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## LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY VOICE IN ONGOING CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENTS

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NORTH CHARLESTON, SC- The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is pleased to announce community representatives for the 2018-2019 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 CJCC bylaws list the ten community representative seats. These representatives will join five others already serving the 2017-2018 term.

Community representatives appointed to the 2018-2019 term include:

- Professor Jennifer A. Baker PhD, Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston, Graduate Program community
- Lynn Pagliaro, Investor & Consultant serving SC Commercial & Non-Profit Organizations since 1985, Community-at-large
- Dot Scott, NAACP Charleston Chapter President, Civil Rights community, reappointed to subsequent term
- Reverend Luciano Soto Jr., Senior Pastor El Lugar De Su Gloria, Hispanic community
- Sandra S. Steadman, Resource Development Director, SC Share, Executive Committee Appointment

Five community representatives completed their CJCC term of service December 2017, creating the five openings for the current appointments. Charleston County Council recognized their contributions to the community at the January 23, 2018 meeting.

"In Charleston, we have a strong sense of community. We have seen that time and again. If there is work needed to make our community safer and more just, we can all pull together to make it happen. This work impacts all of us and I could not be prouder to be a part of it," stated Lynn Pagliaro, newly appointed community representative.

Facts about CJCC community representatives:

- Ten community representatives
- Community representatives attend general CJCC meetings and hold separate community representative meetings
- Provide community voice and feedback in CJCC decision-making
- Instrumental in broader community outreach and engagement
- Serve two-year terms
- Maximum of two back-to-back terms
- One voting seat on the CJCC

For more information, visit our website at [cjcc.charlestoncounty.org](http://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. 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).*