

## Michael Sanderson Executive Director MACo

Michael Sanderson is the Executive Director for the Maryland Association of Counties, and helps guide that organization's member services and policy advocacy in Annapolis. MACo represents 24 jurisdictions on a wide range of policy issues, and provide education and training support for county elected official and professionals. He has represented county governments in Maryland on a wide range of fiscal and policy issues for over 20

years. Mr. Sanderson is well versed not only in local government issues and legislative advocacy, but also the state's budget process and taxation system.

He has worked on issues ranging from voting systems to tax sales, from liability reform to substance abuse treatment programs, and from land preservation to tax fairness. Mr. Sanderson previously worked as professional staff to the House of Delegates' Ways and Means Committee, and received his degrees in Economics and Public Administration from Syracuse University. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Local Government Insurance Trust, and has taught at Anne Arundel County Community College's Department of Business and Economics.

Michael Sanderson taught at Anne Arundel Community College's Department of Business and Economics for 10 years, where he received high marks from student evaluations for his weekly puzzles and trivia, and for occasional economics lessons. Mr. Sanderson was on a recent runner-up team at Tuesday Pub Trivia, having lost only on an absurd tiebreaker question regarding sheep in New Zealand. Michael is a former paid staff writer for the online website BaseballHQ.com, where he focused on defense-independent pitching analytics. He was elected as Comptroller of the Student Activity Fee while at Syracuse University, and swore off any future in elected office after that experience. Michael was the Vice President of the Edison High School Spanish Club and was twice named "Student of the Month" by the Sandusky Register.

He currently lobbies for county governments in Annapolis while he awaits the final call from Ozzie Newsome for the co-General Manager job with the Baltimore Ravens.