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## **FIVE LOCAL VOICES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY DEDICATION TO LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT**

NORTH CHARLESTON, SC- The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to announce community representatives for the 2020-2022 term following the open call for applications. Community representatives are a key part of the CJCC's efforts to improve public safety and community well-being.

Each selectee represents a segment of the Charleston County population with unique interests and concerns. The newest representatives join seven already serving the 2019-2021 term.

Community representatives appointed to the 2020-2022 term include:

- Otha Meadows, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charleston Urban League, civil rights community
- Lydia Cotton, Hispanic community
- Anthony Bishara, Associate Professor of Psychology, College of Charleston, graduate community in related field of study
- Areyonna Keels, Bilingual Victim Advocate, People Against Rape (PAR), community-at-large community
- Alexandra E. Menegakis, Criminal Defense Attorney, Adams & Bischoff, P.C. s, designated liaison from any other entity deemed appropriate by the Executive Community

"The progress that the CJCC has made since we first sat at the table in 2015 is mind-blowing. The CJCC is in the thick of the work making real changes that are improving Charleston's local criminal justice system. I am so thankful this work is happening here." stated Dot Scott, Charleston Area NAACP President and CJCC community representative completing two consecutive terms (2016-2018, 2018-2020).

For more information, visit our website at [cjcc.charlestoncounty.org](http://cjcc.charlestoncounty.org).

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***About the CJCC***

*The CJCC is a collaboration of elected and senior officials, law enforcement leaders, judicial and court leadership, behavioral health professionals, victim and legal advocates, and various community leaders working in service of the Charleston community. The mission of the CJCC is to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to Charleston County's criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being.*

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