



Policy Committee Information

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) develops legislative policies through a consensus-building process that seeks to involve broad member participation. The process begins each spring when the association president appoints chairs to lead each of the seven standing policy committees, which include:

Economic Development & Transportation - This committee is responsible for identifying progressive state, regional and local economic development policies and implementation strategies that lead to sustained development throughout the state. The committee focuses on a variety of issues including tax and investment policies, community preparedness, incentive programs and workforce development. The committee also works to achieve a comprehensive and interconnected transportation system throughout the entire state by addressing the needs of all components of a multimodal system including highway and bridge maintenance and construction, airports, mass transit, ports and related planning strategies and initiatives. The committee documents state and county government funding needs for transportation projects and works to secure adequate, long-term funding sources.

General County Government - Addresses issues involving the structure of county government and intergovernmental relations between counties, constitutional officers, the courts and the federal, state and city governments. Other issue areas include elections, ethics, home rule, service delivery, planning and zoning.

Health & Human Services - This committee examines health and human service delivery and financing issues. These include indigent health care, medically underserved areas, public health, mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, emergency medical services, programs for the elderly, and at-risk children and youth, and housing. Intergovernmental relationships and the interface of county governments with for-profit, non-profit and volunteer health and human service providers are a particular focus for this committee.

Natural Resources & Environment - ACCG works to promote protection and sustainable use of natural resources by developing consensus positions and advocating on behalf of Georgia counties on issues such as water supply, water quality, air quality, water and sewer utilities, land use planning, and solid and hazardous waste management.

Public Safety & the Courts - Considers issues pertaining to the funding and administration of the court system, criminal justice, public safety, law enforcement, corrections and jails. The committee also looks at alternatives to incarceration as a means of limiting the fiscal and social costs it has on counties along with funding for law enforcement and firefighter training. Additionally, the committee gives special attention to emergency management, disaster relief and civil defense as counties' role in this area continues to grow resources, wetlands and energy conservation.

Revenue & Finance - Charged to protect and enhance the existing county revenue base. Local sales and use taxes, property taxes and user fees all fall under the committee's jurisdiction. The committee advocates policies on behalf of local taxpayers to ensure that revenue and budget decisions made at the state level do not negatively impact county finances and their ability to carry out both state-mandated and discretionary services.

Federal - This committee studies issues at the federal level and develops a targeted advocacy strategy to position Georgia counties as a resource on local government issues nationally.



Policy Committee Sign-up

Please sign up for a policy committee(s) below and return this form to Kanika Greenlee at ACCG by fax 404.525.2477 or email at kgreenlee@accg.org . This form is also available at www.accg.org to download and/or print.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Designee: _____

Email: _____

County: _____

Please sign up to participate in the committee that interests you the most. **If you are currently a member of a committee, please use this form to reaffirm your choice for this year, or to join a new committee. In addition, if you are on a committee and feel that you can no longer participate, indicate that on the form.**

Please mark desired policy committee(s):

- Economic Development and Transportation
- General County Government
- Health and Human Services
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Public Safety and the Courts
- Revenue and Finance
- Federal
- Please remove me from any other committees