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Elected Chair

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.

Name: Mark L. Griffin		Phone: (904) 887-6900	Email: mgriffin@wayman.org
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<p>Describe your experience and expertise which qualify you to serve as chair of this task force: I have been directly involved in crime reduction work for at least the last 12 years. In 2006, I was a participant in the JCCI Study on Reducing Murder. I was a part of Sheriff Rutherford's crime reduction advisory team in 2007. I was selected by Mayor Peyton to serve on the original 2009 Jacksonville Journey study team. I have worked directly with the residents of Eureka Gardens to reduce crime. After leading the city with seven murders in 2007, Eureka is now seldom mentioned as the location of recent homicides.</p>			
Are you a Duval County resident? Yes		Which category(ies) do you represent? <i>See list below.</i> Chair and/or Representative from religious institution, non-profit	
<p>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</p>			
<p>Additional comments and/or qualifications for the selection committee to consider for evaluating you as chair: I raised over \$100,000 for a new playground in Eureka Gardens. Annually, I raise monies for an annual Community Christmas Fellowship, which includes a car giveaway. I also raised money for a gun buy-back program, which raised gun safety awareness. I have performed community walks, counseled victim families, sat in courtrooms, and met with gang members in an effort to better understand the context and culture. I am the founder of one of Jacksonville's most successful charter schools, Wayman Academy of the Arts, which is across from Eureka Gardens, as well as Wayman Community Development Corporation, which runs numerous afterschool and other youth programs.</p>			

Task Force membership shall consist of the following categories:

- Chair
- Vice Chair, City Council Member
- Additional City Council Member
- Representatives from the Mayor's Office (*List Department/Title*)
- Representatives from Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (*List Department/Title*)
- Representatives from State Attorney's Office (*List Department/Title*)
- Representatives from Public Defender's Office (*List Department/Title*)
- Representatives from Kids Hope Alliance (*List Department/Title*)
- Representatives from Duval County Public Schools (*List Department/Title*)
- Representatives from religious institution/place of worship, non-profit, or other community organization actively engaged in crime prevention initiatives (*List name of organization*)
- Representatives from business community (*List name of business*)
- Representatives from neighborhood group or association, Community Housing Development Organization, community activists (*List name of neighborhood or community*)
- Representatives from civic group (*List name of civic group*)
- Representatives from higher education institutions (*List name of institution*)
- Representatives from youth community (*List age*)