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### **Homelessness Taskforce Named**

**October 8, 2024—Olean**—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, is pleased to announce the formation of a Homelessness Taskforce. The following organizations have been asked to send a representative to the initial taskforce meeting scheduled for October 16, 2024: Casa-Trinity, Cattaraugus County Department of Community Services, Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services, City of Olean Code Enforcement, City of Olean Common Council, City of Olean Fire Department, City of Olean Police Department, Connecting Communities in Action, Genesis House, Greater Olean Area Churches, Olean City School District, Olean General Hospital, St. Bonaventure University and SUNY JCC--Cattaraugus Campus.

The Common Council via Resolution #82-24 established the Homelessness Task Force in order to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Olean and surrounding communities, and to prepare for and maintain flexibility to take proactive, preventative, and mitigative measures to minimize the adverse impact that homelessness within the City may cause.

“Homelessness is a complex issue that a community needs to contend with in a professional and compassionate manner. I am looking forward to meeting with this group of professionals and believe our collaboration will lead us to a series of strategies and solutions that will benefit both those who struggle with homelessness and the community at large,” Mayor Aiello said.

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