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# Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas appointed to national leadership position

**WASHINGTON** – Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas has been appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee of the National Association of Counties (NACo), which unites officials from the United States' 3,069 county governments to advocate with a collective voice on national policy.

At NACo's Annual Conference in Nashville/Davidson County, Tenn., on July 13-16, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas will play an instrumental role in NACo's governance process. The Nominating Committee is tasked with reviewing the credentials of candidates to NACo's Board of Directors and the position of Second Vice President, who typically goes on to serve as President.

"I am honored to represent Los Angeles County in this capacity at the national level," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. "I look forward to chairing the committee that is essential in selecting NACo's leaders, who work tirelessly to maintain healthy, vibrant and safe counties across the United States."

"County governments are on the front lines of delivering vital services, from healthcare to law enforcement to basic infrastructure and more," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas added. "NACo gives us an opportunity to stand together around issues of national importance, and work together to better serve our constituents."

Last spring, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas partnered with NACo to host a forum in Washington, D.C. on the importance of counties collaborating to eradicate homelessness nationwide.

"Supervisor Ridley-Thomas has long demonstrated sound judgment, integrity and fairness – all key virtues for this chairmanship and ensuring the vitality of NACo's leadership for years to come," said NACo President Roy Charles Brooks, who announced the appointment. "As the leader of the largest county in America, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas brings exceptional experience in governing and achieving results. We are pleased that he has accepted this mission-critical role and look forward to continuing to work with him in support of counties nationwide."

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*The [National Association of Counties](http://www.naco.org) (NACo) unites America's 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service. More information at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).*