

# Candidate Qualification / Position Statement For *Coalition for a Better Memphis* Website

Name: Edmund Ford, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_

Website: http://www.edmundfordjr.com \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for: Memphis City Council, District 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I believe I am qualified to run for re-election for this position because I have shown that I can work with others on shared visions and common goals, regardless of age, gender, race, socio-economic status, or any other distinctive demographic. Moreover, I have taken the initiative these past 4 years to understand the needs of Memphians; this is incumbent in order to prepare policies, platforms, and longitudinal plans to make Memphis the City of Choice. I illustrate more specifics in question 1 and will provide my resume. \_\_\_\_\_

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

(1) Creating new tax bases (i.e. jobs and affordable housing) with the District and the community. \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Finding new cost-recovery revenue streams that insignificantly affect the Memphis taxpayer and help sustain City services, and \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Revitalizing neighborhoods which have been negatively affected by crime and blight

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

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Memphis City Council, District 6 – won run-off in November 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Employment**

Company: Memphis City Schools \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: 4 years \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Job Description: I have worked in the school systems in Tennessee for 7 years (3 in Nashville), but I have been an MCS teacher for four. I teach Algebra 1 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy at Central High School. During my 4 years, I have taught an array of students across the City, especially those who required special needs and inclusion. My Algebra 1 End-of-Course scores and Gateway scores during my tenure at Central have been the highest 3 out of 4 years at the school, where in 2008, my students scored in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state. In 2009, my students surpassed the previous year’s goal by scoring in the top 7% in the state (92<sup>nd</sup> percentile). Last year, 86% of my students scored basic, proficient, and advanced on the more rigorous Algebra 1 Tennessee End-of-Course exam.

**Education**

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
<u>Tennessee State University</u>	<u>B.S. Mathematics, minor Computer Science</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Tennessee State University</u>	<u>M.S. Mathematical Sciences</u>	<u>2001</u>
<u>Vanderbilt University</u>	<u>2 years of PhD study in Leadership &amp; Policy Studies</u>	<u>2004</u>
<u>Tennessee State University</u>	<u>Ed.S. Administration and Supervision</u>	<u>2005</u>
<u>Tennessee State University</u>	<u>Ed.D Higher Ed. Admin. &amp; Supervision</u>	<u>Dec. 2011</u>

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): 2003 – Assisted Dr. James C. Hearn (Vanderbilt) with the completion and publication of the text, “Diversifying Campus Revenue Streams: Opportunities and Risks.” 2009 – Completed the Local Gov’t Leadership Certificate at the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Memphis? 1980-1996, 2007-present \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you grow up? South Memphis and Whitehaven \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status/children: Single with no children \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Most endorsements have not been made at this particular time. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council (TREEDC) – current Advisory Board Member \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tennessee Municipal League – current Secretary for the 8<sup>th</sup> District (West Tennessee) \_\_\_\_\_
3. MPACT Memphis – current member \_\_\_\_\_
4. Leadership Memphis Executive Class of 2010 – member \_\_\_\_\_
5. Legislative liaison to MATA – former member \_\_\_\_\_
6. Legislative liaison to the Memphis Housing Authority – former member \_\_\_\_\_
7. Memphis Cook Convention Center – member \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mayor Wharton’s Transition Team – Chairman of the Gov’t Efficiency Subcommittee and member of the CIP/Engineering Sub-Committee \_\_\_\_\_
9. Shelby County Mayor Joe Ford’s Task Force on Core City Development, Redevelopment, and Revitalization – member \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_
2. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_
3. Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_
4. Orange Mound Lodge of Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons \_\_\_\_\_
5. Tennessee State University Alumni Association (Shelby County) \_\_\_\_\_
6. McCorkle Road Neighborhood Development Association \_\_\_\_\_
7. Bluebird Park Estates Neighborhood Association – Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_
8. French Fort Civic Neighborhood Association \_\_\_\_\_
9. The 38106 Community Stakeholder Joint Agency Collaboration \_\_\_\_\_
10. 35<sup>th</sup> Ward Civic Club Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: not applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Heather O. E. Brown \_\_\_\_\_

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

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