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## **CJCC LAUNCHES SURVEY TO COLLECT COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) requests community residents complete the brief survey by November 1, 2019. The survey will help identify community priorities for improving the local criminal justice system.

Please complete the brief survey today. To participate, please visit [bit.ly/2020CJCCSURVEY](http://bit.ly/2020CJCCSURVEY). The survey is also accessible on the [CJCC website](#).

“We want to hear from as many community voices as possible. The community’s safety and justice concerns matter a great deal to the CJCC. We want to be sure our next strategic plan builds on the progress to-date and sharpens our focus in the areas that matter the most to the community we serve,” said CJCC Chairman Stan Gragg, Deputy Chief, Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Throughout 2019, the CJCC has been striving to engage with 1,000 community members to gather feedback that will aid in the development of the CJCC’s 2020 strategic plan. In addition to the survey, CJCC hosted a series of community events rooted in key areas for improvement. Recent events included:

- What happens after arrest? A discussion of liberty, justice and safety in Charleston County (July 1)
- Life after incarceration in Charleston: Now what? Hear from those with lived experience (July 23)
- Race in Charleston’s criminal justice system: Unpacking matters of racial equity (August 12)
- Numerous roundtable dialogues across the county to dig deeper into the issues (September – October)

The events provided a forum for community members and system leaders to come together, explore the challenges, discuss opportunities and learn from one another. Nearly 600 participated in events to date.

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).*

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