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**Public Meeting on Town and Village of Ossining Evaluation of Potential  
 Government Structures to be Held Oct. 13**

*Opportunity to Learn about Project and Provide Feedback*

Ossining, NY – October 4, 2011 – A public meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, Ossining, NY**, for residents and taxpayers to learn about – and provide feedback on – a study recently initiated by the Town and Village of Ossining to determine how services can be delivered to their respective constituencies in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

The participating municipalities embarked upon an effort in the summer of 2011 to carefully examine their governmental structures. The study aims to analyze additional municipal cooperation and consolidation of services in order for the Town and Village of Ossining to operate even more efficiently and effectively and to analyze the feasibility of alternative government structures for the Town and Village of Ossining permissible by law. Additionally, the study will assess the possibility of creating a coterminous Town/Village of Ossining in order to eliminate an administrative level and generate tax relief.

The communities have established a joint municipal committee, comprising each municipality’s Board members, to oversee the study. The Steering Committee issued the following statement: “We encourage residents to attend this public forum. We have a commitment to engaging the public as we undertake this examination of options. This first of a series of meetings offers an excellent opportunity for residents and any other interested parties to learn more about the study approach and offer feedback on items of interest to them.”

The Agenda will include a brief overview presentation by the study consultant, the Center for Governmental Research (CGR). CGR will then moderate a public input session, inviting residents to address the Steering Committee and study team. Community members will be able to meet the CGR project team leaders, and learn more about the study’s methodology, timeframe and objectives.

CGR will also outline a newly-launched project website, which will be a key vehicle in facilitating public engagement as the study process unfolds. The website ([www.cgr.org/ossining](http://www.cgr.org/ossining)) will offer access to Steering Committee meeting schedules, minutes, reports and key data components as they become available. By going to the website, community members will also be able to email comments to the Steering Committee. In addition, you will be able to sign up to receive email “alerts” when any significant new information is posted to the website.

**Tentative meeting agenda:**

- Introduction – Steering Committee
- Project Overview – CGR
- Website and Methods of Public Input/Information – CGR
- Comments from Public – Moderated by CGR

**Steering Committee Members**

- **Town of Ossining**  
 Catherine Borgia, *Supervisor*  
 Geoff Harter, *Deputy Town Supervisor*  
 Michael Tawil, *Board Member*  
 Peter Tripodi, *Board Member*  
 Northern Wilcher, *Board Member*
- **Village of Ossining**  
 William R. Hanauer, *Mayor*  
 Marlene Cheatham, *Trustee*  
 Michael Curry, *Deputy Mayor*  
 Susanne Donnelly, *Trustee*  
*Trustee to be appointed on October 4*

**About the Center for Governmental Research (CGR)**

CGR is a 96-year-old nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent consulting organization with significant expertise conducting local government consolidation and shared service studies and developing implementation plans. CGR is headquartered in Rochester, NY and in early October was engaged by the Commission to serve as study consultant.

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