

April 29, 2015

RE: League of Municipalities Appoints New Executive Team

Dear Mayor:

As you know, for the past five months the League has been conducting a recruitment and selection process to fill the role of our retiring executive director Bill Dressel. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities Executive Board met today and voted to appoint Michael J. Darcy, CAE as the new League executive director. At the same time, they voted to appoint Mike Cerra as the new assistant executive director. The change is effective July 1, 2015 upon the retirement of our long-time current executive director Bill Dressel.

Michael Darcy is currently assistant executive director and has been with the League of Municipalities for 25 years. As our new executive director he will help guide us as we work through such issues as the state government pension and benefit reforms, transportation funding, state diversion of local energy revenues, and the centennial celebration of the founding of the League. As part of the position, Michael Darcy will also assume the duties of executive director for the NJLM Educational Foundation, and the 222 West State Corporation which owns the League headquarters building.

The League Executive Board has great confidence in Michael Darcy and his ability to guide our organization through this challenging time. His long tenure and depth of knowledge about the League and local government point to the League's strength and mean our organizational focus will not waiver from the needs of New Jersey local officials. He has been a key component of our successful team and will assure we continue that success without interruption. Similarly, the Executive Board has great confidence in Mike Cerra as assistant executive director. Mike Cerra has been with the League 18 years and, as our director of government affairs, assures all branches of government are informed on our municipal perspective. He will now continue that vital work as assistant executive director.

By way of background; Michael Darcy earned a M.A. in Political Science from Rutgers University. He joined the League in 1990, working in every program and service area over the years. He has held the position of assistant executive director since 1995. In 1999 he achieved the designation Certified Association Executive, conferred by the American Society of Association Executives. He has served as president of the New Jersey Society of Association Executives and is a 2010 Fellow of Leadership New Jersey. The strength and success the League currently enjoys is testament to the diligent work of our team, and depth of skill and experience we have to draw from. We are indeed fortunate to have such a foundation during this transition.

Biographies for Darcy and Cerra, and many of the League staff are [available on the League web site](#).

Very truly yours,

Brian C. Wahler
President
Mayor, Piscataway