

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, INC.
POLICY**

Subject: National Association of Counties (NACo) Matters.

Objective: To establish a policy for FAC's endorsement of a Florida county commissioner seeking NACo office.

- In the event that a Florida county commissioner wishes to run for NACo office, FAC and FAC member counties should endeavor to support that candidate, to promote the interests of Florida local government at the national level. Any county commissioner seeking NACo office may request the endorsement of FAC by first requesting the approval of the Board of Directors and, if approved by the Board, of the general membership at any Legislative Conference of the Association.
- In order to seek FAC endorsement, the prospective Florida candidate should notify the FAC Executive Director of his or her intention to run for NACo office, identifying the NACo office to be sought, the date the election is to be held, and requesting the endorsement of FAC. The prospective Florida candidate should provide documentation demonstrating the endorsement of his or her home county by submitting a copy of a resolution supporting the candidacy from his or her board of county commissioners; should document his or her commitment to and history of involvement with FAC by, at a minimum, having served on the FAC Board of Directors; should document his or her participation in NACo for at least three years in a leadership role, preferably as a chair or vice chair of a steering committee or subcommittee, or service on the NACo Board and attendance at NACo meetings; and should submit a copy of his or her platform for the NACo candidacy.
- A prospective Florida candidate must notify the Executive Director of his or her interest in seeking the FAC endorsement by August 1 of the calendar year preceding the year in which the NACo election is to take place, so that the Board of Directors may be properly noticed to meet during FAC's fall policy committee meetings to review the qualifications of the candidate and advise the membership of the Board's recommendation.
- Votes by the general membership on the endorsement of a Florida commissioner seeking NACo office shall be restricted to counties which are members of NACo. Votes of the general membership shall be by popular vote or weighted vote as otherwise determined in the FAC Bylaws.

Any Florida commissioner seeking and receiving the support of the Board and the general membership shall receive the endorsement of the Association, and Association staff shall be available to the extent and as directed by the Executive Committee to assist that Florida commissioner in the bid for NACo office.


Teresa Jacobs
President

As approved by the Board of Directors this 14th day of November, 2007.