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### **ESSEX COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CIVILIAN TASK FORCE SCHEDULES IN-PERSON MEETING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH REPORT** *Public Meeting Is Scheduled for Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Essex County, NJ** -- The Essex County Correctional Facility Civilian Task Force will be hosting an in-person public meeting on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, wherein the Task Force and the ECCF administration will discuss the recently published Mental Health report.

The meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Reentry Corporation Building  
936 Bergen Street  
Newark, NJ  
**Livestream:** [www.facebook.com/EssexCountyCivilianTaskForce](https://www.facebook.com/EssexCountyCivilianTaskForce)

Individuals who would like to offer comments or questions during this public hearing must register. Please be aware that this meeting and public comments will be limited to discussion regarding Mental Health Report.

The public may register for public comments at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2luclqELFaZwyyPK\\_GGOaDQw1ka1hVMwL\\_UTVKYXKThJUBjw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2luclqELFaZwyyPK_GGOaDQw1ka1hVMwL_UTVKYXKThJUBjw/viewform?usp=sf_link).

All submissions may be shared with the County and Essex County Correctional Facility administrators; please mark the statements as “confidential” if you wish them to remain private to the Task Force.

Those who wish to contact the Civilian Task Force, submit a complaint, or want more information about the public meeting should e-mail [JailTaskForce@admin.essexcountynj.org](mailto:JailTaskForce@admin.essexcountynj.org) or call 973 877-8037. For more information about the Task Force, visit [www.essexcountynj.org/corrections/](http://www.essexcountynj.org/corrections/) and click on the link for the “Civilian Task Force.”

The intent of the nine-member task force is to provide “transparency and accountability” of the ECCF staff, to protect the “lives, health, safety and rights of all people confined at the ECCF” and ensure the “conditions of their confinement are safe, sanitary, respectful and humane,” according to language in the ordinance. It will act independently of County

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government and have the authority to inspect the ECCF, interview corrections officers, inmates, detainees, and review systematic issues and concerns.

Members of the Task Force were nominated by Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners in June 2020 through an established advice and consent procedure that is used to fill vacancies on all county boards and commissions.

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