

Van Doren Elevated On County Association's Executive Board

Hunterdon Commissioner: 'NJAC Is Advocacy Group For Residents and Taxpayers'

Hunterdon County Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren ascended to the position of 2nd Vice President of the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC), when the advocacy organization swore in its new Executive Board, in ceremonies at the New Jersey Senate Chamber, in Trenton, on January 28th.

NJAC is a non-partisan statewide organization that represents county governments. The group's mission is to provide information on county government issues to the legislative and executive branches of state government, share knowledge between counties on effective and creative governing tools, enhancing the level of service provided to residents, and saving tax dollars.

Van Doren, following his swearing in as 2nd Vice President, said, "It is an honor to serve in a leadership position with NJAC, whose most important role, I believe, is in assisting county governments in finding ways to be more efficient and effective for the people of every county. It is ultimately an advocacy group for residents and taxpayers."

Van Doren, who served as the group's Secretary/Treasurer in 2021, is joined on the Executive Board by Monmouth County Administrator Teri O'Connor, as President, Camden County Commissioner Jonathan L. Young Sr., as First Vice President, and Somerset County Commissioner Board Director as Secretary/Treasurer.

As 2nd Vice President, Van Doren is on a path towards becoming President of the group. County officials serving on the Executive Board normally move through the leadership offices toward becoming President.

Hunterdon County has been well represented in leadership of the organization in recent years, with County Clerk Mary Melfi and former Freeholder Board Director John King both having served as NJAC President in 2018 and 2016, respectively.

Monmouth County Administrator Teri O'Connor is the 81st President of NJAC and the first County Administrator chosen to lead the group.

In remarks following her swearing in, Ms. O'Connor stated, "As county governments continue to play a vital and growing role in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of residents across the Garden State, I would like to commend NJAC's executive officers and board of directors for their leadership, vision, and commitment as dedicated public servants."

More information can be found on the organization's website: www.njac.org