

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

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Candidate for: Memphis City Council District 7

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I am more than qualified to represent the residents of District 7, and the City of Memphis. I spent most of my adult life working to make things better for the citizens of this city. My focus has been on youth and health, for I truly believe a city that doesn't value the next generation surely die. I also know that an unhealthy city will not attract business and the financial burden that it imposes upon the city will cripple the growth of the city in various ways. I have vision. I'm a motivator of the not only the underserved, but for people of all walks of life. I also am a strong builder of collaboration. I'm professional. I'm innovative. All characteristics that are needed to move a city forward.

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

- 1) Truly create an environment of care and concern for our next generations.
- 2) Update our transit system
- 3) Address the core city blight issue, by motivating the residents to take charge of their surroundings – resulting in becoming favorable communities for new businesses and residents to dwell.

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

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



Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you lived in Memphis? 49 yrs \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you grow up? Memphis \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status/children: Divorced \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. N/A at this time (currently in setting up meetings with various groups) \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. AMAT – Chairman Research Committee \_\_\_\_\_

2. American Liver Foundation – Board Chairman of Public Relations Committee \_\_\_\_\_

3. Donate Life America \_\_\_\_\_

4. U.S. Department of Transplantation – National Marketing Committee member \_\_\_\_\_

5. UNOS Minority Affairs Committee – Regional Representative for region 11 \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Hope House – Development Committee \_\_\_\_\_

2. Collage Dance Collective – Member Host Committee \_\_\_\_\_

3. Health Care Coalition of Greater Memphis – Chairman of Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_
4. Shelby County Health Dept. Chair – Faith-based Initiative \_\_\_\_\_
5. Shelby County Health Dept. Co-Chair Childhood Immunization Committee \_\_\_\_\_
6. Life Blood African American Taskforce \_\_\_\_\_
7. Man of the House – Mentoring program \_\_\_\_\_
8. Hattiloo Theatre – Drama Club Member (fundraising division) \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
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Other Contact Information:

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

Treasurer: Theresa Isom \_\_\_\_\_

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

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