

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

Name: Julie Ray _____

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Candidate for: Memphis City Council, District 7 _____

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

The experience of owning, operating and closing a business within the City of Memphis provided me with invaluable experience and a solid understanding of the specific needs of both employees and employers in Memphis. I fell in love with Memphis, all of it, but, mostly with its potential. I want to take my level of community involvement up a notch, from serving as a longtime community activist and neighborhood volunteer to a city-wide leadership position. I will never stop striving for the full potential of Memphis and I believe that serving on the Memphis City Council in the District 7 position is how I can best contribute to my neighborhood and the City that I love.

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

- 1) Decrease unemployment rate/ job creation-providing conditions to facilitate.
- 2) Blight/Neighborhood Decay-town hall meetings with representatives and myself to address citizen concerns.
- 3) Poor conditions of the public realm (i.e., streets, sidewalks and general cleanliness).
– Working with representatives for proper funding and implementation of programs that can facilitate the upkeep of public realm.

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. -

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

Where did you grow up? Memphis _____

Marital status/children: Married, no children _____

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

1. Downtown Neighborhood Association- Board Member _____
2. Uptown Community Association- Board Member _____
3. Pinch Business Association- Board Member _____
4. Memphis Farmer's Market- Board Member _____
5. South Main Association _____
6. Memphis Restaurant Association _____
7. Better Business Bureau _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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

1. please see above _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____
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9. _____

10. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Currently under review _____

Treasurer: Jo Speak _____

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

2 terms with the Design Review Board, currently as Secretary with the Downtown Memphis Commission _____
