

Joint Statement of the Marion County Circuit Court, Marion Superior Court, and the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force regarding the Community Justice Campus

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Indianapolis – Today, the Judge of the Marion County Circuit Court, the Executive Committee of the Marion Superior Court, and the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force released the following statement regarding the Community Justice Campus:

Joint Statement

“Pursuant to the May 1, 2017 deadline set forth by the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, the Marion County Circuit Court and the General Term of the Marion Superior Court recently voted upon the question of moving the Circuit and Superior Courts to the new Community Justice Campus.

After much study and deliberation, they voted to approve.

Over the past four months, in partnership with the Indianapolis Criminal Justice Task Force, the Marion County Circuit and Superior Courts have engaged in the hard work of putting Marion County on the cutting-edge of modern court systems. By looking at models and best practices from all over the country, Marion County’s Circuit and Superior Courts are committed to building a court system that is effective, efficient, and continues to promote justice in line with the fundamental tenets of criminal justice reform. While the task before the Courts is a challenging one, the Court are committed and will not settle for a system that does not enhance the community with great resources and access to the justice system.

Even with the challenges that stand before them, the Office of the Mayor and the Marion County Circuit and Superior Courts see a common path forward and are ready to take the next step together.

Statement of Mayor Joe Hogsett

“I want to thank the Marion County Circuit and Marion Superior Courts for their forward-thinking commitment to building an innovative, efficient, and just criminal justice system. I would like to thank the Executive Committee of the Superior Court, as well as Circuit Court Judge Sheryl Lynch, and Superior Court Judges Amy Jones and Mark Stoner for their dedicated leadership and trailblazing work.”