

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

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., November 25, 2019 – Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is kicking off the search for five new community representatives. 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 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 to improve the local criminal justice system.

"The CJCC belongs to all residents of Charleston County. Get involved. We want to hear your inputs and concerns. All input is important as we move forward and work to improve our local criminal justice system," stated Mount Pleasant Police Department Deputy Chief Stan Gragg, CJCC Chairman.

The CJCC encourages all community members to consider applying. No previous experience with the criminal justice system is required. Applications are accepted through December 13, 2019 for the even-year term openings listed below.

## Current openings, even year (2020-2022):

- 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

Currently filled, even 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

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

## 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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