

**03/21/11 Prepared Statement from City Manager Dana Foster that he sent via Email to a newspaper reporter from the "Livingston County Daily Press & Argus " in response to the reporter's call to the City Manager about Governor Snyder's Special Message on Local Government Reforms and related proposed revisions to the Statutory Revenue Sharing program :**

" At this time, my staff and I are still reviewing the Governor's message and announcement of earlier today. We are following up with the MML staff to obtain assistance on some clarification questions that we have about key parts of the Governor's proposals contained within his subject message and we will be in a better position to address further news media questions in the future after obtaining those clarifications. For many years, the City of Brighton city government has already been following and has implemented several of the ideas and best practices that the Governor is proposing as part of his statutory Revenue Sharing changes so therefore many of those will not be something new for our city government. Our City Council's formal adopted goals follow the 8 assets for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community as promoted by the Michigan Municipal League; all of which have a central focus on establishing a Sense of Place and making our community attractive for all generations and all businesses. It would also appear that several of the employee compensation related changes requested by the Governor as part of his statutory Revenue Change proposal would be dependent upon the outcomes of collective bargaining negotiations with our four respective collective bargaining units at future points in time. With that in mind, it is good to see the Governor's proposed modifications to the longstanding Act 312 binding arbitration law which has had a significant impact on all collective bargaining outcomes over the course of many years. The Governor's proposed Act 312 modifications are also in line with related Michigan Municipal League Legislative Policy Goals for Act 312 modifications that our City Council and city government has supported. "