



## **Immediate Past President Valerie Brown**

Sonoma County, California Board of Supervisors Chair Valerie Brown completed her one-year term as President of the National Association of Counties (NACO) on July 20, 2010 at NACO's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition in Reno/Washoe County, Nevada.

A member of NACO's Board of Directors since 2003, Valerie is past chair of NACO's Finance Committee, past vice chair of the Health Steering Committee, and past chair Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

In addition to her NACO Executive Committee responsibilities, Valerie has led NACO's efforts for health system reform in America. In 2008 and 2009, she chaired three U.S. regional health reform hearings as chair of NACO's Health System Reform Working Group. The hearings resulted in publication of "Restoring the Partnership for American Health/Counties in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health System," a report which details how counties are integral to America's health system.

Valerie has both local and state government experience. She served as mayor and vice-mayor on the Sonoma City Council from 1990-92. She represented District 7 in the State Assembly from 1992-98 where she chaired the Governmental Organization Committee and Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. In 2002, she was appointed by the governor of California to represent Sonoma County's 1<sup>st</sup> District and was elected to a full term later that year.

Born in Missouri, Valerie is a graduate of the University of Missouri and Lindenwood College. She is a licensed marriage, family and child counselor.