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League Conference Resolutions

League Conference delegates acted on 22 resolutions at the annual business meeting held during the League's 94th Annual Conference on Friday, November 20, 2009. The approved resolutions cover a wide range of subjects, including calling for legislation to allow municipalities to withdraw from civil service, interest arbitration reform and revisions to the Open Public Records Act. In addition, a resolution honoring the distinguished service of outgoing League President Timothy McDonough, Mayor of Hope Township, was unanimously passed.

The resolutions were screened by the League Resolutions committee, chaired by League President and Clifton Mayor James Anzaldi on Tuesday afternoon of the conference week. In total, 23 resolutions were considered, and ultimately 22 were approved.

<http://www.njslom.com/ml120109-resolutions.html>

State Report Confirms Need for Pension and Benefit Reforms

The today's report of the New Jersey Commission of Investigation, titled [The Beat Goes On: Waste and Abuse in Local Government Employee Compensation and Benefits](#) demonstrates what the League has long argued: the State must establish reasonable benefits standards for all government employees. Access the report at <http://www.state.nj.us/sci/pdf/The%20Beat%20Goes%20On.pdf>

As the SCI's report notes, the League has been in the forefront of benefit and pension reform for some time. For example, the League supports a statewide cap on sick leave buyouts for local government employees. Currently, sick leave buyouts at retirement for state government employees are capped at \$15,000. Both the SCI and the League agree that applying this cap at all levels, including local government, would save the taxpayers a significant amount of money.

<http://www.njslom.com/ml120109-pensions.html>

Property Tax Relief Funding Deferred Permanent Cut Considered

Today, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) announced that the December 1 Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA) payment will not be made as scheduled. Further, DLGS stated that the over \$20 million payment “is being withheld at this time as the Governor, Treasurer and the executive branch agencies develop a plan for maintaining the constitutionally required balance in the State budget. ... Municipalities will receive guidance from the Division of Local Government Services once a final decision has been made on the CMPTRA withholding.”

<http://www.njslom.com/ml120109-property-tax-cut.html>

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New Jersey's Economic Stimulus Act and the Recovery Zone Bond Programs

This seminar highlights two important **new** programs designed to create new jobs and economic growth in New Jersey and builds upon the State's existing economic growth strategy. Please join us at the Reception Center at PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ, Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to learn about the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's new Economic Redevelopment & Growth (ERG) grant program and the Federal Recovery Zone Bond program supported through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Registration Form ([WORD](#) / [PDF](#))

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