

Task Force Four

# **COURT COST DATA ANALYSIS**

# BACKGROUND

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- Task force four directed to benchmark towns to identify best practices
- February 2009, Center for Government Research (CGR) commences benchmark review
- July 2009, CGR presents results to town board
- CGR identifies that Victor court costs are higher than each of the New York peers
- October 2009, task force four directed to review gaps identified in study

# APPROACH

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- ✘ Examine CGR data and assess relevance
- ✘ If CGR results valid identify performance gaps
- ✘ If CGR results not correct reassess court costs using revised approach
- ✘ Compare Victor to those towns
- ✘ Report results to task force, court officials and town board

# FINDINGS

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- ✘ Victor town courts have greater case “churn” than towns used in CGR study
- ✘ When compared to similar towns- Rotterdam and Guilderland NY expenses are comparable

# DATA RESULTS

<b>Court Cost Data Analysis</b>						
<b>2008 Budget Data</b>	<b>State Revenue Ranking 2008</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost/Person</b>	<b>Contractual</b>	<b>Personal Services</b>
Rotterdam	43	28316	315117	11.13	77832	236570
Victor	45	12072	344789	28.56	25885	177869
Guilderland	46	34570	345129	9.98	9132	335997
Ontario	210	10130	126888	12.53	24464	102446
Expenses= Total Court Costs From 2008 Budgets Population= Most Recent Publicly Available Information Personal Services= Salaries of Court Employees Contractual Costs= Postage/Rent/IT Support etc.						

# NEXT STEPS

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- ✘ Assess possible performance gaps identified in other areas of CGR study
  - + Parks and Recreation
  - + Appraisal and Assessment
  - + Budget and Finance