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Albright Knox Art Gallery
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
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Erie County Executive

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Thank you
ALBRIGHT-KNOX ART GALLERY

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help make Erie County SECOND TO NONE

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Community Accolades

Among America's
20 "Can-Do Capitals"
Newsweek

20th Best Big
City for Jobs
Forbes

Among Top 25
Mid-Size Cities for Art
American Style Magazine

Second Best City to
Relocate to in America
CNBC

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Community Accolades

City Honors School Ranked
Ninth in the Nation
Newsweek

Top 10 Cities for
Working Moms
Forbes

Amherst Named Among
Best Places To Live
CNNMoney

West Seneca Among Best
Places to Raise Your Kids
Bloomberg Businessweek

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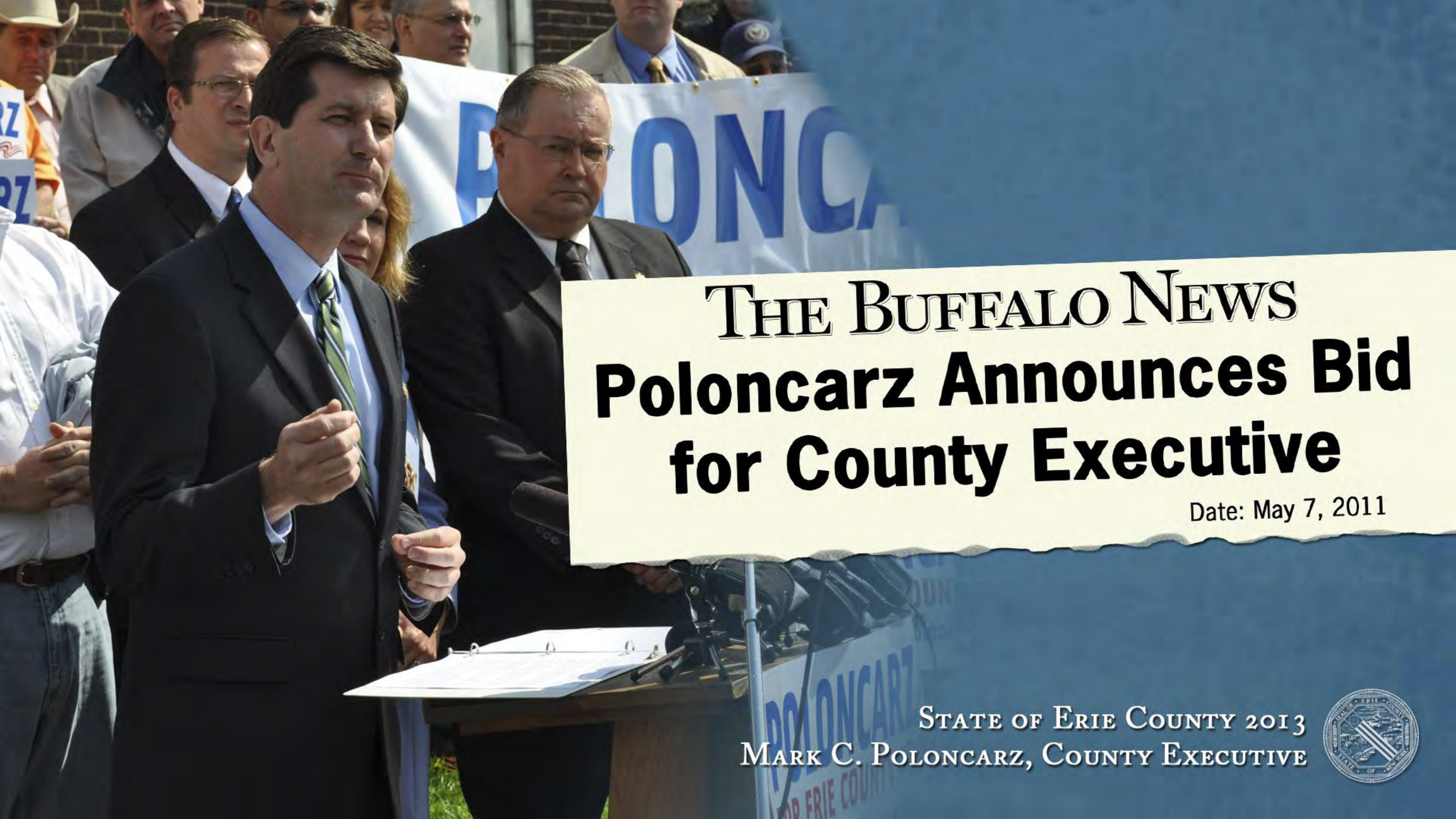
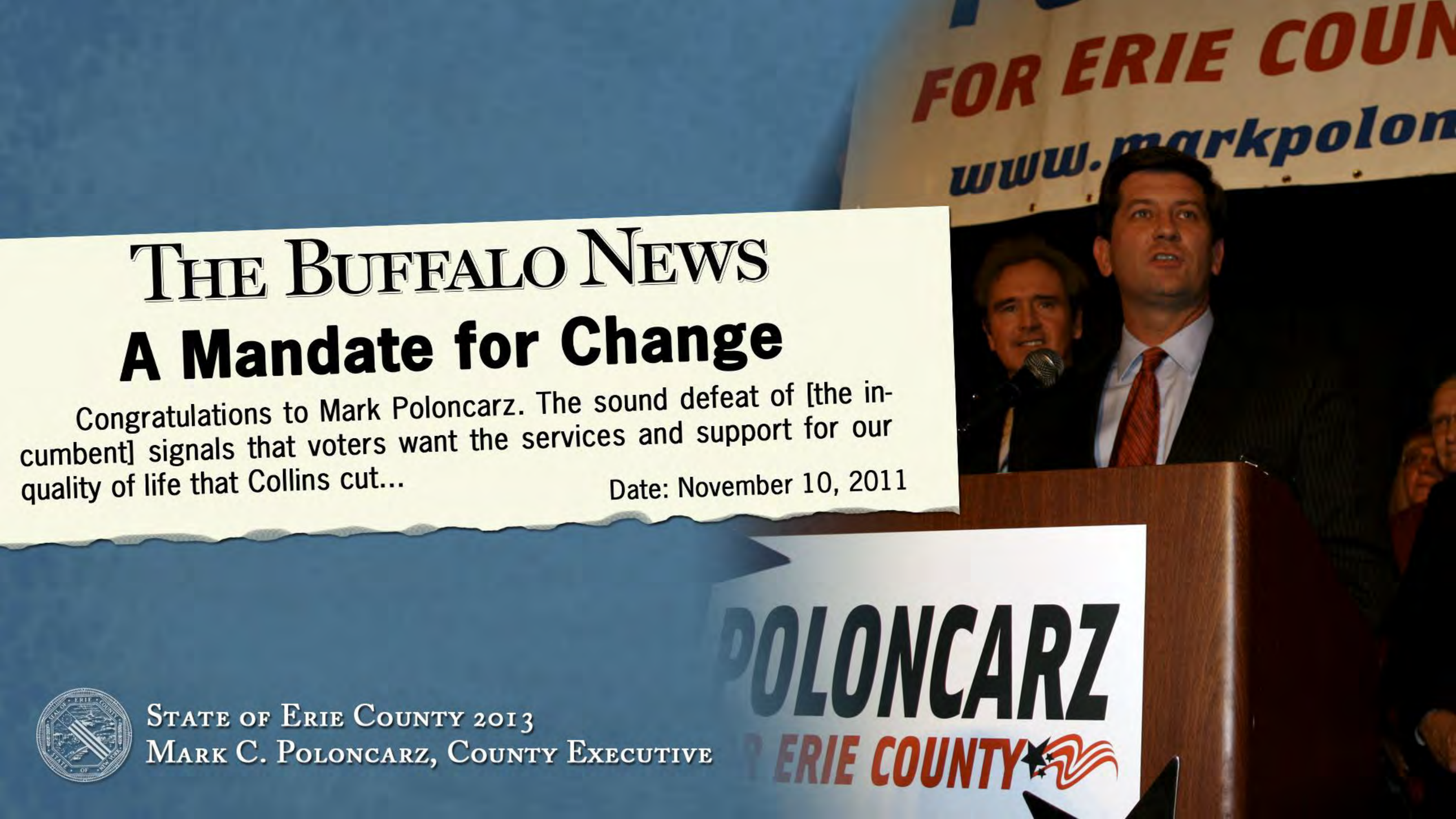


THE BUFFALO NEWS

Poloncarz Announces Bid for County Executive

Date: May 7, 2011



The Buffalo News

A Mandate for Change

Congratulations to Mark Poloncarz. The sound defeat of [the incumbent] signals that voters want the services and support for our quality of life that Collins cut...

Date: November 10, 2011

“Government is not a business and should not be run like one.”

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"We represent people, not just taxpayers."
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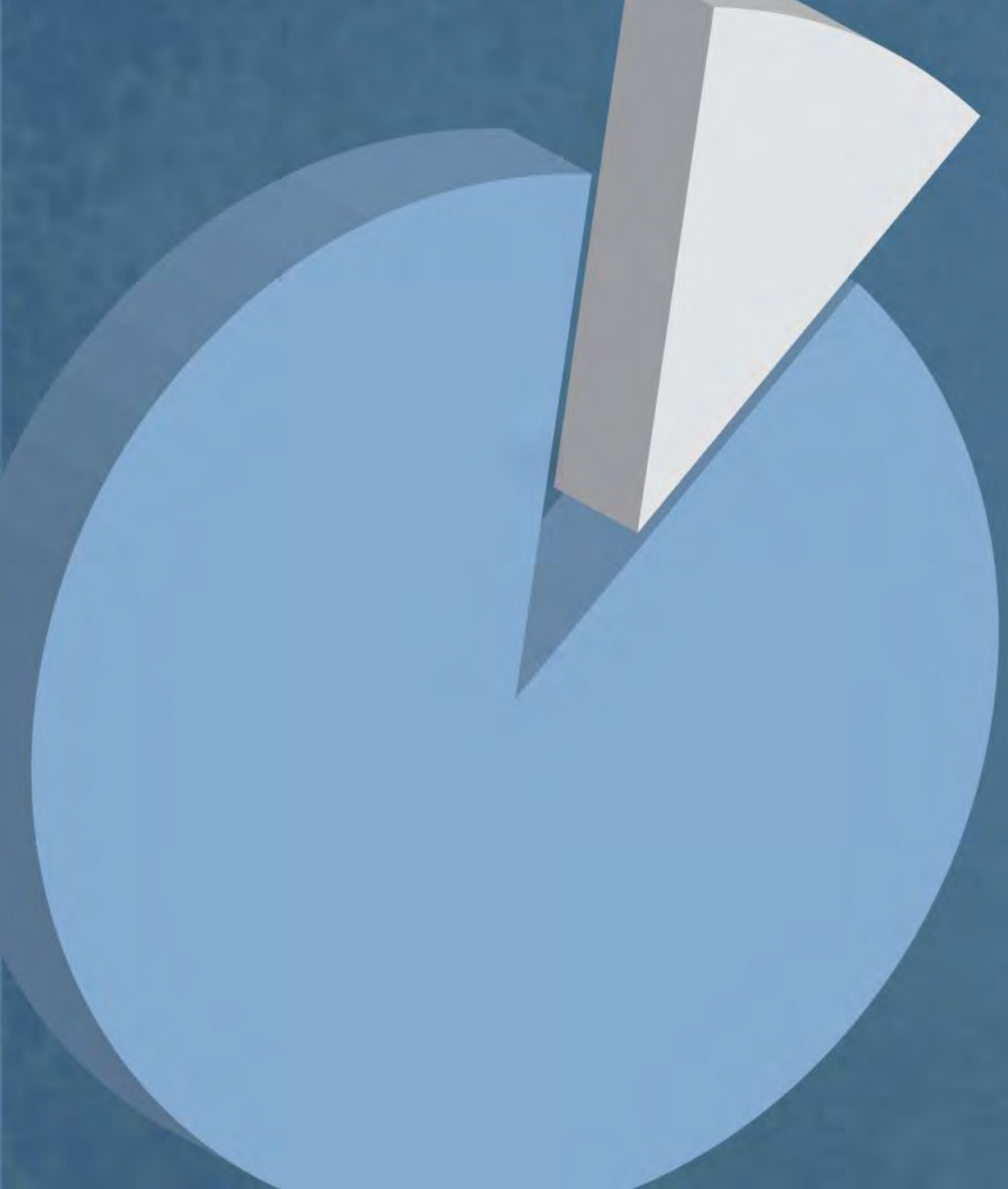

90%

of the County Budget is

MANDATED

by New York State and the Federal Government

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Erie County has complied with the Department of Justice by improving medical treatment for prisoners and adding more Corrections Officers.

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"The County will conduct the refunding in collaboration with the ECFSA...the County and ECFSA will save additional money by reducing transaction expense."

Buffalo News
February 7, 2013

“Erie County and [ECMCC] have struck what appears to be a useful deal that will protect county taxpayers...”

Buffalo News
November 6, 2012

PEOPLE'S MANDATES

are services citizens rely upon

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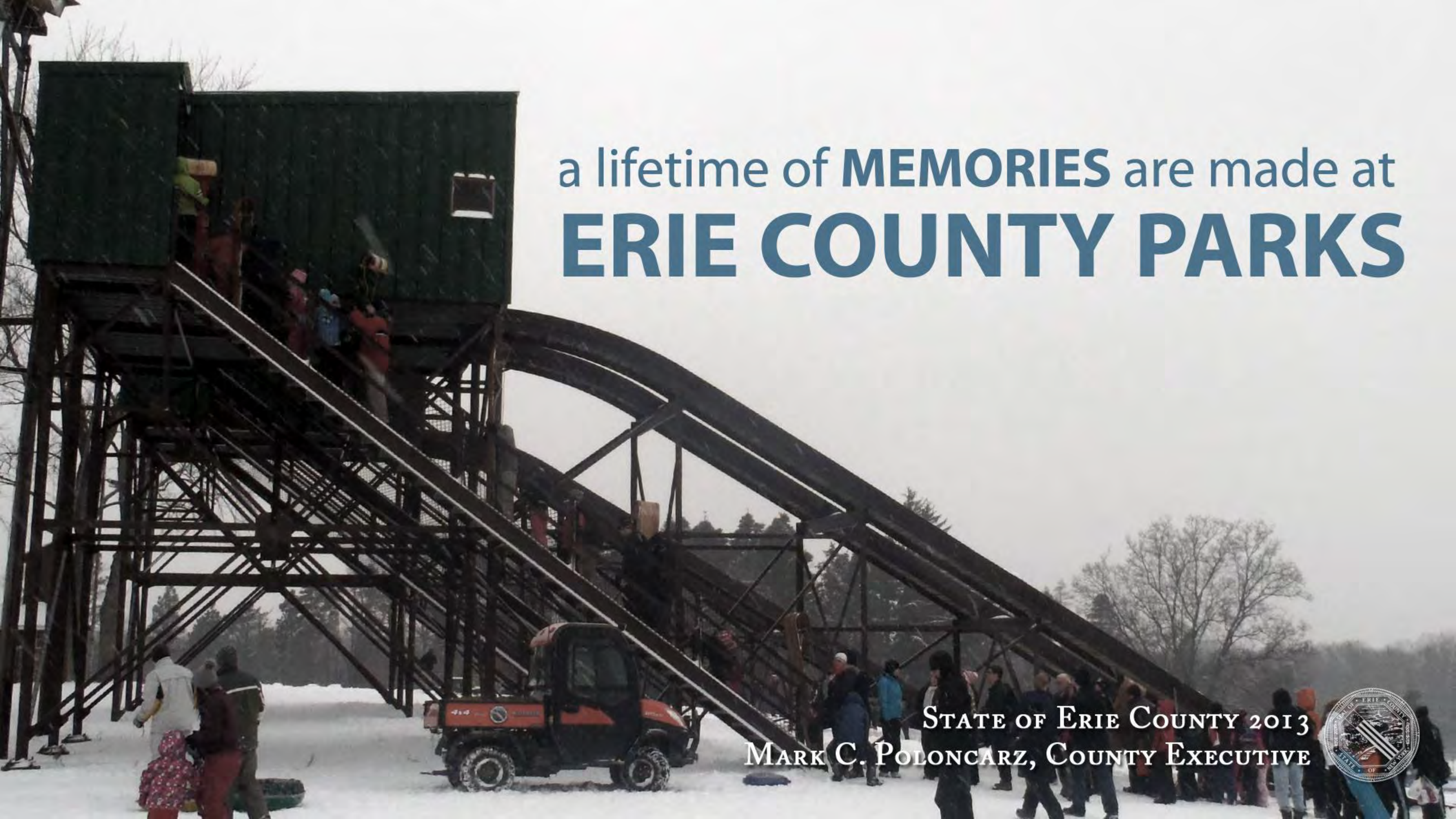

a lifetime of **MEMORIES** are made at

ERIE COUNTY PARKS

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Bennett Beach

Before

After

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MARGARET SZCZEPANIEC

led the way to our latest community asset,

BLACK ROCK CANAL PARK

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Every dollar invested in the arts returns nearly $10 in economic impact.

Source: Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo website

Commissioner Whyte and the Erie County Arts and Cultural Advisory Board hard at work at a meeting.

“There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.”

Andrew Carnegie

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TEN-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT
NON-RELOCATION CLAUSE
NEW STADIUM WORKING GROUP

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COUNTY EMPLOYEES
make a difference in our community.
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PARKS
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SHADIA RODRIGUEZ

went above and beyond the call of duty and saved a child's life in the process.

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"I was also elected to maintain fiscal discipline and apply the skills I used as your Comptroller."

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2012 FISCAL ISSUES

Erie County faced significant fiscal issues in 2012.
The administration went to work and helped the County realize a $4.7 million surplus.

- Declining sales and property tax revenue
- Unfunded or underfunded construction projects
- Dozens of ongoing lawsuits
- Tens of millions of dollars owed to ECMCC
- Significant multi-million dollar financial errors in the county's largest department.

REUTERS

Medicaid, other costs threaten New York state and local budgets: report

Date: December 18, 2012

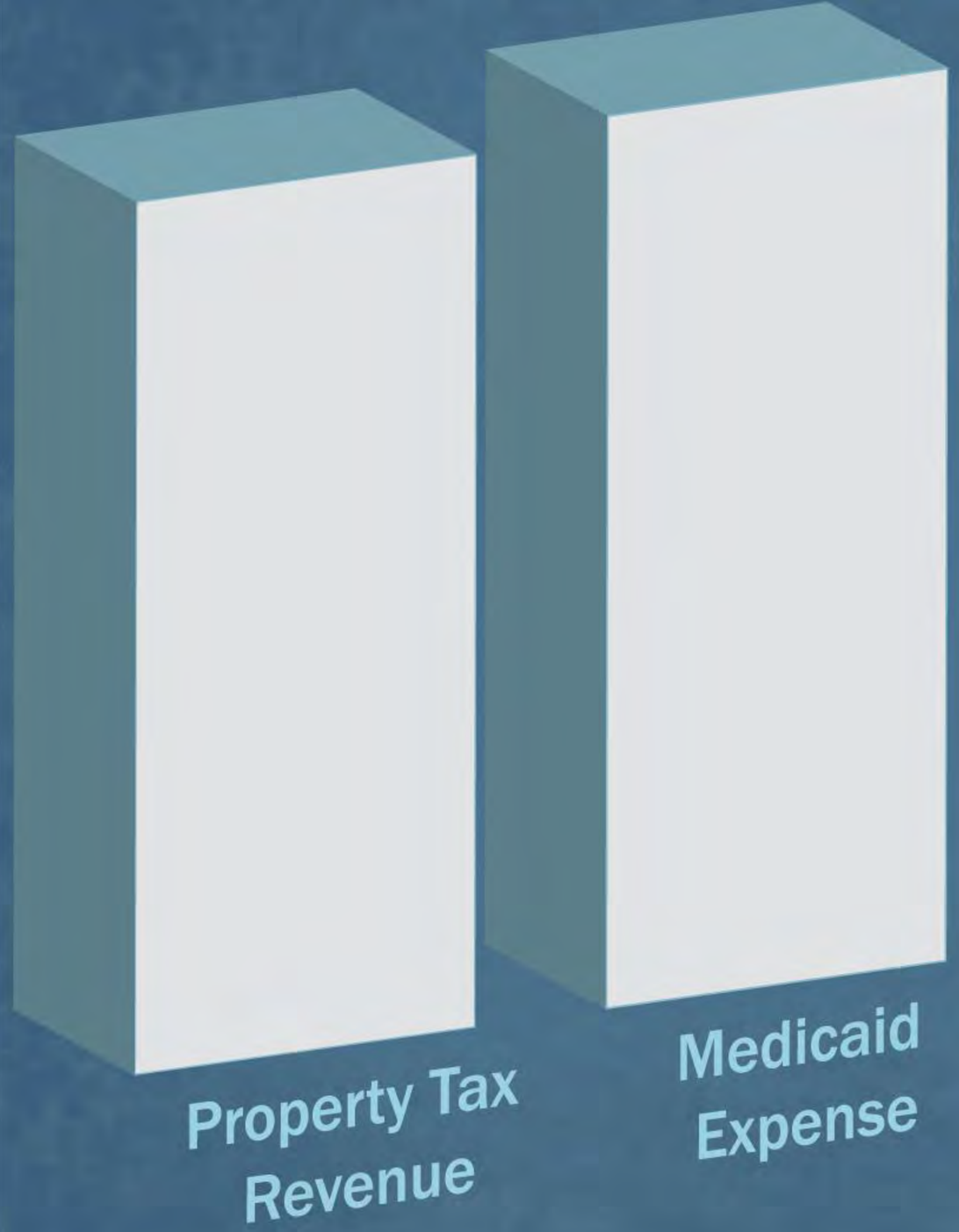
MEDICAID FRAUD

Costs County taxpayers millions

Forbes

Medicare And Medicaid Fraud Is Costing Taxpayers Billions

Date: May 31, 2012



Erie County will spend more than

$219 MILLION

on Medicaid expenses this year.

That is millions of dollars more than the revenue it generates from the

PROPERTY TAX

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MEDICAID
INSPECTOR GENERAL

Detect and prevent provider-level Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse.

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ERIE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS WILL COST $66.4 MILLION IN 2013 AND IS RISING AT AN UNSUSTAINABLE RATE

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REACHING LABOR AGREEMENTS

- Two bargaining units representing over 750 employees now have a fair contract
- Deserved pay increases for employees
- Employee healthcare contribution

GOVERNING
is about choices

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2013 BUDGET

MANDATED EXPENSES UP

$33 MILLION

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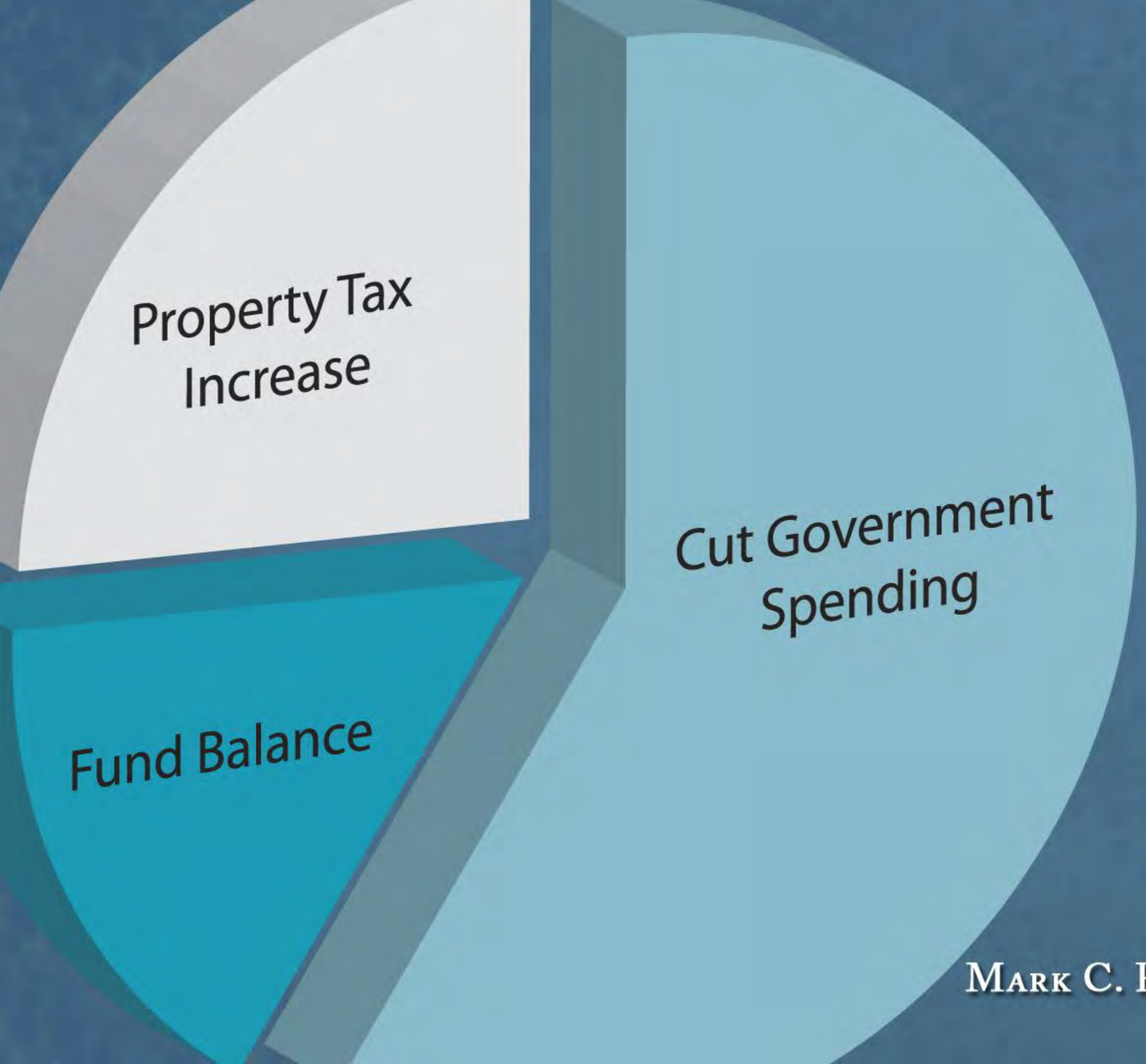

The administration proposed a

BALANCED APPROACH

to close the 2013 budget gap.

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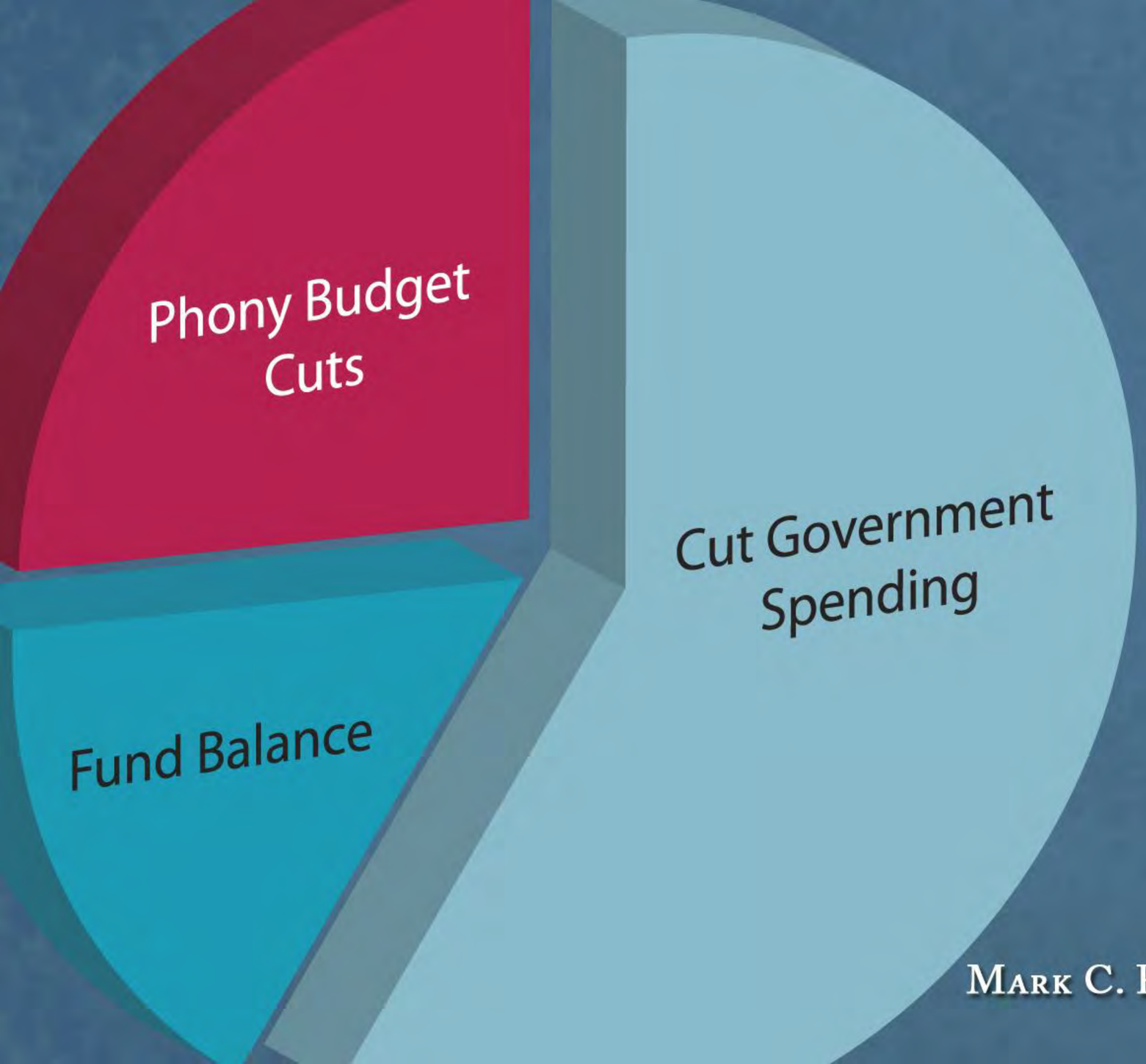

Instead, Legislators voted for

BUDGET GIMMICKS

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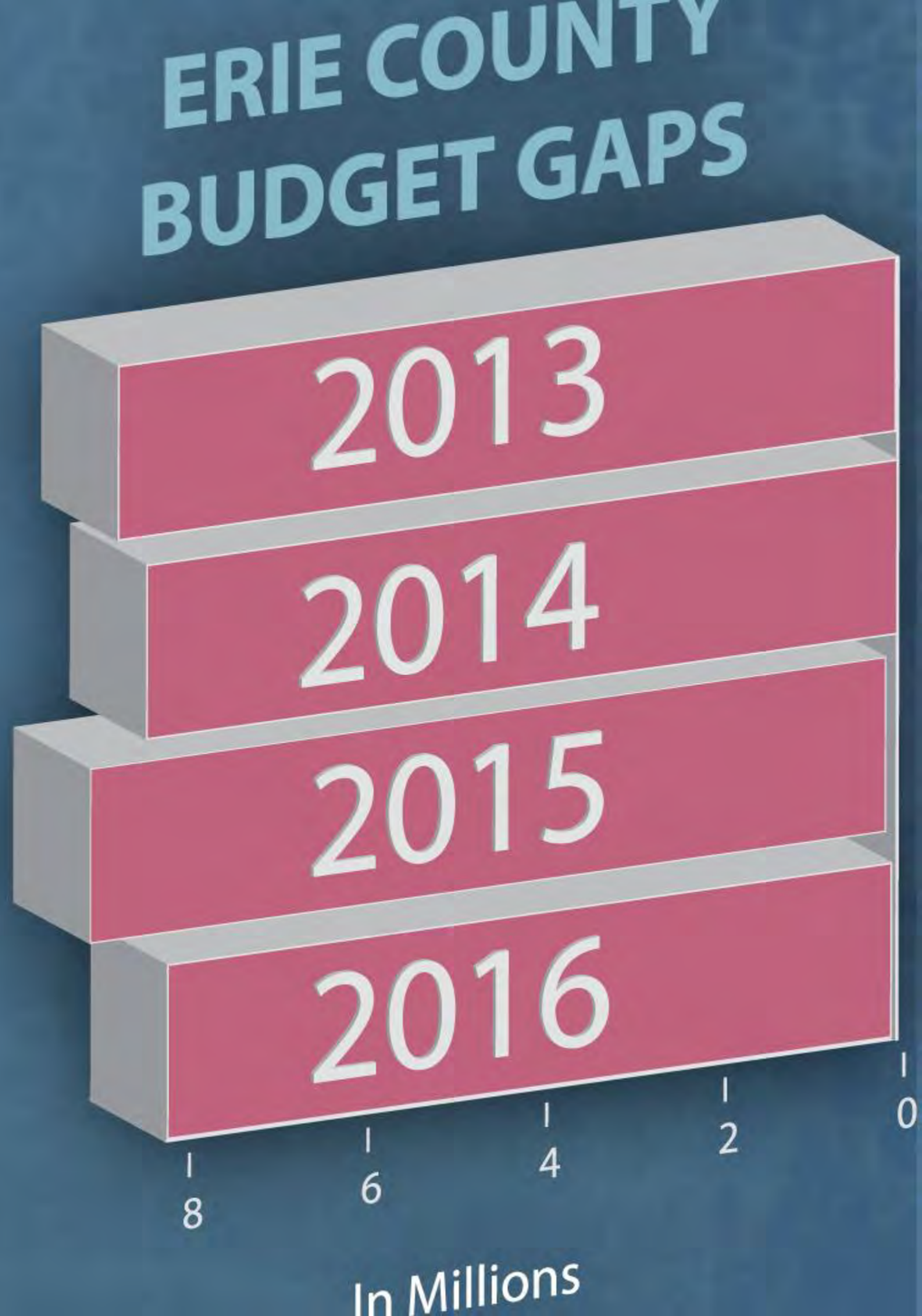
“‘We believe the $25 million gap is real and must be addressed sooner rather than later,’ said Brian J. Lipke, chairman of the [Erie County Fiscal Stability] Authority’s finance committee.”

Buffalo News
February 19, 2013



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THE BUFFALO NEWS

Control board tells county officials to work together on closing budget gaps

Cooperation by officials urged over $25 million

Date: February 19, 2013

"It will not prevent us from moving forward and building upon the foundation of our successes"

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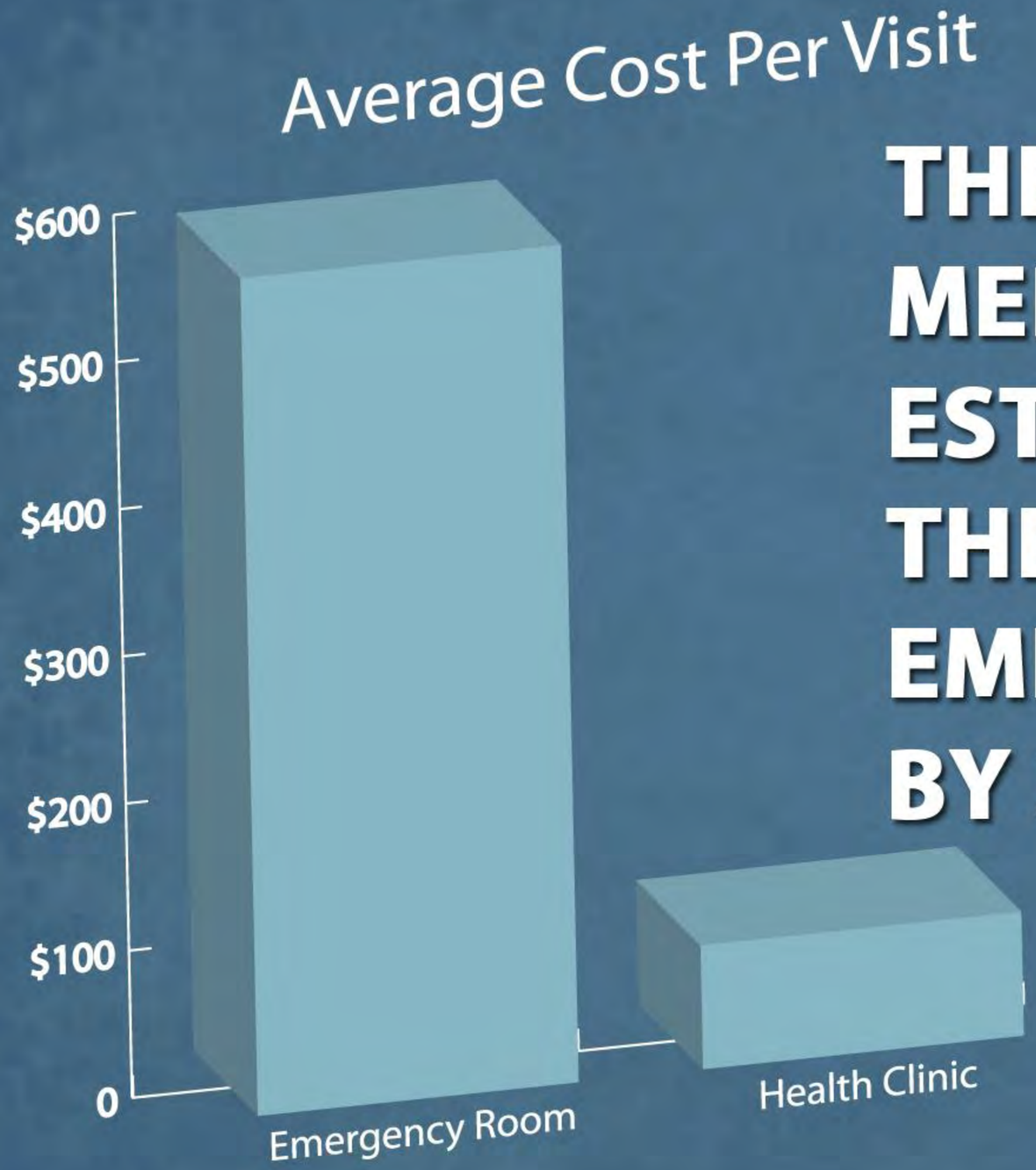
Poloncarz with Health Commissioner Gale Burstein on a fact-finding trip to Chemung County



THE ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL MALL IS ESTIMATED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS BY 3,500 ANNUALLY.

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL MALL

will provide needed care while saving taxpayer dollars

Catholic Health System
We believe.

University at Buffalo
The State University of New York
School of Dental Medicine

Lake Shore
Behavioral Health, Inc.

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VACANT HOUSING

Is a problem for every municipality in Erie County.

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Local governments have a new tool to protect our neighborhoods...

LAND BANK

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ECONOMIC GROWTH

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“We cannot continue to rely on our failed economic development plans and policies of the past.”

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INITIATIVES FOR A SMART ECONOMY

- Targeted public subsidies
- "Blue Economy"
- Smart Growth
- Infrastructure Investment

BUFFALO BUSINESS FIRST | WESTERN NEW YORK'S BUSINESS NEWSPAPER

Poloncarz takes tough stance on project incentives

Date: March 1, 2013

IDA REFORM

Let's get our money's worth

THE BUFFALO NEWS

Poloncarz questions IDA role

Date: September 26, 2012

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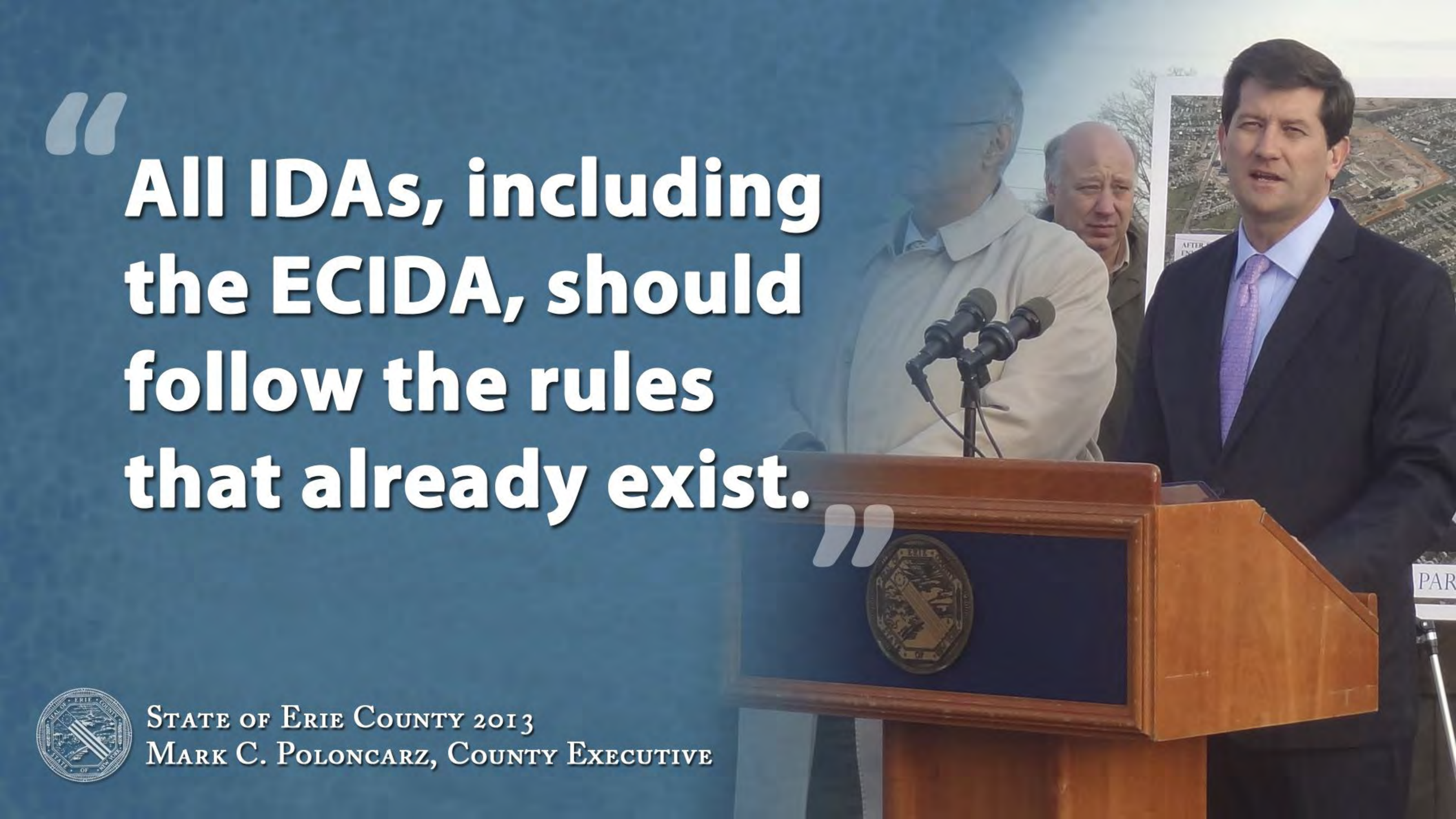
I'M NOT ANTI-BUSINESS.
I'M PRO-TAXPAYER.

... AND I AM PRO-REAL
ECONOMIC GROWTH


"All IDAs, including the ECIDA, should follow the rules that already exist."
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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Good-paying jobs for Erie County residents.
Hard-working employees for local companies.

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OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NORTH

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OutFront®

Canadian company Outfront Portable Solutions invested $2.55 million to expand their Buffalo operations

LACKAWANNA'S BETHLEHEM STEEL SITE SAT IDLE FOR GENERATIONS

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THAT'S CHANGING TODAY

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OVERCOMING POTENTIAL HURDLES

Erie County, Lackawanna and local economic development agencies worked overtime to bring Welded Tube to our community.

- Negotiated multi-party agreements
- Meeting incredibly tight construction deadlines
- Moving rail lines on property
- Resolving assessment and tax issues
- Addressing the lack of suitable infrastructure
- Securing public funding for the project

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A POSITIVE VISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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“We cannot let these and other challenges dictate our future.”

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WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS COMMUNITY EVERYTHING WE ALL BELIEVE IT CAN BE.

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