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## **Ossining Town Supervisor to be Featured on Tax Cap Panel *Borgia to Speak About Public Safety and the Tax Burden***

(September 27, 2011) Ossining Town Supervisor Catherine Borgia will be participating in a panel discussion on maximizing public safety and lightening the tax burden. The panel discussion will be part of The 2011 Fall Conference on Local Government, presented by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress and the SUNY New Paltz Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO). The conference will feature speeches, workshops, and panels that address the challenges faced by local governments under the new tax cap legislation.

Ossining's successful effort to merge the town's law enforcement services with the county's police force provides an example for other municipalities hoping to save money without jeopardizing public safety. When the police merger was finalized, County Executive Rob Astorino expressed his hope that it would provide "a model for the future." ([http://robastorino.com/pdf/3\\_9\\_2011.pdf](http://robastorino.com/pdf/3_9_2011.pdf))

"I am excited about this opportunity to share my insights and learn from my peers at other Hudson Valley municipalities" said Borgia. "In light of the property tax cap and the difficult economy, it is more important than ever to get creative and find smart ways to cut costs."

The conference will take place on Monday, October 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SUNY New Paltz Student Union. New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Former Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi, New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, and many local government officials will also speak at the conference. Those interested in attending can visit [www.pattern-for-progress.org](http://www.pattern-for-progress.org) for more information.

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