

Federal Update

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CapitalEdge

- CapitalEdge has been providing federal advocacy and information services to Avondale since late 2009
- CapitalEdge has over 20 years of experience representing the interests of Valley communities



CapitalEdge: What We Do

Advocacy



At CapitalEdge we provide our clients with a cost-effective, everyday presence in the nation's capital that is vital to promoting federal priorities in an effective manner.

Personalized Service



As one of the premier lobbying firms in Washington, DC that exclusively represents local governments, we at CapitalEdge believe that our clients comprise our nation's backbone.

Grants Assistance



Dwindling resources for federal domestic discretionary programs has made the federal grants process as competitive as ever, and that is where the experienced hands of CapitalEdge come into play.



Legislative Items of Note

FY 2017 Budget

- Operating under CR through December 9
- Most programs expected to be funded at current levels
- Policy riders could still cause problems for final approval

Transportation Reauthorization

- Minor funding increases (2% annually)
- Lacks a long-term funding source
- Increases % of highway funds to metro areas

Opioids

- \$103m for new programs at DOJ to address opioid crisis
- Funds for training, prevention, collaboration



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Marketplace Fairness Act

- Allows state and local government to collect sales taxes on out-of-state online purchases
- Still waiting for House to move
- Over \$700 million for Arizona

Tax Reform

- Discussions likely to begin in 2017
- Tax-exempt municipal bonds will be an issue
- 28% benefit cap = additional \$17 billion in financing costs (on \$1.65 trillion in projects)



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Water Resources

- WRDA Bill with Flint aid
- Recognition of water infrastructure needs
- Flake efforts to exempt muni systems from WOTUS

Local Control

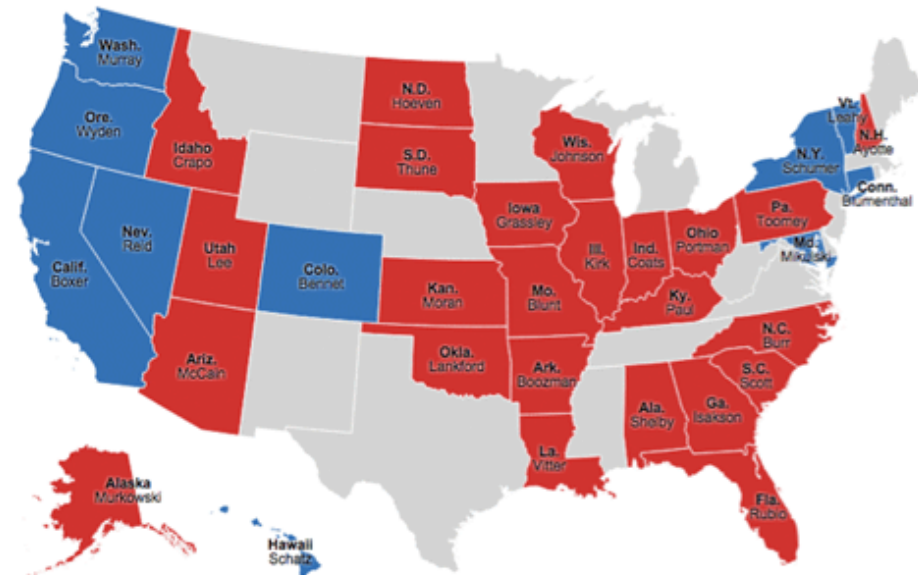
- Drone regulation
- Sanctuary Cities
- Affordable Housing



Election Outlook

- 34 U.S. Senate seats at stake
- Republicans defending 24 seats, Democrats 10
- Democrats need to capture 4 or 5 seats to regain majority, depending on Presidential election

2016 Senate Landscape



The Huffington Post



Questions?

