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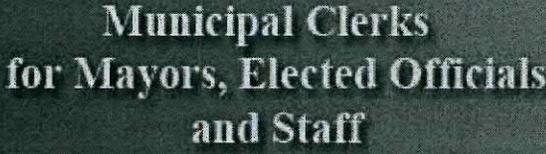
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February 16, 2012

Re: I. Updated League Publication: State Government and Your Local

Property Taxes (What Residents & Businesses Should Consider)

Dear Mayor:

In order to help your constituents to better understand the connection between what happens (and doesn't happen) in our State Capital and their property taxes bills, our Legislative Relations Team has updated our popular brochure entitled "State Government and Your Local Property Taxes (What Residents & Businesses Should Consider)." A copy is enclosed, for your consideration.

New Jersey tax policy for all levels of government is determined under the Gold Dome of our State House. As local officials, you must play the hand that has been dealt to you by the powers that be in Trenton. Governor Christie's 2010 "Special Session" was the third major attempt at property tax reform in the last decade. In 2004, Governor McGreevey's "FAIR" (Fair And Immediate Relief) plan included relief for our hardest hit taxpayers; stricter spending caps; and a plan to advance towards a Citizens' Convention for Property Tax Reform. Today, all that remains of that plan are the caps. In 2006, Governor Corzine's Special Session for Property Tax Reform produced property tax credits, which can disappear from year to year, depending on the state's budget, and property tax caps that have been tightened.

To date, none of these efforts have reversed our State's chronic and crushing over-reliance on property taxes to fund local governments. As our brochure illustrates, more still needs to be done. We hope you can share this information with your local residents and business people. We believe that the more they know about this problem, the more likely are they to be our allies for meaningful and consistent property tax relief and lasting property tax reforms.

If you find this information useful, the flyer will be available for downloading at our website – www.njslom.com. Bulk copies can be ordered directly from our printer, Eric Bielawski of White Eagle Printing, at 609-586-2032 ext. 12. You can see our brochure at:

<http://www.njslom.org/brochures/Property-Tax-2012.pdf>

We sincerely hope you will find this helpful.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

**RE: II. "Land Use Controls: Sustainable Energy Sources
Present New Challenges"**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Mercer County Community College
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
9 am—12:30 pm**

Explore in greater detail the relationship between existing land use controls and authorities exercised at the local level, and the prioritization of alternate energy sources, such as solar and wind. What part does sustainable energy play in the State Energy Master Plan and how will that plan be implemented? What controls are in place for local governments to regulate these uses?

**For more information and agenda please go to the website
below:**

<http://www.njlmef.org/031412-Land-Use-Controls.html>

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