

Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction - Application for Membership

Submit by email to Carol Brock, csbrock@col.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 a member of this task force: (100 words or less) See attached statement.		
Are you a Duval County resident? Yes	Which category(ies) do you represent? See list below for options. Business Community - Law Office of W. C. Gentry, P.A. Community Organization - Sulzbacher Center	
Will you commit to serve as a member of this task force for approximately 24 months and meet at least 2 times per month for several hours? Yes		
Additional comments and/or qualifications for the selection committee to consider for evaluating you as a member of the task force: See attached resume.		

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*)

W. C. GENTRY
EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATION FOR TASK FORCE

I grew up in Northeast Springfield and am personally familiar with conditions and circumstances that help fuel Jacksonville's persistent crime. I have served in many capacities to help our City. In the late 80's, I conducted an extensive investigation of Jacksonville's odor problem and led civil and criminal actions resulting in its elimination. Through the Jacksonville Journey and as Jax Journey Chair, I learned a great deal about Jacksonville's crime problems and potential countermeasures. I have been very engaged with education and housing and my work as a lawyer involves complex problem solving and success through collaboration.