



Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you filed for Bankruptcy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Explanation of any of the above items

All taxes are current.

List other elected positions you have run for and the outcome of the election:

Probate Court Clerk. I was unsuccessful in the Democratic primary.

### Current Employment

Company: Shelby County Assessor's Office

Length of Employment: 23 years

Brief Job Description: As Chief Administrative Officer of the Assessor's Office, I am responsible for daily operations in the review, planning and direction of the various departments within the office to ensure objectives and goals are met.

### Education

Please list all schools you have attended from High School on.

<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>
Memphis State University	BS Education	1976
University of Tennessee	CPA	
Institute for Public Service (CTAS)	(Certified Public Administrator)	2002

Additional information as it regards to education:

I have completed several real estate and appraisal courses through the International Association of Assessing Officers and Tennessee Department of Property Assessments.

How long have you lived in Memphis? I have lived in Memphis for 34 years.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and Jackson, Mississippi.

Marital Status/Children: I have been married 29 years and have two sons, Michael 23 and Gerald 22.

Please identify up to five organizations that are actively supporting your candidacy.

1. At this time, I have not sought the endorsement of any organization for my candidacy.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your association memberships and identify any leadership positions you have held in the past.

1. I.A.A.O. (International Association of Assessing Officers)
2. T.A.A.O. (Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers)
3. Executive Board of the Democratic Party
4. B.I.G. (Blacks in Government)
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your civic and community memberships.

1. Mount Pisgah C.M.E. Church
2. NAACP
3. Southern Leadership Conference
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
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8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
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Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Marvin Jones

Any other information you would like to share with the voters:

I thought long and hard before accepting this responsibility to run for Assessor and after much soul searching I realized that I had an obligation to continue the work we have started here. Having worked in every department at every level of management, I understand the complex nature of this job. Only an experienced person can take over this office without a difficult learning curve and provide a seamless service to the property owners in Shelby County.



*The following scenario was developed by the Center for Ethical Leadership at Christian Brothers University. It is designed to determine how you process information and make decisions. There is no right or wrong answer.*

### **Lost File – Ethical Dilemma Pitting Individual versus Community**

You have been involved in a very tight election, opposing a very popular incumbent. About two weeks prior to Election Day, the local newspaper runs a very negative article about your opponent and some “shady” dealings occurring during his tenure in office. Although the allegations do not point to any illegal activity, the reporter does imply that a particular financial transaction shows questionable decision-making.

Your opponent denies the allegations and insists the transaction is above board. He claims he cannot locate the files associated with this particular incident and, therefore, cannot defend his actions with anything other than his honor, reputation, and good name. The press continues to have a field day over this issue, tearing up your opponent and leaving you in the enviable position of not having to comment on the situation.

You win the election by a surprisingly large margin. Exit polls show it was your opponent's inability to produce evidence proving there was no wrongdoing that swayed voters your way. Your opponent walks away from the election not only defeated at the polls but also in public opinion and reputation.

About three months into your new position you are working on a case that causes you to rummage through some of your predecessor's old files. There you find the "smoking gun"... the evidence that clears your opponent of any wrongdoing. You are unsure if the information was accidentally or intentionally misfiled.

- (1) What will you do with this information?
- (2) Will you consult anyone before deciding what to do? If so, whom?
- (3) When making your decision about what to do, whose needs did you consider?
- (4) Was this an easy decision for you to make? If not, what were some of the issues that went through your mind that caused conflict?

ANSWER:

I firmly believe in "treating people as I would like to be treated" therefore, this ethical  

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dilemma is easy for me to answer. Since the "shady dealings" was an issue that I chose to  

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not comment upon, I will maintain the same position of not commenting or becoming directly  

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involved with the situation. I believe the appropriate action would be to turn the documents  

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over to the Shelby County Attorney. Taking this action allows the County Attorney to  

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determine, the appropriate outcome and what statements, if any, should be made.  

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Optional – Attach a resume.

Please email the completed Statement and any additional information to:  
[peggy@bettermemphis.org](mailto:peggy@bettermemphis.org) by June 6, 2008.