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New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy administers the oath of office as President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors to Buena Vista Township Mayor Chuck Chiarello

Chiarello Becomes President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors

TRENTON – Buena Vista Township Mayor Chuck Chiarello was sworn in as president of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy at the association’s annual Mayors’ Winter Summit on Thursday, February 8. Chiarello had been serving as first vice president and moved into the new position when former president, James Perry of Hardwick Township, had to step down when his term as mayor in that township came to an end.

Chiarello will fill out the rest of Perry’s term and is expected to be sworn in for a full one-year term at the NJCM’s annual spring conference in Atlantic City April 25 to 27.

Chiarello has served on the Buena Vista Township Committee for 27 years and is currently serving his 22nd year as mayor.

He has been a member of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors since 1996 and joined the Executive Board in 2014 as Fourth Vice President. He has served on numerous committees and as a panelist at various forums during the annual conference.

He has also served on the New Jersey League of Municipalities Executive Board since 1996 and was chosen as president in 2011. He remains active on various committees and as a moderator for panel sessions at various League functions.

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Mission Statement

To provide a unified approach and an open line of communication to our State and Federal Legislatures and Administrations that reflects the will of the people of the great State of New Jersey and works to improve the health and well being of all its residents.

The New Jersey Conference of Mayors was founded in 1963 by a group of leading Mayors who believed their collective voices should be heard in Trenton and Washington. As front-line soldiers in communities across the State, the founding Mayors were interested in each others activities and chose to find common ground on issues impacting their residents. NJCM has since become the largest statewide Mayors organization in our Nation to exclusively represent the interests of Mayors to the State and Federal Legislatures and Administrations.

The Passing of Elwood Hampton

Elwood Hampton, a former mayor of Paulsboro, Gloucester County Freeholder and longtime member of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Mayors Emeritus Advisory Council, passed away at the age of 93 on January 17.

Hampton served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then served as a union officer in the maritime industry with a territory that reached from New York to Washington, D.C. for more than 50 years. He served two terms as a borough councilman before being elected as the first African-American mayor in South Jersey as well as the first African-American Gloucester County Freeholder.

He received numerous awards during his tenure as an NJCM Mayor Emeritus including Former Mayor of the Year and the Lee Veale Award.

“Elwood and Elena, a member of the Mayors Emeritus Advisory Council Auxiliary, have contributed greatly to our organization for many years,” NJCM Executive Director John Morrissey said. “He will be greatly missed, especially at our upcoming Spring Conference where he was stationed at the top of the escalator to provide directions to the attendees and then assisted during the panel sessions. He will be greatly missed at the Conference, as well as any of our functions. It just won’t be the same without his cheerful presence.”

He is survived by Elena, his wife of 21 years, as well as seven children, 14 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.



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Other roles in which he has served include twelve years as the Chairman of the Pinelands Municipal Council starting in 1996, Chairman of the Atlantic County Democratic Committee from June, 1998 to June 2004 and a member of the Governor's Transportation Transition Team December 2001 to 2005.

He has been a member of the Atlantic County Mayors Association since 1995 and served a two year term as President. He has also served as President of the Atlantic County League of Municipalities.

Chiarello has been married to wife Cheryl for 40 years. He is a graduate of Richard Stockton College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree (with honors) in Business/Marketing.

55th Annual NJCM Spring Conference April 2018

The NJCM Mayor's Spring Conference returns to the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa from **Wednesday, April 25 through Friday, April 27, 2018.**

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Governor and Legislative Leaders Address Mayors at Annual Summit

About 150 New Jersey Mayors came to the Masonic Temple in Trenton on Thursday, February 8 to hear the keynote speech presented by Governor Phil Murphy. Following his speech, NJCM Legislative Committee Chairman Mayor Tim McDonough of Hope Township introduced State Senate President Steve Sweeney, State Senate Republican Minority Leader Tom Kean and Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, each of whom spoke about legislative issues and took questions from the assembled mayors.

Governor Murphy began the proceedings by swearing in Buena Vista Mayor Chuck Chiarello as the new President of the new Jersey Conference of Mayors. "This is a strong testament to the respect you have earned," Murphy said. "It is a well-deserved honor."

The Governor thanked the mayors for answering the call to service in all municipalities, big and small. "My main goal is to create a stronger and fairer economy in New Jersey," he said. "I hope that my appearance today is the beginning of better communication between the mayors and my office."

He also spoke about the new federal tax legislation and the impact on New Jerseyans due to the limit on property tax deductions on the federal tax return. He stated that they are looking for ways for residents to pay their property taxes as charitable contributions in order to make them a tax deduction.

Assemblyman Bramnick addressed statewide issues of concern. "We must address the issue of affordable housing that has burdened towns for years," he said. "We also need to make decisions that will be painful to address the property tax problem in the state. We also need to address pension and health care reform."

"You're the ones closest to the people," Senator Kean said. "Thank you for your leadership and insight over the years."

"On the COAH issue, we need to get it resolved right away. We also need to get the interest arbitration CAP passed this year as well. And of course, the property tax issue remains significant."

Senate President Sweeney also spoke about the new federal tax law. "What's happening in Washington will have a big impact on New Jersey," he said. "We need to have a mindset not to raise taxes and restructure at a more affordable cost. We're looking at everything because we are at a breaking point where 30% of our residents want to leave the state."

"Eliminating the estate tax made us more competitive with New York. We also raised the threshold on retirement income. There is only so much money you can get from a millionaire's tax and a tax on marijuana."



New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy was welcomed to the Mayors Winter Summit by NJCM Executive Director John Morrissey, NJCM Legislative Committee Chairman Mayor Tim McDonough of Hope Township and NJCM President Chuck Chiarello, Mayor of Buena Vista Township.

"President Trump made us start this conversation. We are late to the dance, but we are going to have to dance!"

New Jersey League of Municipalities Assistant Executive Director Michael Cerra also addressed the crowd. "We hope to get more engagement from the mayors," he said. He urged the mayors to make frequent phone calls to the governor's and legislative offices to make their concerns known.

Following the presentations, mayors were given an opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns with the legislators. Most of the comments dealt with the issues of school funding and affordable housing.

The Leadership from the Executive and Legislative Branches of NJ Government have been invited to participate in the Annual Spring conference at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in April. The Summit was sponsored by Atlantic Electric and Jersey Central Power & Light.

NJCM WINTER SUMMIT



Speakers at the event included

(l to r from top):

New Jersey State Assemblyman
Jon Bramnick

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy

New Jersey State Police
Superintendent Patrick Callahan

New Jersey State Senate President
Steve Sweeney

New Jersey State Senator Tom Kean





Among the 150 plus Mayors attending the event were

(clockwise from top):

Mayor Christine Dansereau, Roselle

Mayor Phillip Kramer, Franklin Twp. (Somerset)

Mayor Paul Medany, Deptford Twp.

Mayor Al Smith, Scotch Plains

Mayor Dahlia Vertreese, Hillside Twp.



New Jersey Business and Industry Council President and CEO Addresses NJCM Business Council Members

Michele Siekerka, President & CEO of the New Jersey Business and Industry Council, spoke to members of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Business Council at a lunch meeting on Thursday, February 8 following the Mayors Winter Summit.

Ms. Siekerka said that while she remains bullish on New Jersey she has concerns about new state policies including an increase in the minimum wage. “In a recent survey, 64% of business owners said they would scale back workers’ hours, cut jobs and possibly move out of state,” she said. “We need to “lean into” this and do it in bite-size pieces. There also needs to be exemptions for things like youth wages and training wages.”

“This would also have a negative impact on non-profit businesses, especially those that are already vulnerable. It could also affect employee benefits which could be lessened to offset the increase in salaries.”

Atlantic Electric Regional Vice President Susan Coan inquired about the possibility of Amazon building a facility in New Jersey. “I am happy that we are in the top twenty locations,” Siekerka said. “Newark has as good a shot as anyone, especially because of its dynamic technology infrastructure.”

“However, if Amazon does not come here, the \$5 billion in incentives pledged to them should be spread around to other businesses.”

As the event neared an end, Siekerka told the attendees, “We are here to be a resource for you.”

The event was sponsored by Atlantic Electric and Jersey Central Power and Light. “Thank you for allowing us to be part of this organization,” Coan said. “We have similar issues.”

Jersey Central Power and Light Vice President of Operations Mark Jones echoed her sentiments. “Our customers are your constituents,” he said. “It’s an honor to be here as a sponsor.”



Michelle Siekerka, President and CEO of the New Jersey Business and Industry Council, addresses the Business Council members.



NJCM Business Council Director Somerdale Mayor Gary Passanante leads a discussion about state policies and their effect on businesses.



Atlantic City Electric Regional Vice President Susan Coan states that her company was proud to sponsor the event.



Jersey Central Power and Light, represented at the event by Vice President of Operations Mark Jones, was a sponsor of the Mayors Winter Summit.



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at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Atlantic City, NJ

Panel Sessions to Address Results of Mayors Survey

Mayor's Conference Registration Includes:

- All Sessions & Panel Discussions
- Admittance to Exhibition Floor
- Mayors Breakfast, Thursday & Friday
- Grand Luncheon, Thursday
- Legislative Awards Reception, Thursday evening
- Dessert Reception, Thursday evening
- Raw Bar, Thursday evening

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(Must register for the 3-day conference in order to attend the Friday afternoon panel session & lunch)

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Add Friday Cannabis Session/Lunch \$50 []

Mayor Spouse 3 day registration \$325 []
Add Friday Cannabis Session/Lunch \$50 []

Member Governing Body 3 day registration \$345 []
Add Friday Cannabis Session/Lunch \$50 []

NON-NJCM MEMBER

Non-Member Mayor 3 day registration \$505 []
Add Friday Cannabis Session/Lunch \$50 []

Non-Member Mayor Spouse 3 day registration \$505 []
Add Friday Cannabis Session/Lunch \$50 []

Non-Member Governing Body 3 day registration \$525 []
Add Friday Cannabis Session/Lunch \$50 []

Wednesday Evening Board of Directors Reception & Dinner Meeting

(3-day conference registration required to receive discounted Board of Directors rate listed below)

NJCM MEMBERS

Member Mayor \$95 []
Member Mayors' Spouse \$115 []
Member Governing Body \$125 []

NON-NJCM MEMBERS

Non-NJCM Member Mayor \$165 []
Non-NJCM Member Mayor Spouse \$165 []
Non-NJCM Governing Body Member \$175 []

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Registration deadline Monday, April 9, 2018

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Use reservation code GBCMD18 to receive a discount room rate of \$112 per night Tuesday thru Thursday.
Deadline to receive the room discount is Monday, April 2, 2018

Name _____ Title _____

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*Cancellations made prior to Monday, April 16, 2018 are subject to a \$25 processing fee. Refunds will be processed after Monday, May 7, 2018.
Since this is a catered event, no refunds will be made for cancellations on or after Monday, April 16, 2018*

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