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Mayors Advisory

March 5, 2013

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Re: I. Recap of Legislative Developments on Monday, March 4

Dear Mayor:

A number of bills of interest and concern to municipalities saw action yesterday. Here is a summary.

### I. Pre-Emption of Municipal Registration of Rental Units

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee approved S-2114, which preempts local ordinances requiring the registration of rentals units and leave it to the Department of Community Affairs to provide this information to local governments. The League opposes this bill. The amended bill is now referenced to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee for its consideration. We recommend contacting your legislators and ask them to oppose S-2114 and its Assembly companion A-3317. For more on this legislation, please see the Dear Mayor letter of February 27  
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### II. Redevelopment Legislation Advances

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee amended and approved S-2447, which would establish separate requirements for redevelopment projects that would involve condemnation and for those that would not. The bill provides a streamlined process for municipalities undertaking redevelopment projects that do not involve condemnation. The League supports S-2447, which is now referenced to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Assembly companion, A-3615, is scheduled for consideration before the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee this Thursday.

### III. Cluster Development Legislation Advances

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#### IV. Early Voting

S-2364, which would require the availability of early voting for certain elections, was amended and passed by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee by an 8-5 vote. The League opposes this legislation. S-2364 introduces a new, complex, and potentially expensive process without any dedicated funding mechanism.

Furthermore, it is unnecessary as we currently have a process, known as Vote By Mail, that permits voters every opportunity to vote and participate in the democratic process.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.

Executive Director

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RE: II. Disaster Assistance Registration Deadline Extended

Dear Mayor:

Governor Christie has announced that New Jersey residents devastated by Superstorm Sandy now have until April 1, 2013 to register for individual disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The deadline extension provides an additional 30 days for homeowners, renters, and businesses to register with the Small Business Administration (SBA) for Disaster Loan Assistance, another important step in the disaster relief process to ensure survivors obtain all relief they are eligible for.

The Governor asks that all effected individuals register with FEMA and that businesses and individuals complete the SBA loan application so State officials can continue to compile an accurate, comprehensive picture of the damage and the need for additional disaster recovery assistance. Moreover, for businesses, an SBA Disaster Loan represents the best opportunity for disaster assistance. There is no obligation to accept an SBA disaster home loan even after applying, but homeowners and renters may become eligible for additional assistance in the future.

Of note, apart from the April 1 SBA Disaster Loan deadline for property damage, businesses also have until July 31 to apply for SBA economic injury disaster loans. All homeowners, renters, and businesses are encouraged to register with FEMA and SBA to ensure eligibility for future forms of aid.

People with storm losses in all counties can register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)  
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Survivors also can register by phone or 711/VRS by calling 800-621-3362, TTY800-462-7585.

At the request of the State, FEMA extended the registration deadline another 30 days due to the magnitude of the storm disaster. The disaster registration process serves as a referral point for FEMA programs and those of partner agencies such as the SBA, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. FEMA disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property losses and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

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