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**To:** Lashway, Lisa  
**Subject:** Municipal Clerks from NJLM

**LEAGUE ALERT**

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

February 2, 2009

**Re: I Support Our Troops!**

**Re: II League Labor Counsel Update**

**Re: III Federal Stimulus Package NJ Local Needs Survey Results**

**Re: I Support Our Troops!**

Dear Mayor:

In my capacity as a member of the National Guard State Family Readiness Council (NGSFRC), I am writing to invite you to join in raising funds to help support the families of the men and women serving in the New Jersey National Guard. Together with the Lawrence Lions and the American Legion Post 414, we hope to raise a substantial amount of funds to help benefit the NGSFRC.

The council is a non-profit 501C3 whose primary function is to provide support to the Family Assistance centers located throughout the State of New Jersey. The Council provides support to military families and activities through generous donations and fund raising activities. For example, when called to active service, these soldiers must take leave from their jobs and quite often in their absence; their families may experience difficult situations and need to call on the Family Readiness Council for assistance.

In order to help the families of deployed New Jersey National Guard soldiers and airmen, a Concert by the Blawenburg Band is planned for Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the

Lawrenceville Armory, Lawrenceville, New Jersey. We need your help to make this a successful event. Contributions will be recognized in our program booklet.

Big Joe Henry of New Jersey 101.5 will be broadcasting live from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Monetary donations can be made by check and payable to NGSFRC, PO Box 5692, Trenton, New Jersey 08638-0692.

Your support of our National Guard family is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**Re: II LEAGUE LABOR COUNSEL UPDATE**

*An Orientation for Municipal Officials that are NEWLY ELECTED, RE-ELECTED, or EXPERIENCED* held at the Culinary Conference Center at Hudson Community College in Jersey City was a success. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended. **William Kearns, Jr.**, Esquire, League General Counsel spoke on public meetings, public records, ethics, conflicts of interest, and pay-to-play. **Brian W. Kronick**, Esquire, League Labor Relations Counsel provided an overview of the Public Employer Relations Commission (PERC). **Brian O'Reilly**, Jersey City Business Administrator presented the three major components of municipal budgeting – planning, preparing, and monitoring. Another expert speaker, **Mary Louise Stanton**, CCPO, County of Somerset, discussed local public contracts' law. Handouts are available by visiting [www.njslom.org](http://www.njslom.org), Clicking on Services, then Calendar of Events. Navigate to the right of **SEMINARS AND EVENTS**, and click on **Presentations and Handouts** to download and print.

**A repeat of the Orientation is scheduled for**

**DATE:** Saturday, February 7, 2009  
**LOCATION:** The Enterprise Center at BCC, Mt. Laurel.  
**REGISTRATION:** Follow directions above for the Agenda & Registration form

*New Developments in Law, Ethics, and Management* is a full day symposium, produced in cooperation with the New Jersey Municipal Management Association. Industry experts will speak on “**Local Government Ethics Law**,” the “**Employment Handbook of Personnel Policies and Procedures**,” “**Resolving the Ethical Dilemmas of Hiring and Managing Your People**,” and “**Preparing for Dismissals**.” **A Buffet Luncheon is included in the registration fee.**

**Bill Kearns and Brian Kronick** will team up again on

**DATE:** Thursday, February 19, 2009

**LOCATION:** The Conference Center at Mercer County College  
**REGISTRATION:** Follow directions above for the Agenda & Registration form

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**Re: III Federal Stimulus Package NJ Local Needs Survey Results**

Dear Mayor:

As we reported in our January 16 letter to you, the Federal stimulus bill WILL NOT include earmarks. Accordingly, there will be no assurances of funding for specific projects coming from Washington. Instead, the bulk of the infrastructure funding money will go to the state. Your response to our survey, therefore, does NOT constitute an application for funding. Members of Governor Corzine’s cabinet and staff are aware of our survey and have been monitoring your responses. They will, therefore, be aware of local needs when funding arrives in Trenton.

We thank those of you who responded to our request for information. The project lists that you provided (<http://www.njslom.org/stimulus-package.pdf>) have been forwarded to Senators Menendez and Lautenberg and to all of our New Jersey Members of the House of Representatives. They will use the information to promote our interests, as the bill makes its way through Congress.

We also want to thank Assemblyman David Russo of the 40th Legislative District for his support. After reading about our survey, Assemblyman Russo consulted the projects list on our website and wrote personal letters to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez and to Congressman Garrett, highlighting the needs of municipalities in his district. We will be contacting the other members of our State Legislature and asking them to do the same for their districts’ communities.

At this point, over 160 municipalities had listed locally needed projects, the cost of which would total over \$1 Billion.

Our thanks to all of you. We will do our best to keep you posted on important stimulus

package developments.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
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