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From the PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Mayors,

I am excited to be your new President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, and to work together with all of you to grow and enhance our organization.

The mission of the NJCM is, “To provide a unified approach and open line of communication to our State and Federal Legislatures and Administrations that reflects the will of the people of the great State of NJ and works to improve the health and well-being of all its residents.” The NJCM is the vehicle by which we can make our collective voices heard in Trenton and Washington.

As we all know, being a Mayor is Special. We are collegial. We work together Democrats and Republicans and Independents in serving our residents and state. We are the folks on the ground. We know our residents and our communities. And they know who we are. We know and understand our needs. As front line soldiers in communities across the state, our collective voices must be heard by state and federal officials in making policy, creating legislation and allocating funds.

Our Goals in moving forward together to enhance our NJCM include:

- Prioritize legislative and administrative issues for lobbying
- Sponsor sessions with state and federal leadership
- Generate networking and mutual support opportunities
- Provide helpful resources and information
- Issue regular communications

My asks of our Mayors is to: Stay Engaged or Get Engaged by letting us know in what areas you wish to be involved, Communicate to Us what the organization can be doing to support your role, and Support Our Collective Agenda. Together, we can make the NJCM the very best organization in the state of New Jersey and our Nation! Let's All Do It!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice S. Mironov". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Mayor Janice S. Mironov
President, NJ Conference of Mayors



The 57th Annual Conference of Mayors was a huge success.

More than 300 participants over the course of the three days attended.

The NJCM was honored to have Governor Phil Murphy attend our Grand Luncheon as our keynote speaker. And Mayor Janice Mironov of East Windsor was sworn in by the Governor to commence a full term as your President of the NJ Conference of Mayors. Mayor Mironov presented to NJ Commissioner of Health Judith Persichilli an award for her steadfast and compassionate leadership during a world-wide pandemic.

Three new officers were elected and sworn in — 2nd Vice President: Mayor Paul Muir, Bethlehem Township; 3rd Vice President: Mayor Robert Conley, Madison Borough; 4th Vice President: Mayor Jason Cilento, Dunellen Borough. We welcome them and look forward to working with them.

We offered informative panels on a host of subjects, including affordable housing, cyber security, resilience planning, economic development, and the American Recovery Plan funding. We had wonderful representation from our business council and business community as exhibitors and sponsors of many of our panels and programs.

Presentations given by the panelists can be found on the NJCM website.

It was especially great to see everyone in person and have the opportunity to catch up and be together to celebrate as Mayors. We will be setting up future programs and opportunities to continue to learn, network and help support our communities. We welcome your feedback on the Conference and ideas and input on how our NJCM can best serve our mayors. Thank you for your support and involvement.

NJCM Welcomes New EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mayor Janice Mironov, President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, announced that the organization is excited to welcome Kerry Kirk Pflugh as the new NJCM Executive Director. Ms. Pflugh is a 34-year veteran of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, having recently retired from the department.

NJCM President Mayor Mironov stated, “Kerry Pflugh, who is well known to mayors around the state, has worked extensively while at the DEP with New Jersey mayors and municipalities as an advocate in furthering projects, resolving issues and communicating information and resources. Kerry, who brings tremendous experience and outstanding skills, will be able to hit the ground running for NJCM mayors in helping to further our mission that our voices be heard by state and federal officials in making policy, creating legislation and allocating funds.”

Mayor Mironov added, “The NJCM is committed to working together as mayors, Democrats and Republicans and Independents, as the front-line officials in serving our residents and our state, and providing mayors the tools, resources and networking opportunities to improve the health and well-being of all of our communities.”

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. The founding Mayors were interested in finding common ground on issues impacting their residents. NJCM has since become the largest statewide organization in our Nation to exclusively represent the interests of Mayors to the State and Federal Legislatures and Administrations.

“I am thrilled to assume the position of executive director of this prestigious organization and look forward to working with the President, officers and board of the NJCM,” said Ms. Pflugh. “I have had the opportunity to visit all 564 municipalities and have seen the numerous challenges Mayors confront daily in conducting town business. I look forward to assisting Mayors in meeting their daily tasks and advocating for them to the state.”

Ms. Pflugh was formerly the Director for Local Government Assistance at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection acting as the department’s liaison to New Jersey’s 564 Mayors. Her area of expertise is strategic communication planning. She is the recipient of numerous awards including Cabinet Liaison of the Year, from the New Jersey Conference of Mayors in April 2019.



57TH NJCM ANNUAL MAYOR'S CONFERENCE • TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022



The 57th Annual Mayor's conference opened with a panel discussion on How to Become an Effective Mayor. Moderated by Mayor Deborah Buzby Cope of Bass River township, each of the panelists offered insights on running meetings, working toward consensus and cooperation, and the most effective methods for offering platforms for public discussion on policy matters.

The Legislative Committee Meeting followed. Moderated by chair Timothy McDonough, the committee reviewed pending legislation that will impact towns including energy tax receipts. Discussion took place on what position the NJCM should take on these various bills. Additionally, Mayor Deborah Buzby Cope was appointed as Vice Chair of the committee.

That evening, the NJCM General reception was held. Sponsored by Atlantic City Electric an Exelon Company, Mayors had the opportunity to network with each other and circulate among the exhibitors in the exhibitor hall. The evening concluded with the annual Board of Directors Dinner where the new Executive Board was sworn in by President Janice Mironov of East Windsor, President. Also sworn in were the newly elected Board of Directors. Additionally, Business Council Director Gary Passanante recognized our conference sponsors and Business Council members with certificates of appreciation for their support of the NJCM.





57TH NJCM ANNUAL MAYOR'S CONFERENCE • WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2022



Day two of the conference opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony during the continental breakfast in the exhibitor hall. The newly sworn in vice presidents Mayors Paul Muir of Bethlehem and Jason Cilento of Dunellen joined President Janice Mironov, Mayor of East Windsor and NJCM executive director Kerry Kirk Pflugh in cutting the ribbon to officially open the 57th annual conference.

The day began with panel discussions on the American Rescues Plan and a Legislative leadership panel headlined by Senators Bob Smith and Steve Oroho and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin. Among the many topics discussed were energy tax receipts, and PILOTS.

The pinnacle event of the day was the Grand Luncheon. With a welcome from Atlantic City Mayor Small, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bridgeton Mayor Albert Kelly and lively National Anthem sung by Donnah Lisa Campbell, the NJCM was honored to welcome Governor Phil Murphy as our keynote speaker. During his presentation to the more than 300 attendees, the Governor also swore in our President, Mayor Janice Mironov of East Windsor.

President Mironov presented Commissioner of Health Judith Perchelli with a special honor recognizing her steadfast leadership and calm compassion in providing information and support to the residents of New Jersey during a worldwide pandemic.

The Grand Luncheon was also attended by most of the Governor's Cabinet members, who offered their time and expertise at Roundtable discussions with mayors following the luncheon.

The day rounded out with panel discussions on economic development, resilience and stormwater management planning and a raw bar and dessert bar.





57TH NJCM ANNUAL MAYOR'S CONFERENCE • THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022

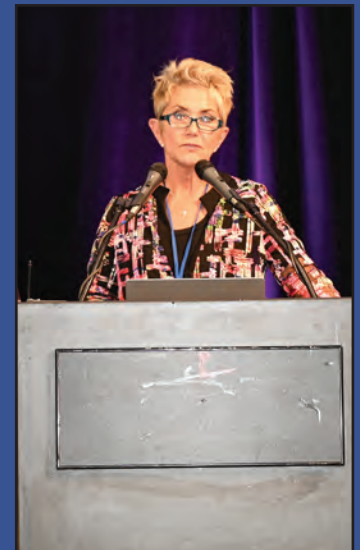


The final day of the conference opened with the much-anticipated Mayor's breakfast and door prize drawings.

Several lucky Mayors won prizes ranging from tickets to a home Jets game courtesy of Engineers Labor – Employee Cooperative – ELEC 825 to \$1,000 checks to three Mayors to the charity of their choice to 4 Phillies Tickets to the Hall of Fame from Phoenix Advisors.

Eight lucky Mayors also received NJCM gift baskets and three more won flat screen TVs from the NJCM from our sponsors.

Following the prizes, two important panel discussions were held on affordable housing and cannabis in your community. The conference concluded with a box lunch and important cyber security discussion.







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58th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 11 – Friday, April 14, 2023



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