



## Turn out for housing on Tuesday, May 9!

Since the Nehemiah Action on March 20th, the Housing Steering Committee has been continuing to push for the adoption of the Housing Our Future Plan by the Charleston County Council. We have finally been able to schedule a meeting with Councilpersons Sass and Honeycutt! As you know, neither of them would agree to meet with CAJM ahead of the Action, or until the HOF Plan was presented to Council. They have finally agreed to meet with us, and we need to show up and let them see our people power!

Our steering committee will meet with Councilman Sass and Councilwoman Honeycutt on Tuesday, May 9 at 6pm right before the County Council meeting. **The steering committee would like everyone else to meet on May 9 at 5:45 in front of the Lonnie Hamilton Building (4045 Bridge View Drive) for a brief pre-meeting, which will be led by Deborah Agbor-Tabi.** We need to let them know that this continued delay is NOT ACCEPTABLE! They have yet to even put it back on the County Council's agenda for discussion. They need to adopt the Housing Our Future Plan and DO RIGHT, RIGHT NOW! Come and stand with us in solidarity of our community struggling with outrageous housing costs.

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

If you are unable to attend and still want to support the adoption of the Housing Our Future Plan, you can email a statement to: [public-comments@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:public-comments@charlestoncounty.org).

You can also email your Councilperson directly:  
**District 1 - Herb Sass:** [hsass@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:hsass@charlestoncounty.org)

**District 2** - Larry Kobrovsky: [lkobrovsky@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:lkobrovsky@charlestoncounty.org)

**District 3** - Rob Wehrman: [rwehrman@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:rwehrman@charlestoncounty.org)

*(attended the Action and has already committed to support HOF Plan - your message can thank him for his support)*

**District 4** - Henry Darby: [henrydarby@msn.com](mailto:henrydarby@msn.com)

**District 5** - Teddy Pryor: [tpryor@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:tpryor@charlestoncounty.org)

**District 6** - Rev. Kylon Middleton: [kmiddleton@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:kmiddleton@charlestoncounty.org)

*(was unable to attend the Action due to illness, but in a later meeting agreed to support HOF Plan - your message can thank him for his support)*

**District 7** - Brantley Moody: [bmoody@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:bmoody@charlestoncounty.org)

**District 8** - Joe Boykin: [JBoykin@CharlestonCounty.org](mailto:JBoykin@CharlestonCounty.org)

**District 9** - Jenny Honeycutt: [jhoneycutt@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:jhoneycutt@charlestoncounty.org)

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## Have you registered for the CAJM Celebration?

You're invited to the 11th Annual CAJM Celebration! We will gather on May 15 at the Hanahan Amphitheater (3100 Mabeline Road) for an evening of fun and festivities to celebrate all of this year's victories. The agenda will kick off at 6:30pm. If you'd like, you can come early at 5:45pm to enjoy music, a meal (\$5 per person), and fellowship!

[Click here to register for the Celebration \(and reserve a meal!\)](#)

The Celebration is also the formal kick-off to this year's Investment Drive, so come ready to make a payment and/or a pledge on your 2023 financial investment!

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## CAJM is hiring an Associate Organizer! Apply now!

Associate Organizers will spend their most time in the community developing relationships with grassroots leaders and moving our issue campaigns forward. Organizers train leaders in our member congregations to engage others in doing justice, and guide them in conducting research into community problems and creating winnable

issue campaigns. Organizers also recruit new congregations, organize public direct action events, and coordinate an annual fundraising drive. We are looking for people who have a passion for justice and have acted on it, and who can build strong relationships with people from all walks of life. Interested?

Learn more and apply at: [thedartcenter.org/careers](https://thedartcenter.org/careers).

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## Upcoming Research Visits

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We encourage all CAJM members to join us for research visits and full committee meetings! Email [dorightcajm@gmail.com](mailto:dorightcajm@gmail.com) to be connected with our research committees, and/or use the links below to sign up to attend.

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### Show up at Charleston County Council for Housing

**What:** We are turning out strong at County Council to show our support for the Housing our Future plan!

**When:** Tuesday, May 9 at 5:45pm

**Where:** Lonnie Hamilton Building (4045 Bridge View Drive)

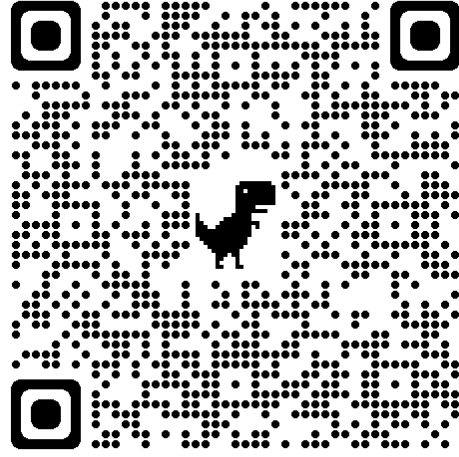
**RSVP:** Email [amber@thedartcenter.org](mailto:amber@thedartcenter.org)

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## New to CAJM and want more information?

We are so glad you are here, and we'd love to connect you with a CAJM Team Leader!

Use the QR code to the right, or follow [this link](#), to fill out a short survey so that we can match you with the Team Leader who best fits your needs.



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**It's not too early to get started on  
your 2023 CAJM investment!**

**[Click here to invest!](#)**

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## **Community Board**

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**Attend a local forum on searching for solutions to gun violence**



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**Palmetto Hope Network and the Tri-County Gun Violence Coordinating Council (GVCC) final Phase IV Gun Violence Searching for Solutions Forum.  
May 7, 2023**

Hello, CAJM guests,

You are cordially invited to join Palmetto Hope Network and the Tri-County Gun Violence Coordinating Council (GVCC) on Sunday, May 7, for the final Phase IV *Gun Violence Searching for Solutions Forum* on finding common ground and implementing solutions.

In our first three phases, we impaneled law enforcement, legislators, mental health and education specialists, gun owners, and solicitors together with members of the community to find common ground and solutions to gun violence.

We are requesting your presence so we can present our findings to you in hopes that you can help implement these findings in your respective communities.

This event will be held from 2pm-5pm at the College of Charleston in the Wells Fargo Auditorium in the School of Business at 5 Liberty Street Charleston SC 29401.

Please respond with your availability so that we can make every accommodation for you as our special guest.

Sincerely,

**Marlvis E Kennedy**

***Marlvis (Butch) Kennedy***

***Palmetto Hope Network***

Founder/CEO

REALMAD (Real Men against Domestic Violence)

*“REAL Men Don’t Hit Women”*

Providing HOPE to Communities and Victims of Violent Crimes

Interested in participating? RSVP to Gwen Greenwalt at: **(843) 901-0398**.

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**Help end predatory lending in South Carolina!**



CAJM is a member of the SC Fair Lending Alliance, a statewide coalition advocating to pass legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans in our state at 36%. Currently, there is no limit, which has allowed some supervised lenders to charge as much as 950% APR.

Last year, a House bill failed to make it to a vote before the legislative session ended. However, a similar bill (**S.518**) was recently introduced in the Senate by SC Senator Katrina Frye-Shealy (District 23) to cap interest rates at 36%. Write, email, or call your SC Senators to make them aware of bill S.518. Use this **Take Action Form** which will pre-populate a message of support. You may personalize it or send as is. Your actions are helping prevent a cause of homelessness and helping ensure people in our community can build economic stability.

Contact Susan Fender, Circular Church, (864-905-5466) to learn how your congregation can become more involved.

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## Follow us on social media!

