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Subject: Communicaion to Common Council

Dear Common Council Member,

In preparing for Thursday's budget hearing I have gathered information from all cities across the state of New York.

In a process called "Benchmarking", one compares a city's performance against other cities. In this instance, I compared our announced 2025 budget of \$19.7 million against the budgets of all 62 cities in the state. Using published population data, it is then easy to determine how much is being spent per person in that city.

In small cities, those with a population under 10,000, Hudson ranks the *highest per capita cost by a large margin*.

In all 62 cities, *Hudson Ranks just 6th from the top* of most expensive per capita cities.

I have enclosed both lists for your use as you consider budget approval for 2025.

As always, thank you for your service to our city.

Respectfully,

Robert Rasner

CITIES WITH POPULATION UNDER 10,000

City	Census 2023	Budget	Cost per Person
Hudson	5,774	19,700,000	3,412
Johnstown	8,204	19,600,000	2,389
Salamanca	5,929	13,990,000	2,360
Rensselaer	9,210	21,300,000	2,313
Port Jervis	8,775	19,000,000	2,165

Hornell	8,263	17,493,000	2,117
Sherril	3,077	5,133,321	1,668
Little Falls	4,605	6,700,000	1,455
Mechanicville	5,163	6,607,994	1,280
Norwich	7,051	8,575,751	1,216

ALL 62 CITIES

“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

— R. Buckminster Fuller

City	Census 2023	Budget	Cost per Person
Yonkers	211,569	1,510,000,000	7,137
Rye	16,592	110,500,000	6,660
Newburgh	28,368	110,600,000	3,899
White Plains	59,559	212,300,000	3,565
New Rochelle	79,726	275,300,000	3,453
Hudson	5,774	19,700,000	3,412
Ithaca	32,108	107,500,000	3,348
Oswego	16,921	56,000,000	3,309
Rochester	211,328	697,000,000	3,298
Long Beach	35,029	104,685,861	2,989
Oneida	10,329	26,000,000	2,517
Kingstown	24,069	59,800,000	2,485
Johnstown	8,204	19,600,000	2,389
Batavia	15,600	37,000,000	2,372
Watertown	24,685	58,400,000	2,366
Salamanca	5,929	13,990,000	2,360
Rensselaer	9,210	21,300,000	2,313
Glen Cove	28,365	65,400,000	2,306
Syracuse	148,620	341,000,000	2,294
Troy	51,401	117,200,000	2,280
Binghamton	47,969	108,000,000	2,251
Poughkeepsie	31,577	70,726,203	2,240
Albany	99,224	221,000,000	2,227
Buffalo	278,349	618,000,000	2,220
Saratoga Springs	28,491	62,600,000	2,197
Port Jervis	8,775	19,000,000	2,165
Peekskill	25,431	55,000,000	2,163
Ogdensburg	10,064	21,672,581	2,153
Olean	13,937	29,600,000	2,124
Niagara Falls	47,666	101,000,000	2,119
Hornell	8,263	17,493,000	2,117
Amsterdam	18,219	38,260,000	2,100
Dunkirk	12,743	26,000,000	2,040
Canandaigua	10,576	21,400,000	2,023
Corning	10,551	21,171,343	2,007
Tonawanda	15,129	29,200,000	1,930
Beacon	13,769	25,000,000	1,816
Mt Vernon	73,893	133,062,000	1,801
Auburn	26,866	47,500,000	1,768
Cortland	17,556	30,636,000	1,745
Schenectady	67,047	116,700,000	1,741
Geneva	12,812	22,300,000	1,741
Glens Falls	14,830	25,500,000	1,719

Lackawanna	19,949	34,069,903	1,708
Sherril	3,077	5133321	1,668
Rome	32,127	53,501,493	1,665
Middletown	30,345	47,500,000	1,565
Cohoes	18,147	28,400,000	1,565
Elmira	26,523	41,421,507	1,562
Gloversville	15,131	22,465,000	1,485
Oneonta	13,079	19,383,447	1,482
Little Falls	4,605	6,700,000	1,455
Watervliet	10,375	14,929,239	1,439
North Tonawand	30,496	43,600,000	1,430
Lockport	20,876	29,400,000	1,408
Jamestown	28,712	40,150,000	1,398
New York	8,258,000	11,240,000,000	1,361
Plattsburgh	19,841	26,689,000	1,345
Utica	65,283	87,100,000	1,334
Mechanicville	5,163	6,607,994	1,280
Norwich	7,051	8,575,751	1,216
Fulton	11,389	9,100,000	799