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## **Shannon Staub named to top NACo leadership roles**

Sarasota County Commissioner Shannon Staub has been named to two key leadership positions in the National Association of Counties (NACo). Staub is chair of the Green Government Advisory Board and vice chair of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.

“National committee membership is a serious commitment and responsibility, even more so this year with a federal administration engaged in developing policy on a number of issues facing counties,” said Valerie Brown, NACo president.

Staub has been an active member of NACo for over a decade. She has served on the Telecommunications and Technology and the Environmental, Energy and Land Use Steering committees. She chaired the Energy Subcommittee in 2008.

“NACo is valuable because it gives a national voice to counties in Congress,” Staub said. “NACo participation also allows for sharing and learning best practices of counties nationwide. Ideas that are now county programs originated from NACo committees.”

The Green Government Advisory Board represents public and private interests and advises NACo on the development and implementation of the organization’s Green Government Initiative. The collaboration of the private sector with the public has accelerated green initiatives in many counties.

Advisory board members provide direction on a wide range of green government issues, including energy, air quality, water quality, land use, transportation, purchasing and recycling. Board members work to ensure that the Green Government Initiative serves the interests and needs of the nation’s counties.

The Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee provides policy leadership for air, water, and noise pollution control, as well as solid and hazardous waste management and disposal. The steering committee also advises on the preservation and proper utilization of water resources, energy, comprehensive planning, coastal zone management, growth management, energy facilities siting and recreation.

NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments. The organization advances county issues before the federal government, and assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research.

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