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### **Community Continues to Play a Vital Role in the Work of the CJCC**

The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, or CJCC, invites the community to the second Community Justice Forum, to be held virtually January 12th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. The forum, entitled “COVID and Charleston’s Local Criminal Justice System” will feature local subject matter experts including:

- Captain Jason Bruder, CJCC Chairman, City of Charleston Police Department
- LaTasha Foggie, Director of Nursing, Wellpath
- Kristin Graziano, Charleston County Sheriff
- Major Dorothy Harris, Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center
- Scarlett Wilson, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor

Interested community members may register for the forum here: <http://bit.ly/01122021cjf>. The event is free and open to the public.

Additionally, the CJCC is excited to announce community representatives for the 2021-2023 term following an open call for applications. Community voice and priorities have been at the forefront of the work of the CJCC since the organization’s inception in 2015. These representatives will join five other already serving for the 2020-2022 term. The newly selected community representatives are:

- Dr. C Michael Bowman, President of Board of Directors, Father to Father, Inc.
- Adrian Cain, Senior Vice President Leadership Charleston Metro Chamber
- Marcus Tyler McDonald, Director, Charleston Black Lives Matter
- Keith Smalls, Founder/ Executive Director, My Community’s Keeper Mentor Group
- Adrian C. Swinton, Project Planner for MUSC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan
- Reverend David Truluck, Executive Director, SHIELD Ministries
- Lauren Williams, attorney, Williams & Walsh, LLC

Community representatives voice the diverse needs and concerns of Charleston County residents within the CJCC. Representatives attend and participate in CJCC monthly meetings, review CJCC progress, gather and share community input, and provide voice and feedback from the community in the CJCC decision-making

process. Community representatives are selected annually through an open call for applications.

“There is no substitute for community voice, just as there is no substitute for authentic two-way community engagement. Both are vital in the work of the CJCC as we work to improve the community safety and well-being within Charleston County,” stated CJCC Chairman Jason Bruder, Captain, Charleston Police Department.

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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. The CJCC is currently funded by a Safety + Justice Challenge grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. For more information, visit [www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org).*

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