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**CHARLESTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)
INDUCTS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., Jan. 31, 2017 – [The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council \(CJCC\)](#), a body of leaders that work to coordinate systemic improvements in the local criminal justice system, is pleased to announce its team is growing.

After accepting applications from across the lowcountry, 10 community representatives were selected to join the group. The CJCC’s mission 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.

“Community representatives are an essential part of our mission and we are excited to have a diverse group of individuals onboard.” said Chairman Mitch Lucas.

The CJCC confirmed their appointment and they each represent diverse sectors of our community. Below is the list of 2017 members by the specific categories required in the CJCC bylaws:

- Civil Rights, Dot Scott, Charleston Branch President of the NAACP
- Faith, Rich Robinson, Chaplain
- Hispanic, Lydia Cotton, Board Chair of Art Pot Multicultural Group
- Non-Profit, Byron Ray, Intervention Specialist
- Healthcare, Sharon Coleman, Director of Residential Services
- Business, Daniel Brownstein, Director of Marketing and Communications
- Defense, Drew Carroll, Criminal Defense Lawyer
- Graduate Program, April Adams, Graduate Student
- Community-at-large, Brad Crowther, Consultant and Writer
- Executive Committee Appointment, Everard "Rod" Rutledge, Adjunct Professor and retired healthcare executive

“The CJCC received several applications and was thrilled by the interest. We encourage the community to continue providing input and feedback as we work to create a more effective criminal justice system,” said Co-Vice Chair, Dr. Chanda Brown.

Community representatives will represent the needs and concerns of Charleston County residents, gather and share community input, and provide voice and feedback from the community into the



CJCC decision making process. This includes attending CJCC and community representative meetings.

“I am pleased to have been selected as a Community Representative of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Charleston County,” said Dot Scott, the President of the Charleston Chapter of the NAACP. “The mission of this project is both ground breaking and life changing for our community and its citizens as we work toward a more effective criminal justice system.”

For more information, visit our website at cjcc.charlestoncounty.org.

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About the CJCC

The CJCC, a collaboration of elected and senior officials within the local justice system and various community leaders, has developed a transformation plan in order to safely drive down the jail population, address racial and ethnic disproportionality and/or disparity, and continually improve the local justice system. Charleston County is one of 10 jurisdictions in the country chosen to receive significant funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to implement these reforms. The Safety and Justice Challenge grant provided the CJCC \$2.25 million and expert technical assistance.