

TAKOMA PARK  
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY  
TASK FORCE



## Charge to the Task Force

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force is to develop recommendations that make Takoma Park a safer, more livable community for all residents, with an emphasis on addressing racial inequalities that exist in government and services evolving around public safety. This Task Force is our opportunity to bring new voices into the process as we take stock of what is working, what is not, and as we explore best practices in public safety.



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## MARCH

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● **Process/Administrative**

● **Task Force Meetings**

● **Subcommittee Meetings**

● **Community Meetings**

## APRIL

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# Timeline

## **NOTE: Task Force and Subcommittee Meetings Extended to 2 Hours**

### **Week of:**

- 6.15: Task Force: Subject Matter Experts; City Officials; Review Topics and Themes > Recommendations Synthesized
- 6.22: Subcommittees: Review Draft Recommendations > Incorporate Feedback
- 6.28: Public Comment Meeting to Provide Feedback on Final Draft
- 6.29: Task Force and Subcommittees: Incorporate Feedback > Finalize Report
- 7.6: Present Final Report to City Council



# Public Comment Form

- **Public Comment Form**
  - Available at <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/reimagining-public-safety/>





# Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety

City of Takoma Park, MD

## Community Listening Session

The City's Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety will host a community listening session on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm for our residents to give feedback to Task Force members on draft recommendations on issues related to Public Safety.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jessica Clarke, Deputy City Manager (JessicaC@takomaparkmd.gov).

**To register for this event, visit [bit.ly/takomarps3](https://bit.ly/takomarps3) (case sensitive)**

## Subject Matter Experts

- Christy E. Lopez, Georgetown Law Professor from Practice; previously Deputy Chief in DOJ Civil Rights Division
- Fernando Morena, School Counselor, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Dr. Judith L. Bounty, Clinical Social Worker, Private Practice
- Robert Weinstock, Director, Public and Media Relations · Gallaudet University
- Dr. Patrick Boudreault, Manager, Knowledge Translation Center, Gallaudet University



## Research and Information

There are a variety of key topics and themes that have emerged during the Task Force and subcommittee meetings. Background resources provided to the Task Force to formulate these themes include:

- City of Takoma Park structure and governance documents
- Reports of Task Forces on Reimagining Public Safety from other jurisdictions
- Subject matter experts from city government, the police department, advocacy organizations, resident groups, and the business community
- Reports from stakeholder interviews, resident and police department focus groups, community listening sessions, and public comment
- Summaries of the work done during the Task Force meetings from March to the present





## Community Quality of Life

- Community Safety Team
- Public Safety Task Force
- Neighborhood Services Division
- After-school programs
- Job training programs
- Housing and Community Development staffing
- Civic group for people/organizations serving the community
- Community resource coordinator to help coordinate all community activities, groups, and neighborhoods.
- Resource guide of mental health resources and community partners serving the Takoma Park community
- Takoma Park Tenants Association
- Annual review and publication of apartments with code violations in last 5 years posted to the Takoma Park city website.
- Takoma Park Public Safety Task force reviews apartment inspection guidelines



## Alternative Methods and Responses

- Training
  - Cross-jurisdictional use of force training and coordination protocols for incidents
  - Community-oriented policing services (COPS)
  - School discipline of students of color
- Dispatch/Multiple Agency Coordination
  - Emergency Call Center/311 operator resources response
  - Situations where police are police are responders vs. social service-shift
- Data Transparency
  - Make Police Arrest/Stop and Dispatch data publicly available at regular intervals



## Community Engagement and Transparency

- Citizen oversight
- Public reports
- Body cameras
- Traffic stops
- Community-police communication
- Chief's Advisory Board
- Public feedback process
- Communications channels
- City communications
- Sensitivity training
- City agency public statement/press release language
- City agencies website structure and content



# Discussion

- Alignment of topics and themes with the Task Force Charge and Goals
- Process from Subcommittee reports to a full Task Force Report
- Report format

