BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
Atlantic County - New Jersey
Resolution 2017 - 131

A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE AND THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WILL PERMANENTLY EXTEND THE 2% CAP ON BINDING INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARDS BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the sunset provision contained in P.L. 2014, c. 11 the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards is set to expire on December 31, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this law empowers county governments throughout the State to effectively control public safety employment salaries and personnel costs by capping interest arbitration awards at 2% for base salaries, which includes step increments and longevity pay; and,

WHEREAS, county governments dedicate a substantial portion of their overall annual operating expenses for employee salaries, wages, health benefits, and other personnel costs; and,

WHEREAS, county governments face a restrictive 2% property tax cap levy where counties must prepare two comprehensive cap calculations and use the more restrictive one; and,

WHEREAS, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force county governments to further reduce or even eliminate essential services, critical personnel, and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of county governments and property taxpayers throughout the State struggling to make ends meet to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Borough of Longport in support of the New Jersey Association of Counties does in fact hereby urge Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to enact legislation that will permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards before December 31, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey Chris Christie, the President of the New Jersey State Senate Steve Sweeney, the Speaker of the General Assembly Vincent Prieto, and the New Jersey Association of Counties.

RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE

COMMISSION	AYE	NAY	N.V	A.B.	MOT.	SEC.
RUSSO	x				x	
LEEDS		x				
LAWLER	x					x

X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion
SEC-Second

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION: 12/20/2017

/s/ MATTHEW CONLON, ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK

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