



NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
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News and Updates from The NJCM

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New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver provides the keynote address during the Grand Luncheon on Thursday, April 26

NJCM hosts 55th Annual Spring Conference

The New Jersey Conference of Mayors held its annual Spring Conference at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa in Atlantic City from April 25 – 27. About 150 Mayors attended the event that included a wide variety of panel sessions, receptions and the Grand Luncheon that featured a keynote address provided by New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver.

Ten members of the Governor’s cabinet were also on hand for the Luncheon and the Governor’s Cabinet Roundtable discussions that followed. They included: Homeland Security Director Jared Maples, Civil Service Commission Chairwoman Dierdre Webster Cobb, Kerry Pflugh, NJDEP Local Government Assistance, Sue Fulton, Chief Administrator NJ Motor Vehicle Commission, Department of Agriculture Commissioner Douglas Fisher, Department of Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo, Colonel Mark PETERSKI from Adjutant General Military and Veteran Affairs, NJBPU Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula and NJDOC Commissioner Gary M. Lanigan.

On Thursday evening, Buena Vista Township Mayor Chuck Chiarello was sworn in as President for the 2018-19 term. Joining him were First Vice President Wharton Boro Mayor William Chegwiddden, Second Vice President East Windsor Township Mayor Janice Mironov, Third Vice President Mayor Robert Campbell of Downe Township and newly elected Fourth Vice President Brooklawn Mayor Teri Branella.

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NJCM President Chuck Chiarello, the Mayor of Buena Vista Township, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Conference.

Eight panelists shared their views during the Legalization of Marijuana Information Session – Pros and Cons.



Board of Directors Members Sworn in at NJCM Spring Conference

Atlantic County

Chuck Chiarello, Buena Vista Twp.
James J. McCullough, Egg Harbor Twp.
Gary B. Giberson, Port Republic City
Joe Venezia, Estell Manor

Bergen County

Joseph Bianchi, North Arlington
John Birkner, Westwood
Paul A. Hoelscher, Harrington Park Borough
Peter S. Rustin, Tenafly Borough

Burlington County

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Bass River Twp.
Michelle Arnold, Palmyra
Thomas E. Harper, Wrightstown Borough
Lorraine Hatcher, Riverside Twp.

Camden County

Betty Ann Cowling-Carson, Magnolia Borough
Teri Brannella, Brooklawn Borough
Phyllis Jeffries-Magazzu, Berlin Twp.
Gary J. Passanante, Somerdale Borough

Cape May County

Pamela Kaithern, West Cape May Borough
William Pikolycky, Woodbine Borough
Martin Pagliughi, Avalon

Cumberland County

Ronald Sutton, Commercial Twp.
Robert Campbell, Downe Twp.
Anthony Fanucci, City of Vineland
Albert Kelly, Bridgeton City

Essex County

Victor DeLuca, Maplewood Twp.

Gloucester County

Louis Manzo, Harrison Twp.
Frank W. Minor, Logan Twp.
George W. Shivery, Jr., Greenwich Twp.
Leo McCabe, Glassboro

Hudson County

Richard F. Turner, Weehawken Twp.
Gerald R. Drasheff, Guttenberg Town

Hunterdon County

David M. DelVecchio, Lambertville City
Janice Kovach, Clinton Town
Paul J. Muir, Bethlehem Twp

Mercer County

David Fried, Robbinsville Twp.
Janice S. Mironov, East Windsor Twp.
Anthony Persichilli, Pennington Borough

Middlesex County

John McCormac, Woodbridge Twp.
Eric A. Steeber, Milltown Borough
Brian C. Wahler, Piscataway Twp.

Monmouth County

Susan Howard, Monmouth Beach Borough
Fred Tagliarini, Aberdeen Twp.
Robert Brown, Neptune City

Morris County

William J. Chegwiddden, Wharton Borough
Robert Collins, Kinnelon Borough
Robert Conley, Madison Borough
James P. Dodd, Dover Town

Ocean County

John Ducey, Brick Twp.
Paul J. Kennedy, Ocean Gate Borough
Ronald F. Roma, Beachwood
Carmen F. Amato Jr., Berkeley Twp.

Passaic County

Richard Goldberg, Hawthorne Borough
Daniel G. Mahler, Wanaque

Salem County

Sean Elwell, Elsinboro Twp.
Joseph Stemberger, Elmer Borough

Somerset County

Bob Fazen, Bound Brook
Paul Vallone, Far Hills Borough
Raymond S. Heck, Millstone Borough
Daniel J. Hayes, Jr., Bridgewater Twp.

Sussex County

Paul Marino, Hamburg Borough
James Oscovitch, Byram Twp.

Union County

Colleen Mahr, Fanwood Borough
Alexander Smith, Scotch Plains

Warren County

Maria DiGiovanni, Hackettstown
Robert M. Giordano, Independence Twp.
Timothy C. McDonough, Hope Twp.
James R. Kern, III, Pohatcong Twp.

Governor Murphy Names Bipartisan Shared Services Czars

Former Mayors Bring First-Hand Experience Implementing Shared Services Initiatives

East Rutherford - Advancing his commitment to make local governments work smarter and more efficiently, Governor Phil Murphy today named Nicolas W. Platt, former Mayor of Harding Township and Jordan Glatt, former Mayor of Summit, as co-shared services czars for the State of New Jersey.

“It is imperative for New Jersey’s 565 municipalities to collaboratively pursue shared services so they can operate more efficiently and ensure better delivery of services for our residents,” said Governor Phil Murphy. “Today, I’m bringing two former Mayors together—Nicolas Platt and Jordan Glatt, a Republican and a Democrat, to lead our shared services effort. Both are outstanding individuals with extensive business experience and who have a critically important insider’s view on how our municipalities and counties can successfully share services while reining in costs for our overburdened taxpayers.”

Governor Murphy has put an emphasis on addressing New Jersey’s high property taxes with a special focus on encouraging municipalities to share services to reduce costs. The shared services agreements reported to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) since 2011, have resulted in cumulative savings totally more than \$28 million.

“I’m thrilled to be working to help solve what is one of our state’s major problems—the individual property tax burden,” said Jordan Glatt.

“This is a bipartisan issue. However, each town is unique and no one knows better how to find savings than the local elected official. Far be it for Mayor Glatt or me to make any decisions on how do do that,” commented Nicolas Platt. “What the Governor has promised is this: He will put the full power of his office behind helping a municipality provide essential services at a lower cost. We are here to facilitate that.”

Jordan Glatt

Jordan Glatt is Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Community Foundation of New Jersey (CFNJ) where he works with corporations, entrepreneurs, and families to design charitable vehicles that deliver impact in New Jersey communities. Mr. Glatt is a former two-term Mayor of Summit and served as an at-large councilman in the town. As Mayor, he worked with the towns in his immediate neighborhood to cut costs to his taxpayers while maintaining a high level of essential services.

Prior to joining CFNJ, Mr. Glatt was Chief Marketing Officer of Free All Media, a social media start-up, and served on its Board of Directors. Prior to that, he was president and CEO of Magla Products, a \$90 million, nationally recognized household consumer products company. He serves on the Wofford College Board of Trustees and was previously a member of the New Jersey Economic Growth Council, the vice chairman of the New Jersey Gaming and Horse Racing Commission, and chairman of the New Jersey Young Presidents Organization.

Mr. Glatt is a graduate of Drew University where he was also a trustee.

Nicolas W. Platt

Nicolas Platt is a former Mayor of Harding Township and currently serves on the Township Committee, a position he has held since 2009. Over those years he and his elected colleagues provided a more efficient delivery of services through shared service agreements that saved the town hundred of thousands of dollars annually. The Township took a key leadership role in forming a 5 Town Joint Municipal Court, which is among the most effective in the State of New Jersey, demonstrating extraordinary savings and superior performance. Those towns include Madison, Chatham Township, Chatham Borough, Morris Township and Harding.

Mr. Platt has more than 30-years multi-national and international expertise in securities market regulations, investor relations, corporate and financial communications, public relations and business consulting. Currently, he is President of the Hartley Dodge Foundation, and was recently named to the Board of the Eisenhower Foundation based in Abilene, Kansas. In addition, he is Chariman of the Great Swamp Watershed Association, reflecting his commitment to protect the more than 7,500 acre Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Platt also sits on the public board of GAMCO Fund Advisors, a NYSE listed company. He is also a member of the NYSE Alternext LLC US Committee of Securities Listing Qualifications Panel.

Platt received his M.A. in economics from Columbia University and earned his B.A. from Skidmore College.

Interested municipalities that want to find out more about how shared services opportunities can reduce costs for their communities, may reach out to Nicolas Platt and Jordan Glatt at sharedservices@nj.gov.

EPA Makes WIFIA Loans Available for Water Infrastructure

On April 4, 2018 EPA announced the availability of the second round of funding for water infrastructure projects under the EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. EPA is seeking Letters of Interest from prospective borrowers by July 6, 2018.

The announcement makes available as much as \$5.5 billion in WIFIA loans, which could support \$11 billion in total public and private water infrastructure investment and create more than 170,000 jobs. EPA's Notice of Funding Availability highlights the importance of protecting public health, including reducing exposure to lead and other contaminants in drinking water systems and updating the nation's aging infrastructure.

Established in 2014, the WIFIA program is a federal loan and guarantee program that aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.



WIFIA credit assistance can be used for a wide range of projects, including:

- Drinking water treatment and distribution projects
- Wastewater conveyance and treatment projects
- Enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities
- Desalination, aquifer recharge, alternative water supply, and water recycling projects
- Drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects

More information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

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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.