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Task Force On Safety and Crime Reduction - Application for Chair

Submit by email to Carol Brock, csbrock@coj.net. or mail to Carol Brock, Jacksonville City Council, Ste. 425, 117 W. Duval St., Jacksonville, FL. 32202. Application due no later than Friday, October 26, 2018.

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Describe your experience and expertise which qualify you to serve as chair of this task force: (100 words or less):

If this task force ever hopes to reduce crime in our community, it must include the right people. People who actually deal with the issues we hope to resolve on a daily basis, and that have experienced the traumatizing effects of violent crime here in Jacksonville. I am one of those people, and instead of representing our interests through councilmembers that have never taken the time to share or understand the problems we face, I am challenging this city to involve the community in our efforts, and it starts with selecting advocates like me that are a voice for it.

Are you a Duval County Resident?

Yes

Which category(ies) do you represent? See list below

Representatives from youth community (18 and under)

Representatives from religious institution/place of worship, non-profit, or other community organization actively engaged in crime prevention initiatives (EVAC)

Representatives from Kids Hope Alliance (MYLAC)

Will you commit to serve as chair of this task force for approximately 24 months and meet at least 2 times per month for several hours?

Yes

B. Griggs

Additional comments and/or qualifications for the selection committee to consider for evaluating you as chair:

I understand the problems and contributing factors to violent crime in Jacksonville very well from my work with our local American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and in the Duval County Teen Court Program where I heard the cases of juvenile defendants, giving me a better perspective of why the violence we hope to prevent is occurring. I also serve on the local affairs committee of EVAC, an organization that has succeeded in impeding the course of criminal activity in this city through community outreach. Lastly, I have worked in conjunction with Lenny Curry through the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council so I have a clear understanding of city government, the procedures we follow, and what is expected of the chair of this task force.