

JUST NEWSLETTER

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LISTENING SESSION KICK-OFF

Our 2024-2025 justice process launches with our **Listening Process Kick-Off** session on **Monday, September 9th, at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at ConneXion Church.** Join us as we begin our justice process with empowering messages and training.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

On Wednesday, August 21st, the Affordable **Housing Committee** met with Chester Ellis (County Chairman) and Michael Kaigler (County Manager) to discuss further the inclusion of an **affordable/attainable** housing lens in the **SPLOST-8 referendum.**

We discussed including a **specific affordable housing project** in the SPLOST-8 referendum. The committee will do further work to assist in identifying the project.

LITERACY CAMPAIGN UPDATES

On Tuesday, September 3rd, the Literacy Committee met with Roger Moss (School Board President) and Cherie Goldman (Literacy Effective Officer). We discussed the implementation of the Science of Reading program, benchmarks, and our role as a community partner.

In summary, the **K-12 curriculum** is in place, **teachers are receiving training**, and the **district accountability method** is in place. We also identified areas in which JUST can **support SCCPSS through advocacy.** More to come.

RESOURCE

In his New York Times bestseller, Pulitzer Prize winner **Matthew Desmond** reveals how governmental programs, landlords, and the grueling continuous search for safe and **affordable housing** ensnare already vulnerable populations in a perverse cycle.

