



Cuyahoga County Council

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April 1, 2024

Andria Richardson, Clerk of Council
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear Ms. Richardson,

I am writing to notify you that, pursuant to Rule 12E of the Rules of Cuyahoga County Council, I am appointing an advisory subcommittee of the standing Public Safety and Justice Affairs Committee of Cuyahoga County Council. The composition, purpose, and duration of the subcommittee are detailed below.

Purpose:

The Juvenile Court Advisory Subcommittee will be charged with conducting a comprehensive review of existing programs, program outcomes, and rates of recidivism within Cuyahoga County's Juvenile Justice system. The goal of this subcommittee will be to evaluate current practices, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations for enhanced efficiency, improved outcomes, and fiscal responsibility.

Committee Responsibilities:

The subcommittee will be tasked with the following responsibilities:

- **Examination of Juvenile Court Programming and Recidivism:** Review the Juvenile Court's current programs and their effects on rates of recidivism. Assess the existing programs and identify any barriers or challenges in the current system.
- **Identification of Best Practices:** Research and recommend additional programs and best practices, drawing from successful models implemented in other jurisdictions.
- **Financial Needs and Resource Assessment:** Conduct a thorough assessment of the financial resources required to implement recommended changes and improvements. Provide a detailed budget outlining the financial needs associated with proposed reforms.

Timeline:

The subcommittee is expected to complete its work and submit its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2024, after which the committee shall disband unless the committee timeline is extended by the Council President.

Committee Membership:

The committee will be made up of five members, including:

1. The Honorable Ronald Adrine
2. Marvin Cross
3. The Honorable Robert McClelland
4. Jennifer Yarham
5. Bridget Gibbons, Juvenile Court Deputy Court Administrator

The subcommittee shall elect a chair to preside over meetings and activities of the subcommittee's work. Council committee rooms, or their video teleconference equivalents, will be made available for subcommittee meetings and Council staff will provide support for the purposes of publishing meeting notices, agendas, taking minutes, and any other clerical functions necessary to meet the requirements of the rules of council and open meetings law. Temporary appointments may be made to the subcommittee in the same manner provided in Rule 12F of the Rules of Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pernel Jones, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council

CC:

Members of Cuyahoga County Council
Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff