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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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As we head into December, the New Jersey Legislative Action Committee (NJ-LAC) is focused on a successful final year of this legislative session. The NJ-LAC is focused on the following legislative initiatives:

1. Continuing to preserve and protect the structural integrity and reserve funding legislation.
2. Passing legislation placing the maintenance of fire hydrants on municipalities.
3. Ensuring that if a mandatory board member training law is passed, it is fair and reasonable to volunteer directors.
4. Ensuring that if a manager licensing law is passed, it meets the needs of our managerial community.
5. Continuing to engage in significant amounts of outreach and education to our members and the public at large.

While we cannot predict if we will be successful, we hope that with the help of our professional lobbying firm MBI and lobbyist Michele Jaker. Since coming on board several years ago, Michele has been an incredible boon to our organization and we have consistently had a "seat at the table" whenever we wanted it, which is all we can ask for.

In addition, I want to thank Liz Comando, CMCA, PCAM for her tireless work chairing the Community Associations Political Action Committee (CAPAC). Without her efforts, we would not have the necessary funds available to attend important political events and fundraisers.

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The NJ-LAC would also like to thank Vinnie Hager, CIRMS of The Baldwin Group, who is moving on to new opportunities, and Alex Scheffer, CMCA for their service on the NJ-LAC. Their assistance has been invaluable for our cause.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the NJ-LAC for their work this year and in prior years. I can say that while we do not always agree on every point, everyone participates to the best of their ability and does so with professionalism, good faith, and courtesy.