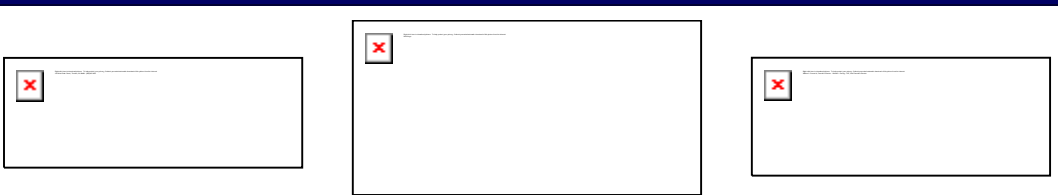


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January 25, 2010

**Re: Assembly Budget Committee Invites
League to Join State-Municipal
Working Group**

Dear Mayor:

The Assembly Budget Committee began work, today, to address the State's current revenue gap and the ongoing structural deficit. The Committee Chairman, Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, also invited a delegation of municipal officials to explain the impact of those problems and the current economic collapse on municipal budgets, property taxes and local services.

League President, Mayor Jim Anzaldi of Clifton, was joined by Mayors Gary Passanante of Somerdale and Jim Maley of Collingswood; East Orange Corporation Counsel, Jason Holt; Eastampton Administrator Scott Carew; Trenton Director of Finance Ron Ziliniski and South Brunswick Director of Finance Joe Monzo, in presenting their perspectives on these issues.

Their testimony followed a grim assessment of the State's budgetary crisis by non-partisan Office of Legislative Services (OLS) Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, Dr. David Rosen. Dr. Rosen projects the need for the State to anticipate a \$2 Billion shortfall in revenues.

At the conclusion of today's hearing, Budget Committee Chairman Greenwald asked Mayor Anzaldi to appoint a small group of Mayors for ongoing work

with select members of the Committee, on all matters of mutual concern.

Mayor Anzaldi welcomed this opportunity for bi-partisan cooperation with our colleagues on the State level on budget and property tax issues of mutual concern.

We will keep you posted on future meetings. If you have any questions, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

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