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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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Re: I **Mayors' Legislative Day**

Dear Mayor:

At our Annual Mayors' Legislative Day in Trenton today, and at the request of League President and Hope Mayor Tim McDonough, Governor Corzine picked up on the themes from yesterday's State of the State message. We appreciate the time that the Governor shared with us and his insights on the coming year.

Specifically, with regards to COAH, he encouraged local officials to work with the agency on plan review. He reiterated his intention to promote a one-year moratorium on the commercial development fee. But he did not connect the impact of the fee reduction to an elimination of the portion of each municipality's obligation attributable to commercial development.

We will work with the Governor and our supporters in the Legislature to assure that the connection is made in the moratorium bill. And we will keep you posted on this initiative.

With regards to the pension payment deferral proposal, there appears to be little room for compromise. For further information, see our letters of [December 10](#), [December 11](#), [December 15](#) and [December 18](#). The interest rate to be applied to repayments of deferrals, and to future payments of those who choose to forego the deferral, have not been specified and are, consequently, a cause for concern. We will keep you posted on any developments.

With regards to municipal property tax relief funding cuts, he indicated that we should expect such reductions, but he was not prepared to indicate the

magnitude of the cuts nor the manner in which they would be apportioned among municipalities.

We also appreciate those legislators who shared with us their time and their perspective on issues that we confront in 2009. Senate Majority Leader Steve Sweeney, Minority Leader Tom Kean, Community and Urban Affairs Chair Ron Rice and Budget and Appropriations Committee Member Phil Haines were joined by Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce and Budget Committee Chair Lou Greenwald on the panel moderated by NJN News Anchor and veteran State House Reporter Jim Hooker. League Officers and Mayors Bob Bowser, Jim Anzaldi and Gary Passanante provided the local perspective.

The U.S. Census Bureau provided timely information on the upcoming count and over 20 veteran public servants were inducted into our Elected Officials' Hall of Fame.

Very truly yours,

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