



September 13, 2022

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## Charleston County Housing Our Future Public Meetings

This coming week there will be several opportunities for us to show up for justice! The Charleston County Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department is hosting multiple public information meetings in various locations throughout the county. These meetings are the opportunity to hear what the comprehensive plan for Charleston County will be. That's why **WE NEED YOUR VOICE!** We have been pushing for an affordable housing trust fund to be created, there is no mention in the plan. We have been pushing to protect those who are most vulnerable that earn below 80% of the area median income, there is no mention in the plan! This is not acceptable, and we need to let the county know that!

There are two specific meetings that our CAJM Housing Steering Committee has agreed to focus on.

- September 14th 9-11am at the Sullivan's Island Town Hall
- September 14th 5:30-7pm at the Lonnie Hamilton Public Services Building (N. Charleston)

At these meetings we need people to ask:

- *About the lack of an affordable housing trust fund*

- *About how much housing will be created for 80% and below the area median income*
- *What is the timeline for actual construction to begin on new affordable homes?*

This is where our collective people power comes into play. Charleston County needs to know we see what they are doing and we know they can do better! They need to DO RIGHT! So we need you to call your networks to come with you to one of these meetings and let your voice be heard!

Please [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#) so we can have an idea of how many to expect.

Please arrive 30 minutes early and meet out front (or in the lobby in case of bad weather) for a pre-meeting.

Want to read more about Charleston County's holistic plan for housing and house affordability? [Click here!](#)

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## Upcoming Research Committee Meetings

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### **Housing Meeting with Charleston County Councilman Rev. Kylon Middleton**

Friday, September 16th

Premeeting: 2:00pm (must attend to attend meeting)

Meeting: 3:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Email [amber@thedartcenter.org](mailto:amber@thedartcenter.org) to RSVP

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## Be a Justice Voter!

Earlier this year, The Leadership Conference Education Fund launched the Vote for Justice campaign. Our primary goal with this campaign is to build a diverse, nonpartisan, and engaged community of justice voters who understand the connection between justice, voting, and other acts of civic participation. A justice voter is a person who understands the role elected officials play in shaping the criminal-legal system; someone who educates themselves and others about the justice issues impacting their community and votes in all elections.

A justice voter does 5 things:

1. Register to vote
2. Learn about the justice issues in their community
3. Create their plan to vote
4. Get 3 other people committed to be a justice voter
5. VOTE

Many of you are already justice voters. We'd like to hear why. Today, we are launching the justice voter challenge. Individuals will record themselves telling why they are a justice voter. We invite you to share your story on why you are a justice voter. Please view our social media channels for instructions on how to record your own video. There is also a giveaway to the first 100 people that participate in the challenge.

We've also created the **Vote For Justice Toolkit** for organizations, coalitions, and groups to build their base of justice voters. The toolkit explores the key criminal-legal issues at the national level, profiles the elected offices that shape our criminal-legal system (district attorneys, public defenders, sheriffs, mayors, city council members, governors, attorney generals, judges, and state legislators). Additionally, there is a resource chart that maps out the 50 states and includes elected offices up for election in 2022, and the number of disenfranchised voters because of a felony conviction. Lastly, the toolkit lists resources for individuals to register to vote, learn about criminal-legal

issues, and engage their community to vote from the lens of transforming the criminal-legal system. Feel free to use this toolkit as a resource and share widely.

**Click here to learn more about the campaign.** If your congregation would like to join these efforts or discuss ways to use the toolkit, please contact Brandon Chapman ([bchapman@civilrights.org](mailto:bchapman@civilrights.org)) and Reginald Belle ([belle@civilrights.org](mailto:belle@civilrights.org)).

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## Community Events & Happenings

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### Gadsden Creek Community Clean-Up



PLEASE JOIN US TO CLEAN UP AND RE-IMAGINE  
**GADSDEN CREEK**  
A HISTORIC SALT MARSH ON  
THE WESTSIDE OF CHARLESTON  
An Essential Fish Habitat and Critical Wetland

SATURDAY / SEPTEMBER 17/ 9:30 AM  
Meet at Harmon Field at  
The corner of Hagood & Line

Remember to wear close-toed shoes, a hat, & sunscreen, & bring a water bottle.

Our Flooding Committee is working hard in the fight to save Gadsden Creek, but there's no reason to wait until we win to make it even more beautiful! Join the community for a clean-up.

Email CAJM Flooding Committee member Merrie Koester to RSVP at [merriekoester@comcast.net](mailto:merriekoester@comcast.net).

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## Have you made your 2022 investment in CAJM?

CAJM's 2022 investment drive goal is **\$215,000!** In honor of our tenth

year, we are striving for 100% participation for investments! In other words, we're going ALL IN for year ten!

It's not too early to make a payment towards your 2022 CAJM investment! You can do so by clicking the link below. Reach out to your team leader or organizer with any questions about investing.

[Click here to invest!](#)

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