



CJCC Community Representative Frequently Asked Questions



CHARLESTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

- **What is a criminal justice coordinating council (CJCC)?**
 - A CJCC is an established body of key criminal justice, government, and community stakeholders that convene regularly to identify systemic challenges and work collaboratively to improve the local criminal justice system.
- **Who is on the CJCC?**
 - Members of state, county, and municipal courts, county council, county and municipal law enforcement, circuit defender, circuit solicitor, behavioral health professionals, legal and victim advocates, probation and parole, and diverse community leaders
- **What is the mission of the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council?**
 - To assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to Charleston County's criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being
- **What is the vision of the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council?**
 - To foster a criminal justice system that is fair, just and equitably applied
- **What does the CJCC do?**
 - The CJCC uses data to identify systemic challenges and work collaboratively to improve the local criminal justice system.
- **How many community representatives serve?**
 - Twelve community representatives serve on a rotating basis. Six start their term of service in odd-numbered years, while the remaining six begin their term of service in even-numbered years.

Odd-year terms include:

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

Even-year terms include:

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

- **What is the role of a community representative?**
 - Representatives attend and participate in CJCC meetings and workgroups, gather and share community input, and provide feedback from the community in the CJCC process.
- **How can someone apply to be considered for a community representative position?**
 - During the call for applications, applicants complete a community representative application and submit it by the application deadline.
 - When a community representative completes their first term, they are invited to roll over into a second term.
- **Who has a vote on the CJCC?**
 - Positional members and one community representative elected to serve on the Executive Committee have a vote.
- **How long is the term of commitment for a community representative?**
 - Community representatives serve one two-year term. A community representative may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- **Are the CJCC Meetings open to the public?**
 - Yes.
- **How many meetings does the CJCC have?**
 - CJCC meetings are bi-monthly unless otherwise posted on the CJCC website.
- **Does the CJCC have staff and do they support community representatives?**
 - Yes. The CJCC has a small team of full-time dedicated staff.

If you have questions about the CJCC community representative application, please call 843-529-7307 or email cjcc@charlestoncounty.org.