

## LANJ E-News \* September 9, 2014

### LANJ Grass-Roots Campaign Against TNC Illegalities Gaining Traction on Multiple Fronts

In the past week LANJ first vice president and Legislative Committee chair Jeff Shanker and lobbyist Barry Lefkowitz have met with a half-dozen New Jersey legislators and policy makers, successfully garnering their support for LANJ-endorsed Bill 3401 that, if passed by the Assembly, will ensure a level regulatory playing field for all passenger transportation companies operating in the Garden State.

Included in this whirlwind activity were meetings with: 1) State Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. (R-21), Republican Leader and member of the New Jersey Senate Commerce Committee; 2) Assemblywoman L. Grace Spencer (D-29), vice chair of the New Jersey Assembly Appropriations Committee; 3) Christine O'Brien, president of the Insurance Council of New Jersey and primary spokesperson for New Jersey's property-casualty industry; and 4) Communications Workers of America representatives who handle collective bargaining for union taxi drivers.

Also of note, the LANJ Legislative Committee is interviewing several public relations firms regarding the feasibility of creating a state-wide public safety campaign to thwart TNC illegal activity.

### Operator Trio, Including Two LANJ Members, Launch Additional TNC-Focused Effort

LANJ members, **Empire CLS** CEO David Seelinger and **Music Express** owner Cheryl Berkman, together with Jonna Sabroff, president of Integrated Transportation Services in Los Angeles, have launched Advocates for Fairness in Transportation (AFT) to fight for across-the-board regulations for all chauffeured transportation operations. According to September 3, 2014 *LCT eNews*, AFT's founding trio are funding and "deploying (the non-profit group) in response to the widening regulatory battle with transportation network

companies (TNCs) such as Uber...Unlike a conventional trade association, AFT will not have the dues, roles or structures of such groups, but instead function as a highly focused effort on TNCs for as long as needed."

### **Have You RSVP'd for LANJ's September 17 Meeting?**

If not, you can do so right now by simply replying to this email. The Limousine Associations of New Jersey's Fall 2014 Kick-Off Meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 17, 12 Noon**, at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540. The jam-packed agenda includes a complimentary networking luncheon and informational program that will feature a critical report on LANJ's anti-TNC illegalities fight, an announcement on LANJ's soon-to-be-launched "bulletin board" service for members and a reveal of many money-saving opportunities now available to LANJ operators. Graciously sponsored by Cadillac Professional Vehicles, the American Motor Products Bus Tour and Rolling Road Show and Wolfington Body Co., **there is no fee to attend**. If you haven't done so already, please RSVP right here, right now!

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