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## **City of Olean Looking for Community Members to Serve on Committees**

**August 6, 2020—Olean**—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, asks residents who are interested in serving on the new committees that are being formed in the City to please send their resumes or letter of interest to him at his office in the Olean Municipal Building. Residents may also express interest to their Alderman.

“We are in the process of starting two new committees, one is mandated by Governor Cuomo in Executive Order Number 203 and the other is taskforce created by the Common Council in Resolution #45-20,” Mayor Aiello said.

The committee mandated by the governor will be called the Police Oversight Committee. The committee will review the policies of the Olean Police Department and offer suggestions to modify, modernize and innovate the City’s policing deployments, strategies, policies and procedures, and tailor them to the specific needs of Olean. The Committee’s mission will be to promote an improved police department and develop community relationships based on trust, fairness, accountability and transparency as well as reduce any racial disparities in policing. This committee will design a plan and before it is implemented, it will be offered to the residents for public comment and then be presented to the Common Council for ratification. This plan will be sent to the Governor’s Office no later than April 1, 2021

The second committee or taskforce that the Common Council established in Resolution #45-20 will pursue diversity, inclusion and equity among community members. The Taskforce’s structure and mission are under discussion and will be finalized in the near future.

“Both of these committees will be designed in a positive manner. I am a firm believer that Olean is a great place to live and the goal of these committees is confirm and/or adjust City policies to reflect that all residents are treated fairly and equitably,” Mayor Aiello said. “I ask any resident who is interested in serving on one these communities to send me their resume and/or letter of interest by August 15, 2020. Resume and letters of interest may also be sent to your Alderman.”

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