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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League Web Calendar

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| Apr. 8 | Foreclosures: What They Are and How They Work at Cherry Hill |
| Apr. 13 - 16 | Redevelopment Planning Process at Trenton |
| Apr. 28 | Personnel Manuals and Policies Primer at Monroe |
| May 4 | New Jersey's Economic Stimulus Act and the Recovery Zone Bond Programs at Holmdel |
| May 6 | Reducing Staff to Meet Statutory Obligation: How to Negotiate Furloughs, Layoffs, and Contracts at Holmdel |

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FROM THE PRESIDENT By James Anzaldi, Mayor, Clifton

Recent weeks in Trenton give Mayors reason for hope and concern. With the passage of pension reform bills S-2/A-2461, S-3/A-2460 and S-4/A-2459 the Legislature and the Governor took the first, but important step, to providing a more equitable system for both enrollees and taxpayers.

As long advocates of pension reform, the League thanks the Governor and the Senate and Assembly Leadership for working to pass the bi-partisan reform. See the staff summary of the legislation and more details at the League web site.

Unfortunately the current economic crisis also brings us more reason for concern. I testified to these concerns before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee in Paramus. We realize the State budget is in dire straits, and Municipal officials expected deep cuts. But we did not anticipate the severity of the Energy Tax cuts. While this proposal meets the letter of the law, it clearly violates the property tax relief spirit of the Energy Tax statute. Further, the Division of Local Government Services has advised us that the State will reduce aid payments to those municipalities that use formula aid reductions as an add-on to the levy cap calculation. In other words, local officials, struggling to do the best for their citizens in an incredibly difficult year, will be punished for complying with State levy cap law. And that punishment will be felt by those citizens.

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