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## **Re-envision Public Safety Task Force Members Announced**

KINGSTON, NY – Mayor Steven T. Noble, along with Lester Strong and the Peaceful Guardians Project, are pleased to announce the selection of the Re-envision Public Safety Task Force members.

The Re-envision Public Safety Task Force will be made up of ten City of Kingston residents, the Chief of Police Egidio Tinti, Common Council liaison Alderman Tony Davis, and Minya DeJohnette as the Police Commission liaison. The residents who have been selected to serve on the task force are:

Beetle Bailey  
Jimmy Buff  
Andrea Callan  
Raquel Derrick  
Daniel Gruner  
Donald Mapes, Jr.  
David McNamara  
Naimah Muhammad  
Manuel Blas Sanche  
Amy Shapiro

The Re-envision Public Safety Task Force will have meetings twice a month from September to March, which includes two public forums where the community can offer input and feedback. The public forums will be held on October 28 and December 16, 2020 from 6:00-8:00pm, with location details to be announced at a later date.

“I want to first thank everyone who volunteered for the task force,” said Mayor Noble. “I look forward to working with the individuals who were selected, each of which brings unique perspective and expertise to the table. We had a strong response and recognize that this is an issue that many in our community are passionate about. This is a defining moment for the City, and will make sure there is ample opportunity for the greater public’s input as well.”

“We have assembled a great group of volunteers who are committed to tackling a complex issue with thoughtful dialogue,” said Lester Strong, Executive Director of Peaceful Guardians Project. “We are all eager to get started and begin these conversations that will have lasting impact on our community.”

"The Special Policing Committee and Common Council look forward to supporting the Task Force in their endeavor to re-imagine and re-envision public safety in our communities by continuing to explore innovative ways to obtain a more fair and equitable society," said Alderwoman Rita Worthington, Ward 4.

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The Re-Envision Public Safety Task Force will address law enforcement-community relations, use-of-force policies, procedural justice, systemic racial bias, and practices that may contribute to racial disparity in the community, among other issues. The task force will review current police force policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan for any necessary improvements, with a focus on the needs of the community and fostering trust. The Re-envision Public Safety Task Force will work to provide a comprehensive plan, which must be ratified by April 1, 2021.