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In response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 203, the City of Oneonta authorized a Community Advisory Board (CAB) comprised of diverse sectors of the city's population to perform a comprehensive review of our current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices. The draft CAB report, released today, will be the sole agenda item for adoption by the Common Council at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm. The April 1 meeting of the Council will open with a public hearing. Anyone wishing to comment on the report may do so by joining the Zoom meeting at <https://bit.ly/3fpxPZy>

Oneonta Mayor Gary Herzig states, "I am proud to say that this process has been fully community driven. Neither I, nor the Chief of Police, were members of this Advisory Board. To their credit, the members of the Board chose to create subcommittees and invite all who were interested to participate. This resulted in a wide diversity of perspectives and recommendations. This report is presented to the Common Council in the form of recommendations which include a mandate for the development of an implementation Action Plan to be completed no later than May 18, 2021. It is my intent to appoint a committee of the Council to lead this effort".