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The years immediately following the pandemic saw a disturbing trend of large and uncontrolled street parties that affected numerous universities and municipalities. Queen's University and the City of Kingston were no exceptions from this trend. To better understand and address this issue, Queen's and its community partners formed a Task Force on Street Parties with representatives from Queen's including staff, students, faculty, and administration and city and community representatives. Working groups were created out of the membership to address various aspects of street parties and develop recommendations with respect to different approaches and strategies to address the multifaceted and complex social issue of large unsanctioned gatherings. The following report summarizes the work, findings, and recommendations of the Task Force.

The university is grateful to the many individuals who gave their time and lent their expertise to the creation of this report. It is clear that no easy solutions exist to address this perplexing social phenomenon. Nonetheless, the last year has seen a downward trend in large gatherings, and we believe this positive progress is in large part due to the collaborative approach undertaken between Queen's and its community partners as well as everyone's ongoing efforts and commitment to work together to find solutions. Many of the recommendations offered in this report have already been implemented and others are in development. While it is still too early to proclaim victory, the situation continues to improve, and the future looks promising.

It is clear from this report that progress will only be achieved through a broad understanding of this complex problem and combined efforts to address it. Indeed, this report contains a range of recommendations, some of which are within the purview of the university, others that are beyond the authority of the university to implement, and others yet that will require continued collaboration between the university and the community. The successful implementation of these recommendations requires all members of the university and Kingston community to work together in their efforts. An antagonistic approach will not yield positive results.

The Task Force contained diverse representation to ensure multiple perspectives were considered and to ensure robust discussion. As a result, it is not surprising that not all of the recommendations were agreed to by all members of the Task Force. However, working group recommendations are provided in their entirety for transparency and to inform future discussions.

The creation of the Task Force also provided a constructive forum at a particularly intense time when the community was seized by fear and anxiety, exacerbated by large gatherings of people. Bringing people together to discuss a persistent and deeply concerning problem was a highly successful way of engaging our community and effectively discussing and collaborating on potential solutions.

It is my hope that the cooperative and collaborative approach reflected in this report will continue in the future as we inevitably face other challenges ahead. I have no doubt we will need each other to find solutions.

Patrick Deane
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Queen's University

Executive Summary

The Task Force on Street Parties met a total of five times with meetings ranging from 30 minutes to one hour from June 2022 to March 2023. The five working groups met separately between two and six times from July 2022 to March 2023. The dedication of these task force and working group members is demonstrated in the recommendations presented in this report.

The recommendations presented, are based upon careful consideration, research, and discussion. It is recognized that, although far from normal or acceptable, this current trend of street parties is a reality. Recommendations were formulated after also considering previous efforts taken, and the concerns of all community partners. The task force and working groups understand that street parties will likely not be entirely eradicated. However, there must be concerted efforts made to ensure the Queen's and Kingston communities are safe and that those with the ability to address the phenomenon are working together to achieve this goal.

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- Williamsville District Association Representative
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Working Groups

Scan of Other University/Sector Approaches

The Scan of Other University/Sector Approaches working group met four times from June 2022 to March 2023 with meetings ranging from 45 to 90 minutes. They reviewed research and tactics from other universities and sectors and how they have been handling the phenomenon of street parties. As expected, it was determined that Queen's is not unique to the street party phenomenon and that Queen's and the Kingston community, like others, want to be able to work and live together.

These recommendations were taken to the task force for final review and approval in March 2023 and were posted for public consultation in March 2023.

Members:

- Owen Crawford-Lem, Rector, Queen's University
- Roger Healey, Sydenham District Association
- Zaid Kasim, Student Community Outreach Coordinator
- Beth Langdon, SGPS President, Queen's University
- Brian Seo, Principal's Office Student Intern
- Eric Sikich, AMS President, Queen's University

Preliminary Discussions:

The working group focused on other institutions in Ontario (Western, Ottawa, Guelph, Brock, McMaster, Laurier) and established background into important areas such as: geographical location effects, differences in cities, by-laws, and relationships with universities, population growth, different university events, and harm reduction and education research.

Environmental Scan of Cities in Ontario:

"Nuisance Parties" as Defined Across Ontario

Nuisance parties are (per the City of Kingston) defined as a large gathering that involves public intoxication, unlawful alcohol or drug usage. Nuisance parties can consist of the following activities (per the City of London, Ontario): disorderly conduct, public drunkenness or public intoxication, damage to or destruction of public or private property, pedestrian traffic that obstructs the free flow of traffic or could interfere with the ability to provide emergency services, unreasonable noise, including loud music or shouting etc.

Common Themes and Challenges Across University Towns

Brock University has been actively addressing the challenges associated with major unsanctioned gatherings that often occur on St. Patrick's Day. In some rare cases, the Brock Student Code of Conduct might apply to off-campus conduct related to these events. A coordinated education campaign has been initiated in the city, with collaboration from the City of Thorold, Niagara Regional Police, and Brock University. During times when off-campus unsanctioned gatherings are

expected, Campus Security takes proactive measures by patrolling the neighborhood and works with the Niagara Regional Police. Additionally, Brock University provides financial support for several "Special Duty Officer" positions within the NRP during peak times, further reinforcing security efforts.

Brock Homecoming, scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, coincided with the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival and its associated parade. To offer students an alternative activity, Brock University actively participates in the parade with a float. Brock University invested in a community outreach model. This initiative involves door knocking, student engagement and outreach, as well as educational programs conducted in partnership with municipalities and enforcement agencies. The university aims to build a safer and more harmonious community for everyone involved.

Guelph's Homecoming occurred on September 24, 2022. A major unsanctioned gathering took place on Chancellor's Way, which is within university property. This location choice helps reduce disruptions to off-campus neighborhoods. In response to egregious behavior, individuals may receive Provincial offences tickets, but generally, no additional measures under the Guelph Student Code of Conduct are followed up. To engage students and promote responsible behavior, Guelph conducts a September door knock campaign called "Right Foot Forward." Local bylaw officers participate, distributing magnets featuring both the city and university logos along with a QR code linking to their Off-Campus Living website.

Western University's Homecoming was held on September 24, 2022, featuring a student-focused event called "Fan Festival" at the football stadium. Approximately 10-12K students attended the festival, which included a street party with 6K students. The highlight of the event was the presence of 24 food trucks both inside and outside the stadium, offering unlimited food access to students between 11 am and 5 pm.

In addition to the food festival, students received free tickets to the football game and enjoyed various activities. Campus partners actively participated in organizing and hosting the event, while around 200 faculty and staff volunteers assisted throughout the day. Despite a smaller police presence as compared to previous years there were no major issues reported. This year's street party saw a significant shift from previous years, with attendance decreasing to 6K and the event taking place in the evening. After the food festival, more students attended smaller house parties. The event's anticipated cost was approximately \$100K. Overall, the Fan Festival had a better outcome than past concerts organized by the Student Union. Instead of sending a warning email to students, which was perceived to escalate retaliatory responses, the University President chose not to issue such messages this time.

Waterloo is actively addressing the issue of unsanctioned gatherings through collaborative efforts. The City of Kitchener co-chairs the Town and Gown Committee, which involves local post-secondary institutions, students, and law enforcement. One successful measure implemented is the use of fences on Ezra St, which has proven effective in controlling the crowd and improving community safety during such gatherings. The cost of these fences is shared among private landlords, the city, and the university. To further enhance their approach, Waterloo is considering the implementation of a UDSI (University District Safety Initiative)/nuisance party regime. As part of their communication strategy, the city has paused door knocking activities and is now focusing

on using social media platforms to engage with the community and raise awareness on responsible behavior during gatherings.

During a discussion on unsanctioned gatherings, the President of the Town Gown Association of Ontario (TGAO) emphasized the importance of collaboration among stakeholders. Bylaw officers, police, first responders, and students should work together during the week leading up to an expected unsanctioned gathering. The main focus of these collaborated efforts should be on harm reduction, ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone involved. To achieve this, the President suggested organizing more sanctioned events in controlled environments. This approach could help spread out the concentration of individuals and reduce the potential for large, unruly crowds. The President specifically praised the Waterloo Police strategy of handling charges during such gatherings. Instead of dealing with a student being charged in front of the crowd, they remove the student to a less crowded area to discuss the charges. This tactic helps keep the crowd less agitated and maintains a more controlled atmosphere during the event.

Carleton University does not have an official homecoming event, but students widely consider the Panda Game as their homecoming. The Panda Game is the first football game of the season between Carleton and Ottawa University, held at TD Place in Ottawa. While the game itself is trouble-free, it has become a point of contention within the community. Starting in 2016, issues arose with unsanctioned street gatherings and disruptive behavior surrounding the Panda Game, which affected the usually quiet and family-friendly community. To address these challenges, campus and community partners collaborated with a consulting firm last year to develop a joint plan.

The University of Ottawa organized a pregame event at the stadium to alleviate community pressures. Approximately 5,000 students attended, and the event had a positive impact. However, it did not entirely resolve the problem of unsanctioned gatherings. To cover the associated costs, both Carleton and Ottawa University pay for all the policing expenses related to the Panda Game. The focus remains on finding comprehensive solutions to minimize disruptions and maintain positive community relations during this event.

Recommendations:

1. Explore more sanctioned events on Queen’s campus in consultation with students to understand the types of events that would increase student participation (e.g., events that provide food and non-alcoholic beverages). This could include more targeted events where students of all faculties have the chance to interact.
2. Bringing back subdivision of Town Gown Association of Ontario to Kingston.
3. Suggest an Ontario Universities roundtable, similar to 2019, bringing universities and city partners together to discuss approaches to street parties.

Psycho-Social Analysis, including Historical/Cultural Context

The Psycho-Social Analysis working group, including Historical/Cultural Context met twice over the summer of 2022 for at least 90 minutes each meeting. They discussed the questions of why do people party, what is special about street parties, and what attracts people to them. Additionally, they reviewed how online interactions between university aged people may be propagating street parties and there is the desire to belong. From these discussions, working group members presented the following recommendations. These recommendations were taken to the task force for final review and approval in September 2022 and were posted for public consultation in October 2022.

Members:

- Neil Donnelly, Sydenham District Association
- Cathy Edwards R.N., KFL&A Public Health
- Corinna Fitzgerald, Student Affairs, Queen's University
- Zaid Kasim, Student Community Outreach Coordinator
- Kesha Ongagna, Principal's Office Student Intern
- Callum Robertson, Vice-President (University Affairs) AMS, Queen's University

What is the Attraction of Large Street Parties?

- **The Inclusion and Socializing Aspect:** The sense of belonging and acceptance experienced at parties fosters positive interactions and allows individuals to form new bonds beyond their usual social circles.
- **A Strong Sense of Connection Comes with Gatherings:** Street parties create a profound connection among individuals. These moments lead to the development of a sense of community.
- **A Need to Find Community/Celebration with Others:** When there is a lack of strong culture of community and connection, students and others may organize street parties and other social events to express their affection for the institution and build a collective identity.

What Purpose Does a Street Party Fulfill?

- **Lack of Options for University-Run Gatherings:** Students may resort to street parties because Queen's isn't providing enough social events to maintain our incredibly vibrant culture.
- **Coping with Mental Health and Burnouts:** These gatherings act as escape from the stresses of academic life. Partying helps deflate mental health challenges, burnouts, and fatigue.

What Are the Risks of Large Street Gatherings?

- **Increase of Alcohol Marketing:** The prevalence of alcohol marketing can contribute to the association of parties with drinking culture.
- **Desensitization to Drug Use and Alcohol Abuse:** The normalization in our culture towards drug use and alcohol from different medias and abuse at large parties desensitize students to the risks and consequences of substance use.
- **Lack of Relation to the People of the Community:** Street parties create disconnect between the students and the local community. Students may see partying as a form of protest or a way to “mark territory” in Kingston.

How do Street Parties Contribute to a Drinking and Drug Culture?

- **Normalization:** Drinking and drug culture for youth is influenced by media normalization and early exposure, leading to a desensitization towards certain substances.
- **Knowledge of Risk:** Many individuals engaging in drug and alcohol use may not fully consider the effects of their actions, resulting in risky behaviors in social settings like parties.
- **Early Usage Within Youth:** Incoming students often have experiences with drugs and alcohol before arriving at university and this increases overall risk to campus culture.
- **Shifting Focus:** Focus should be shifted to spreading awareness of risks and fines through social media and communicating the negative impacts of drug and alcohol abuse. Harm reduction is key. Focusing on safety measures and responsible consumption can create a safer party environment, acknowledging that alcohol will likely always be present at parties.

Notes on culture shifts

- First-year students want to be included, accepted, have fun, and make friends. Street parties are an emerging and still developing cultural phenomenon. Culture changes with time and develops within the current societal contexts. For example, large gatherings reached their peak during periods closely associated with the COVID pandemic as people sought opportunities to gather in response to prolonged isolation and restrictions.
- In the mid 2000s, society experienced a shift – with the ability to make gatherings larger through social media. This use of social media became even more prevalent during the pandemic.
- Alcohol marketing has increased exponentially as the industry has grown with more alcohol products. These are very large companies who control the narrative on what it means to drink.
- Mental health, which has been a significant concern for 18 to 24 years olds and has been even more impacted by the recent pandemic, is very important context for understanding the behaviours of people. Alcohol has become a tool of self medication and escape - people will party to cope with things.

- Growth of the University District in quite a few years - sense of Aberdeen Street being student owned. This changes the dynamic of community partnerships and students “living within” neighbourhoods. It can and may drive a culture of separation and lack of feelings of responsibility and connection to the rest of the city or surrounding neighbourhoods.

Recommendations:

1. Establish a public database.
 - a. Historical and future data should be collected on the number of alleged Liquor License Control Act and by-law offenses/charges, health-related statistics, charges and prosecutions, Queen's internal discipline proceedings, and any other pertinent topics. The database should be open to relevant community partners to provide up-to-date statistics yearly, and Queen's University should monitor and maintain the database continuously.
2. Acknowledge street party phenomenon as an evolution of our current cultural context and the way that it affects behaviour.
 - a. The final report should address the effects of alcohol-related marketing and availability, as well as social media effects on culture.
3. Advocate for less alcohol availability, alcohol marketing, and overall strengthening of both local and provincial alcohol policies.
 - a. Work has been done to address street parties before and after events take place, but there should be a focus on the broader alcohol environment and its role in community-related issues.
 - b. Potential development of a community partnership – benefits would be ongoing monitoring and shared vision.
4. Acknowledge that street parties are not unexpected given the unique characteristics of the University District, geographical location, and abundance of young people.
5. Focus on building new traditions that foster school spirit.
6. Address roles and responsibility for street parties and the way various members of the community must work together to manage the evolving social contexts that make street parties attractive and persistent.
 - a. Cross-Community Committee to be formed that will meet in the fall and winter terms to share information, exchange ideas on best practices and challenges and discuss ongoing efforts to address and respond to street parties.

Enforcement/Policing Issues

The Enforcement/Policing Issues working group met six times from July 2022 to March 2023 ranging from 45 to 90 minutes for each meeting. A range of topics were discussed regarding enforcement and policing issues around street parties. As indicated below this working group did not come to a consensus and additional recommendations were put forward by members of the community.

Throughout discussions with the task force, and in previous discussion with partners, Kingston Police has been engaged and receptive. They are clear that their focus is on the safety of Kingston's students, community, and visitors. The Kingston Police have been explicit in stating that they do not want to prevent students from celebrating, however, they must intervene in the interest of safety when crowds become too large to manage. It is against this backdrop, that the Enforcement and Policing working group has formed its recommendations.

These recommendations were taken to the task force for final review and approval in March 2023 and were posted for public consultation in March 2023.

Members:

- Norma Barrett, Student Affairs, Queen's University
- Justin Connidis, Sydenham District Association
- Geoff Dempster, Kingston Police
- Bittu George, University Council
- John Grenville, Williamsville District Association
- Zaid Kasim, Student Community Outreach Coordinator
- Samara Lijiam, Queen's Student Alumni Association President
- Dean Popov, Frontenac Paramedics
- Grace Zhang, Principal's Office Student Intern

Pertinent Meeting Discussions:

- **What are some of the issues surrounding street parties from an enforcement and policing perspective?**
 - May be perceived as over policed when disproportionate amount of resources are spent on University District
 - Could be triggering for marginalized communities
 - Queen's has an agreement with the City of Kingston and Police re: information sharing
 - Breaking up Aberdeen Street party caused more issues as the crowd moved
- **What kinds of enforcement/policing methods are already in place? What has worked effectively to combat street parties and what hasn't?**
 - Closing streets (to encourage the party stay there)
 - Positive and proactive outreach engagements
 - Potential Paramedics bike medic unit set up in Spring 2023

- **One significant issue with street parties in Kingston is the presence of individuals from outside the Queen’s community**
- **How do we, as a community contend with the influx of people from outside Kingston or the university, who travel for the sole purpose of attending street parties?**
 - Hosting a “main event” removed from the community
 - Tying the occasion to a strong Queen's identity
 - Large, organized alternative activities, such as hosting food trucks at a sanctioned event, enticing attendance with free food and music

Recommendations:

1. Community policing: continue moving towards a community policing model, incorporating Police Liaison Team methodology, using education and communication before, during, and after street party events.
 - a. Kingston Police will identify opportunities for community officers to increase their involvement with the communities they serve.
 - b. Queen’s University to explore developing a process to obtain student feedback, with respect to their experiences regarding enforcement initiatives after street parties.

2. Ticket sharing: Pursue the possibility of police to share ticketing information between police jurisdictions, to discourage party hopping.

The Enforcement and Policing Issues working group was not unanimous on its final recommendations. Some members put forward additional recommendations that are [**included here**](#) for full transparency. The task force as a whole did not endorse these additional recommendations as they present legal, jurisdictional, and practical challenges for implementation. The work of the task force was to identify real, workable options for addressing the street party phenomenon. The additional recommendations are generally beyond the scope and/or capacity of the task force to implement.

Communications

The Communications working group met twice over the summer of 2022 for at least 90 minutes each meeting. At these meetings discussions around evidence-informed health promotion as well as ensuring all community members are engaged occurred. It was determined that there are many good communication tactics already happening at Queen's University in the forms of monthly and weekly meetings with communications, enforcement, health, and Queen's community members. The tactic of building a community within the university as well as the city is very important to the working group.

The communications working group aimed to determine effective methods for spreading unified messaging prior to street parties. By learning from past approaches and collaborating openly, the group identified ways to ensure all community members are involved in discussions and that future messaging campaigns have impact.

The working group was made up of many community representatives such as university staff, Kingston Police paramedics, public health experts, and district leaders. Initial discussions of relevant partners named students, first responders, healthcare professionals, the broader Kingston community (attendees and non-attendees), and event travelers. Further conversations centered around the effectiveness of previous communication strategies and possibilities for future enhancements.

Communication isn't a one-size-fits-all approach. Tailoring strategies for specific demographics is crucial for desired results. The working group agreed on the success of paid media campaigns, internal partner communications, and personalized interactions with students. However, there were notable areas for improvement, including refining messaging language in campaigns, optimizing signage placement in affected zones, and enhancing community communication for post-event cleanup.

The working group developed several recommendations to strengthen future communications strategies. These include supporting health promotion campaigns championed by student-involved focus groups through increased funding, engaging neighborhood associations street party discussions, initiating early and inclusive communications to instill a sense of community responsibility, and facilitating direct interactions between law enforcement and students during orientation events. These proposals aim to promote a well-rounded, inclusive approach to street party communication.

These recommendations were taken to the task force for final review and approval in September 2022 and were posted for public consultation in October 2022.

Members:

- Bruce Bursey, Portsmouth District Association
- Cst. Anthony Colangeli, Kingston Police
- Jenn Fagan, KFL&A Public Health
- Zaid Kasim, Student Community Outreach Coordinator

- Michelle Lewis, Communications, Queen's University
- Kate Mcconnell, Principal's Office Student Intern
- Matt Mills, Frontenac Paramedics
- Sgt. Clem Nesanayagam, Kingston Police
- Brenda Paul, Communications, Queen's University
- Ellie Sadinsky, Student Affairs, Queen's University

Recommendations:

1. Increase funding for evidence-informed health promotion campaigns and market research to inform and implement communications that would resonate with Queen's students.
 - a. This would include focus groups.
2. Engage with neighbourhood associations by including them in conversations surrounding street parties, enforcement, and sharing of resources.
3. Begin communications regarding street parties/getting through the cultural shift of parties as soon as students arrive in Kingston (inherently including all community partners).
 - a. Overall message about building community together - create a sense of expectations, togetherness, and responsibility.
4. Provide police and campus security with more facetime with students during orientation week and/or orientation training.

Public Health and Safety/Harm Reduction Education

The Public Health and Safety/Harm Reduction Education working group met twice over the summer of 2022 for at least 90 minutes each meeting. They discussed and researched a range of public health and harm reduction topics to get a better understanding of the culture of street parties. The focus, as noted below in the final recommendations, is to support harm reduction campaigns by expanding reach and facilitating harm reduction measures.

These recommendations were taken to the task force for final review and approval in September 2022 and were posted for public consultation in October 2022.

Members:

- Cathy Edwards R.N., KFL&A Public Health
- Marc Goudie, Frontenac Paramedics
- Kate Humphrys, Student Wellness Services, Queen's University
- Zaid Kasim, Student Community Outreach Coordinator, Queen's University
- Liz Schell, KFL&A Public Health
- Tara Sharkey, Sydenham District Association
- Purity Shem Watiwat, Principal's Office Student Intern
- Chloe Stone, VP Professional, SGPS

Recommendations:

1. Use the Postsecondary Education Partnership-Alcohol Harms Framework ([PEP-AH Framework](#)) more broadly and incorporate community actions and interventions to reduce alcohol harm.
2. Support alcohol harm reduction campaigns (e.g. Before the Floor) by funding targeted messaging to Queen's community.
 - a. Queen's University to help expand the reach of these campaigns.
3. Facilitate access to harm reduction measures.
 - a. When street parties are expected to take place, Queen's University should facilitate access to food trucks, water trucks, washroom facilities, triage, and the Campus Observation Room (COR), alongside any additional harm reduction measures.
4. Increase the funding for health promotion video production.

Appendix

Queen's University Task Force on Street Parties Terms of Reference

I. Definitions

Street Parties – Large, unsanctioned street gatherings and/or parties typically in or around the University District

The University – Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario

Students – Students attending Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario

AMS – Alma Mater Society of Queen's University

SGPS – Society of Graduate and Professional Students

II. Background

Situated in Kingston, Ontario, Queen's University is home to over 24,000 students. Apart from engaging with the University campus, students live in the broader Kingston community as residents and occupy collective spaces with community members.

Historically, Kingston has struggled with recurring unsanctioned street parties that often accompany unsafe and disruptive behaviour. Large, unsanctioned street parties draw students, community members and others living outside the city. The increased use of social media, particularly during the pandemic, has increased numbers at these gatherings and brought individuals from outside of the city travelling to the community for the sole purpose of taking part in these unsanctioned parties. Street parties put members of the Queen's and Kingston community at risk and are a burden on local enforcement and healthcare partners, as well as those who live in proximity to the University District.

Considering the complex nature of this problem, identification of best practices and innovative approaches is essential. As such, Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane has struck a Task Force on Street Parties with community members and student leaders. The task force will also invite input and ideas from the broader Kingston community through a public consultation process.

III. Mandate

As formed by Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane on February 15, 2022, the mandate of the Task Force on Street Parties shall be to:

- a. Create a report on the effectiveness of current approaches and best practices used in other jurisdictions and make recommendations outlining strategies to address large street parties;
- b. Consult with Queen's students, community members, and other interested and affected members of the Queen's and/or Kingston community regarding the issue of street parties and potential approaches to address the issue; and
- c. Report back to the Queen's and Kingston community in the fall of 2022 with recommendations and an implementation strategy.

IV. Principles

The Task Force on Street Parties shall keep in mind the following principles:

- a. Large, unsanctioned street parties are a safety detriment to the Queen's and Kingston community;
- b. Street parties place a disproportionate strain on local enforcement and healthcare partners;
- c. Street parties in the University District during Orientation Week, Homecoming, and St. Patrick's Day, are embedded in the Queen's student culture;
- d. Street parties are not solely a student issue but a social phenomenon reflective of group dynamics and social media culture;
- e. Safe alternatives for social gatherings for students and other community members must be addressed in any recommendations.

V. Reporting

The final report of the Task Force on Street Parties will articulate recommendations and an implementation strategy regarding the mandate above and will be publicly released in the fall of 2022.

VI. Task Force Membership

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