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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS AND THE OFFICE OF RE-ENTRY TO
HOST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COMMUNITY KICK-OFF**

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris and Shelby County Office of Re-Entry Director DeAndre Brown will introduce plans for new transitional housing to the community.

WHO: Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris and Shelby County Office of Re-Entry Director DeAndre Brown
WHAT: Community Engagement Kick-Off for Transitional Housing
WHEN: 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 27, 2022
WHERE: Shelby County Office of Re-Entry, 1362 Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, TN, 38106

Shelby County, TN – On Monday, June 27, the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry will kick off the first in a series of community events to share plans for new transitional housing in South Memphis. The Office of Re-Entry connects ex-offenders to programs, resources, and employers willing to hire them, in an all-around effort to reduce recidivism. According to the Tennessee Department of Corrections, the recidivism rate in Tennessee is 51%, which is below the national average of 71%. However, for individuals who receive a full year or more of affordable supportive housing and programming, the recidivism rate can reach as low as below 10%.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “Our Office of Re-Entry seeks to help ex-offenders return to society after incarceration and reduce recidivism. We know that oftentimes returning citizens can find it difficult to secure housing. When we remove this barrier, ex-offenders are more likely to successfully reintegrate into the community. This also means that ex-offenders are less likely to commit an additional crime, which benefits our entire community.”



DeAndre Brown, Director of the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry: “We recognize that inadequate housing options for those returning from incarceration can be detrimental to successful reintegration into mainstream society. This is our initial response. We look forward to the opportunity to do more.”

For more information about the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry, visit scofficeofreentry.com.