



Counties & Commissioners Acting Together

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OUR MISSION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

CCAT shall represent the collective voice of Colorado's counties through advocacy that is characterized by collaborative leadership and commitment to a common, statewide purpose. CCAT will work alongside other local government interests to advance a forward-looking agenda for Colorado's future.

CCAT aims to equip counties and commissioners with the tools they need to shape policy and galvanize efforts to defend and advance reforms that support Colorado – our people, our environment and our culture. CCAT will advance policy on the following key issues:

- **Protect Local Control/Local Design of Communities:** CCAT supports policies that ensure the efficient delivery of community services in collaboration with state and federal partners that meet local needs. CCAT is opposed to mandates for services delivery that are not supported with commensurate, adequate financial resources.
- **Support Working Families and Economic Vitality:** CCAT seeks to increase economic opportunity and improve equity and self-sufficiency for all Coloradans. To this end, CCAT promotes local economic development policies that provide pathways to living-wage careers and enhance community economic vitality, through means such as employment readiness, job training, and self-sufficiency programs.
- **Promote Healthy People And Communities:** CCAT is committed to supporting and sustaining healthy communities that strengthen individuals, families and positive outcomes for the future. CCAT promotes policy that will ensure the well-being of seniors, provide access to health care for all including behavioral health care, maintain safe and affordable housing, and improve access to effective and efficient public benefits and services that support healthy lives for Coloradans.
- **Protect Public Lands:** CCAT promotes policy to manage public lands and natural resources while balancing diverse needs and rights of community stakeholders. To that end, CCAT will support legislation to preserve open spaces for recreation use, wildlife habitat, and sustainability of our agricultural heritage, and to manage our wildland urban interface area for both fire preparedness and forest health. CCAT will

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oppose legislation and other efforts for the wholesale transfer of federal public lands to state or private ownership.

- **Ensure Environmental Resiliency:** CCAT supports policies to promote environmental resiliency through multi-modal transportation, appropriate land use practices and development, energy efficiency and renewable energy, and conservation of resources through agricultural and forestry practices which ensure healthy land, water and air. CCAT supports reasonable regulation of extractive industries to protect air and water quality, reduce carbon and methane emissions, and reduce public health and safety impacts to residents.

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & POLICY PRIORITIES

During the 2017 Legislative Session, CCAT members advocated for a number of policies at the Colorado General Assembly. Highlights of that advocacy work include:

- *Support for Human Service budget initiatives related to CCCAP Waitlist Funding, Indirect Cost Withholds; Increased Child Welfare Caseworkers and County Administration Funds*
- *SB 17-267, Sustainability of Rural Colorado*
- *HB 17-1235, Health Plan Cost Support Fund*
- *HB 17-1242, New Transportation Infrastructure Revenue*
- *HB 17-1309, Affordable Housing Fund*
- *Request for Interim Committee on Attainable Housing and Homelessness Prevention*

In addition to state level advocacy, CCAT members have actively engaged in Federal policy issues including (1) Repeal/Replace of the Affordable Care Act; (2) BLM Planning Rule 2.0; and (3) BLM Methane Waste and Prevention Rules.

2018 Legislative Session

Looking to the future, CCAT members and staff have identified the following legislative agenda items for the 2018 legislative session that support a quality of life and empower local citizens, as well as the counties that serve them.

- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** - Create and implement tools and funding sources for affordable and available workforce housing solutions at the State and local level, which draw from and expand upon local efforts already underway.
- **HEALTH CARE** - Develop policies that support healthy lives for Coloradans ensuring the well-being of seniors; providing access to health care for all, including behavioral health care; and, improving access to effective and efficient public benefits and services.
- **TRANSPORTATION** - Establish a unified statewide transportation system through a planning process that is future-focused; embraces and supports emerging technology; and, ensures mobility for all populations.