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Governor Kemp Appoints LaGrange Mayor to Second Term on the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

LaGrange, Ga. December 3, 2020 – Governor Brian Kemp has appointed Mayor Jim Thornton to a second four-year term on the state’s Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).



LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton

The CJCC is the state agency charged with coordinating the various components of the state’s criminal justice system, and its work includes advising the governor on criminal justice issues as well as data collection, legislative policy development, and grant funding.

“I often say and truly believe that public safety is the most important job of local government,” Mayor Thornton said. “LaGrange is a leading city in public safety and criminal justice policy, and serving on this statewide council gives me the opportunity to learn about and to influence criminal justice policy for the entire state.”

State law requires the Governor to select one mayor to represent the 537 cities in Georgia on the council.

In 2016, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Mayor Thornton to serve on the council for a four-year term, and Governor Kemp has now appointed him to serve a second four-year term.

Each year, the CJCC awards over \$135,000,000 in grant funding for criminal justice programs, including funding for victim shelters, juvenile justice programs, drug task forces, gang-tracking technology, accountability courts, and the state’s human trafficking response.

“I have enjoyed serving on the CJCC board and I look forward to serving another term,” Mayor Thornton said. “I appreciate the confidence Governor Kemp has demonstrated in me with this appointment.”

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