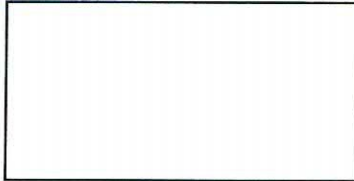




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### LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

October 27, 2008

**Re: For Up-to-Date Information on Social Security's Programs and Benefits**

Dear Mayor:

I met last week with Everett Lo and Carl Robinson of the Social Security Administration whom I have invited to staff a Consultant Table during the General Consulting Period at the League's 93rd Annual Conference. I encourage you to stop by the Social Security Table to discuss ways in which local government and federal agencies can work together to bring services and funds to our municipalities.

In 2008, over 50 million Americans will receive nearly \$614 billion in Social Security benefits. Each year, in the State of New Jersey the Social Security Administration pays more than \$18.4 billion in monthly cash benefits to nearly 1.4 million retired workers and workers with disabilities and their family members, including the families of workers who have died. Under the federally administered Supplemental Security Income or SSI program, Social Security pays an additional \$919 million in monthly cash benefits to more than 156,000 New Jerseyans age 65 and older and people with disabilities or who are blind, regardless of age. There are more than five million workers in New Jersey who continue to contribute to Social Security through payroll taxes and over the next 20 years, 70 million baby boomers across the country will become eligible for retirement benefits.

As local elected and appointed officials, we share the responsibility to ensure that our constituents have access to the benefits to which they are entitled. Specific ways in which this may be accomplished include hosting a link to Social Security Online

([www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)) from your municipality website, inviting Social Security to participate in public events, including community and business workshops and educational forums, and publishing articles and public service announcements from the Social Security Administration.

I am pleased that Social Security will be with us on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Atlantic City Convention Center and encourage you to visit Everett and his colleague during the General Consulting Period. Everett has offered to discuss Social Security issues and help facilitate similar conversations with other agencies, including Federal Partners and the U.S. Interagency Council for Homelessness, in which he is an active member. For those who are not able to attend, you may contact Everett directly by phone at (212) 264-2715 or by email at [everett.lo@ssa.gov](mailto:everett.lo@ssa.gov).

Very truly yours,

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