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LEAGUE ALERT		
Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.		
7-18-2008 RE: I Important New Information from the Division of Local Government Services		
Dear Mayor:		
We would like to draw your attention to some important new information on the website of the Division of Local Government Services.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The New Jersey Government Records Council (GRC) has prepared a newsletter to inform the public and records custodians about hot OPRA topics, as well as GRC and court decisions concerning access to government records. The OPRA Alert is located on the GRC website at www.nj.gov/grc/news/alerts . Anyone interested in receiving future issues of this newsletter directly from the GRC may subscribe to GRC News. There is no fee and only an e-mail address is required to join. You may subscribe on the GRC website at www.nj.gov/grc/news/news . 2. CY 2008 and SFY 2009 Final State Formula Aid Certificates have now been posted at www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/muniaid/aidmenu.shtml . Individual certifications can be downloaded from www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/muniaid/08_aid/08csa/menu_csa_2008.shtml . The Division will proceed to certify tax levies of adopted budgets, taking into account additional aid as a levy adjustment as required. As usual, levy certifications will be sent to County Tax Boards. Statements of State Aid will be posted by the end of the week - a separate e-mail will be sent out once they are posted. 3. CY 2008 Statements of State Aid for municipalities that did NOT apply for Extraordinary Aid are now posted on the DLGS website: 		

www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/muniaid/08_aid/08sosa/menu_ssa_2008.shtml . Local Finance Notice 2008-12 that provides important background and instructions on the use of the Notice is available online at www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-12.doc . Statements of municipalities that applied for Extraordinary Aid will be posted shortly.

4. State Fiscal Year municipalities that receive a Supplemental Energy Tax Receipts had their payment deposited in their State ACH bank accounts on June 23. Calendar Year 2008 deposits will be made on July 18th.

5. The Division of Pensions and Benefits has become aware of efforts by local government units to offer incentives to their employees which in many cases encourage early retirement. The Division is required to review these proposed Separation of Employment Agreements to determine whether they are early retirement incentives, and if so, are authorized by law. The Division's Fact Sheet #52 discusses legislation that authorizes Early Retirement Incentive Programs for municipalities, counties, local authorities, and fire districts. The fact sheet is online at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/fact52.htm .

6. Join the Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency on September 23-24, 2008 for the New Jersey Governor's Conference on Housing and Community Development at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Create your own custom learning experience with a variety of exciting workshops while earning AICP credits, NAHMA continuing education credits for NAHP renewal, education credits toward RAM designation and .5 bonus points toward 2008 Managing Agent Evaluation and credits for housing authority members. For further information, please visit us at www.njhousingconference.com .

7. Local Finance Notice 2008-11 (www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/08lfns/2008-11.doc)has been released with information for State Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Appropriation Cap COLA rate. The rate for SFY 2009 is 6 percent, which under the law limits increases to 3.5 percent when a cap ordinance is adopted. Contact the Division at dlgs@dca.state.nj.us with any questions.

8. The following documents have been posted to the Division website to assist State Fiscal Year CFOs in the preparation of their 2008 Annual Financial Statement and 2009 Budget: C-159, Emergency and Dedication by Rider summary reports, 2009 Municipal Budget form, 2008 Annual Debt Statement, 2008 Annual Financial Statement, Summary Publication form, Transmittal Form and Special Item Checklist. The Appropriation Cap Calculations and the Levy Cap workbooks will be posted shortly.

If you have any questions or concerns about this communication, please contact Deborah M. Kole, Staff Attorney, at the League, Ex. 137, or at dkole@njslom.com

Very truly yours,