

City of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners  
45th Anniversary Event



Celebrating 45 Years of Accountability  
Through Civilian Oversight

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 5-7p.m.



## Board of Police Commissioners



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Greetings!

On behalf of the current members of the Board of Police Commissioners, thank you for joining with the community to celebrate the 1974 City Charter and its visionary creation of civilian oversight of the police department and how its creation helped forge a new era of police-community relations for Detroit.

In the aftermath of the civil uprising in 1967, Detroit residents pushed for systemic reforms against police harassment and brutality. Those reforms were enacted at the polls in 1973. While the election of the city's first black mayor in Coleman A. Young captivated history and culture, the most visionary change came in the creation of a civilian board to oversee the Detroit Police Department.

In 2019, Detroit commemorates 45 years since the first board of five appointed police commissioners met and began public review of police policies and actions in open meetings. Today, there are 11 police commissioners -- seven elected and four mayoral appointees -- but all still serve as dedicated volunteers and still meet once a week to ensure a public forum for everyone who wants to talk about police, public safety and law enforcement.

The community vision behind the 1974 was truly remarkable, and it endures in this vital civil rights arena today.

Sincerely,

Lisa Carter, Chair

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# 45th Anniversary Program

Event Opening	Program Emcee <b>Stephanie Davis</b> <i>WWJ Radio Reporter and Weekend News Anchor</i>
Program Welcome	Police Commissioner and Board Chair <b>Lisa Carter</b>
Invocation	Police Commissioner <b>Jim Holley</b> , <i>Pastor of Historic Little Rock Baptist Church</i>
Introduction of Police Commissioners Past and Present	<b>Chair Carter</b>
Official City Welcome	<b>Mayor Mike Duggan</b>
Lift Every Voice and Sing	<b>Kelly Crumby</b> , Solo Artist
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	<b>Stephanie Davis</b>
Keynote Speech: <i>Police Transformation</i>	<b>Christy E. Lopez</b> , <i>Georgetown Law Professor</i> <i>Former Deputy Chief U.S. Department of Justice</i> <i>Civil Rights Division</i>
Legacy and Honorary Award Presentations	
Coleman A. Young Legacy Awardee: <b>Christy E. Lopez</b>	Presenters: <b>Chair Carter</b> and Police Commissioner <b>Elizabeth Brooks</b>
Community Honorary Awardee: <b>Andrea Clark, Mothers of Murdered Children</b>	Presenters: <b>Chair Carter</b> and Police Commissioner <b>Elizabeth Brooks</b>
Musical Interlude	Dinner Service
45th Anniversary Awards Presentations	
Littlejohn Peck Ritchie Awardee: <b>Mary Jarrett Jackson</b> , <i>Retired Deputy Chief</i>	Presenters: Police Commissioners <b>Willie E. Bell</b> , <b>Darryl Brown</b> , and <b>Evette Griffie</b>
Fraser-Sanders Awardee: <b>Daryl Newman</b> , <i>Secretary-Treasurer of Michigan AFL-CIO</i>	Presenters: Police Commissioners <b>Eva Garza Dewaelsche</b> , <b>Shirley Burch</b> , and <b>William Davis</b>
Butler Awardees: <b>Greater Grace Temple</b> and <b>Second Ebenezer Church</b>	Presenters: Police Commissioners <b>Holley</b> , <b>Willie Burton</b> , and <b>Annie Holt</b>
Closing Remarks	Processional Music

# Keynote Speaker & Program Host

## About the Keynote Speaker

### Christy E. Lopez

Christy E. Lopez joined Georgetown University as a Distinguished Visitor from Practice in 2017 and co-leads Georgetown Law's Program on Innovative Policing. She began her civil rights career in 1995 investigating and litigating cases regarding jails, prisons, and police departments. She also served in the U.S. Department of Justice, the most recent stint from 2010 to 2017 when served as a Deputy Chief in the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. She led the Division's group conducting pattern-or-practice investigations of law enforcement agencies, including litigating and negotiating settlement agreements to resolve investigative findings. She also helped coordinate the Department's broader efforts to ensure constitutional policing, and her championship of police reforms span from the aftermath of the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles to Ferguson.



## About the Program Host

### Stephanie Davis

A proud Detroit native, Davis began her radio broadcasting career at WQBH 1400AM under the legendary Martha Jean "the Queen" Steinberg in 1995. She later worked as a media specialist at the Detroit Board of Education then joined the district's radio station, where she also trained students, reported the news, and was part of the morning drive show. A respected voice in journalism, she joined WWJ Newsradio 950 in 2002 as a writer/producer and soon after became a full-time reporter/anchor.

# Awardees

## About the Awardees

### Coleman A. Young Legacy Award: *Christy E. Lopez*

After promising police reform, Mayor Young took office as the new Charter went into effect in 1974. He appointed the first five members of the Board of Police Commissioners. His work brought diversity, fairness, and a new era of police-community partnership. His achievements in police reform were part of a legacy of city progress and civil rights accomplishments.

### Speaker's Honorarium Recipient: *Andrea Clark*

Mothers of Murdered Children Founder Andrea Clark became a community activist after the murder of her only son in April 2011. She started the group three months later with a mission to help prevent violence through education and proactive intervention with children, young adults, families, and community organizations.

### Littlejohn-Peek-Ritchie Award: *Mary Jarrett Jackson*

Named for Edward Littlejohn, Sharon Mills Peek, and Alexander Ritchie, the award honors the enduring police-community partnership they exemplified through their work and public service. Hired in 1958 when a quota for black officers opened in the women's division, Mary Jarrett Jackson dealt with sexism and racism as she became an exemplary officer and then a crime technician known for her expert forensic investigations. In 1973, she discovered that a notorious STRESS officer planted a knife on an unarmed man after killing him. In 1986, Mayor Young appointed her to deputy chief, making Jackson the first female deputy chief in Detroit - and in any major police department in the world. She has continued to champion justice and the community since her retirement.

### Fraser-Sanders Award: *Daryl Newman*

Named for two labor giants, Douglas Fraser of the UAW and Derrick Sanders of the Operating Engineers were the first and most recent union leaders to serve as police commissioners. Both advocated for sworn and civilian employees as they also worked to ensure the best of community policing. Daryl Newman, Secretary Treasurer of Michigan AFL CIO, embodies their legacy, as both a union leader and law enforcement officer through his work as a Wayne County Deputy Sheriff.

### Butler Award: *Greater Grace Temple and Second Ebenezer Church*

Charles Butler of New Calvary Baptist Church was a huge community leader on Detroit's eastside - and Mayor Young's personal pastor. Both Greater Grace and Second Ebenezer have provided an invaluable link to the Black Church and its role in the African American community as they hosted graduation ceremonies for the Police Academy in recent years - one on the east and one on the west. Bishop Edgar Vann of Second Ebenezer also has served twice as a police commissioner; Bishop Charles Ellis of Greater Grace is the son of former police commissioner David Ellis.



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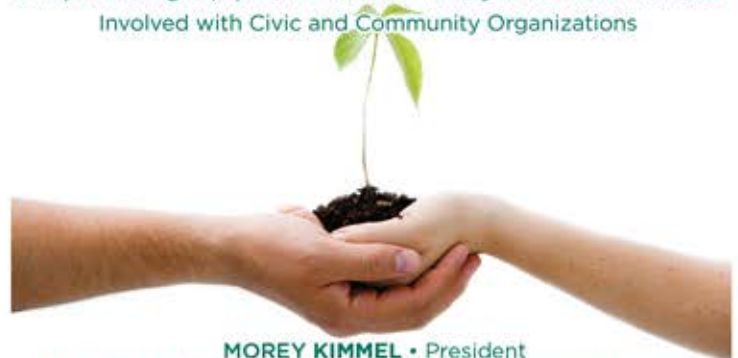
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