



**COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD**

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**COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD IS CALLING  
FOR MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

*The Albany Community Police Review Board (CPRB) is Looking for Motivated Community Members Ready to Serve to Build a Stronger, United Albany.*

Today, the Community Police Review Board announces that the Common Council and Mayor are accepting new member applications. They are seeking individuals who are passionate about making a positive impact in their communities.

Board Member Malik Dare said:

*It is no secret that the CPRB has faced its fair share of adversity in recent months. Mending the strained relationship between the Albany Police Department, community, Common Council, and Mayor comes with many challenges. Progress is not linear. Fortunately, as a member of this Board I want nothing more than to be a part of the solution, and I am ready and able to do so. I am looking for Board members to help the CPRB regain the community's trust, and repair the relationship with the Police Department that is here to protect and serve our community. I and the board are ready to work with the Common Council and Mayor to ensure the CPRB provides quality service to the community.*

Board Member Victor Person said:

*I am ready to move forward and get back to timely public review of complaints. I am committed to this work, and am looking forward to working with the current and future CPRB members and staff, community, the Common Council and staff, the Mayor, and Police Department.*

Board Member Warren Hamilton said:

*Progress begins with trust, and one crucial foundation of building and maintaining trust is clear and honest communication. We all need to speak to each other not past each other.*

*I resigned from this same board several years ago over similar challenges the board has recently faced. I came back to the board because I love Albany, and I love justice. I am ready to get to work providing the oversight of the police department that the community expects.*

*“True peace is not merely the absence of tension, but the presence of justice,” the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.*

Program Director Garrett Schaaf said:

*I came to Albany to assist in building the professional, effective, efficient and community-driven police oversight program that both the City and community envisioned. While recent challenges have been setbacks, I am ready to get to work – collaborating professionally and responsibly to assist with the development of the oversight system the community and City demanded. This community and City deserve to finally realize the police oversight system they voted for.*

The CPRB's mission is to improve communication and relationships between the Albany Police Department (APD) and community while working toward long-term, sustainable outcomes. The CPRB is responsible for regularly reviewing and investigating complaints of alleged misconduct committed by members of the APD.

The work of this Board holds immense significance for the community. The CPRB works to increase police accountability and credibility with the public, in addition to managing a complaint review process that is free from bias and well-informed of current policing practices.

The CPRB was established as an independent police oversight agency and is currently overseen by the Common Council.

Three members of the Board recently resigned to pursue new opportunities that will allow them to continue to benefit their communities.

Today, the Board is led by a team of community members who have extensive knowledge in different professions including state and local government, civic engagement, and behavioral health services. We are confident this group of Albany natives is eager to continue their work to achieve a stronger, safer, and more unified Albany.

Albany residents who would like to learn more about the open positions on the board and their impact on the community, please click here: <http://www.albanyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12112/Call-for-Applications-for-the-Community-Police-Review-Board>

Albany residents who are interested in learning more about the work of CPRB may visit this link: <http://www.albanyny.gov/865/Community-Police-Review-Board> or reach out to any of the board members:

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