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## June 29, 2021

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**Municipal Clerks:** Please forward to your Mayor, Governing Body, and Department Heads.

To assist in providing guidance and information we have created a [COVID-19 resource page](#). We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

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## I. Senate to Consider Bill Preempting Local Control Over Small Cell/5G Deployment in Municipal ROW

Just added to tomorrow's Senate voting session is [S-2674/A-1116](#), legislation which seeks to preempt and supersede local regulation of small cell (5G) deployment within the municipal rights-of-way. The League **opposes** S-2674/A-1116 because it provides broadband telecommunications providers with favorable and discounted access to public rights-of-way without requiring these cost savings be passed on to customers, or requiring broadband infrastructure buildout necessary to help bridge the digital divide. Further, recent amendments to S-2674/A-1116 expand the scope of the legislation beyond the bill's original intention, further limiting safeguards for local communities.

The Assembly has already approved the measure. If approved tomorrow the bill will head to the Governor for his consideration. We urge our members to contact and ask your State Senator to oppose this legislation.

For more information please see the League's [blog post](#) on the topic, and [the recent op-ed](#) written by Mayors Ras Baraka of Newark and Adrian Mapp of Plainfield.

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## II. State FY 22 Budget Signed

Today, Governor Phil Murphy, along with legislative leaders and cabinet members gathered in Woodbridge for the signing of the [2022 Fiscal Year State Budget](#), which appropriates \$46.3 billion in state funds and \$6 billion in federal funds. This year's budget includes an extensive list of allocations, including a full payment to the state pension system for the first time since 1996, property tax relief and community affairs funding, and number of other grants in aid allocations.

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