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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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**September 15, 2017**

**Mr. Robert Mujica, Director  
New York State Division of Budget  
254 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12210**

**Dear Mr. Mujica,**

**As mandated, the Orange County Shared Services panel presented to the Orange County Legislature a preliminary draft of a Shared Services Plan. Our Proposed Plan includes the Countywide Public Safety Communications Project as the main initiative and highlights many other initiatives that the Panel will continue to research. This interoperability radio program will not only save municipalities money, but will also provide an important public safety benefit.**

**As County Executive, I was proud to work collaboratively with the members of the Orange County Shared Services Panel. We worked diligently together to explore different cost savings opportunities. The panel has decided that it is imperative that we ensure that Orange County is fully maximizing our property tax savings and the one-time match of the net savings being offered by New York State. For this reason, the Panel has unanimously agreed that we will submit a more fully executed Shared Services Initiative Plan in 2018.**

**I'm proud of all that Orange County currently does with and for our municipalities, including our excellent sales tax sharing ratio and our collaboration on health code enforcement. I thank the members of the Shared Services Panel for the hard work and effort that they have contributed and I am eager to continue our efforts to work for the benefit of the residents of Orange County.**

***Steven M. Neuhaus***  
***County Executive***

Attachments:

Draft Shared Services Plan submitted to the Orange County Legislature 8-1-17

Copy of Resolution Adopted by the Orange County Shared Services Panel