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**REIMAGINING POLICE COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY**

EASTHAMPTON, MA – On June 3, 2020, in response to a national call to examine local police practices, Mayor Nicole LaChapelle signed the “Reimagining Policing Pledge.” Committing to review use of force policies, engage local communities, solicit and report feedback, the Mayor formed a work group to lead this community outreach. The charge of the work group is to develop recommendations for the reform of law enforcement practices in a final report this spring to the Mayor.

To meet this charge, the work group is holding two public Community Listening Sessions that will be live-streamed by Easthampton Media. The focus of these sessions will be to gather experiences and insight into current policing practices. The work group looks to solicit input and ideas related to reimagining safety in Easthampton.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will be held over Zoom and hosted by Easthampton Media. Members of the community are encouraged to participate both listening sessions:

Session 1: What does safety mean in Easthampton today?

- Thursday, February 18, 6 - 8 p.m.

Session 2: The future of policing and community safety in Easthampton.

- Wednesday, February 24, 6 - 8 p.m.

“We hope that these listening sessions will give members of the Easthampton community an opportunity to share experiences and add their voices to the urgent and important conversations about public safety and racial justice happening in cities and towns across the nation,” says the facilitator of the Mayor’s Pledge Work Group, Nicole J. Hendricks.

TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION, please sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10UH0R7qfoYD4xBgJU6PPjMeqBUTeAAAYecOMsCzqZMY8/edit>

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