

CHARLESTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) SEEKING SEVEN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., November 5, 2018 – Are you interested in helping to improve your local criminal justice system? If so, consider applying to become a community representative with the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (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 CJCC is asking community members to submit an application to serve as a community representative on the CJCC for the 2019-2021 term. "Community input and guidance has been instrumental since the very beginning. Every voice adds value in making sure our justice system is fair, effective, just and equitable. We look forward to bringing new, diverse community representatives onboard to be a part of improving our system," stated A. Victor Rawl, Charleston County Council Chairman.

Community representatives express the varied justice-related needs and concerns of Charleston County residents, gather and share community input, and provide voice and feedback from the community into the CJCC decision-making process. The CJCC is accepting applications through December 7, 2018 for the odd-year term openings listed. Applicants from various geographic areas within Charleston County and diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Current openings, odd year (2019-2021):

- Local faith community
- Local nonprofit community
- Local healthcare community
- Local business community
- Local defense bar
- Local crime survivor community
- Previously incarcerated community (24 hours or more in the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center)

Currently filled, even year (2018-2020):

- Local civil rights community
- Local Hispanic community
- Local graduate program community in related fields of study
- Local community-at-large
- One designated liaison form any other entity deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee

"Charleston County is in the midst of a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve our local justice system. As a community representative, I have the opportunity to get deeply involved in this important work, the responsibility to provide meaningful input to keep the CJCC's work connected to the community it serves, and a front row seat to seeing the progress being made along the way," stated Daniel Brownstein, currently serving community representative.

For more information and/or to apply, visit <u>cjcc.charlestoncounty.org</u> and click on the banner on the home page.

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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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