

## **Van Doren Will Advance Hunterdon Issues In New Role As NJAC Officer**

Hunterdon County Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) at the group's annual re-organization, held remotely, on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Van Doren, upon election as an NJAC Executive Officer said, "NJAC is a vital organization for county governments. The Association is committed to advocating for legislation and policies at the state level that empower county governments to operate more efficiently and effectively.

I look forward to working with the other members of the Executive Board in bringing the attention of state government to the needs of the people in the counties and in particular Hunterdon County."

Board of County Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway, at the February 2nd Commissioner Board meeting, congratulated Van Doren on his election as an NJAC Officer, stating, "Hunterdon County will benefit from Commissioner Van Doren's role as an NJAC officer, as he can bring our residents' concerns and issues forward with the statewide legislative lobbying group.

The usual process is for NJAC officers to rise through the chairs, so we anticipate at some point in the not too distant future Commissioner Van Doren may become President of the organization, following in the esteemed footsteps of Hunterdon County's past Freeholder Director John King and County Clerk Mary Melfi."

Van Doren served as Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders (now Commissioners) during 2020 and was re-elected to the County Board in November. He presently serves as the Board's Health Department liaison, where he has oversight of the County's health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The newly elected President of NJAC, Mercer County Commissioner John A. Cimino, following his election, recognized the efforts of all those serving in County government, stating, "At a time in which county governments are working tirelessly to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of our residents, I would like to commend NJAC's executive officers and board of directors for their outstanding leadership, public service, and commitment to providing critical services for those in need."

NJAC is a nonpartisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a proactive and unified voice. NJAC mission is to enhance the level of service provided by counties and the saving of taxpayer dollars.