

# Outcome Budgeting in Baltimore

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# THE PRICE OF GOVERNMENT

Getting the Results We  
Need In An Age of  
Permanent Fiscal Crisis

DAVID OSBORNE & PETER HUTCHINSON

A Common Sense Approach To:

- Squeezing more value out of every tax dollar
- Building budgets from the ground up, based on results
- Making public organizations accountable for results
- Using competition to boost innovation and save money
- Putting government's customers in the driver's seat

# Outcome Budgeting

OLD WAY		NEW WAY
<i>Starting Point:</i> Last year's spending	→	<i>Starting Point:</i> Next year's goals
<i>Funding Targets:</i> By agency	→	<i>Funding Targets:</i> By Priority Outcome
<i>Agency Submission:</i> How allocation will be spent	→	<i>Agency Submission:</i> Proposal to achieve results
<i>Debate:</i> What to cut	→	<i>Debate:</i> What to keep



# Mayor Rawlings-Blake's Vision



## Grow Baltimore by 10,000 families over the next 10 years



### BETTER SCHOOLS



“ To get Baltimore growing again, we need to step-up our game and work together to improve our schools. ”

- Build and renovate schools
- Increase student attendance
- Decrease the dropout rate
- Increase kindergarten readiness
- Boost 3rd grade reading proficiency
- Increase college & career readiness

### SAFER STREETS



“ It's time to believe in a safer city and to work even harder because we know the progress is real. ”

- Reduce violent crime
- Reduce property crime
- Improve fire response time
- Improve EMS response time
- Increase perception of safety

### STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS



“ Block by block, we're bringing neighborhoods back to get Baltimore growing again. ”

- Reduce the property tax
- Reduce blight & vacant properties
- Increase neighborhood property investment
- Improve street quality
- Expand neighborhood amenity use
- Increase citizen engagement

### GROWING ECONOMY



“ Baltimore is blessed to be home to many assets that serve as engines of economic activity. We will work in close partnership, supporting these engines of growth. ”

- Increase total residents with jobs
- Increase the number of businesses
- Increase tourism
- Increase retail activity
- Improve cultural offering satisfaction

### INNOVATIVE GOVERNMENT



“ We will work to make government more efficient and take Baltimore to the next level. ”

- Improve City employee workforce skills
- Improve customer satisfaction
- Reduce energy costs
- Reduce space utilization costs
- Increase City service accessibility
- Promote transparency

### CLEANER & HEALTHIER CITY



“ Baltimore's families have a right to clean streets, parks, air and water. We must work together to improve our City's public health outcomes. ”

- Improve City Cleanliness
- Decrease drug & alcohol abuse
- Reduce infant mortality
- Reduce heart disease
- Increase recycling
- Improve water and air quality

# ***A CLEANER AND HEALTHIER CITY***

- ✓ Decrease the number of alcohol and drug-related emergency visits
- ✓ Decrease preventable emergency visits for heart disease-related conditions
- ✓ Increase citizen satisfaction with the City's cleanliness
- ✓ Increase the amount of waste material re-used or recycled
- ✓ Improve air quality

# SERVICE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

## Service 798 – YouthWorks Summer Jobs Program

<u>Type</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>FY11 Target</u>	<u>FY11 Actual</u>	<u>FY12 Target</u>	<u>FY13 Target</u>
Output	# of youths participating in Youth Works program	5,000	5,000	4,500	5,000
Efficiency	Average cost per participant	\$1,400	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Effectiveness	% of responses rated as “very good” or “outstanding” on employer surveys submitted by worksite supervisors	85%	86%	85%	85%
Outcome	% of youth who increase their work readiness skills measured by Skills for Success Assessment tool	85%	73%	85%	80%

## Service 683 – Street Management

<u>Type</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>FY11 Target</u>	<u>FY11 Actual</u>	<u>FY12 Target</u>	<u>FY13 Target</u>
Output	Lane Miles Resurfaced or Reconstructed (internal + contractor forces)	200	175	235	200
Efficiency	% of potholes repaired within 48 hours of reporting	100%	90%	100%	90%
Efficiency	Resurfacing cost per lane mile	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,800	\$120,000
Effectiveness	% of streets meeting acceptable pavement condition standard	59%	58%	58%	59%
Outcome	% of citizens rating street and sidewalk maintenance as good or excellen	29%	29%	29%	29%

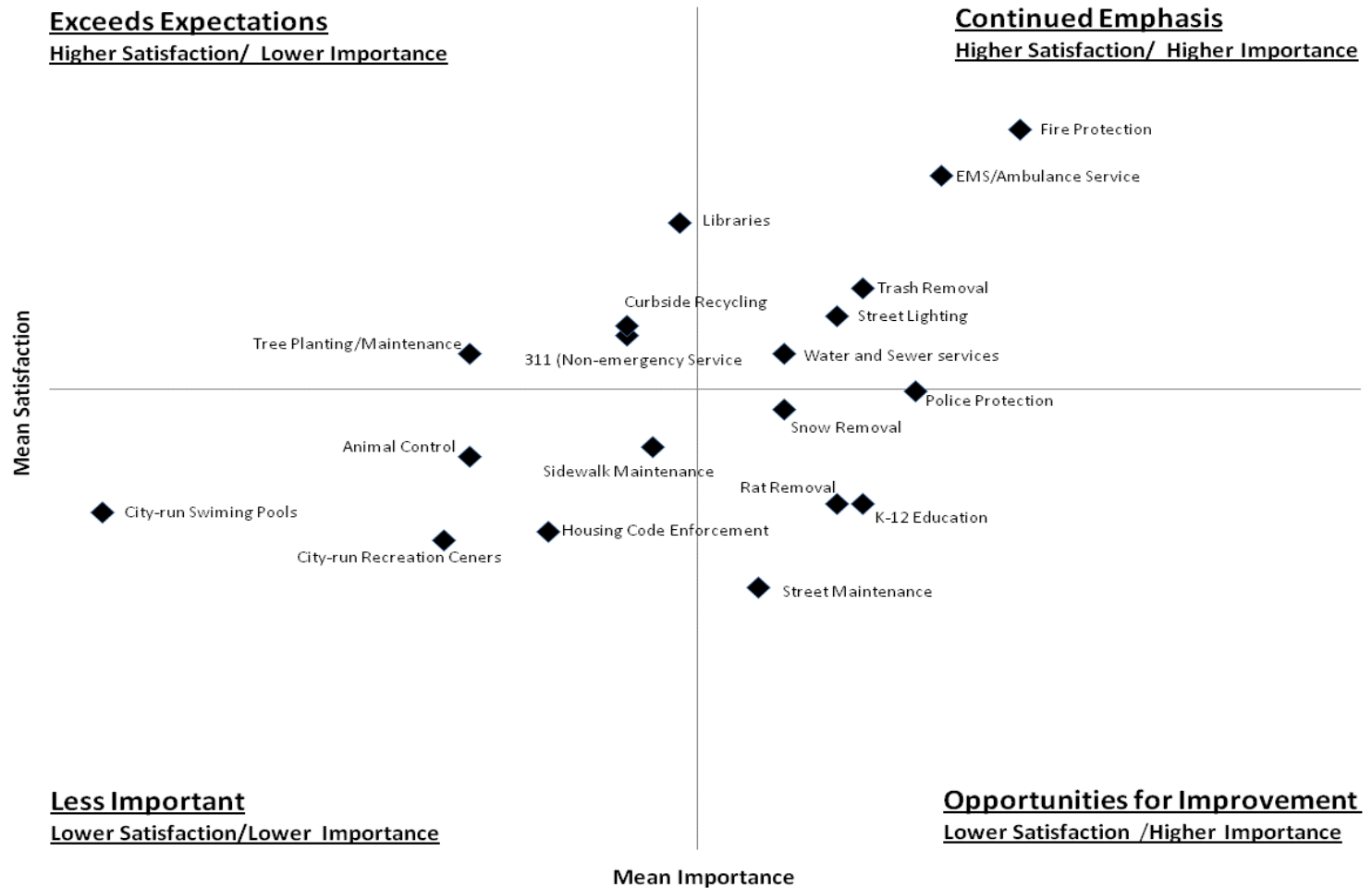
## Service 749 – Blight Elimination

<u>Type</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>FY11 Target</u>	<u>FY11 Actual</u>	<u>FY12 Target</u>	<u>FY13 Target</u>
Output	Number of properties advertised for sale	1,500	655	2,000	3,000
Efficiency	Number of dispositions per Real Estate Agent	25	19	31	33
Effectiveness	% of disposition completed within 120 days	80%	10%	90%	90%
Outcome	Number of properties sold	200	135	250	250
Outcome	# of HCD controlled city owned vacant buildings in transitional neighborhoods	295	168	250	150

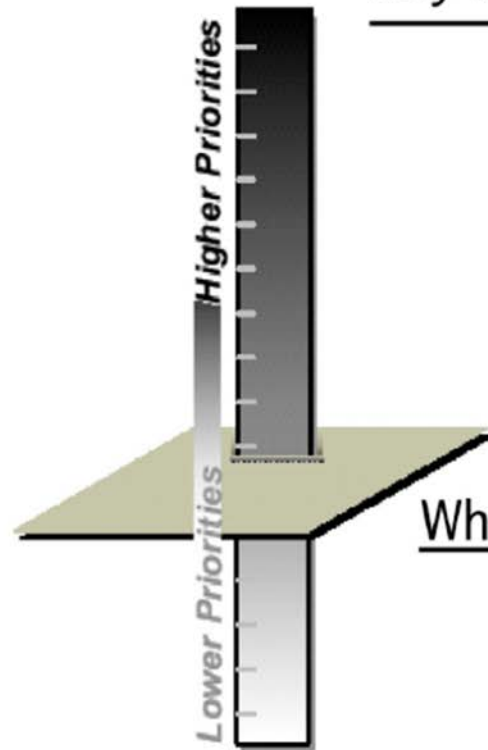


# IMPORTANCE-SATISFACTION MATRIX

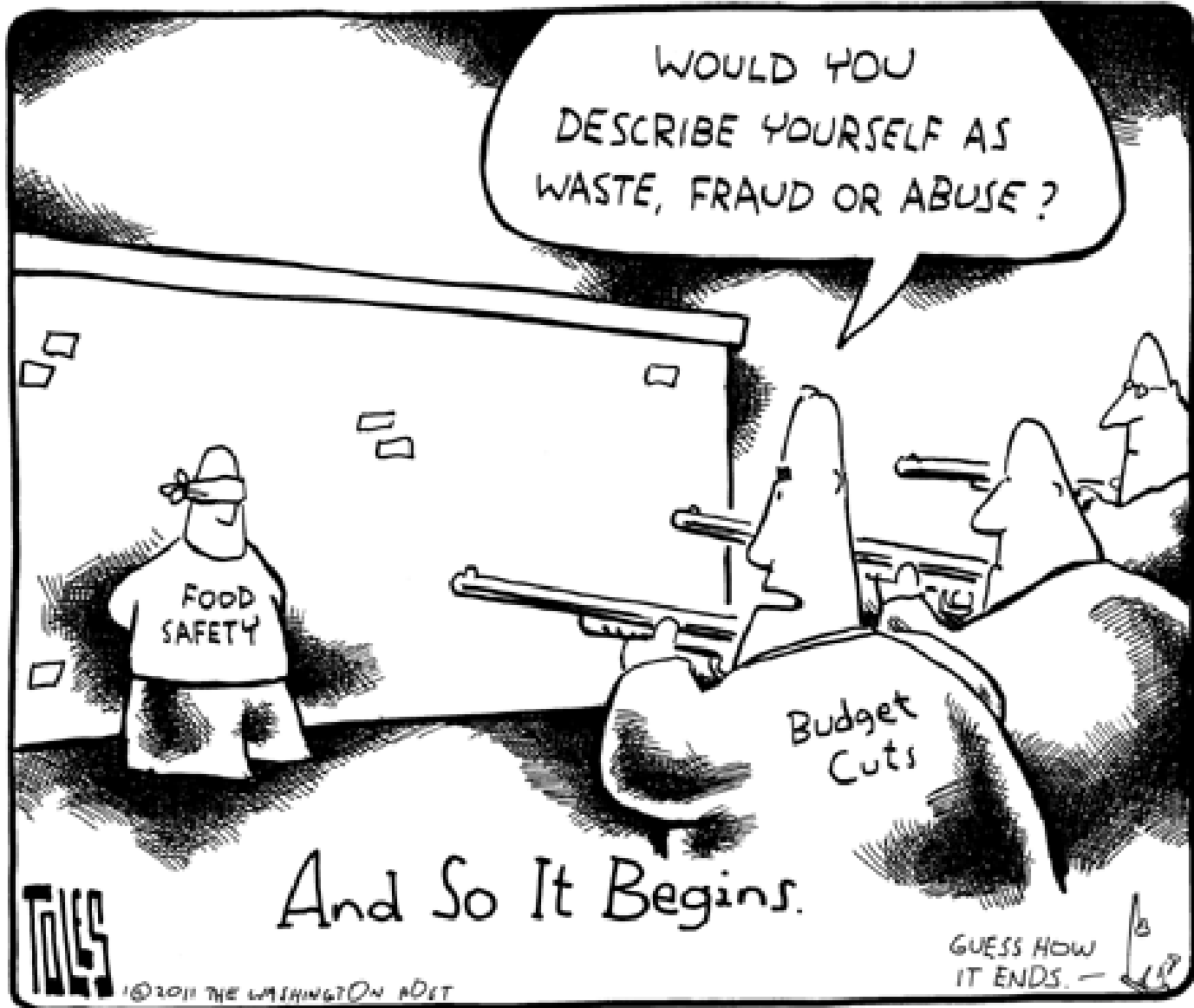
2012 Baltimore City Services  
Importance-Satisfaction Matrix



Key Purchases



What's Not Purchased



# ***RESULTS FROM OUTCOME BUDGETING***

- Services that demonstrate effectiveness have been protected from reductions or increased.
- Services that do not demonstrate value have been reduced or eliminated.
- New efficiencies have been identified.
- Services have become more targeted, entrepreneurial and self-sufficient.

# ***ISSUES***

- Budget constraints
- Transparency
- Another paperwork exercise?
- Competition
- Innovation
- Strategic management

# ***INNOVATION FUND***

- Web-based Environmental Health Quality Management System
- ePlans Review System
- Baltimore City Fiber Optic Ring

# LEAN GOVERNMENT

- “Straightening the pipes”
- Innovation Lab
- One-Stop Career Center



# **GOOD GOVERNMENT BOOK CLUB**

- *Extreme Government Makeover* by Ken Miller
- *If We Can Put A Man On the Moon... Getting Big Things Done In Government* by William Eggers and John O'Leary
- *Triumph of the City* by Edward Glaeser
- *Many Unhappy Returns: One Man's Quest To Turn Around The Most Unpopular Organization in America* by Charles O. Rossotti
- *Trying Hard Is Not Good Enough: How to produce Measurable Improvements for Customers and Communities* by Mark Friedman





# TURNING CURVES

## Population Turn the Curve Exercise

### 5 min: Starting Points

- Timekeeper and reporter
- Geographic area
- Two hats (yours plus partner's)

### 10 min: Baseline

- Choose an indicator.
- Create a baseline with history and forecast.
- Forecast - OK or not OK?

### 15 min: Story behind the baseline

- Causes and forces at work →
- Information & research agenda - causes

Causes & partners  
point to action.

### 20 min: What works? (What would it take?)

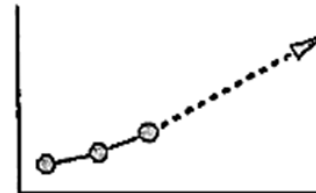
- What could work to do better?
- Each partner's contribution →
- No-cost / low-cost ideas
- Information & research agenda - solutions

10 min: Report Convert notes to one-page report.

## Population Turn the Curve Report

Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicator  
baseline



Story behind the baseline

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (List as many as needed)

Partners

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (List as many as needed)

Three best ideas - what works

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ No-cost / low-cost
- \_\_\_\_\_ Off the wall

**Sharp  
edges**

# ***THE BOTTOM LINE IS VALUE***

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- Improve value by getting more results for the same dollars
- Improve value by getting the same results for fewer dollars

OR, BEST . . .

- Improve value by getting more results for fewer dollars

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