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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY AND HAMDEN

Dear friends and neighbors,

No one in Hamden would dispute the many benefits that hosting Quinnipiac University brings to our community. But, likewise, no Hamden family wants to live next door to a house that has rowdy college parties.

In addition, as a private non-profit college, Quinnipiac is exempt from paying local property taxes for the services they use such as fire, police and public works. That could change under a bill I submitted this legislative session, the details of which are described in this mailer.

I hope you support my effort to make Quinnipiac a better neighbor. Please feel free to let me know your opinion on this issue, or any other concern you may have.

Sincerely,

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## QUINNIPIAC PRESIDENT APPEARS IN OFF CAMPUS PARTY VIDEO

A video recently surfaced of John Lahey, president of Quinnipiac University, speaking over the DJ's sound system, encouraging hundreds of partying students gathered at a house in an otherwise quiet, residential area of Hamden. The party was clearly a nuisance situation for the neighborhood and the police had to respond more than once. You can watch the entire video here.

<http://bit.ly/1Qq54a6>



## UNIVERSITY REMOVES PROPERTIES FROM TOWN TAX ROLL

Quinnipiac has been on a buying binge of single-family residences in the middle of Hamden neighborhoods. In fact, Mr. Lahey said in the party video, "I didn't even know this street existed. I'm going to have to buy all these houses. I've got all of New Road and most of Whitney Avenue but I didn't realize you're kind of tucked away back here." As a non-profit, Quinnipiac doesn't pay property taxes for single family residential homes bought to house students. Yet, they use many of our town's services, including police, fire, and public works.

## COLLEGES WOULD PAY PROPERTY TAXES ON HOMES UNDER MY BILL

I currently have a bill (HB 6965) in the legislature, which would ask private colleges, like Quinnipiac, to pay their fair share, just like every other member of our community, on residential property (houses) that they own. This is common sense legislation that will help protect the families, neighborhoods, and communities of Hamden. It deserves to pass now. I recently wrote an op-ed on this subject for the New Haven Register, which you can read here. <http://bit.ly/1Kh80Sx>.

