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MOTION

We **MOVE** that the following individuals be appointed to two-year terms to the Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission.

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Pat DeWine

COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE

Chair: Nominee: Retired Judge Nathaniel Jones

3 County Commissioners (select, among the three, the vice chair of commission, to preside in absence of chair)

- *Todd Portune*
- *David Pepper*
- *Pat DeWine*

County Sheriff

- *Simon Leis*

County Prosecutor

- *Joe Deters*

County Coroner

- *O'dell Owens*

Mayor, Cincinnati

- *Mark Mallory*

Cincinnati Chief of Police

- *Tom Streicher*

+ *Dan Brooks, Mayor, N. College Hill*

Hamilton County Public Defender

- *Lou Strigari*

Five judges: (selected by County Commissioners, two-year terms)

- Common Pleas (2): **Nominees: Judge John West, Judge Bill Mallory**
- Municipal Court (2): **Nominees: Judge Julie Stautberg, Judge Nadine Allen**
- Juvenile Court (1): **Nominee: Judge Karla Grady**

Three at-large community representatives (selected by County Commissioners, two-year terms):

Nominees:

- **Walter Smitson**
- **Rev. James Pankey, President, Baptist Ministers Conference**
- **Eric Avner**

Standing Committee Members:

The Commission will oversee a set number of standing committees. Standing Committees are required to have a commission member serve as the chair, but membership will include noncommission members as appropriate. Standing Committees are required to report and make recommendations to the Commission. The adoption of any recommendation submitted by the Standing Committees will require a majority vote of the Commission. Standing Committees will have the authority to utilize workgroups of practitioners with specific areas of expertise, as needed.

The standing committee members would bring multiple disciplines to bear on the questions and issues to be addressed. They also will provide critical outreach to different constituency groups. In searching for members of the Commission, numerous individuals have been recommended or offered to participate in its work. I recommend that the Commission/Administration invite the

following individuals to take part in its work through Standing Committees.

- *Ernie McAdams, City Prosecutor*
- *Cecil Thomas, Cincinnati City Council*
- *Joe Schmitz, Director of Corrections*
- *Jerry Campbell, Hamilton County Court Administrator*
- *Michael Walton, Court Administrator*
- *Wendy Niehaus, Pretrial Services*
- *Dr. Pat VanVoorhis, University of Cincinnati Criminal Justice Program*
- *John Norwine, Director, Cincinnati Bar Association (former President of pretrial services)*
- *Rick Roberts (or a representative), Jobs & Family Services*
- *Patrick Tribbe or Diana McIntosh - HC Mental Health and Recovery Board*
- *Portia Cox Walker, Parole Representative*
- *Mike Allen, attorney, former prosecutor*
- *Frank Yux, treatment services*
- *David Singleton, Ohio Justice and Policy Center*
- *Robert Biddle, retired Police Captain*
- *Georgine Ghetty, Homeless Coalition*
- *Gwen Robinson, Community Action Agency*
- *Donna Jones Stanley, Urban League*
- *Steve McConnell, Cincinnati Union Bethel*
- *Neil Tilow, Talbert House*
- *John Young, Freestore/Foodbank and former Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Director*
- *Rick Tripp, Architect, MSA*
- *Rick Siegel, Citizen Complaint Authority*
- *Representative, Hamilton County Police Assoc. Rep.*

While the Commission will ultimately determine the Standing Committees purposes and makeup, committees might include:

- *Program Evaluation Committee: provides an ongoing assessment of treatment and other diversion programs in use today, and applies best practices to recommend improvements and new approaches*
- *Probation Committee: analyzes and assesses probation practices in the County, and recommends improvements that will improve overcrowding and reduce recidivism and crime*
- *Policy and Structure Committee: analyzes the various processes and overall structure of the County criminal justice system, including recommendations on pre-trial assessment, community punishment options, specialized courts, etc.*
- *Reentry Committee: analyzes the reentry circumstances and processes faced by offenders as they end their incarceration and reenter the community, with the goal being to reduce recidivism*