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## **Mayor Adrian O. Mapp To Launch Plainfield Vision 2025, the First Comprehensive City-Wide Planning and Community Engagement Initiative**

On Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Adrian O. Mapp will kick off the first of several community “listening sessions” for Plainfield Vision 2025, the first comprehensive city-wide planning and community engagement initiative. This groundbreaking effort, which is being led by Chief of Staff John Stewart, Jr., will consist of a series of public “listening sessions” that will be used to create a blueprint for the city’s future.

“This is truly an exciting time for the City of Plainfield; we are in the midst of an economic renaissance,” stated Mayor Adrian O. Mapp. “In order to sustain our momentum and provide a city filled with opportunity and promise for our youth, we need a strategic roadmap. That is why we are engaging every member of our diverse community in the process of charting the best future for Plainfield. I look forward to our residents, youth, business owners, and clergy taking ownership of this project to create a more prosperous, equitable, and vibrant Plainfield.”

The public “listening sessions” will run through late October with specific focus areas: Economic Development and Vibrancy, Workforce Development and Adult Learning, Health, Human and Social Needs, Childhood and Youth Education, Public Safety, Community Arts and Culture, Municipal Government, Essential Services Performance, and Connecting Community. In addition, an online survey will be launched by the end of September and a midway checkpoint called “Playback Session” in the form of a public meeting will take place on November 4th. Plainfield Vision 2025 participants will have the opportunity to collaborate with neighbors and business owners and provide meaningful input in the final plan.

“The Mayor believes the time is right to leverage the power of Plainfield residents, who bring an array of talents and perspectives from every corner of the world,” explained John Stewart, Jr., City of Plainfield Chief of Staff. “I am honored to be spearheading this effort in collaboration with partners in government, the private sector, non-profits, the Board of Education, and houses of worship to envision the kind of city Plainfield’s children should inherit in 2025. The breadth of diversity and participation will bring some amazing ideas and solutions.”

The Plainfield Vision 2025 Executive Committee will present a final report to the Mayor on January 15th, 2018. Information on Plainfield Vision 2025 will be available on the city’s website, [www.plainfieldnj.gov](http://www.plainfieldnj.gov), and social media platforms. Please find the full list of key areas of focus and the schedule of meetings below.



## Plainfield Vision 2025 Areas of Focus

### **Public Safety**

Crime prevention, safety, fire protection, and natural disaster preparedness and responsiveness

### **Health, Human & Social Needs**

Community access to health services, outdoor spaces, and recreation

### **Economic Development & Vibrancy**

Creation of new economic development projects, attracting new businesses and industries, helping existing business thrive within community, and fostering destination opportunities for neighboring communities to visit and spend money in Plainfield

### **Workforce Development & Adult Learning**

Creation and support of local employment opportunities, access to workforce training and continuing education opportunities (i.e. English as a Second Language)

### **Childhood & Youth Education**

Improving the local educational system to provide a quality education that will prepare our youth for continuing education and to succeed in the new economy

### **Community Arts & Culture**

Development, encouragement, and continued support of Plainfield based cultural organizations, programs, and activities for those involved in the arts

### **Municipal Government & Essential Services Performance**

Efficient, productive, and responsive services for Plainfield residents through municipal services as well as independent agencies and corporations, including but not limited to, PMUA, NJ Transit, New Jersey American Water, and PSEG

### **Connecting Community**

Creating a culture that breaks down barriers and shares community expertise across multiple dimensions such as socio-economic, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, and political affiliation. The goal is to celebrate our rich diversity and connect community groups and assets for the strengthening of Plainfield