

ONE SAFE HOUSTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY TASKFORCE



The Mayor's One Safe Houston initiative outlines a blueprint for the city that can guide us beyond 2022 to reduce violence and emerge as one resilient city. By implementing those collaborative efforts, Mayor Turner's Office of Community Affairs and the Houston Police Department Office of Community Affairs invited various faith-based and community leaders to take part of the Mayor's One Safe Houston Community Advisory Taskforce. This diverse body of community and spiritual leaders participate in discussions and implement a proactive approach to address the symptoms of violence and establish trust between police and the community. Through programming, open dialogue and connection with the Houston Police Department (HPD) the mission of this taskforce is to lead community conversations to addressing violent crime. Mayor Turner highlights the importance of community and faith-based leaders to foster an environment of peace and understanding throughout the Houston community.

Leadership

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Advisors and Members

Rev. Alexander Johnson | **Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church**
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Rev. F.N. Williams Sr. | **Antioch MBC**
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Jaison Oliver | **Consultant/ Community Activist**
Pastor Jamail Johnson | The Word Church

Bishop James Dixon II | **The Community of Faith Church**
Jessica Hulsey | **SWSNC63/ Second Ward Complete Communities Initiative**
Rev. Jonathan Page | **First Congregational Church of Houston**
Jose Rivera | **Houston YMCA**
Jihane Ghenim | **AnNisa Hope Center**
Judson Robinson | **Houston Area Urban League**
Rachel Cevallos de Gonzales | **Identity Plus/ LULAC**
Raazia Nathani | **AnNisa Hope Center**
Shariq Ghani | **Minaret Foundation**
Shekria Dennis | **Next Wave Strategies**
Sonia Corrales | **Houston Area Women's Center**
Sadaf Patel | **AnNisa Hope Center**
Rev. Dr. Steve Wells | **South Main Baptist Church**
Tracey Prince | **Houston First Corporation**
Chaplain Vince Johnson | **Houston Police Department**
Rev. William Lawson | **Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church**



The Houston Police Department presentation to the Community Advisory Taskforce of their efforts to address violent crime for juveniles ages 14-24. (September 2022)