



Oct. 14, 2022

Dear Mayor,

On Wednesday, the New Jersey Conference of Mayors cohosted a virtual press conference with the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Urban Mayors Association and the Association of Counties on the State Health Benefits Plan increase. The purpose of the press conference was to call attention to and seek remedial state actions to mitigate the startling, unfair and dramatically unprecedented health benefits cost hike of 22.8% imposed on local and county governments and public workers by the State Health Benefits Commission. More than 100 mayors, county representatives and legislative leaders attended to address the huge impact to municipal and county budgets and taxpayers. NJCM President Mayor Janice S. Mironov said, “This is both a human issue. It’s a huge taxpayer issue. It’s a public employee issue. And it will be a political issue.”

Mayor Mironov is urging all mayors to contact the Governor’s office to seek relief from this unfair action and your Legislators for support. The Murphy Administration worked out a deal with some public workers unions to hold increases to 3% for STATE ONLY public workers, however, no such deal was arranged to include local and county workers. For more information on the press conference see: ['Huge increase in taxes' unless NJ averts health benefits hike \(nj1015.com\)](https://www.nj1015.com)

Upcoming Event - Mark your calendars
League of Municipalities Tuesday, November 15 through Thursday,
November 17

The NJ Conference of Mayors will once again be attending the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Visit us at Booth #610 where you can renew your NJCM membership, pick up your 2023 NJCM “Mayors” shirt, and have your picture taken for our digital publications. The hours for the booth will be Tuesday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, November 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

NJDEP at the NJ League of Municipalities

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection is once again offering Mayors and municipal officials the opportunity to meet in-person with Department Assistant Commissioners and staff regarding municipal environmental matters at this year's NJ League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City (November 15-17). For municipalities impacted by the reassignment from Tier B to Tier A, this would be an opportunity to share your concerns, as well as other issues and concerns. The DEP is asking you to fill out this form providing subjects. [Consultation Registration Link](#)

Invitation to all Mayors

NJCM Business Council Member *Republic Services* will be hosting an Exhibitor Learning Session “Municipal Contracting, Recycling and Solid Waste Industry Updates” at the NJ League conference on Wednesday, November 16 in Room #311 of the Convention Center from 12 to 12:50 for all mayors. Approved for 7 CEU’s. Attached is the information flyer.

Sincerely,



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