



Local Leaders Lawsuit Highlights

Monday, September 9th, 2024

1. "Local Leaders for Responsible Planning" is comprised of a geographically diverse and bi-partisan set of municipalities who filed a lawsuit against the recently enacted housing law, P.L. 2024, c. 2, which imposes extensive affordable housing obligations on municipalities while failing to adequately consider local conditions and resources.
2. We all want safe, welcoming, and vibrant neighborhoods, but these new mandates from Trenton go too far and will place unnecessary strain on our towns without providing any resources.
3. We all want to protect our communities and plan responsibly for future growth. The current mandates prevent that, and exceed what is constitutionally required under the Mount Laurel doctrine.
4. We question the continued exemption of approximately 62 urban aid municipalities from having affordable housing obligations. Their housing needs are currently imposed unfairly upon the other remaining New Jersey municipalities, on top of our existing obligations.
5. Our lawsuit also challenges the new and untested Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program. Local leaders are the ones who know their communities best, and this takes decisions about local housing out of our hands and puts it into the hands of so-called experts and retired jurists that have no connection to our towns and our residents.

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