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## BREAKING BAD BY BREAKING PROMISES

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In 2011 Governor John Kasich and the State Legislature drastically cut the Local Government Fund payments to counties and communities by up to 50 percent, eliminated state property tax rollbacks on new levies and limited the availability of the Homestead Exemption for senior property owners.

The Local Government Fund began in the 1930s and was pledged to make up for state taking away local tax sources, the property tax rollbacks were promised when the state income tax was instituted in the 1970s and increased in the 1980s and the Homestead Exemption was made available to all senior property owners in 2007.

These cuts have shortchanged Hamilton County and our cities, villages and townships about \$176 million over the past six years. In many communities this has meant reductions in basic services such as police, fire and life squad protection and street maintenance or requests for increased local taxes.

The State's "\$8 billion deficit" at the end of 2010 was offered as an excuse for breaking these promises. That so called deficit was actually a paper deficit. It was based on projections by the various state departments in comparison to the revenue estimates prepared by the Office of Management and Budget at the end of the previous administration. It is no different from what local governments deal with every year. County departments ask for more than the budget commission certifies in estimated revenue.

The "\$8 billion deficit" was misleading because there was no more money spent than could be covered by current revenues. It was a projected budget. That is all. When you keep hearing how the state was saved from an "\$8 billion deficit" remember the constitution prohibits deficit spending. It was just a projected budget that was turned into a justification for waging financial war on local governments and taxpayers.

The major ways the State covered the “deficit” were:

1. Projecting substantially more revenue from the improving economy for the two prospective years.
2. Eliminating the “one-time” spending that was directly tied to the stimulus.
3. Moving dollars back and forth between General Fund and “All funds”.
4. Projecting the sale of certain assets. (Most of this didn’t happen because they couldn’t get the price they wanted and revenues recovered so quickly they didn’t need the money anymore)
5. Making major cuts to local governments equal to the amount needed to fund their reserve accounts. These cuts were inferred by some to be necessary and temporary. Neither of these inferences was true.

As nearly as I can determine, conspicuously absent were any significant funding cuts to state departments and agencies. Although the State’s General Revenue Fund has grown from approximately \$26.6 billion in 2011 to an estimated \$32 billion for 2018 there has been no effort to restore what was taken from Ohio’s county and local governments, property tax payers and senior citizens.

The following tables show the effect of these cuts on Hamilton County and every city, village and township in the County for each year since 2011. .

	LGF Actual	LGF Actual	LGF Actual	LGF Actual	Difference From 2011 v 2014
	2011 TOTAL	2012 Total	2013 Total	2014 Total	
<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>					
ANDERSON	701,769.94	460,359.10	352,513.11	347,672.20	(354,097.74)
COLERAIN	844,977.67	570,562.68	424,448.89	418,620.58	(426,357.09)
COLUMBIA	80,048.75	54,572.96	40,210.11	39,657.80	(40,390.95)
CROSBY	29,485.97	18,229.57	14,811.55	14,607.83	(14,878.14)
DELHI	466,483.23	327,704.04	234,323.96	231,106.16	(235,377.07)
GREEN	913,904.45	640,193.58	459,072.18	452,768.14	(461,136.31)
HARRISON	47,024.90	29,240.23	23,621.62	23,296.98	(23,727.92)
MIAMI	125,209.39	83,324.16	62,895.04	62,031.44	(63,177.95)
SPRINGFIELD	618,314.27	427,232.83	310,591.69	306,326.24	(311,988.03)
SYCAMORE	372,816.64	251,228.18	187,273.10	184,701.62	(188,115.02)
SYMMES	277,825.46	185,341.51	139,557.04	137,640.78	(140,184.68)
WHITEWATER	61,470.72	39,155.10	30,878.00	30,454.13	(31,016.59)
<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIPS</b>	<b>4,539,331.39</b>	<b>3,087,143.94</b>	<b>2,280,196.29</b>	<b>2,248,883.90</b>	<b>(2,290,447.49)</b>
<b>CITIES</b>					
BLUE ASH	541,128.85	397,967.16	271,819.95	268,087.15	(273,041.70)
CHEVIOT	157,441.44	109,186.07	79,085.76	77,999.98	(79,441.46)
CINCINNATI	21,533,062.31	14,735,401.03	11,171,423.19	10,922,828.06	(10,610,234.25)
DEER PARK	92,838.55	62,217.34	46,634.69	45,994.16	(46,844.39)
FOREST PARK	404,678.19	286,627.00	203,277.89	200,486.61	(204,191.58)
HARRISON	140,041.36	88,061.17	70,345.30	69,379.52	(70,661.84)
INDIAN HILL	296,741.78	179,689.34	149,059.19	147,012.31	(149,729.47)
LOVELAND	187,063.31	126,672.39	93,965.45	92,675.02	(94,388.29)
MADEIRA	161,299.99	106,725.58	81,024.29	79,911.49	(81,388.50)
MILFORD	1,067.52	351.20	536.46	529.17	(538.35)
MONTGOMERY	218,466.34	137,598.10	109,740.04	108,233.23	(110,233.11)
MT.HEALTHY	99,281.82	65,914.75	49,871.36	49,186.38	(50,095.44)
N.COLLEGE HILL	146,958.75	98,136.61	73,820.09	72,806.40	(74,152.35)
NORWOOD	509,031.74	381,171.87	255,696.83	252,185.35	(256,846.39)
READING	193,464.56	129,726.26	97,181.22	95,846.64	(97,617.92)
SHARONVILLE	263,969.14	170,127.68	132,597.00	130,776.22	(133,192.92)
SPRINGDALE	333,116.85	238,016.60	167,331.12	165,033.27	(168,083.58)
WYOMING	162,677.29	106,347.04	81,715.87	80,593.82	(82,083.47)
<b>TOTAL CITIES</b>	<b>25,442,329.79</b>	<b>17,419,937.19</b>	<b>13,135,125.70</b>	<b>12,859,564.78</b>	<b>(12,582,765.01)</b>
<b>VILLAGES</b>					
ADDYSTON	19,820.61	14,023.71	9,956.07	9,819.71	(10,000.90)
AMBERLEY	108,599.20	73,036.00	54,551.31	53,802.19	(54,797.01)
ARLINGTON HTS	22,038.73	15,441.27	11,070.27	10,918.32	(11,120.41)
CLEVES	39,658.77	26,292.03	19,921.60	19,647.75	(20,011.02)
ELMWOOD PL.	39,548.31	27,827.35	19,865.90	19,593.27	(19,955.04)
EVENDALE	102,453.12	65,366.89	51,464.31	50,757.71	(51,695.41)
FAIRFAX	43,630.72	29,281.70	21,916.79	21,615.71	(22,015.01)
GLENDALE	58,516.43	39,939.15	29,393.89	28,990.33	(29,526.10)
GOLF MANOR	66,159.20	47,016.88	33,233.14	32,776.52	(33,382.68)
GREENHILLS	75,386.65	52,581.41	37,868.37	37,348.17	(38,038.48)
LINCOLN HTS.	123,384.25	92,392.13	123,184.85	126,814.76	3,430.51
LOCKLAND	72,650.37	49,646.64	36,493.68	35,992.83	(36,657.54)
MARIEMONT	86,456.86	58,453.01	43,428.87	42,832.85	(43,624.01)
NEWTOWN	40,625.60	26,166.27	20,406.84	20,126.87	(20,498.73)
NORTH BEND	22,305.62	16,702.30	11,204.49	11,050.85	(11,254.77)
ST. BERNARD	191,004.95	143,027.52	95,945.73	94,628.29	(96,376.66)
SILVERTON	84,272.92	56,932.44	42,332.07	41,750.42	(42,522.50)
TERRACE PARK	59,150.88	37,440.52	29,712.60	29,304.48	(29,846.40)
WOODLAWN	71,612.19	46,501.80	35,972.12	35,478.39	(36,133.80)
<b>TOTAL VILLAGES</b>	<b>1,327,275.38</b>	<b>918,069.02</b>	<b>727,922.90</b>	<b>723,249.42</b>	<b>(604,025.96)</b>
<b>PARK DISTRICTS</b>					
HAMILTON COUNTY PARK	300,000.00	300,000.00	276,914.51	267,521.53	(32,478.47)
ANDERSON PARK	-	-	-	0	-
DELHI PARK	-	-	-	0	-
<b>TOTAL PARK DISTRICTS</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>276,914.51</b>	<b>267,521.53</b>	<b>(32,478.47)</b>
<b>COUNTY</b>					
HAMILTON COUNTY	21,533,062.31	14,735,401.03	11,171,423.19	10,922,828.06	(10,610,234.25)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>53,141,998.87</b>	<b>36,460,551.18</b>	<b>27,591,582.59</b>	<b>27,022,047.69</b>	<b>(26,119,951.18)</b>
Percent Change Previous Year		-31.39%	-24.32%	-2.06%	
Percent Change - 2011 Base		-31.39%	-48.08%	-49.15%	

	LGF Actual	LGF Actual	LGF Certified	LGF Certified	Difference From 2011 v 2018
	2015 TOTAL	2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 Total	
<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>					
ANDERSON	416,636.21	394,593.81	390,486.56	375,760.96	(326,008.98)
COLERAIN	491,116.52	470,378.32	470,171.36	452,440.85	(392,536.82)
COLUMBIA	51,527.83	47,994.22	44,541.39	42,862.03	(37,186.72)
CROSBY	23,028.99	20,065.46	16,406.78	15,788.27	(13,697.70)
DELHI	269,703.09	260,516.68	259,565.34	249,777.13	(216,706.10)
GREEN	525,390.71	507,217.50	508,524.35	489,347.35	(424,557.10)
HARRISON	32,701.89	29,544.71	26,166.33	25,179.62	(21,845.28)
MIAMI	79,452.55	73,379.49	69,670.28	67,042.97	(58,166.42)
SPRINGFIELD	359,616.50	346,363.67	344,048.86	331,074.64	(287,239.63)
SYCAMORE	219,942.76	209,788.28	207,446.43	199,623.77	(173,192.87)
SYMMES	167,132.45	157,690.62	154,590.65	148,760.70	(129,064.76)
WHITEWATER	41,708.48	37,850.48	34,204.87	32,914.45	(28,556.27)
TOTAL TOWNSHIPS	<u>2,677,957.98</u>	<u>2,555,383.24</u>	<u>2,525,823.20</u>	<u>2,430,572.74</u>	<u>(2,108,758.65)</u>
<b>CITIES</b>					
BLUE ASH	292,595.98	290,122.19	301,100.45	289,745.81	(251,383.04)
CHEVIOT	85,715.71	84,411.24	87,605.20	84,301.47	(73,139.97)
CINCINNATI	11,945,973.79	11,670,955.55	12,323,978.21	11,877,838.51	(9,655,223.80)
DEER PARK	51,037.52	49,774.71	51,658.43	49,710.39	(43,128.16)
FOREST PARK	220,106.48	216,965.23	225,175.29	216,683.80	(187,994.39)
HARRISON	78,921.88	75,081.93	77,923.12	74,984.74	(65,056.62)
INDIAN HILL	166,643.30	159,095.81	165,116.20	158,889.81	(137,851.97)
LOVELAND	102,490.42	100,292.79	104,087.80	100,162.77	(86,900.54)
MADEIRA	89,180.75	86,479.82	89,752.07	86,367.62	(74,932.37)
MILFORD	661.92	572.26	594.55	571.58	(495.94)
MONTGOMERY	122,154.92	117,129.15	121,561.15	116,977.23	(101,489.11)
MT.HEALTHY	54,456.32	53,229.39	55,243.33	53,159.97	(46,121.85)
N.COLLEGE HILL	80,587.87	78,791.00	81,772.32	78,688.89	(68,269.86)
NORWOOD	273,357.19	272,913.31	283,240.82	272,559.82	(236,471.92)
READING	106,162.44	103,724.71	107,649.62	103,590.12	(89,874.44)
SHARONVILLE	146,563.79	141,525.05	146,880.71	141,341.82	(122,627.32)
SPRINGDALE	180,221.71	178,597.89	185,356.24	178,366.34	(154,750.51)
WYOMING	90,113.22	87,217.92	90,518.61	87,105.38	(75,571.91)
TOTAL CITIES	<u>14,086,945.21</u>	<u>13,766,879.95</u>	<u>14,499,214.12</u>	<u>13,971,046.07</u>	<u>(11,471,283.72)</u>
<b>VILLAGES</b>					
ADDYSTON	14,308.91	17,774.95	11,029.43	10,612.83	(9,207.78)
AMBERLEY	59,815.10	58,224.38	60,427.80	58,149.11	(50,450.09)
ARLINGTON HTS	14,534.45	16,984.08	12,263.05	11,800.45	(10,238.28)
CLEVES	22,140.73	21,262.84	22,067.11	21,235.20	(18,423.57)
ELMWOOD PL.	21,359.16	21,203.48	22,006.12	21,175.92	(18,372.39)
EVENDALE	56,927.50	54,929.20	57,008.30	54,858.30	(47,594.82)
FAIRFAX	23,974.64	23,392.36	24,277.72	23,362.21	(20,268.51)
GLENDALE	32,077.18	31,373.12	32,560.24	31,332.55	(27,183.88)
GOLF MANOR	35,774.95	35,470.55	36,812.77	35,424.63	(30,734.57)
GREENHILLS	40,972.21	40,417.86	41,947.23	40,365.61	(35,021.04)
LINCOLN HTS.	128,490.34	123,511.33	123,993.21	123,993.36	609.11
LOCKLAND	39,648.89	38,950.68	40,425.69	38,900.68	(33,749.69)
MARIEMONT	47,619.27	46,353.37	48,107.06	46,293.09	(40,163.77)
NEWTOWN	22,750.76	21,781.05	22,605.06	21,752.79	(18,872.81)
NORTH BEND	15,891.27	19,556.06	12,411.41	11,943.34	(10,362.28)
ST. BERNARD	101,570.79	102,405.87	106,280.83	102,272.85	(88,732.10)
SILVERTON	46,154.67	45,182.37	46,892.13	45,122.94	(39,149.98)
TERRACE PARK	33,012.23	31,713.28	32,913.56	31,672.33	(27,478.55)
WOODLAWN	39,926.15	38,394.32	39,847.07	38,344.45	(33,267.74)
TOTAL VILLAGES	<u>796,949.20</u>	<u>788,881.15</u>	<u>793,875.79</u>	<u>768,612.64</u>	<u>(558,662.74)</u>
<b>PARK DISTRICTS</b>					
HAMILTON COUNTY PARK	296,115.00	289,296.78	300,000.00	294,424.95	(5,575.05)
ANDERSON PARK	-	-	-	0	-
DELHI PARK	-	-	-	0	-
TOTAL PARK DISTRICTS	<u>296,115.00</u>	<u>289,296.78</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>	<u>294,424.95</u>	<u>(5,575.05)</u>
<b>COUNTY</b>					
HAMILTON COUNTY	11,945,973.79	11,670,955.55	12,323,978.21	11,877,838.51	(9,655,223.80)
GRAND TOTAL	<u>29,803,941.18</u>	<u>29,071,396.67</u>	<u>30,442,891.32</u>	<u>29,342,494.91</u>	<u>(23,799,503.96)</u>
<b>Percent Change Previous Year</b>					
Year	10.29%	-2.46%	4.72%	-3.61%	
<b>Percent Change - 2011 Base</b>					
Base	-43.92%	-45.29%	-42.71%	-44.78%	