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Slate Belt Brewing Co. Opens Their Doors For Business

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - "If you enjoy being in on the ground floor of supporting a new business in the Salte Belt while eating, drinking, and socializing, then please join us as we crack open our doors to Slate Belt Brewing Co. In Bangor this week" Said co-owner Tim Kerrigan.

Located at 50 Broadway in Bangor They are now accepting first-come, first-served seating reservations. visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/slatebeltbrewco/> or contact them at SlateBeltBrew@gmail.com.

As a brand-new business, they are training staff and learning our systems, so they ask for your patience as they stabilize and grow.

They plan to begin brewing our very own Slate Belt craft beer this Spring. In the meantime, 'Brewer Tim' brewed with another Lehigh Valley brewery this week, so they'll have an in-house beer on tap soon! Until then, they have a nice selection of PA based beers, wines, and cocktails for you to experience.

They have a full kitchen with a menu made entirely from scratch! Chef Travis works hard to prepare some of the tastiest foods with both traditional and contemporary choices. live music will be coming soon. If you know of any musicians that would like to donate their time to help kick off their new restaurant contact them at SlateBeltBrew@gmail.com.



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'Welcoming City' Debate Reaches Easton

By Victoria Hneleski, Contributing Writer / The Lafayette

EASTON- Easton City Council members debated over whether to join neighboring cities in becoming a "welcoming city" for immigrants during the Feb. 12 city council meeting.

The proposed ordinance, introduced by Councilwoman Taiba Sultana, would codify Easton's pre-existing practice of providing services regardless of immigration status. In response to the proposal, recent tensions grew among numerous city leaders, including Mayor Sal Panto, Police Chief Carl Scalzo and various city council members who voiced concerns at the meeting.

"We are already treating everybody equally," Sultana said. "We are already providing all the services. I just want everything to be written in the book."

The ordinance was not included in the meeting's agenda, though discussion of it began after a conversation on similar debates in neighboring cities. While Allentown has implemented welcoming city policies, Bethlehem's city council recently declined to discuss such measures, according to Councilman Frank Pintabone.

During the meeting, Scalzo took a position against the ordinance, arguing that it would create "hardship" for the city's police officers and have the potential to attract people with criminal intent.

"Coming in the country and being in the country illegally is, like it or not, a violation of federal law," Scalzo said at the meeting, adding that it puts local law enforcement in challenging situations.

Panto and Scalzo did not respond to multiple requests for comments.

Pintabone also opposed the measure, calling it "feel-good legislation" that could put vulnerable residents at risk.

"The legislation gives a false sense of security to our most vulnerable citizens," Pintabone said, adding that the ordinance would be a "worthless" piece of paper. He also argued the measure could harm the vulnerable communities that it aims to protect by potentially jeopardizing federal grants and drawing

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