

We need your help to plan for the future of public safety in Hartford

The Town of Hartford is undertaking a public process to understand community members' hopes and concerns related to public safety. Public safety is a broad idea that encompasses community members' feelings of safety in their homes, businesses, and public spaces. This means physical safety for individuals, security of their property, as well as emotional safety in the form of basic respect and fair treatment by fellow community members and area visitors.

To support this project, The Town has engaged [Strategy Matters](#), a consulting firm specializing in inclusive community engagement and public safety strategy. Together, the Town and Strategy Matters would like to invite interested community members to participate in this process in many ways. The first opportunity is through joining a process management team ("PMT" for short).

The PMT will offer advice and guidance to the consulting team and will sometimes act as liaisons to local communities. More specifically, PMT members will:

- Offer insight into the unique character of Hartford's villages
- Review and offer advice on engagement plans for community members (this would include, for example, reviewing survey, focus group, and interview questions)
- Support outreach to community members across Hartford's villages
- Review and help to make sense of findings from outreach efforts
- Raise issues, see potential problems, and help to develop solutions

The PMT will be a diverse group, representing a variety of perspectives and experiences related to life in Hartford. To help ensure the right mix of perspectives, the Town and the consulting team ask that interested individuals contact Josh and Liz from Strategy Matters at HartfordSafety@strategymatters.org expressing interest. Please include a little bit about yourself, including the village in which you live and/or work, and why you would like to be a member of the PMT.

Please remember that this process is intended to give voice to the full range of perspectives, experiences, hopes and concerns of all Hartford community members. Disagreements are not only to be expected in a process like this, but, with care and respect for our neighbors, can help to pave the way to the best outcomes. So please consider lending your voice!

Also, please note that we anticipate more interest than 'seats' and we thank you in advance for your understanding that not all who respond will be asked to join. However, participation in the PMT is only one of many ways to be involved. In coming months, there will also be a public survey, listening sessions, Town Hall meetings, and focus groups. The invitation to participate in one or all of these opportunities will be forthcoming, and the PMT will help us to disseminate those invitations widely.

Questions? contact (town contact) or HartfordSafety@strategymatters.org