

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

Name: **Rhoda Mays Stigall**

Website: **www.STIGALLFORMEMPHIS.COM**

Candidate for: **City Council, District 6**

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? **I think my experience as an administrator, knowledge of the operations of city government and its divisions, along with my vision for Memphis qualifies me as an excellent candidate for this position.**

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected: **If elected, I would like to assist in the development of a plan that would recognize and honor employees of the Memphis Police and Fire Department, rather than subject these persons who protect us, to a decrease in pay. Also, I anticipate being a voice on behalf of the future of Memphis. Our future is our children and youth and there never should have been a debate on funding the education of our future. Finally, economic development will be a priority issue if elected. It is my belief that we should develop programs to encourage entrepreneurship and small business enterprises.**

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:

**This is the first time I have attempted to secure an elected position. This decision was made because I felt as if I was an unrepresented citizen.**

## Current Employment

Coalition for a Better Memphis

Company: **Memphis City Schools**

Length of Employment: **38 Years**

Brief Job Description: **The essential function of my position is to provide highly responsible, professional leadership and expertise in the development, implementation and oversight of an administrative, technical professional function of the School District. I am responsible for directing and managing professional and administrative staff; overseeing the planning, implementation and assessment of programs and activities; managing major budgets, and performing related professional, administrative and supervisory work as required. In my position, I am also responsible for developing and implementing programs within organizational policies; reporting major activities to executive level administrators through conferences and reports.**

**Education**

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
<b><u>Memphis State</u></b>	<b><u>Bachelor of Science</u></b>	<b><u>1978</u></b>
<b><u>Trevecca Nazarene College</u></b>	<b><u>Masters in Administration and Supervision</u></b>	<b><u>1989</u></b>

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

**1999 PIPE Scholarship Recipient selected to attend The Principals' Center at Harvard University**

How long have you lived in Memphis? **58 years**

Where did you grow up? **South Memphis**

Marital status/children: **Widow/3 Adult Children**

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

\* **At this particular time there are no organizations actively supporting my candidacy.**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. **Memphis Principals Association**
2. **Tennessee Reading Association**
3. **Stand for Children**
4. **National Family Literacy**
5. **Toyota Family Literacy**
6. **U Be A Better You (UBABY); Board of Directors**

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

1. **Shelby County Interfaith Association**
2. **Memphis Education Association (MEA)**
3. **Tennessee Education Association (TEA)**
4. **National Education Association (NEA)**
5. **Partners in Public Education (PIPE)**
6. **Gardenview Neighborhood Association**
7. **Memphis Ten-Point Coalition**
8. **National PTA**
9. **Whitehaven High School PTSA**

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: **Detric Stigall (901)218-8361**

Treasurer: **Charlotte Qualls (901)489-1841**

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

**I began my career with Memphis City Schools as a Teacher Assistant in 1978. While working this fulltime position, I pursued my BS degree at night, four times a week and fulltime during summer months. After seven years, and receiving my degree I assumed my rewarding position of teacher for 15 years. Through hard work, dedication and perseverance I assumed the role of principal of Gardenview Elementary where I remained for 9 years until promoted to my current position as MCS Director of Parent and Community Engagement.**

