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Re: Newly Elected Officials

Dear Municipal Administrator/Clerk:

Now that the election is behind us and we have, in some cases, a new slate of municipal policy makers who will be taking the reigns of government on January, we have a responsibility and obligation to do what we can to help them be better prepared to undertake the awesome responsibility of governing.

Your statewide associations, the New Jersey Municipal Management Association, the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey, Inc., and the State League of Municipalities have teamed up over the years to help local government on countless issues of municipal relevance. And, as we have in the past, I am reaching out to you for your assistance in making sure these officials are prepared to assume their roles as leaders, policy makers and partners in our ongoing efforts to improve the institution of municipal government.

Here are some of the things you might consider doing, to assist these new public servants.

- **SUGGEST** to your newly elected official that they may want to consider attending the League Conference in Atlantic City from November 17-20, 2009. The conference focuses on building relations with the administration and legislature to increase support for issues vital to the growth and maintenance of cities, towns, and villages. In addition, highlighted are innovative programs and strategies, used by municipalities to address crime, fiscal responsibility, education, environmental protection and housing, among other topics. Provided is an opportunity for local elected officials from across the state to network, learn from their peers, and shape the League's policy agenda in Trenton from the coming year.
- **ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18** – The Mayors' Box Luncheon held in the Sheraton Crown Ballroom at noon is a chance for newly elected officials to meet and greet mayors, the League president and officers. In addition, there is an Executive Budget Briefing. This event is by reservation only. Following the luncheon at the Convention Center, Room 322 from 2:00 to 5:15 p.m. is a valuable training clinic for newly elected mayors. This session will provide an overview of major areas of responsibility, key contacts at the State level, and important sources of information and assistance.

It is not too late to attend the 94th Annual Conference. Whereas, pre-registration and the housing blocks are closed, there is registration on site, and hotel reservations are available individually. The on-site registration is \$55.00 for elected officials, payable by purchase order, cash or check. Credit card payment is not accepted.

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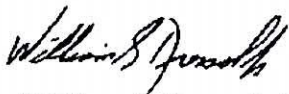
- **ENCOURAGE** them to register for the 2010 Annual Mayors' Legislative Day, held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the State House Annex. The Legislative Mayors' Day will be a unique opportunity for the Governor to speak to our state's municipal leaders about his legislative, budgetary and policy priorities for 2010 and beyond. In addition, key legislative leaders will receive an invitation. It will be an important opportunity for the local leaders to interact with the individuals who will control property tax relief funding during the next budget cycle. **Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (State House Tours from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.).** The invitation is forthcoming.

- **PROMOTE** the attendance of the Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-Elected, and Experienced Municipal Officials on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Enterprise Center at Burlington County College in Mt. Laurel or on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Renaissance Meadowlands, Rutherford, New Jersey. This orientation for municipal officials, who are newly elected, re-elected, or experienced is fast-paced and designed to bring elected officials up-to-date on important municipal issues. The newly elected officials will get a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility, key contacts at the State level, and important sources of information and assistance. **Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** The brochure is forthcoming.

- **ORDER the 2009-2010 Elected Officials Handbook.** Whether you are a veteran or newly elected mayor or councilmember, the 2009-2010 edition provides the basic information needed to carry out the responsibility of governing. It contains an updated directory of services provided by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, a guide to Titles 40 and 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, and an up-to-the minute listing of State Agencies and the Legislative priorities for the upcoming year. Attached is an order form. Alternatively, contact Becky Wright, at (609) 695-3481, ext. 110 or via email at bwright@njslom.com. The investment for members is \$15.00 and for non-members \$20.00. **It is a necessary guide!**

For over 94 years, the League staff has prided itself on providing their time and expertise in assisting to make the State of New Jersey a better place to live, work, and prosper. The League phone number is (609) 695-3481, and my extension is 122. With your help, we continue to do that.

Very truly yours,



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