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Happy New Year and Congratulations to all the newly elected local officials. Please do not hesitate to contact the League if you have any questions, need any assistance or would like to learn more about your role as a local elected official.

I. State Issues

Legislative Agenda for 2019

A number of high-profile issues carry over from 2018 and will dominate the early 2019 New Jersey legislative calendar. The League is actively engaged in some and keeping a close eye on others to make sure local governments are not adversely impacted.

a. Cannabis Legalization

Legislation to legalize adult, recreational use of marijuana was moved out of respective committees in late November but has not advanced for final floor votes. There remains at least two significant areas of disagreement between the Murphy Administration and the legislative sponsors and, at this point, it is unclear as to when this impasse will be resolved.

The League has worked closely with the Urban Mayors Association (NJUMA) and the Conference of Mayors (NJCM) on the issue. While there is no consensus on the

legalization issue itself, there is consensus on related issue in the likely event that such legislation eventually passes, including the need to increase the local flexibility in assessing a local option tax and the provisions regarding expungement and restorative justice.

[The League's November 27 letter](#) has additional details as does the [PDF of the free webinar offered by the League on November 30.](#)

b. Minimum Wage

The Governor, Senate President Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Coughlin emerged from a meeting in December with indications that they moved closer to an agreement on a minimum wage increase, which would eventually phase in to \$15/hour. Legislation advancing this efforts seems likely to advance in the first quarter of 2019, though details still need to be resolved. [There are additional details in our the League's December 7 Friday Round up letter.](#)

The League will continue to advocate on other significant issues in 2019, including the [long-overdue need for legislative reform to the Fair Housing Act](#), adequate property tax relief funding, including the [full restoration of the Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities](#) and to provide adequate cap relief to municipalities and property tax payers, including the [restoration of the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards.](#)

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II. Federal Issue

a. 116th Congress Convenes

As the partial shut-down of the Federal government grinds on, a new Congressional session begins. While Senators (and former Mayors) Bob Menendez and Cory Booker will continue to represent our State in the Upper House, a number of new Jersey voices will join several re-elected Members in the House of Representatives.

Here is the roster of our delegation, with contact information for their Washington Offices.

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Hon. Albio Sires (8th D)

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We will provide links to their websites and a list of their Committee assignments next week.

We want to thank those who have represented our State for many years in the House, and who now return to New Jersey for lives as private citizens. We sincerely appreciate their attention to the concerns of New Jersey municipal officials and the citizens they serve. Thank you, former Congressmen Rodney Frelinghuysen, Frank LoBiondo, Leonard Lance and Tom MacArthur.

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III. League Conference Follow Up

a. Do Not Forget to Claim Your CEU's from the 2018 NJLM Annual Conference!

Attention Municipal Officials! Do Not Forget to Claim Your CEU's from the 2018 NJLM Annual Conference! Please go to [our website](#) to claim your credits.

b. The Conference App is Still Available!

Misplaced your printed Session or Exhibitor Program Guide? The app can still be [downloaded](#) in your app store to reference session details or view contact information for

participating consultants and exhibitors. The app will be available for download through the end of this calendar year and remains available for accessing on your device as long as it is installed.

IV. Also of Interest

a. Recruitment Selection Advisory Service

The League offers a Recruitment [Selection Advisory Service](#) which offers guidance in best practice references for recruiting professional municipal management.

After reviewing those helpful references, post your available positions on the [League's Job Listing Page](#).

b. Annual Survey

We here at the League would like to know what you thought about our services provided throughout the last year. The [survey](#) should take less than 5 minutes.

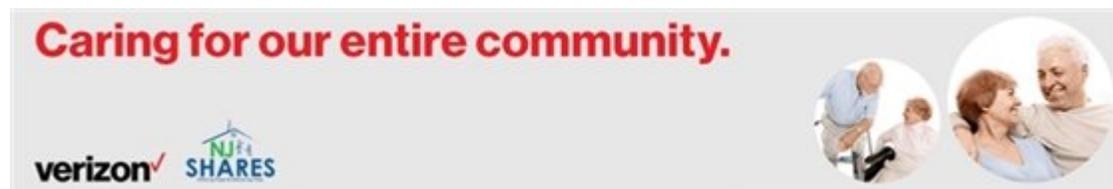
Thank you for taking the time to let us know how we are doing.

c. Show Off Your City Contest Deadline Feb. 1

The Second Annual Show Off Your City Contest is accepting entries through February 1. Municipalities are invited to send us photos of their tourist attractions, downtown areas, economic development initiatives, parks, city halls, community groups and new projects. Entries will be posted on the [League's Facebook](#) page, website and some featured in the April issue of *NJ Municipalities*, and possibly other issues. A winner will be chosen and receives a free League publication of their choice! Photos can be submitted to [Email: aspiezio@njslom.org](mailto:aspiezio@njslom.org), or mailed on CD or flash drive to 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

For full details, visit the [Show Off Your City Contest webpage](#).

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