

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION/POSITION STATEMENT
FOR COALITION FOR A BETTER MEMPHIS WEBSITE**

Name: Carol Chumney

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Candidate for: Mayor of Memphis

Why do you believe you are qualified to run for this position?

17 years of public service both at the state and local government levels. 22 years as an attorney in private practice. A life-long commitment to the people of Memphis.

Three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected:

(1) Reduce Crime; (2) Engage our Youth in Positive Activities; (3) Bring Good-paying jobs.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes___ No X__

Have you filed for Bankruptcy? Yes___ No X__

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes___ No X__

Explanation of any of the above items

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

I have been elected 7 times to the state legislature. I have been elected once to the Memphis City Council. I have placed second for County Mayor in the Democratic primary in 2002. I gave up the Council seat I held in 2007 to run for Mayor of Memphis, and came in a very close second.

Current Employment

Company: Carol Chumney Law Firm

Length of Employment: Established in 2002-

Brief Job Description: Attorney- a full civil litigation practice in areas including business, family, employment and civil rights, personal injury, breach of contract, and probate law, in state courts in Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton counties; federal courts; and before administrative bodies, and mediators. Practice also includes negotiation, review, and drafting of contracts.

Education

Please list all schools you have attended from High School on.

| <u>School</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Graduation Date</u> |
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| White Station H.S. | I | 1979 |
| Univ. of Memphis | B.A. Economics and History (with Honors) | 1983 |
| Univ. of Memphis School of Law | Juris Doctorate | 1986 |

Additional information as it regards to education: Adjunct professor at the Univ. of Memphis Political Science Dept. – Spring 2008

How long have you lived in Memphis? 45 years

Where did you grow up? Memphis

Marital Status/Children: Single

Please identify up to five organizations that are actively supporting your candidacy:

In 2007 I was endorsed by 35% of the voters. Support has grown since then. Recently, I have been endorsed by several members of the clergy around the city. We are in the endorsement process with several organizations, and will update.

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

1. Former President Memphis Mid-South Federal Bar Association
2. Association of Women Attorneys
3. Former volunteer attorney Memphis Bar Association Pro Bono Panel Senior Citizens

Please list your civic and community memberships.

1. Memphis Economic Club- Board member- 2004-2006
2. Memphis Downtown Rotary Club
3. National Ornamental Metal Museum Advisory Board
4. Univ. of Memphis Library Board
5. Former Member Memphis Youth Symphony Board
6. Former Member University of Memphis Alumni Council Board

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Campaign Chair: Rick Maynard

Treasurer: Carol Chumney

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

Lost File—Ethical Dilemma Pitting Individual versus Community

You have been involved in a very tight election, opposing a very popular incumbent. About two weeks prior to election day, the local newspaper runs a very negative article about your opponent and some “shady” dealings occurring during his tenure in office. Although the allegations do not point to any illegal activity, the reporter does imply that a particular financial transaction shows questionable decision making.

Your opponent denies the allegations and insists the transaction is above board. He claims he cannot locate the files associated with this particular incident and, therefore, cannot defend his actions with anything other than his honor, reputation, and good name. The press continues to have a field day over this issue, tearing up your opponent and leaving you in the enviable position of not having to comment on the situation.

You win the election by a surprisingly large margin. Exit polls show it was your opponent’s inability to produce evidence proving there was no wrongdoing that swayed voters your way. Your opponent walks away from the election not only defeated at the polls but also in public opinion and reputation.

About three months into your new position you are working on a case that causes you to rummage through some of your predecessor’s old files. There you find the “smoking gun”... the evidence that clears your opponent of any wrongdoing. You are unsure if the information was accidentally or intentionally misfiled.

- (1) What will you do with this information? Release it to the press so that he can clear his name and run for public office again if he wants to, even if it means he will run against me.
- (2) Will you consult anyone before deciding what to do? No. If so, whom?
- (3) When making your decision about what to do, whose needs did you consider? The citizens of Memphis.
- (4) Was this an easy decision for you to make? Yes. If not, what were some of the issues that went through your mind that caused conflict?