

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

County Government with a Unified Voice!

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES *2016/2017 Legislative Session*

LONG-TERM PRIORITIES - NJAC's long-term priorities should provide solutions for long-standing issues that negatively impact county functions and operations. County officials throughout the State made the recommendations listed below subject to the following criteria: Recommendations should offer viable solutions for long-standing issues that negatively impact county functions and operations; and, recommendations should benefit counties throughout the State and enjoy bi-partisan support.

1. Increasing Local Aid Allocations under the Transportation Trust Fund.
2. Mitigating the costs associated with providing courthouse security.
3. Establishing a dedicated source of grant funding for counties to use as seed monies for the regionalization of services.
4. Providing counties with their fair share of taxes collected from administering 911 dispatch services.
5. Requiring all State and county entities funded with property taxpayer dollars to comply with the 2% property tax cap levy.

SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES - NJAC's short-term legislative initiatives should help county governments deliver services more effectively and efficiently while enhancing the level of service provided. Recommendations should be realistic and achievable within the two year legislative cycle; Recommendations should be specific and tangible, so that we may accurately quantify any potential cost savings or other benefits; and, recommendations should benefit counties throughout the State and enjoy bi-partisan support.

1. Securing State monies or a dedicated funding mechanism to offset the costs associated with implementing criminal justice reform.
2. Authorizing counties to share county tax administrators.
3. Requiring municipalities to notify counties of financial agreements for long term tax abatements awarded to redevelopment entities.
4. Equalizing the pay-to-play threshold of \$17,500.00 with the bid threshold of \$40,000.00.
5. Prohibiting commercial entities from using the Open Public Records Act for businesses purposes.