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Clergy, Harris County Public Officials and Community Leaders Announce Historic Coalition

Amidst growing public safety concerns the Harris County Council for a Safer County is formed

HOUSTON, TEXAS —

What: Leading clergy, community leaders, Harris County officials, and City of Houston officials jointly announce the creation of the Harris County Council for a Safer County (“CSC”).

The CSC's goal is to work collaboratively for a safer society through innovative prevention, intervention, and effective policies which promote justice and order.

Why: Recent discussions led by members of the clergy regarding concerns about the public's well-being, has revealed that only through combined strengths, influence and resourcefulness can the public safety and human development needs of this county be met.

The CSC's mission is to improve communication among the leaders in the community, and through them, the people they serve; to identify needs and problems in the criminal justice system; to suggest solutions; and to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of law enforcement activities, the administration of justice, and the development of a robust civil society.

Who: The formation of the CSC is being led by Bishop James Dixon, who is also the Chairman. Leading clergy includes Rev. Bill Lawson, Rev. Manson Johnson, Rev. James Nash, and Bishop Robert Jefferson. Public officials include: Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia, Houston Police Department Chief Charles McClelland, Harris County District Attorney Patricia Lykos, Mike Barber, Director of Chaplaincy for Harris County, education officials, community leaders and others.

Where: Harris County District Attorney's Office, 6th floor, 1201 Franklin, Houston, Texas 77002

When: Thursday, June 14, 10 AM

All news media are invited to attend.

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