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UPDATED FOR 2009

New Jersey Municipal Salary Report

The League is pleased to announce that the *2009 New Jersey Municipal Salary Report* is now available. This booklet lists the salaries for various municipal positions throughout the State of New Jersey. Positions include, but are not limited to:

- Elected Officials
- Managers/Administrators
- Municipal Clerks
- Treasurers
- Chief Financial Officers
- Municipal Judges
- Crossing Guards
- Public Works
- Health Officers
- Code Officials
- Welfare
- Recreation
- Land Use Planning
- Recycling
- Public Safety Directors
- Superior Police Officers

Our As we have done in previous editions, we have included statewide and county-wide average and median salaries for EVERY position surveyed.

<http://www.njslom.com/2009-Salary-Report.pdf>

QPA Bill Conditional Veto

Yesterday the Governor issued a conditional veto (CV) of **A-1645/S-770**, which would have required every municipality to appoint a qualified purchasing agent (QPA).

As you recall, the League argued it was unwise and unnecessary to impose an unfunded mandate on beleaguered taxpayers when we are being told to prioritize and do more with less. The Department of Community Affairs, the agency required under the bill to implement training and certification, testified in opposition to A-1645 and its Senate counterpart, S-770 as an unworkable mandate. DCA's Commissioner had also asked the sponsors to defer action on this mandate at this time.

<http://www.njslom.com/ml112409-QPA.html>

Isadore Candeb Memorial Lecture In Planning

Retrofitting Suburbia

**December 8, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Special Events Forum, Civic Square Building
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

<http://www.njslom.com/ml112409-retrofitting.html>

Changes to the DLG Website

The following changes have recently taken place on the New Jersey Division of Local Government website:

Local Finance Notice 2009-25 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/09lfns/2009-25.doc) removes the requirement for local authorities and fire districts to appropriate their annual required contribution for Other Post-Employment Benefits in their budget. It also provides additional guidance on how to display OPEB liabilities on balance sheets and budget disclosures.

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Determinants of Relative Property Tax Burden

New Jersey has high property taxes. In 2004-05, the state ranked first in property taxes per capita and fourth in taxes as a percentage of personal income. However, property taxes in New Jersey vary widely in the burden placed on local communities.

This paper analyzes the major factors that determine the level of the property tax burden in each community. Two measures are used to indicate the burden of the property tax: the equalized local property tax rate and the property tax as a percentage of personal income. Each measure is related to the state average, and they are given equal weight in a property tax burden index. Property tax burden indexes for individual municipalities range from 88% above the state average to 62% below the state average.

New Jersey ranked 16th and 34th on personal income taxes, 30th and 43rd on sales and gross receipts taxes, and 5th and 15th on total state and local taxes, respectively.

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