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Schenectady Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Announces Community Survey

Collaborative partnering with Finn Institute to gather survey responses

SCHENECTADY – The City of Schenectady’s Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative (SPRRC) community survey is now available online to gather additional public input and feedback in accordance with Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order 203. Mayor Gary McCarthy announced the availability of the survey during the 2021 State of the City Address.

The survey can be found on the Schenectady Police Department’s [website](#) and will be available until **Monday, February 15, 2021**. Link to the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/VQDT8D9

“We encourage everyone in the community to take this survey,” **Mayor McCarthy said**. “Your responses will help create a written plan to better serve our city’s diverse community, strengthen trust and legitimacy, and address disparities that exist in communities of color.”

The John Finn Institute for Public Safety, an independent research firm, will collect and analyze the survey responses. **All individual responses are anonymous** and will be summarized in aggregate, statistical form.

The SPRRC hosted a series of virtual community meetings and discussions moderated by Jason Benitez, Vice President of Talent and Inclusion at the Capital Region Chamber, and broadcast by Open Stage Media (OSM). Recordings of the community discussions are available on the OSM YouTube page: www.youtube.com/openstagemedia.

In addition to feedback from the community conversations, the survey responses will be collected and summarized by the Finn Institute to assist in drafting a police reform and reinvention plan. The draft plan will then be released for public comment and presented to the Schenectady City Council for adoption by April 1, 2021.

The SPRRC was recognized in Governor Cuomo’s 2021 State of the State Address, specifically a newly formed panel of community members meeting with potential new recruits as part of the Schenectady Police Department hiring process.