



Pre NACo Legislative Conference Schedule

March 4th – Capitol Hill

8:00 am – Representative Walden – 2352 Rayburn House Office Building (Independence Ave. & South Capitol St. SW) – **All Commissioners, staff**

9:15 am to 11:15 am – Time to grab coffee, breakfast or snacks at a House cafeteria, check email, voice mail, call home. Library of Congress is a brisk 5 minute walk away, and open for your educational endeavors.

11:30 am – Representative DeFazio – 2134 Rayburn Building (Independence Ave. & South Capitol St. SW) – **Judge Grasty, Commissioners Modrell, Stufflebean, Laurance, Sorenson, Fleenor, staff**

12:30 pm – Representative Wu – 2338 Rayburn Building (Independence Ave. & South Capitol St. SW) – **Judge Grasty, Commissioners Hyde, Carlson, staff**

1:30 pm – Representative Schrader – 1419 Longworth Building (Independence Ave. & New Jersey Ave. SE) – **Commissioners Carlson, Bernard, Austin, Josi, Hyde, Hibbert, staff**

2:15 pm – Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden – Capitol Visitors Center (U.S. Capitol) (we'll get you there on time using tunnel from Longworth to Capitol, meet at Rep. Schrader's office at 2:00 or meet at the Senate side check in desk at the Visitors Center at 2:10) – **All Commissioners, staff**

3:30 pm – A tour of the Capitol Building led by Congressional staff – will end back in Visitors Center for self directed tours.

Evening - Free

March 5th – Executive Department Visits

1:00 pm – BLM Director Bob Abbey at 1849 C St. NW (Interior Department) – Please arrive by 12:45 pm to clear security and find conference room 1352 - **All Commissioners, staff**

3:30 pm – Governor Kulongoski’s DC Office Director Dan DeSimone – 444 North Capitol St., Suite 400. Please arrive by 3:15 pm to clear security and find conference room – **All Commissioners, staff**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm – AOC Reception at Wardman Park Hotel. Location in hotel TBA.

March 6th – NACo Legislative Conference begins

March 8th – Executive Department Visit

9:00 am - USDA Under Secretary Harris Sherman at USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW – **All Commissioners, staff**

Logistical Operational Suggestions:

Gather in respective hotel lobbies 45 minutes before heading to Capitol Hill or Executive Offices, travel in groups when possible and practical. A cab ride from the Wardman Park to Capitol Hill can take 30 minutes depending on traffic. Taking the Metro can be as much as 50 minutes.

Remember that everywhere you go in DC you will have to clear security so leave pocket knives, heavy metal buckles, pepper spray, knitting needles and other sharp objects in your hotel room. Add 15 to 20 minutes to clear security to your planning.

Wear comfortable shoes! Save the fashion statements for the NACo Conference when you don't have to go outside in the great DC weather or pound the marble halls.

Bring enough \$1, \$5 bills to pay for cab rides and Metro. Ask for a receipt. Cafeterias in Congressional office buildings take credit and debit cards, but move faster with cash. Another great lunch spot is a cafeteria in one of the Smithsonian buildings, fast, reasonable, tasty!