



Listening Sessions inform Kenosha's Commit to Action Roadmap

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KENOSHA – As the City of Kenosha moves forward to unify and heal following civil unrest in late summer, input from citizens will help guide the development of Kenosha's Commit to Action Roadmap (KCTA). The KCTA is a framework and a call to action to address racism, and make systemic changes where needed. Overall, more than 200 people attended the four community listening sessions in September and October. In addition, 38 people responded to a related online feedback form.

"It was good to have a dialogue with the community, and I found many of the comments insightful," said Mayor John Antaramian.

The listening sessions and online feedback form helped to identify focus areas targeted for discussion by teams of community leaders and citizens, with a goal of identifying strategies to address systemic racism. Focus areas include police-community relations, criminal justice, employment, education, youth, housing and mental health.

The City has engaged the Zeidler Group to assist with community meetings involving each of the focus areas -- beginning with police-community relations -- and ultimately prepare a final report of actionable items. Initial meetings will take place virtually, because of the pandemic, later this month.

Summaries of the listening sessions and online feedback form are posted on the City's web site: kenosha.org.

The City will post further updates on the recommendations of the focus groups in the coming weeks.