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Subject: Municipal Clerks from NJLM

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

December 4, 2008

- Re: I Invitation to Attend
 17th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day**
- Re: II Draft Flood Hazard Area Technical Manual
 Released with 30-Day Invitation for
 Comments**
- Re: III League Executive Board Adopts Resolution
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 of Local Government Services**

Re: I INVITATION TO ATTEND

17th ANNUAL MAYORS' LEGISLATIVE DAY

****NOTE THE NEW DATE & COMMITTEE ROOM****

Originally scheduled for **Wednesday, January 21, 2009**, the date presented a conflict with the inauguration of America's 44th President, Barack Obama, and the 4th All American Inaugural Ball at the Westin Washington DC City Center. With that said, **the 17th Annual Mayors' Legislative day is Wednesday, January 14, 2009**. This is the day after the State of the State Address by The Honorable Governor Jon S. Corzine.

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The State House Annex

Committee Room 6, Room 160

West State Street

Trenton, NJ 08608

REGISTRATION FEE: Member and Non-Member \$25.00

Public Parking is available in the Capital Complex parking garage.

Access the parking garage by turning right onto Barrack Street, heading east, from West State Street, and turning left at the first light onto Lafayette Street. Proceed to the next light and turn right onto South Warren Street. Make the first right and make another right at the stop sign. Bear left at the light and make a right at the light toward the back of the State House. Proceed to the guard booth and have picture ID ready to gain access to the parking garage.

Description:

This event is a unique opportunity for The Honorable Governor Jon S. Corzine to speak to the state's municipal leaders about his legislative, budgetary and policy priorities for 2009 and beyond. In addition, other key legislative leaders will lend their expertise on Affordable Housing, Property Tax Relief, and Consolidation/Interlocal Services. Rounding out the program is the League's 11th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame Inductees.

Register Now!

1. Visit www.njslom.org
2. Scroll your mouse over **Services**
3. Click on **Calendar of Events**, then **December**
4. Select the **Date** you will be attending
5. **Download** the Registration Form
6. **Complete** and **Fax to (609) 695-0151**

Re: II Draft Flood Hazard Area Technical Manual Released with 30-Day Invitation for Comments

Dear Mayor:

On December 1, 2008, the Division of Land Use Regulation of the Department of Environmental Protection released the draft Flood Hazard Area Technical Manual, which has

been completely updated to reflect the new standards and requirements of the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules, which were adopted on November 5, 2007. The Division is interested in receiving feedback on the draft manual, and will be accepting comments via the Department's webpage through the end of December 2008.

In order to submit comments, use the Divisions "Contact Form", at <http://nj.gov/dep/landuse/contactform.html> . Please fill out all of the fields marked with an asterisk before clicking on the "Send Your Message" button at the bottom of the form. (These fields are mandatory and your comment will not be received if these fields are not completed.) Also, you must type the phrase "FHA Manual" in the field entitled "Subject" in order to ensure that your comment is routed to the appropriate Division staff.

To access the draft of the manual, please go to Land Use Division website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/announce.html#120108>

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Re: III League Executive Board Adopts Resolution Supporting MAINSTREET Economic Stimulus Priorities

Dear Mayor:

Meeting yesterday in Trenton, our Executive Board adopted the attached resolution, which supports federal priority spending for programs promoting economic recovery by investing in local government. This initiative was sponsored by our Immediate Past President, Mayor Bob Bowser of East Orange.

Our Board asks you to consider adopting your own municipal resolutions, so that we can encourage our New Jersey United State Senators and our Congressional Delegation to take the lead in promoting these priorities. Working together in our Nation's Capital, our National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors are doing all that they can. Our help with New Jersey's elected representatives could be crucial to fast action on this MAINSTREET stimulus plan.

Please send a copies of your resolution to your Federal Legislators, to the National League of Cities (1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Suite 550 · Washington, DC 20004) and another to the U.S. Conference of Mayors (1620 Eye Street, Northwest - Washington, DC 20006). We also urge you to visit the Conference website (<http://www.usmayors.org/>) and the National League of Cities website (<http://www.nlc.org/index.aspx>) and send them an e-mail listing

public works projects in your municipality that could be started in 2009.

Staff in Washington needs to quantify project costs, jobs estimates, etc. in order to demonstrate the need for and the value of a major infusion of dollars, directly to municipalities.

For more information, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

Timothy McDonough,
Mayor, Hope Township
President, NJLM

Robert Bowser,
Mayor, East Orange
Immediate Past President, NJLM

**LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
MAINSTREET STIMULUS PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, On October 13, at an Economic Forum with House leaders and national economists, it was stated that up to a \$300 billion stimulus may be needed and that infrastructure investments and jobs should be included in a stimulus package; and

WHEREAS, Senate Majority Leader Reid has also said he expects the Senate to take up a stimulus bill after the elections; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, a \$168 billion tax rebate stimulus package was passed by the House and Senate and signed into law in February. Hence money went out in the form of tax rebates, but the gasoline costs skyrocketed to an all time high and no doubt many of those payments helped millions to ease the pump pain and reduced their personal and household increased energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the national economic crisis that came to a head in October prompted the White House and Congress to provide a \$700 billion measure, termed by many and commonly referred to as a Wall Street Bailout; and

WHEREAS, while the \$700 Billion measure has helped stabilize the financial and banking system, the citizens and small businesses of our cities, counties and states are concerned about the credit crunch, and loss of jobs in this economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, in response to these developments, the United States Conference of Mayors has developed a MainStreet Stimulus package, which was built on the \$60 billion package passed by the House and pending in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the MainStreet Stimulus package, which would complement the call of the

National League of Cities for a Hometown Economic Stimulus Package, would dedicate \$150 billion to help create jobs for unemployed workers and economic activity for businesses in our metro areas, with portions of the funding dedicated to Community Development Block Grants, Infrastructure, Green Jobs- Energy/Environment Block Grants, and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that, in addition to this, highway funds must be distributed through the Surface Transportation Program to ensure the flexibility of funding will be given directly to our local officials to meet the infrastructure needs in our metro areas; and

WHEREAS, each passing day presents more evidence for the importance of this stimulus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities does direct staff to contact New Jersey's Congressional Delegation in support of the MainStreet Stimulus package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff inform the entire membership of the League on this initiative and encourage their active support.

Re: IV Important New Information from the Division of Local Government Services

Dear Mayor:

We would like to draw your attention to some important new information on the website of the Division of Local Government Services. The Division has released two Local Finance Notices affecting municipalities.

1) Notice 2008-20, "Contracting for Renewable Energy Services - P.L. 2008, c. 83" covers important public contracting and implementation issues of this new law that promotes local government use of solar and related renewable energy activities. It also references the new Local Government Energy Audit program administered by the BPU as a preliminary step to implementing solar programs. It should be reviewed by any local government organization interested in installing or contracting for solar installations.

2) Notice 2008-21, "Online Auctions and Other Procurement Related Issues" provides updated information on the use of online auctions for the sale of government personal property. It covers other matters related to the sale of property, including abandoned vehicles and forfeited property, use of classified ad websites, and sale of renewable energy certificates. A second section covers range of local and public school contracting issues including affirmative action rules, adjustments for petroleum price changes, the Local Government Energy Audit Program, limits on membership in national cooperative purchasing programs, and using online legal ads as an affidavit of publication.

The notices are online at www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfn/menu.shtml.

If you have any questions or concerns about this communication, please contact Deborah M. Kole, Staff Attorney, at the League, Ex. 137, or at dkole@njslom.com

Very truly yours,

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