County of Onondaga Office of the Comptroller 421 Montgomery Street Syracuse, New York 13202

To the residents of the Village of East Syracuse,

On the other side of this paper you will see a summary of the findings by my office's CSI Tax Force regarding the village referendum on October 16th. The County CSI Tax Force is intended to provide an unbiased review of potential municipal mergers and shared serves at no cost to municipalities. My office strives to provide an accurate accounting of the current costs and take into consideration the immediate fiscal impact a proposed merger will have on taxpayers.

The information provided in this mailing is the result of an audit of the current expenses for the Village of East Syracuse to provide police protection. My office is confident the projected net decrease of taxes in the village of East Syracuse is an accurate reflection of the savings that would be seen, were the referendum to pass. I encourage you to use this information to review the potential property tax savings to help inform your vote on October 16th.

In addition, if you would like to see the detailed report, please visit http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/ CSIOnondaga.html. If you do not have access to a computer or are not comfortable with any of the information as it has been presented, I welcome you to contact my office directly and we will do our best to answer your questions.

Thank you! Robert E. Antonacci II, CPA Onondaga County Comptroller

The Village of East Syracuse Police Department by the numbers...

• The Village of East Syracuse Police budget costs village tax payers \$1,255,108 annually.

The current Village Tax Rate is \$13.50 per thousand of assessed value or \$1,350/100K home

If the police departments merge, the *new* village tax rate (including enhanced services) would be \$8.89 or \$889/100K home

The Village of East Syracuse will pay \$400,000 to the Town of Dewitt for an enhanced services contract to include village officers transferring to the Town of DeWitt Police Department

Village of East Syracuse residents will see an increase in town taxes of \$212/100K home for Town of Dewitt police

OLD RATE VS NEW RATE 13.50/1,000 vs. 8.89/1,000

SAVINGS 13.50-8.89-2.12(town)=2.49/1,000



How to figure out your individual savings:

EXAMPLE - Home value:

\$100,000.00

divide the value (\$100,000.00) by:

1000

= \$100

then *multiply* by 2.49

TOTAL SAVINGS: \$249.00

YOUR TURN - Home value:

\$?

divide the value (\$?) by:

1000 = \$? then *multiply* by 2.49 **TOTAL SAVINGS: \$?**