

**COMMUNITY  
JUSTICE CENTER  
INITIATIVE**

**CJC-RACIAL  
DISPARITIES  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

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# THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION FINAL REPORT

- Submitted to the Dane County Criminal Justice Council on August 26, 2021
- Needs assessment steps included:
  - Stakeholder interviews
  - Community engagement sessions
  - Data Review
  - Cost Considerations

"If this model is embraced, and embraced fully, it could be a positive thing, but they are really skeptical that it will be fully embraced."

Linda Ketcham, *JustDane*

"So many people wanted to see, could there be educational services at the center to really educate folks about the process and about a person's legal rights."

Peng Her, *Hmong Institute*

"A lot of people are open to it and look forward to it, they just really want to make sure it just needs to be done correctly the first time."

Alex Booker, *Urban Triage*

The Community Justice Center "can be the hub of a lot of opportunities and resources for our community for people in need. This would indeed change the mindset because this isn't a policy thing or behavior thing, it's really a heart thing." — Walter Williams, *Charles Hamilton Houston Institute*

"Discrimination or racism and how that often times makes them feel dehumanized by the process or system and there was a lot of conversation about what the experience is in ways in ways the systems would support them ... this would be a way of humanizing and supporting immigrant communities."

Evelyn Cruz, *Centro Hispano*

"Someone with lived experience said everyone has to be on the same page, everyone involved has to be willing to go forward, being sensitive to different needs for different people."

Dr. Karen Reece, *Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership*

"The people loved the fact that the community center will be overseen by someone in their neighborhood that they know and feel they can trust."

Lisa Burrell, *Families Back to the Table*

# IN SEPTEMBER 2021, THE CJC PASSED THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

- The Dane County Criminal Justice Council accepts the Center for Court Innovation (CCI) Report, <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/CCI-Final-Report-DaneCounty-9.10.21-.pdf>, and endorses development of a planning team, and requests the Criminal Justice Council-Racial Disparities Subcommittee define the community justice initiative resource coordinator role and responsibilities.

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Next steps:?

Report development  
of action plan

CJCRD: Role  
definition

CJC/Nehemiah was  
NOT selected for a  
MacArthur Safety and  
Justice-Racial Equity  
Grant

Seeking grants and  
technical assistance  
continues

**ACTION  
PLAN  
MODEL**

