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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Chief Justice McCormack, Lt. Governor Gilchrist to Chair Fifth Public Meeting of the Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration in Lansing on November 19**

**Who:** Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack, Task Force Co-Chair Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II. [Task Force Members](#)

**What:** Public meeting of the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration. Following the data analysis and system assessments presented by staff, task force members have begun meeting in subgroups to discuss primary policy areas that affect Michigan jails. The subgroups are looking into options for alternatives to arrest, pretrial release and detention, sentencing for low-level crimes, sanctions for probation and parole violations, and services and supports for crime victims. Subgroups will present their initial ideas in the task force meeting on November 19 for feedback and will continue to develop and refine their recommendations before the final task force meeting on January 9.

**Written testimony:** can be submitted to [JailsTaskForce@courts.mi.gov](mailto:JailsTaskForce@courts.mi.gov) or by delivering a hard copy to the Task Force staff at the public meeting.

**Verbal testimony:** People who wish to testify can sign up at the meeting or email an advance request to [JailsTaskForce@courts.mi.gov](mailto:JailsTaskForce@courts.mi.gov). Verbal testimony is limited to four minutes but can be extended at the discretion of the co-chairs.

**When:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
Subgroup chair discussion: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Public Testimony: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Michigan Senate Hearing Room (Boji Tower)  
124 W. Allegan St., Ground Floor  
Lansing, MI 48933

**Why:** The bipartisan, interbranch Task Force was created by an Executive Order from Governor Gretchen Whitmer with a directive to examine the factors affecting jail populations and make recommendations that reduce incarceration trends, promote public safety, and safeguard civil rights. The Task Force is comprised of Michigan leaders that include judges, legislators, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, county commissioners, and community corrections and victim advocates. *Find more information at [www.courts.mi.gov/micjreform](http://www.courts.mi.gov/micjreform).*

**NOTE:** Watch livestream on [Senate TV](#) (tune in to Stream 3).

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