

November 11, 2016

RE: WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Mayor:

Below is our weekly recap. Because we'll be at the League's 101st Annual Conference next week, there will be no Friday recap letter next Friday, November 18. If there are any emergent issues that we believe should be brought to your attention, we will send a separate notice. Our next weekly recap will go out the morning of Wednesday, November 23 (the day before Thanksgiving.) We will resume our regular Friday weekly recap on Friday, December 2.

For those who will attend the Annual Conference, we suggest downloading the free app for your smartphone or tablet, which includes the entire program. Just search for "NJLM 2016" in your app store. See Item 'IIa' below for more. And don't forget to stop by the Mayors Center located in Aisle 2500.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

I. Policy Issues: Legislation and Regulations

a. Public Question 2 Passes; Constitutional Dedication of Transportation Funding

On Tuesday, New Jersey voters Public Question 2, the "New Jersey Dedication of All Gas Tax Revenues to Transportation Amendment," which dedicates all gas tax revenues for transportation, passed by a 54% (1,507,097) to 46% (1,301,192) margin. This constitutional dedication of revenues assures long term infrastructure funding, particularly for transportation funding to local governments, which was doubled under the recently enacted Transportation Trust Fund Reauthorization.

For more information [please click here for our Town Crier post November 3](#) and [here for our post of October 3 for background on both public questions on the ballot.](#)

Contact: Michael Cerra, Assistant Executive Director, mcerra@njslom.org, 609-695-3481 x120.

b. Atlantic City 5-year Program Update

On Wednesday, the Local Finance Board rejected Atlantic City's 5-year plan and put into place a possible state takeover of the city's government. It is unclear at this point however to what extent the City will actually intervene in the City's government functions. The League is closely monitoring the situation.

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c. DEP Drought Outreach Toolkits

New Jersey is currently under drought warning, and the Department of Environmental Protection has asked us to advise you of the availability of their “Drought Toolkit.” To assist in spreading the word to municipalities, the Department has developed a municipal “Drought Toolkit,” with information and resources you can bring back to your towns. You can stop by the Department’s booth during next week’s League of Municipalities Convention, Booth #0111, to pick up your toolkit. A Department representative will be available to provide you further details at that time.

II. 101st Annual Conference Reminders, November 15-17

a. We’ve got an App for that: Smartphone App Available for 101st Conference

You can download the new official conference app. Access a fully searchable session schedule, interactive map of the exhibit floor, a thorough listing of exhibitors, and up-to-date event information. Don’t miss important sessions, speakers or exhibits – create a personalized schedule before you arrive at the Convention Center to maximize your experience! See: www.njslom.org/2016conf/app.

b. Meal Function Tickets for the Annual League Conference available at the Special Registration Desk at the Convention Center.

On a first come first serve basis tickets for the event below are available for purchase until sold out on the 2nd level of the Atlantic City Convention Center right of Hall B by the “Ticket Sale” sign.

Mayor’s Box Luncheon

Wednesday, November 16 at Noon

Including the presentation of Mayors Hall of Fame and Innovation in Governance Awards

Guest Speakers include:

Honorable Charles A. Richman, Commissioner, State Department of Community Affairs; and, Honorable Bob Martin (Invited), Commissioner, State Department of Environmental Protection.

Women in Municipal Government Breakfast Thursday,

November 17 at 8 a.m.

Presentation of the Thirteenth Annual Women in Government Award

Honorees include:

Barbara George Johnson, Executive Director for the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy, Thomas Edison State University; and the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

League Delegates Luncheon

Thursday, November 17 at Noon
Keynote: Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno
Public Sector Career Recognition Award Recipient
Chuck Richman, Commissioner
Department of Community Affairs
Distinguished Public Service Award Recipient
Arthur Ondish, Mayor, Mt. Arlington
Past President, New Jersey League of Municipalities Past
President, NJLM Educational Foundation

c. NJLM 2016 Conference CEU List Has Been Updated

The Annual Conference CEU list has been updated. You can view this list by clicking the following link: <http://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/339/Continuing-Education-Unit-CEU-Tracking-S> . The list is not yet final so continue to check the page for updates.

For a complete list of Conference CEU's that includes sessions offered by our Affiliate groups and is searchable by CEU type, download our new conference mobile app. For more information on the app and how to download it click here: <http://www.njslom.org/2016conf/app/> **Contact:** Danielle Holland, Seminar Manager, dholland@njslom.org, or 609-695-3481 x118.

d. Rethinking Pension Governance: PFRS' Labor Management Model" Conference Session

On Tuesday at the Atlantic City Convention Center, November 15 at 3:45 pm in Room 417 there will be a panel discussion on "Rethinking Pension Governance: PFRS' Labor Management Model". Recognizing that pension reform concepts are never going away, the State's PBA and FMBA have analyzed the best practices in funding and managing police and fire pension systems across the country. They are now prepared to developed legislation that will fundamentally change how PFRS fund is managed. State PBA President Patrick Colligan and State FMBA President Ed Donnelly, along with PBA Government Affairs Director Rob Nixon, will discuss their joint proposal.

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e. Innovation of Government Awards Update

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey League of Municipalities continue to recognize Innovation in Governance through their annual awards program. The awards will be present as part of the Mayors Lunch and Executive Briefing Wednesday November 16th during the League of Municipalities Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

This award program was established to highlight exemplary local government programs that provide innovative and practical approaches to solving municipal problems and concerns. At the

same time, we share these innovative approaches with municipal leaders throughout the state at the Annual New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference, and through the National League of Cities “Best Practices” database.

The 2016 judges were: League Past Presidents Paul Maticera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu; Division of Local Government Services Director Timothy Cunningham; and League of Municipalities Executive Director Michael Darcy.

The program invited applications describing any type of innovation undertaken by municipalities in the past 18 months. And the participants responded with a range of submissions that underscore the variety of challenges municipalities solve.

The 2016 Honorees are:

From the City of East Orange: [9-Step Approach](#) to VAP From the Borough of Highland Park: [HP Gives a Hoot Initiative](#)

The 2016 Honorable Mentions are:

From the City of Somers Point – Live in Somers Point Marketing Campaign to Attract Homeowners

From the City of Summit: Summit re: Vision–Master Plan Re-Examination Program AND Shark Diddy TV and Lifejacket Awareness Campaign to Promote Pool Safety Awareness

From Williamstown/Monroe Township (Gloucester): Brand and Logo Development and Website to Promote Williamstown

See the full details by clicking here.

III. Also of Interest

a. Open Enrollment for ACA Plans

Open enrollment under the Affordable Care Act begins November 1 and lasts until January 31, 2017. For coverage to begin on the first of the year, enrollment must be done by December 15. Now is the time to compare healthcare plans. You and your residents can learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace and how to apply for benefits at www.healthcare.gov.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Darcy, CAE Executive
Director