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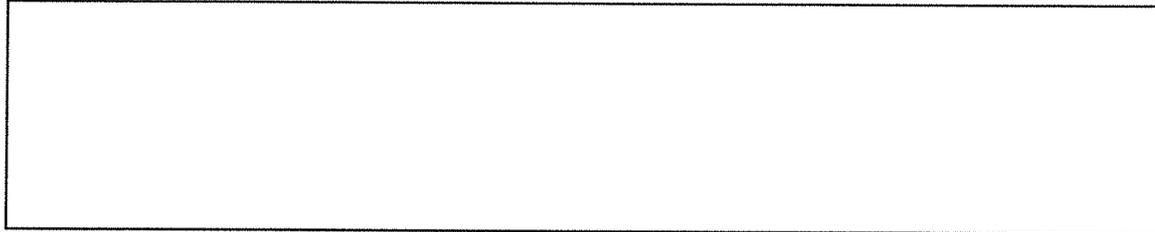
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# Mayors Advisory

May 29, 2013

**Re: I. Affordable Housing Trust Funds NJ Supreme Court keeps stay in place for collection of funds, but lifts stay for administrative purpose of collecting information.**

Dear Mayor:

Yesterday the NJ Supreme Court kept in place the portion of the stay ordered by the Appellate Division, thereby enjoining the State from seeking the transfer of any affordable housing trusts funds. However, the Court lifted the portion of the stay which prohibited the State from its administrative process of gathering and evaluating municipal submissions. **The Appellate Division June 5 hearing will therefore proceed.**

Effectively, this means that the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) can begin an administrative process of collecting information from municipalities. **The State, however, is prohibited, at this time, from the collection of any municipal housing trust funds.** Specifically, the Court wrote:

*"...to the extent the interim stay enjoins COAH from gathering and evaluating municipalities' submissions, the stay is vacated; to the extent the interim stay enjoins the transfer of funds, it remains in effect."*

The League and the Fair Share Housing Center opposed the State's appeal. Further, a letter was submitted to the Court by Assembly Speaker Oliver, Majority Leader Greenwald, Deputy Speaker Wisniewski, Assembly Budget Officer Prieto and the remaining Assembly sponsors of PL 2008, c46 and a separate letter from Senate President Sweeney and Senate Majority Leader Weinberg. In these letters, the Legislative Leaders expressed their opinion that the provisions of the 2008 law were not being followed and that municipalities have not been given a meaningful opportunity to commit the housing trust funds. The League expresses its deepest appreciation to the Leaders of both houses for their support.

A copy of the Supreme Court order is online at: <http://www.njslom.org/affordable-housing/COAH-court-decision.pdf>

The letter from the Assembly is online at <http://www.njslom.org/affordable-housing/COAH-Assembly-May-23.pdf> and the Senate letter is at: <http://www.njslom.org/affordable-housing/COAH-Senate-May-23.pdf>

The League will continue to advise you on all related developments. In the meanwhile, we again suggest your reach out to your State Legislators and the Governor's office and express your opposition to the State's efforts to seize local affordable housing trusts funds. We would further suggest submitting letters to the editors or op-ed pieces to your local media, focused on your efforts to commit these funds locally. Any questions can be directed to Mike Cerra at [mcerra@njslom.com](mailto:mcerra@njslom.com) or (609) 695-3481 x120.

Very truly yours,

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

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**RE: II. June 11 Property Tax Conference at Monmouth University All Are Invited**

Dear Mayor:

As indicated on the attached flyer, the League has joined with the Kislak Real Estate Institute and the Monmouth University Polling Institute to host a free Property Tax Conference.

Local leaders will explore the impact of New Jersey's over-reliance on property taxes on municipalities, residents and businesses. Legislative leaders will discuss the possibilities for reform. And business leaders will explain how property tax reform can invigorate New Jersey's real estate markets, in particular, and energize the State's economy.

The League's Second Vice President and Eatontown Mayor Gerry Tarantolo, who chairs our Property Tax Reform Task Force, will describe the group's work to date and chart a possible course to meaningful and lasting reform.

If you have any questions, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121 or [jmoran@njslom.com](mailto:jmoran@njslom.com) To RSVP, email [jmoran@njslom.com](mailto:jmoran@njslom.com) and include "Conference Registration" in the subject field. **There is no charge for the conference.**

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

Attachment below:

**New Jersey Property Tax Conference**

Sponsored by:

the New Jersey State League of Municipalities,  
the Monmouth University Kislak Real Estate Institute,  
and the Monmouth University Polling Institute

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Woodrow Wilson Hall Auditorium  
Monmouth University  
400 Cedar Avenue  
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

**Panelists**

East Windsor Mayor Janice Mironov, President, NJ State League of Municipalities  
Stone Harbor Mayor Suzanne Walters, First Vice President, NJSLOM  
Eatontown Mayor Gerald Tarantolo, Chair, Property Tax Reform Task Force, NJSLOM  
Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald (D-Camden)  
Assembly Minority Budget Officer Declan O'Scanlon (R-Monmouth)  
Manchester Mayor Mike Fressola, NJSLOM Executive Board  
Paul Giannone, Executive Vice-President, Cushman & Wakefield  
Mark Magyar, Editor-at-Large, New Jersey Spotlight  
Dr. Donald M. Moliver, MAI, Dean of Leon Hess Business School at Monmouth University  
Patrick Murray, Director, Monmouth University Polling Institute  
Somerdale Mayor Gary Passanante, NJSLOM Executive Board  
Peter S. Reinhart, Esq. Director, Monmouth University Kislak Real Estate Institute

**Schedule:**

8:15-9:00 a.m. Check-in and Breakfast  
9:00-9:55 a.m. Report of New Jersey State League of Municipalities Property Tax Reform Task Force  
9:55-10:45 a.m. The Politics and Prospects of Property Tax Reform  
10:45-10:55 a.m. Coffee Break  
10:55-11:45 a.m. The Impact of Overreliance on Property Taxes on New Jersey Municipalities

11:45-12:30 a.m. The Impact of Property Tax Reform on the Real Estate Market

To RSVP, email [jmoran@njslom.com](mailto:jmoran@njslom.com) and include "Conference Registration" in the subject field. There is no charge for the conference.

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