

New York continues to develop regulations related to adult use of cannabis (marijuana), revising long-standing law enforcement policies and creating new business opportunities throughout the State. As this process unfolds, the City of Kingston is creating a Task Force to gather community input regarding these policy changes.

The City **has not** opted out of allowing licensing for local dispensaries and on-site consumption; the NY State Office of Cannabis Management will control that process. The mission of this Task Force will be to help guide the City in our limited authority over the time, place and manner of retail operations. It will also amplify community voices regarding enforcement concerns and goals for how MRTA tax proceeds can be reinvested to achieve the law's social equity objectives.

The Task Force will meet periodically over [6 or 9 or 12] months and compile information that will be posted on the City's website. Membership will consist of nine persons, including representatives of groups or institutions, with significant ties to the City.

If you are interested in joining the Task Force, please complete the following application by _____.

1. Name (individuals and/or institutional)
2. Address (personal and/or professional)
3. Age range of individual applicant
 - 21-35
 - 36-50
 - 51-65
 - 65+
4. Have you served on a City of Kingston board, commission or advisory group within the last 5 years?
5. Describe your ties to the City of Kingston (50 words or less).
6. Describe any significant experiences that you (or the organization you represent) have had involving cannabis, drug policy and/or addiction treatment that are relevant to the Task Force's mission.
7. The Task Force should reflect the City of Kingston's incredible diversity. Please describe any aspects of your identity that will help make this group a truly representative body. (50 words or less)
8. Do you have a background in any of the following areas (check all that apply)?
 - Agriculture
 - Education
 - Hospitality Industry
 - Law Enforcement
 - Mental Health Services
 - Small Business Support
 - Public Health Policy

* Institutional applicants should provide information for their representative.

9. Why do you want to join the Task Force? (100 words or less)