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From: David R. Martin, President
Board of Representatives 

Date: November 10, 2008

Re: Tax Abatement/Deferral Ordinances

At the October 6, 2008 Board of Representatives Regular Monthly Meeting, the Board approved two ordinances related to our tax abatement and deferral programs:

- 1) Increasing income and net worth limits for seniors/disabled; and
- 2) Increasing income limits for veterans.

Unfortunately, it was not until Oct. 10th that the Board of Representatives officially received the Board of Finance recommendation on item #1, the ordinance for senior and disabled. State law requires this recommendation prior to final enactment of the ordinance. (A Board of Finance recommendation is legally not required for the 2nd ordinance for veterans.)

In informal discussions with the Department of Legal Affairs, this procedural error on the ordinance for seniors and disabled raises potential issues regarding the legal approval of the ordinance.

As a result, I am resubmitting this item for approval by the Board of Representatives.

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In addition, I have consulted with the Tax Assessor and requested that he draft a recommendation for the senior/disabled tax abatement/deferral ordinance that is more reflective of the Board of Finance's recommendations for consideration by our Board.

My hope is to resolve this issue with a final ordinance approval within the next two or three months.

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