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SEVEN 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 2019-2021 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 five already serving the 2018-2020 term.

Community representatives appointed to the 2019-2021 term include:

- Reverend John Paul Brown, Retired Minister, The African Methodist Episcopal Church, faith community
- David G. Phillips, Professional Fundraising Consultant/ Nonprofit Management Consultant, Custom Development Solutions (CDS), nonprofit community
- Samuel Bellamy, Jr., Associate Care Coordinator, Select Health of South Carolina, healthcare community
- Ian Scott, Government Relations, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, business community
- Lauren Williams, Esq., attorney, Williams & Walsh LLC, defense bar community
- Vanessa Halyard, Family Advocate, Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, crime survivor community
- Keith Smalls, construction, H.R. Allen Inc., previously incarcerated community

"When I was selected to serve as a community representative two years ago, I had no idea what a learning opportunity I was in for. I had a front row seat at the table with local leadership to examine the numerous layers and gears of the local criminal justice system and make improvements. This has truly been an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I wish all the best to the newly appointed representatives," stated Byron J. Ray, community representative completing the 2017-2019 term.

For more information, visit our website at 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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