



# City of Winooski

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## Memorandum

Date: 7/17/2023  
From: Deputy Mayor Thomas Renner  
To: Winooski City Council  
Subject: City Council Engagement Update

### Overview

At the [February 6, 2023 City Council meeting](#) we discussed operationalizing our [community engagement procedure](#), adopted in April, 2022. We agreed to provide formal updates on community engagement, similar to the method staff uses to provide quarterly updates on progress against strategic vision areas. This is an update on City Council's formal community engagement since March, 2023. This does not include informal engagement Councilors participate in such as personal resident engagement, community event attendance, individual outreach and correspondence. This update includes only formal engagement as outlined in the procedure.

### Formal Community Engagement Activities March-June, 2023

#### March

- City Manager and Mayor met with Winooski High School class: Onion River school, in March: Introduced students to local government, heard areas of interest from students. Themes included climate change, inclusion, public safety, housing quality, and access to mental health services.
- Mayor and Councilor Judge visited Winooski High School Culture & Community Class. Themes included housing quality and affordability, scholarship and tutoring support, fare free bus service, and soccer programming.

#### April

- City Manager and Mayor attended meetings with multilingual groups hosted at Winooski School District including Nepali, Somali & Mai Mai, and Swahili & French. The event also included representatives from Winooski Police, Department of Children and Family, and University pediatrics. Themes included access to farming, housing quality and affordability, cost of living and property taxes.
- Councilor Oakleaf met with WSD Student Advisory Representatives group. Themes included structural conditions believed to improve the learning environment for students.

#### May-June

- Mayor and Deputy Mayor visited Our Lady of Providence assisted living facility. Themes included streets and sidewalks safety, local elections information access, and future plans for senior center and St. Stephens.
- All Councilors made visits to four Winooski Housing Authority Senior housing complexes. Themes included sidewalk and road conditions, traffic safety, public safety, and improving internet access options.

Signed,  
Thomas Renner, Deputy Mayor