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## **Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen appointed by NACO to committees to address transportation; military and veteran issues**

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen was appointed to serve on two national committees aimed at pursuing legislation to address a broad array of programs that support transportation and highway and bridge infrastructure, military families and strengthen communities throughout the country.

Holen serves on the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee, in which he was appointed Chair of the Airport subcommittee. He also serves on the Veterans and Military Services Committee, a position he has held since 2016.

The [National Association of Counties](http://www.naco.org) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo assists America's 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties. NACo promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

NACO's Transportation subcommittee is responsible for all matters related to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government. This includes highway and bridge development, finance and safety, public transit development and finance, transportation planning, airport development and service, passenger and freight railroads, ports and waterways, freight movement and research and development of new modes of transportation.

NACO's Veterans and Military Services Committee and its members work to develop and highlight county best practices and policies to promote innovative programs, services and benefits for our nation's military, veterans and their families.

"It is an honor to be chosen for both committees, but I take great pride in serving in a leadership capacity to work on airport and transportation issues," said Holen is serving his second term as Commissioner representing District 5, which includes Glendale and portions of Aurora. "I look forward to working with commissioners from counties across our nation to share new and innovative ideas and find ways to improve and protect our nation's transportation infrastructure."

Holen is a Vietnam Army Veteran and a former member of the Colorado Air National Guard. He serves as a Goodwill Ambassador to the United States Air Force 460<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Commander's Group. In 2013, he chaired the Colorado Bipartisan Military Post-Traumatic Stress Task Force, which address PTSD and brain trauma to veterans returning home from service.

In 2013, he participated in the U.S. Air Force Air War College and the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Security Forum. That same year, he jointly led the County's Prescription Drug Overdose task force, a coalition of community leaders, doctors and administrators from Kaiser Permanente, to address the staggering abuse of prescription pain medications, such as oxycodone.

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