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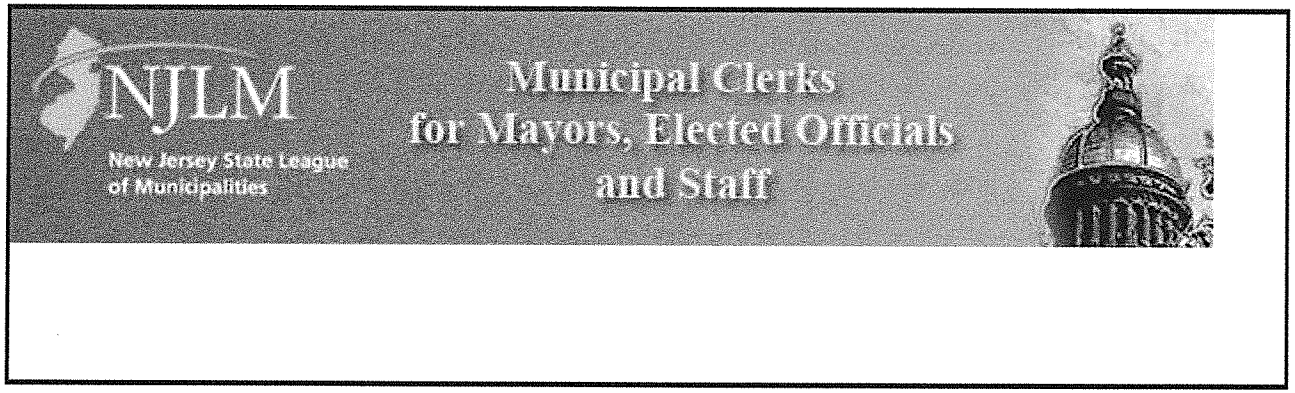

February 21, 2013

RE: I. League Withdraws Opposition to "Texting While Driving" Fine Bills (Floor Amendment to "Texting While Driving" Bills Returns a Fair Percentage of Fine Proceeds to Municipalities)

Dear Mayor:

When first introduced, the League had no objections to S-69/A-1080. The companion bills would increase fines for multiple offenses of talking on a hand-held wireless telephone or texting a message with a hand-held wireless electronic communication device while driving.

At a hearing in June, however, the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee amended the Senate bill to include a provision that requires the fines imposed on violators to be sent to the State Treasurer to be used for the public education program to inform motorists of the dangers of texting and driving.

Pursuant to that amendment, while local enforcement agencies will experience an increase in expenditures, since the bill will require a mandatory court appearance by the officer who cites a violation, the municipality will also see a decrease in revenues, as the fines would be redirected to the State.

We informed the sponsors that the League opposed S-69, with that provision and asked that it be removed. The bill, however, was approved by the Senate and sent to the Assembly, where it was referred to the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee. Legislation identical to the original version of the bill – A-1080 – also awaited action in that Committee.

When heard by that Committee in December, we made our objections known; but A-1080 was amended to include the diversion of the fine proceeds to State coffers. In that form, both bills were sent to the Assembly Floor for final action. The Assembly sponsor, Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, however, agreed to consider our concerns before moving the bill

for a vote.

On Thursday, February 14, she made good on that pledge and advanced amendments to both A-1080 and S-69. Those amendments would divide the increased fines for all violations between the State and local government. From the current level of $100 for each violation, this bill increases the fines to $200 to $400 for a first offense, $400 to $600 for a second offense, and $600 to $800 for third or subsequent offenses. As a result, local enforcing agencies will now receive appropriate compensation, should the bill become law.

We thank Assemblywoman Quijano and we withdraw our opposition to A-1080 and S-69. If you have any questions, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121 or jmoran@njslom.com

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

RE: II. Economic Development Program Scheduled for Local Officials

Dear Mayor:

Do you want to learn about state resources and financial tools and incentives available to support and attract business to your municipality?

At my request, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno has agreed to kick-off a business event followed by a panel which she has assembled of representatives from the New Jersey Business Action Center, the Economic Development Authority, the Department of Community Affairs, the Treasurer's Office, the State Library, the Board of Public Utilities and the Small Business Development Center. After their presentation, these experts also will be available for one-on-one discussions at this meeting.

This program will take place in East Windsor Township, just off Exit 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike at:

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
East Windsor Senior Center
40 Lanning Boulevard
East Windsor Township

Registration is free, but it is **required**. Contact Becky Wright at bwright@njslom.com or 609-695-3481, ext. 110, to confirm your participation. I encourage your municipality to be there to take advantage of the worthwhile information which will be shared at this meeting.

Very truly yours,

Janice S. Mironov, President,
New Jersey State League of Municipalities,
Mayor, East Windsor Township

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!! REGISTER NOW!

Re: III. *"Executive Leadership Training for Mayor's and Council Presidents: Leading Through Difficult Times"*

Saturday February 23, 2013
8:30a.m.-3:45p.m.
The Conference Center at Mercer
1200 Old Trenton Rd
West Windsor, NJ 08550

The Executive Leadership Training Program is designed to provide Mayors and Council Presidents with the much needed training and direction to help manage their municipalities and constituents. This training combines both traditional classroom teaching, real world examples, and open forums.

Mayors will be able to interact with each panel and network with each other to create new solutions for the problems they face on a daily basis.

Schedule:

8:30a.m. -9:00a.m. **Registration, networking and continental breakfast**

9:00am-9:05a.m.- **Words of Welcome**

- **Mayor Janice S. Mironov,** Mayor of East Windsor Township, League President

9:05a.m.-10:45p.m. **"Ask DLGS"-BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!**

- A special interactive experience with **Tom Neff,** Director, Division of Local Government Services. ***He will be prepared to address any issues or concerns that are particular to your municipality!***

10:45am-11:00a.m- **Break**

11:00am-12:15pm- **Morning Panel-*"Developing Your Professional Staff"***

Speakers on this panel include representatives from:

- The Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association (TCTANJ)
- Government Finance Officers(GFOA)
- New Jersey Municipal Management Association(NJMMA)
- New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys(NJILGA)
- Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey (MCANJ).

12:15p.m.-1:15p.m.**-Buffet Luncheon**

1:15p.m.-2:30p.m. **Mayor's and Council Presidents Panel Discussion-**

"Leading through Difficult Times-Personal Stories and Reflections"

- This panel, lead by **Mayor Suzanne Walters, Mayor of Stone Harbor, and League 1st Vice President,** will feature a group of Mayors and Council Presidents who will share their personal experiences on the challenges of running a municipality and how they persevered.

2:30pm-2:40pm- **Break**

2:40pm-3:45pm **Ethics and Civility**

- **William Kearns, Jr, Esq,** League General Counsel, will present on the topic Ethics and Civility. His presentation will feature case studies and discussion.

REGISTRATION FEE: Member Rate: $115.00* Non-Member: $130.00
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To register:

-Visit www.njslom.org and click on *Services*

-Select *Calendar of Events*, Go to the date you are attending

-Download registration form, complete and fax it with your voucher to (609) 695-0151

Questions about registering – contact Suzanne Delany
SDelany@njslom.com or 609-695-3481 ext. 111

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