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**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
THE CITY OF ALBANY VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE**

ALBANY, NY – In accordance with Equity Agenda ([Chapter 183 of the Code of the City of Albany](#)) the Albany Common Council's Public Safety Committee establishes a Violence Prevention Task Force. The Violence Prevention Task Force is responsible for convening stakeholders every fall to develop action items in preparation for the upcoming summer in anticipation of an uptick in violence. This Task Force is composed of members of the Albany Common Council's Public Safety Committee, community members from wards disproportionately impacted by violence, at least one youth representative, representatives from the Albany Police Department, the Mayor's office, the Albany City School District, clergy, and members from violence prevention-related organizations.

The City of Albany Violence Prevention Task Force Members include:

- Hon. Sonia Frederick, Albany Common Council
- Hon. Kelly Kimbrough, Albany Common Council
- Vincent Thompson, Director of Safe School & Violence Prevention, Albany City School District
- Orville M. Abrahams, Deputy Commissioner, Workforce Development - New York State
- Robin Golston Chappelle, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts
- Jonathan B. Green, Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technician, City of Albany Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Donnell Joseph, Author of Under Walnut Tree: A Memoir
- Joseph Manchini, Facility Director, Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility Department of Labor
- John E. Pratt, Senior Investigator, NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
- Barry D. Walston, MSW, New York State Department of Health HIV/AIDS Institute
- Joyce Clark Williams, Program Director, Trinity Homer Perkins Center
- Brian Shea, Chief of Operations, Mayor's Office
- Joseph McDade, NEU Lieutenant, Albany Police Department

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