



## MEMORANDUM

To: Boards of County Commissioners & County Staff

From: Gini Pingenet & Katie First, CCI

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Subject: Development of CCI's 2023 Legislative Priorities

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Each session, in addition to the work CCI performs to ensure that bills do not result in unfunded mandates for counties and are properly resourced for successful implementation, CCI proactively initiates member approved legislation that addresses inefficiencies, launches new programs and tools counties can use to address the needs of their communities, and revises existing law to better reflect on-the-ground implementation realities. CCI members approve, on average, six to eight issues each year; which is more than any other association.

In accordance with [CCI's Policy Statement](#):

“...initiated legislation should be realistic and closely related to the conduct of our members' responsibilities if we are to retain a high level of credibility. Local elected officials' groups, county and otherwise, as well as other interest groups, should be encouraged to find sponsors for and initiate their own proposals, allowing our members and CCI to take a supportive role when the bill is introduced.”

**If you would like to submit a proposal for consideration by CCI, please complete this form (or download this Word version) and consider reviewing this sample form from a previous year. Commissioners are encouraged to confer with their county managers, administrators and department heads to determine what issues are the most pressing in your county and that are shared by other counties around the state.** All completed issue forms must have the support of the entire Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Additionally, the lead commissioner proponent for a proposal should be continuing their service as a commissioner in 2023.

This process focuses on discussing and approving concepts to the fullest detail possible. Final bills will be approved by the membership during the traditional Steering Committee process.

Meetings and deadlines are outlined below and reflect the [CCI Bylaws](#) (see Article V, Section 5 & 5 and Article XI, Section 5).

For questions, please reach out to Gini Pingenet ([gpingenot@ccionline.org](mailto:gpingenot@ccionline.org), 720-255-8941) and/or Katie First ([kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org), 614-774-6261).

## **PROCESS & MEETING DATES**

### **Deadline to submit proposed legislative issues** | Friday, July 8

- [Submit proposals using form](#) (or [download Word doc](#)) to Katie First at [kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org)

### **Proposed 2023 Legislative Issues Discussion** | Friday, July 15 | 8:30 AM—12:00 PM | Virtual

- No votes will be taken, discussion/feedback only
- Proponents of each issue will be asked to explain the proposal, field questions and solicit input from their peers

### **District Meetings** – no votes are taken, discussion/feedback only

*Front Range* -- Friday, August 5

*Mountain* -- Thursday, August 18

*Western* -- Friday, August 19

*Southern* -- Friday, September 9

*Eastern* -- Friday, September 16

### **Deadline to submit additions/edits to CCI Policy Statement** | Friday, September 16

- Please contact Eric Bergman for details, [ebergman@ccionline.org](mailto:ebergman@ccionline.org)

### **Steering Committee Meetings** | Friday, September 23 | 9:00 AM—3:00 PM | Hybrid

- Meeting Goal: discussion of proposed 2023 issues & proposed edits/additions to policy statement
- Voting Procedures: no votes are taken to forward or remove a proposed issue from consideration
  - The proposal’s proponent may request a straw poll to gauge support for the concept

### **Deadline to designate Legislative Committee Members & Alternates** | Friday, September 30

- This ‘designee’ is responsible for voting at the Legislative Committee Meeting on Friday, October 7. Ideally, they have participated in at least one previous meeting and are aware of the pros and cons of each proposal. CCI encourages each BOCC to consider which 6-8 proposals they would adopt.
- Designees must be a county commissioner and cannot be county staff. This is separate from a Steering Committee proxy.
- [Use this form to make your designations](#) and send to Katie First at [kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org)

### **Legislative Committee Meeting** | Friday, October 7 | 10:00 AM — 1:30 PM | Hybrid

- Goals: selection of Legislative Agenda & approval of 2023 Policy Statement
- Voting Procedures: 65% vote required for adoption; only the county’s designee may vote
- Prior to this meeting, CCI encourages all counties to consider which 6-8 proposals their BOCC would like to see adopted
- Proposals may be moved to “Table 2” (see explanation below)

### **Membership Meeting** | Friday, October 7 | 1:30 PM (immediately following Legislative Committee mtg.)

- Goal: ratify the Legislative Agenda & Policy Statement
- Voting Procedures: 65% vote required for adoption
- Background: Opportunity to fully consider approved proposals from the Legislative Committee and further refine CCI’s 2023 legislative agenda while considering collective political capital and overall staff resources.

### *Other Notes/Considerations:*

- Commissioners and staff are invited to all meetings & will be asked to present their issue, if available
- Issues may be withdrawn at any time, for instance if: a bill sponsor has been secured independent of CCI; a non-legislative approach is possible; and/or additional time is needed to develop a solution.
- Table 2: a potential non-legislative fix has been identified to address the problem; CCI staff will work to pursue this solution, rather than running legislation. Non-Legislative ‘fixes’ include: continuing conversations; nurturing relationships with partners; and/or seeking department rule “fixes”
- To help ensure the full consideration of all submitted proposals, the order of steering committees will be randomized for each meeting.