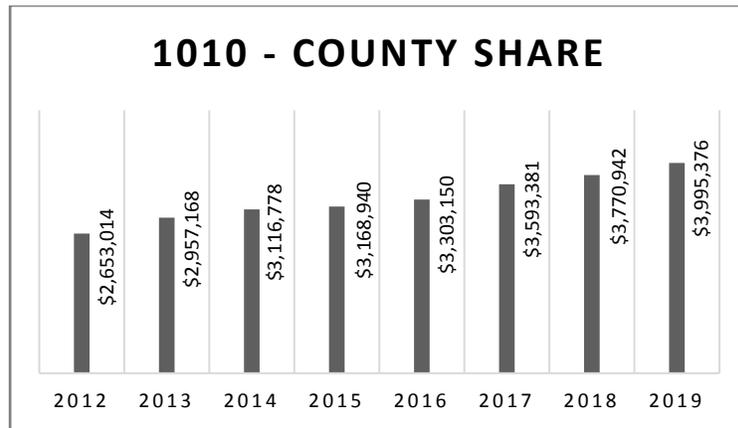


# LEGISLATURE 1010



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Albany County Legislature serves as the County's legislative, appropriating, and policy-determining body.

## WHO WE SERVE

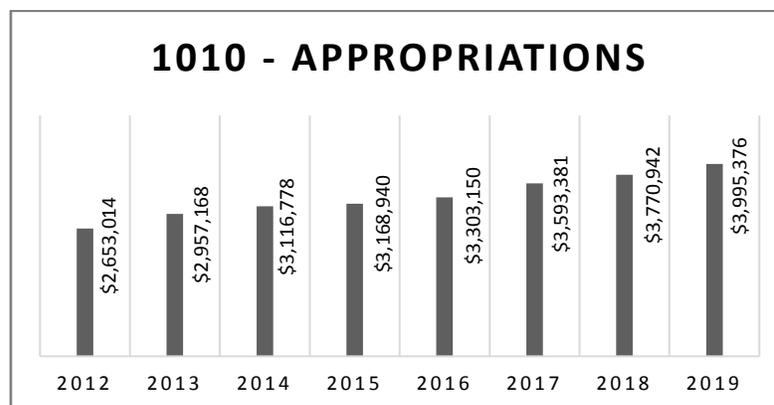
The residents of Albany County.

## ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Albany County Legislature is established by Article 2 of the Albany County Charter. Adopting and enacting the resolutions and local laws necessary for the operation of County government is the primary responsibility of the Legislature. Adoption of a fiscally sound County budget and determination of salaries for all officers and employees are included in the many responsibilities of the Legislature.

The Legislature, a unicameral body, is composed of 39 County legislators elected to four-year terms from single-member districts. Each district is apportioned by population and each legislator represents approximately 7,550 County residents. The County Legislature meets on the second Monday of each month in the Legislative Chambers of the Albany County Courthouse. Its eleven standing committees and additional special committees also meet on a monthly basis, or as necessary.

The Legislature's presiding officer, the Chair, is elected by the body at its organizational meeting. Majority and minority leaders are elected by their respective party caucuses. The County Legislature appoints a Clerk of the Legislature and other officers pursuant to the County Charter and Sections 400(4)(a) and 475 of the County Law. The Clerk and a majority and minority staff provide support services to legislators. The Clerk is the legal custodian of all acts and proceedings of the Legislature, including records, vouchers and other papers required or authorized by law to be deposited in the Clerk's Office.



## SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2019 Executive budget for the Albany County Legislature reflects creation of the Legislative Black Caucus and a reorganization of staffing in the Office of the Chair, Office of the Legislative Majority and Legislative Black Caucus that took place in 2018 and is proposed to continue in 2019.