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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

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### PURPOSE

Provide Marylanders with an opportunity to interact with members of the Judiciary in a community-based and ongoing-dialogue to:

- Increase community understanding of the courts and its services
- Strengthen public confidence in the judicial system
- Enable the Judiciary to gain a better understanding of how it is viewed by the community

### THREE GOALS

- Organize community forums in each jurisdiction that are facilitated by a third-party neutral – *“How Maryland Courts Can Work Best for Everyone: A Conversation Between Court and Community Leaders”*
    - Create opportunities to listen to community members
    - Provide information about court programs and services in each jurisdiction
    - Gain an understanding of community members’ needs and ways the courts can provide better service
    - Created five regional workgroups to facilitate forums
      - Central Maryland
      - Southern Maryland
      - Suburban Maryland
      - Upper Shore/Harford County
      - Western Maryland
    - Forums expected to begin Summer 2021
  - Develop advisory boards in each jurisdiction with rotating membership to ensure a diversity of voices
  - Establish a community advisory officer in each jurisdiction to serve as the community liaison/point of contact for the community
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