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## **City of New London Seeking Public Input Regarding Housing Priorities**

*Office of Development and Planning to host public hearings to collect community input for the development of a 5-year housing and community development plan*

**New London, Conn.** (February 10, 2020) – Throughout the month of February, New London’s Office of Development and Planning (ODP) will be hosting public meetings to collect community input and feedback regarding housing and development in the City. This information will be used in the development of a consolidated development plan for the City of New London. Public Meetings are being organized by Tom Bombria of ODP and Rain Daugherty, who will be crafting the plan moderating the public discussion. These events are open for any member of the public.

The City is looking for information regarding a number of housing and community development priorities. In particular, ODP is looking for public responses to:

- What segments of the population are most in need of assistance?
- What housing and service programs are working for low/moderate-income residents?
- What is needed to improve housing & service programs for low/moderate-income residents?
- What projects would make a real difference for our community?

Each public meeting will address a specific demographic, including children and youth and senior services. Eight public hearings have currently been scheduled as follows:

### **Focus group on children and youth**

- Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School, Lincoln Ave Entrance. This focus group will include a free community meal from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **Focus group & discussion on housing, senior services & community needs**

- Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at the George Washington Carver, 202 Colman Street
- Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 1:00 a.m. at Riozzi Court
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at the Williams Park Apartments, 127 Hempstead Street
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 1:00 p.m. at Gordon Court
- Thursday, February 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at the New London Senior Center, 120 Broad Street
- Friday, February 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m. at the New London Senior Center, 120 Broad Street

### **Focus group on a community center and facility needs**

- Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at New London Senior Center, 120 Broad Street

In addition to the public hearings, the City is conducting a community survey through the use of a Web-based program available to all interested stakeholders in the City. This survey asks residents to tell how they feel about programs relating to housing, community services, economic development, and homelessness.

The survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/NLHUDSurveyEng> in English and <http://bit.ly/NLHUDSurveyEsp> in Spanish. Paper copies are available until February 15<sup>th</sup> from the Office of Development and Planning, City Hall,

the Martin Center and the New London Library. All members of New London's organizations and neighborhoods are encouraged to respond. For questions, members of the public should contact ODP Community Development Coordinator Tom Bombria at [tbombria@ci.new-london.ct.us](mailto:tbombria@ci.new-london.ct.us).

### **About The City of New London**

The City of New London is southeastern Connecticut's center of development and growth for businesses, communities and families. Home to critical maritime assets such as State Pier and General Dynamics Electric Boat, our historic waterfront city is emerging as the center of offshore wind development for the northeast United States. Founded in 1646, New London is a nationally recognized US Coast Guard City and home to the US Coast Guard Academy and the future home of the National Coast Guard Museum. With its glorious waterfront, rich and diverse culture, and significant historic sites such as Fort Trumbull State Park and the Garde Arts Center, it's easy to see why New London is the hub of commerce and transportation for the region. With quick access to rail, ferry, airports and major highways, New London boasts a lively dining and nightlife scene that complements the next generation of housing currently under development. For more information on development opportunities in New London, visit <https://developnewlondon.com/>.

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