

Candidate Qualification/ Position Statement

For coalition for a Better Memphis Website

Name: Ed Ford, Sr.

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Candidate for: **Mayor**

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I was born and raised in Memphis. I am a product of the city school system. I have worked and now own and operate a successful business in Memphis. I served the City of Memphis as City Councilman for eight years. I know firsthand what the citizens of Memphis want and need, such as jobs and education. I have been a lifelong servant of the Memphis Community.

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected:

1. Reduce the unemployment rate in Memphis.
2. Make Memphis safer for all its citizens.
3. Improve Communications at all levels of Memphis Government, with respect for all its employees.

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

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If you answered "yes" on any of the above items, please list the year and provide details.

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

City Council Two Terms

Current Employment:

Company: E.H. Ford Mortuary Services

Length of Employment: 15 years owned and operated

Brief Job Description: I manage and coordinate initial pickup, embalming, family arrangements, selection of services, funeral presentation, and interment.

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Tenn. State Univ.	B.S. Government & Public Affairs	1979
John A Gupton	M.S. Mortuary Science	1979

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional)

How long have you lived in Memphis? 55 years

Where did you grow up? South Memphis

Marital status/children: Married (Myrna), Christopher, Ed, Jr., James & Williams

Please identify up to five organizations that are actively supporting your candidacy and provide a contact (with phone number) for each.

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

1. Alph Phi Alpha fraternity
2. Tennessee State University alumni Association
3. Bluff City Funeral Directors & Morticians Association
4. National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association
5. Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity

Please list up to 10 current or past civic/community memberships.

1. Member of Ford Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
2. Chairmen of the Trustee Board Ford Chapel Church
3. Lay President, Memphis District A.M.E. Zion Church

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair:

Treasurer: Victor Anderson

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