

Tom Neff

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Tom Neff is the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs. The Division generally regulates the finances of local governments in New Jersey including counties, municipalities, and authorities to ensure fiscal solvency. The Division also regulates local procurement, licenses certain local employees, and provides strong oversight of municipalities facing distress. He is also the Chairman of the Local Finance Board which has the authority to assume control of troubled municipalities and which reviews local government financings. Tom has more than 20 years of public finance experience through positions in both the government and private sectors in New Jersey. Prior to serving as the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and as Chairman of the Local Finance Board, Mr. Neff's government service included serving as a State budget advisor to current New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Budget Counsel to two former New Jersey Governors, and as the Deputy Executive Director of the Office of the Senate Minority in the New Jersey Legislature. In the private sector, Mr. Neff was an associate in a major New Jersey law firm that specializes in public finance and redevelopment law. Tom resides in Lake Como, NJ, where he previously served as a member of the school board.