

September 28, 2017

Re: Governor's Appointees to the Interest Arbitration Task Force Release the 2017 Report of the Governor's Appointees to the Police and Fire Public Interest Arbitration Impact Task Force

Dear Mayor:

Earlier today, the Governor's Appointees to the legislatively established Police and Fire Public Interest Arbitration Task Force released the 2017 Report of the Governor's Appointees to the Police and Fire Public Interest Arbitration Impact Task Force. The Report was released following the Task Force's September 25 meeting, where the eight member committee was deadlocked on adopting the report and issuing it to the Governor and Legislature. All four of the Governor's appointees supported the adoption and release, while all four legislative appointees were against the adoption and release. The Governor's appointees decided that the "information was too important to keep from the public" and released the report.

The Governor's Appointees recommended that the 2% cap on Interest Arbitration awards be permanently enacted, well in advance of the current December 31, 2017 expiration of the Interest Arbitration cap, and that the dynamic status quo doctrine be eliminated to require that increment and longevity schemes cease upon the expiration of a collective negotiations agreement.

The Legislative Appointees released a statement denouncing the release without the consent of the full Task Force. The Legislative Appointees noted that at the September 25 meeting, a motion was also "made to obtain additional information to provide for a clear and concise final report", however that vote resulted in a 4-4 tie, as well.

We are currently reviewing the report and will provide a detailed analysis shortly. In the meantime, please click here for the Report.

We continue to need your help. Please take action.

First, if you have not done so already, please stress to your Legislators, and all candidates for office, the importance of extending the interest arbitration cap.

Second, we urge you to pass a resolution ([pdf](#)) urging the State Legislature and Governor to extend the 2% cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards.

And third, we ask mayors to sign on to the League's own conference resolution calling for extension of the IA Cap by emailing your request to co-sponsor the resolution to Mike Cerra.

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Sincerely,

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