



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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**ATTORNEY BENJAMIN CRUMP TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE SECOND ANNUAL "SOUTHERN JUSTICE SUMMIT"**

***Southern Justice Summit Awards to honor criminal justice reform leaders from across the South.***

**Shelby County, TN** – On Friday, November 19, Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris' office will host the "Southern Justice Summit Awards Ceremony" to honor criminal justice reform leaders. Last year, Mayor Harris' office hosted it's first "Southern Justice Summit" to bring together criminal justice leaders from around the South and highlight innovative approaches to public safety. This year's summit will honor leaders from across the country for their transformational work in the criminal justice field across the South.

The free, virtual event will feature a keynote address from nationally recognized trial lawyer Ben Crump and a performance by hip-hop artist YelloPain. Southern Justice Summit Awards Ceremony honorees include Innocence Project Director of Special Litigation Vanessa Potkin, Tennessee State Senator Raumesh Akbari, Attorney Michael Scholl, and Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk Heidi Kuhn.

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** "We hosted the first Southern Justice Summit to discuss public safety and reform efforts across the South. This year, we return to again shine a light on the need for reform and to honor the leaders who have helped to move the needle."

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The event is virtual and free to attend. Virtual attendees should register at:  
[www.southernjusticesummit.com](http://www.southernjusticesummit.com)

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