document. The full document with all NACo interim policy resolutions is [available via this link](#).

Information about NACo's interim policy resolutions process is [available via this link](#).

### **Building Community Through Multi-County "Good Food for All" Initiatives**

*(Will County Board Chairwoman Judy Ogalla)*

**Proposed Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges county-led, sub-regional "Good Food For All" initiatives to attract financial resources needed to (1) make locally produced, nutritious food more widely available; (2) promote community revitalization; and (3) create jobs that can't be outsourced. This policy responds to consumer demand that's driving a marketplace redesign to shorten the geographic distance between farm and fork. A "Good Food For All" economy will supply consumer demand for products and practices that are healthy for the body, green for the planet, fair for farmers and workers, and affordable for all.

### **Proposed Interim Resolution on FY 2025 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

*(DuPage County Director of Community Services Mary Keating)*

The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to support the following levels of funding for core U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill: no less than \$4.2 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula funding; no less than \$2.5 billion in formula funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); \$3.5 billion for Homeless Housing Assistance grants, including at least 20% of funds directed to ESG as allowed by statute, plus an amount to fully fund expiring supportive housing and Shelter Plus Care rent subsidy contracts; expansion of the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program in addition to full funding for existing project-based and tenant-based contracts; \$50 million for HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and \$500 million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee authority.

**Proposed Interim Resolution on HOME Reauthorization**  
*(DuPage County Director of Community Services Mary Keating)*

**Proposed Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to pass HOME reauthorization legislation and allow for increased federal funding assistance to support affordable housing development.

**Proposed Interim Resolution in Support of Federal Funding for Doula and Social Support Services and Training**  
*(Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller)*

**Proposed Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the Federal Government and Congress to assist counties by providing funding for 1) Increased Doula services and training and certification; 2) Support community-based organizations in building and diversifying the doula workforce; 3) Increase education/technical assistance to encourage counties and states to implement Medicaid coverage for doulas and sufficient reimbursement rates to ensure expanded access to Doula care for Medicaid enrollees, along with the extension of Medicaid postpartum coverage; to ameliorate maternal health outcomes for all women and address racial disparities in maternal health, mortality, and morbidity.

**Proposed Interim Resolution on Strengthening and Sustaining the Healthcare Workforce in the United States**  
*(Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya)*

**Proposed Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the federal government to work collaboratively with local and state governments to create a pipeline of healthcare workers to address the national shortage by (1) funding programs aimed at creating opportunities for high school and post-secondary students to explore career opportunities in the medical field, (2) designating scholarships and grants for students enrolled in degrees and licenses related to the medical field, including dentistry and mental and behavioral health, (3) outreaching to communities of color to encourage multi-lingual and diverse candidates from communities who typically do not have access to health care, and (4) identifying public funded medical systems throughout the nation to create a pipeline of healthcare workers with the goal of expanding and strengthening the healthcare workforce system.

**Proposed Interim Resolution in Support of Federal Funding for Social Media Safety Education and Training**  
*(Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller)*

**Proposed Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the Federal Government and Congress to assist counties by providing funding for 1) social media safety education to make youth and students aware, in an engaging and age-appropriate way, of some of the most serious social media-related dangers and how to protect themselves from these threats; 2) the provision of evidence-based educational outreach for parents and caregivers focused on raising awareness around the various social media-related dangers and providing practical steps parents can take to protect their children; 3) school administrators and parent associations to develop or enhance in-school and out-of-school social media safety policies and guidelines; 4) high-quality research regarding the evolving social media-related threats to the safety and welfare of K-12 students; 5) the provision of social media safety education and other interventions for foster youth, who may be at significantly higher risk for social media-related harms.

## **Proposed Interim Resolution in Support of High-Speed Rail Funding**

*(Cook County Commissioner Monica Gordon)*

**Proposed Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the development of a more comprehensive high-speed rail transportation network and the allocation of appropriate funding for the replacement, repair, upgrade, and development of current and needed infrastructure, and for the acquisition of fast trains to connect urban and rural settings throughout the nation.