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Media Advisory

Virtual Press Conference Addressing Local Government COVID-19 Recovery

Trenton, NJ (June 22, 2020) The New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) is pleased to invite you to a virtual press conference addressing the road to local government recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Municipalities are experiencing unprecedented losses in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From deferred tax payments, losses in collected business income taxes such as the hotel tax, and the potential State cuts to property tax relief funding, municipalities must provide essential services with less resources. They will be forced to make up for these budget shortfalls, whether it be through furloughing employees, eliminating community services and events, or significant reductions in services. During this press conference, four elected officials will discuss the challenges that lie ahead in terms of revenue loss, and the State's role.

This press conference is part of NJLM's #MunisAreEssential campaign, a campaign to raise awareness of local budget revenue shortfalls resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the immediate need for state and federal consideration and direct funding assistance. While the #MunisAreEssential campaign is New Jersey specific, NJLM has also joined the National League of Cities' in their Cities Are Essential campaign, a national effort to secure direct federal assistance for local governments nationwide.

There will be an opportunity for the press to ask questions at the end.

Speakers

James J. Perry, Sr., NJLM President, and Committeeman, Hardwick
Janice Kovach, NJLM 1st Vice President, and Mayor, Clinton Town
Albert Kelly, President of the Urban Mayors Association, and Mayor, Bridgeton
Michael Venezia, NJLM Executive Board Member, and Mayor, Bloomfield

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting registration link: <https://bit.ly/2BheOXa>

The meeting link will go live five minutes prior to the event start time.

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