

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

Name: Dewayne Jones _____

Website: <http://www.dewaynejones.org> _____

Candidate for: Memphis City Mayor _____

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

I believe I am qualified to run for this position because; first, I meet the requirements to run for office. I am over 35 years of age and I am a resident of the City of Memphis. Secondly, I am a concerned citizen with a college background in business administration and presently the President and CEO of A.E.O.M, Inc located here in Memphis. I have held positions as Manager of a restaurant and Quality Control Manager of a major company here in Memphis. I am also an associate minister of Pure Holiness Institutional Church of God in Christ.

Three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected:

I would like to bring more big businesses back to Memphis by finding ways to lower taxes and making our neighborhoods safer and more desirable places to live and work. I want to revitalize and beautify all of Memphis and create more jobs for unemployed adults and extracurricular programs for children that will keep them off the streets and out of trouble.

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

Have you filed for Bankruptcy? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Explanation of any of the above items:

My property taxes are pending re-appraisal _____

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

2007 Mayoral election – I secured 5% of the votes and did not win the election. _____

Current Employment

Company: President and CEO A.E.O.M, Inc _____

Length of Employment: 13 years

Brief Job Description: I am an owner/operator of a trucking firm _____

Education

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>
Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School, Fort Worth, TX	Diploma	1979
Texas College, Tyler, TX	No Degree	NA

Additional information as it regards to education: _____

How long have you lived in Memphis? Approximately 28 years _____

Where did you grow up? Fort Worth, TX _____

Marital Status/Children: Married with 5 children _____

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

1. Shine4Life Entertainment – community work _____

2. Youth for Christ Participation Organization _____
3. Citizens for the 21st Century Organization _____
4. Thug Transformation Organization _____
5. _____

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

1. Shelby County Democratic Party _____
2. Eternal Life District Fellowship _____
3. Headquarters Jurisdiction Fellowship _____
4. Citizens for the 21st Century Organization – assistant director _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Please list your civic and community memberships.

1. Shelby County Democratic Party _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Vandial Verner _____

Treasurer: Myrtle Woods _____

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

As citizens of Memphis, we all need to step up to the plate if we want to make a change and become a model city as we proceed into the 21st century. This is our time to lead. We CAN do better! Now is the time to believe in ourselves. _____



The following scenario was developed by the Center for Ethical Leadership at Christian Brothers University. It is designed to determine how you process information and make decisions. There is no right or wrong answer.

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?
- (2) Will you consult anyone before deciding what to do? If so, whom?
- (3) When making your decision about what to do, whose needs did you consider?
- (4) Was this an easy decision for you to make? If not, what were some of the issues that went through your mind that caused conflict?

1. I would disclose the information.
2. I do not feel there is a need to consult anyone else before making my decision because I feel that my choice is the only right and moral one to make.
3. I considered my former opponent and the importance of clearing his good name.
4. Yes, because my conscience would not allow me to act in any other way.

Optional – Attach a resume.

Please email the completed Statement and any additional information to:
peggy@bettermemphis.org by September 11, 2009.