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S.A. Resolution #17

Endorsing "The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy"

ABSTRACT: This resolution endorses the City of Ithaca's Plan to combat drug use in the community by increasing access to resources and the Student Assembly recommends the University administration to take part in the execution of this plan.

Sponsored by: Matt Indimine '18

Whereas, the University community recognized the critical need to address issues of campus safety, in the wake of separate stabbing incident on or near campus this semester, at least one of which involved the sale of drugs;

Whereas, the University administration has expressed support for strengthening our relationships with partner law enforcement agencies in the City of Ithaca and surrounding communities, as one important means to bolster campus safety;

Whereas, in April 2014, City of Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick convened the Municipal Drug Policy Community and charged this group with recommending policies and practices we could adopt to improve our local response to drug use and related policies;

Whereas, in February 2016, the Municipal Drug Policy Community, comprised of experts and leaders from the various sectors that respond to drug use in our community, released its report outlining a coordinated drug strategy which is rooted in public health and safety; and

Whereas, the Campus Welfare Committee of the University Assembly formally considered the finding and recommendation of the Municipal Drug Policy Community on October 25, 2016, and was the consensus of the group to endorse these findings and recommendations; therefore

Be it resolved, that the Student Assembly formally endorses the goals and recommendation outlined in the Executive Summary of "The Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy," namely;

- Governance and Leadership: Create a mayoral-level office tasked to reduce the morbidity, mortality, cost, and inequities associated with illicit drugs and our current responses to them.
Education: Key stakeholders and all Ithacans should have access to evidence-based practices and education around drugs, preventing problematic use, reducing harms associated with drug use, and helping oneself or others who have a drug use problem.
Recovery-Orientated Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Ancillary Services

43 *Create a recovery-oriented treatment continuum that offers access to timely,*
44 *individualized, and evidence-based, effective care, through services that are people-*
45 *centered and able to meet the needs of individuals no matter their current relationship to*
46 *drug use or recovery.*

47 • ***Community and Economic Development***

48 *Support and expand existing efforts to improve youth and family development, economic*
49 *opportunity, and public health of communities, targeting vulnerable communities as*
50 *immediate beneficiaries and ensuring that all Ithacans have the same access to resources*
51 *and investments.*

52 • ***Public Safety***

53 *Redirect law enforcement and community resources from criminalization to increasing*
54 *access to services. Encourage a shared responsibility for community health and safety*
55 *that extends beyond the Ithaca Police Department.*

56 **Resolved**, that the University administration should partner with the City of Ithaca to support the
57 implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Ithaca Plan; and

58 **Be if Finally Resolved**, that the University administration and the City of Ithaca should present a
59 status update on progress made toward achieving the goals of The Ithaca Plan to the Student
60 Assembly by October 2017, and on an annual basis every October thereafter until the goals
61 outlined above have been achieved.

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63 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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71 *(Reviewed by: SA Health & Wellness Committee, 23-0-1, 10/26/16)*