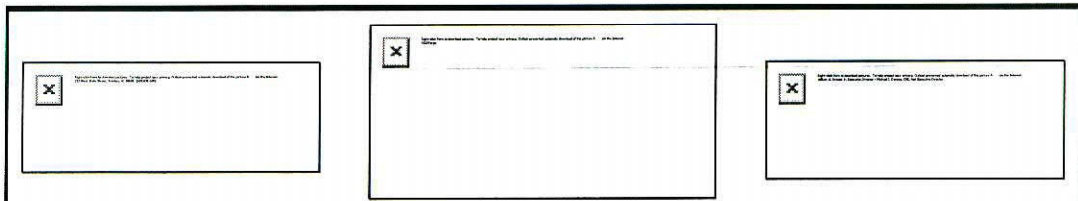


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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

May 9, 2008

Re: Issues Brief

Dear Mayor:

Here is quick summary of timely issues of which we want to advise you.

I. League State Budget Summit

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

9:00 am - noon

Patriots Theater at the War Memorial

West Lafayette Street, George Washington Ballroom

Trenton , New Jersey

This high-level meeting is on the prospects for meaningful municipal property tax relief in the State's next budget, coming one week after the Legislature is provided with the crucial revised revenue estimates. For more information on this event, please [click here](#) . And be sure to check [our State Budget page](#) for timely updates.

II. COAH Regulations

This past Tuesday, the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) approved its third round regulations, effective June 2. At the same meeting, they moved proposed amendments to these regulations, which we presume will be effective in the fall.

For more on the regulations, which are effective June 2, please see our Dear

Mayor letter of March 25.

For more on these proposed amendments, please see our Dear Mayor letter of May 7.

As you know, the League is seeking pledges for a legal challenge of the COAH regulations. For more on this, please see our Dear Mayor letter of April 21 .

The pledge form is online at: <http://www.njslom.org/COAH-3rd-round-pledge.pdf>

III. Redevelopment Law

S-757 , which would revise procedures for the use of eminent domain in municipal redevelopment programs, is scheduled for consideration by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs committee next Thursday, May 15.

The bill was previously scheduled on April 28. The League **opposes** this bill, which we believe will impede local governments from engaging in redevelopment. However, we do believe a legislative remedy is possible, which would include improve notice, transparency and compensation.

We do recommend, however, contacting the committee and expressing opposition to S-757.

IV. A-500 , revises laws concerning affordable housing.

We anticipate the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee will consider shortly Speaker Roberts housing legislation, **A-500** , which the League **opposes** .

For more on this bill, please see our Dear Mayor letter of May 6.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director