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Northampton Invites the Community to Help Shape the Future of the Resilience Hub City and CAPV to Hold Three Public Meetings this Spring

NORTHAMPTON - The City of Northampton, in partnership with Community Action Pioneer Valley and Jones Whitsett Architects, is thrilled to announce a series of public meetings aimed at sharing updates and gathering invaluable community input on the development of the Northampton Community Resilience Hub. Scheduled for Monday, March 25, Wednesday, May 1, and Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Edwards Church, 297 Main Street. These sessions are open to everyone who wishes to contribute to this transformative project.

Public Meetings Schedule:

March 25, 2024 - "Blueprints & Beginnings: Mapping Our Hub"

A look into the initial plans, the building history, and the architectural vision of the Community Resilience Hub, inviting feedback on the foundational concepts.

May 1, 2024 - "Resilience & Relationships: Strengthening Downtown Together"

Focusing on how the Hub will enhance downtown resilience, public health, and the interconnected role of the community in this endeavor.

June 5, 2024 - "Connections & Collaborations: Envisioning Comprehensive Care"

Discussing the integration of services and the role of partnerships in shaping a Hub that's more than the sum of its parts, focusing on holistic community support.

The Northampton Community Resilience Hub, located in the heart of downtown Northampton, will coordinate an array of services and resources in one central location, simplifying access for all community members. It promises to be a cornerstone for reducing poverty and homelessness impacts by offering a daytime community center and community kitchen. The Day Center will be equipped with essential resources like clothing, wifi, showers, lockers, and a safe space to rest. Additionally, it will function as a vital emergency response center for the

larger community during crises, further demonstrating Northampton's commitment to climate resilience. Finally, the Hub will serve as an additional community space where all are welcome and where educational, arts and public gatherings can be held.

The inclusion of the Division of Community Care (DCC) within the Hub signifies a significant step forward, aligning closely with our mission to support our community members in their times of need through innovative, non-traditional approaches to public safety and well-being.

"We are at a crucial stage in bringing the Community Resilience Hub to life, a project that reflects our collective aspiration for a more inclusive, supportive, and resilient Northampton," shared Mayor Sciarra. "As we unveil the progress made thus far, it is your insights and aspirations that will guide us in tailoring the Hub to truly meet our community's needs. I encourage everyone to join us in these discussions - your voice is essential in shaping the future of our city."

The Community Resilience Hub represents a collaborative effort, with invaluable support from various city departments, including the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Planning and Sustainability, Climate Action and Project Administration (CAPA), and the Mayor's Office. Community Action Pioneer Valley is playing a crucial role in leading the development process, ensuring the Hub will cater effectively to our community's diverse needs and incorporate the voices of all of our community service partners. Jones Whitsett Architects is the city's architectural partner to help design and manage the project.

We Need Your Input:

These public meetings are just the beginning. We're eager to hear your thoughts, suggestions, and hopes for the Resilience Hub. Together, let's envision a space that embodies our community's strengths and addresses its challenges head-on.

For more details on the meetings and the Resilience Hub project, please visit Northampton's Community Resilience Hub page or contact the Mayor's Office.

Let's come together to build a Resilience Hub that stands as a testament to what we can achieve as a united Northampton.

For more information, please visit the city's [Community Resilience Hub](#) page, the [architect's project website](#), or contact the Mayor's Office at 413-587-1249 or mayor@northamptonma.gov.