

Coalition for a Better Memphis Candidate Questionnaire Memphis Mayor

Randy Cagle

- 1a. Please describe your background and your qualifications for this position. What experiences caused you to run for this office. What previous experience qualifies you more than your opponents to lead on Day 1?

See below

- 1b. What previous experience do you have running a business, managing employees or controlling a budget?

I have owned and operated 2 successful corporations for over 20 years. A security company and an inmate transportation company that allows me hands on experience for daily operations, setting and maintaining budgets, performing P&L statements, writing and implementing new corporate bylaws and procedures and uniting employees. The position of mayor is to operate the city as a corporation instead of the negative politics that has destroyed our city.

- 1c. Beginning with the most recent position, please list all public offices you have held. Please include positions on appointed boards or commissions.

None

- 1d. If you have previously run for elected office but were not elected, please list those races below.

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2a. What is your vision for the City – how would you use this office to achieve the vision?

Unite all citizens, not just the selected few. I want to establish a government that will restore ethics, pride and trust back to the hearts of our citizens. Be a realistic leader towards my vision and bring back government “For the people...by the people”.

2b. What are the three greatest issues facing the City of Memphis today?

1. Crime – Attack crime aggressively by reviewing MPD present crime-fighting programs and put more emphasis on crime prevention by creating new efficient programs by getting the citizens involved. I would also place courtroom personnel to monitor inside courtrooms to grade judges on handing out sentences for the crime rather than the revolving door policy.
2. Education – To be a strong lobbyist for the parents and children to the MCS for higher education. At the present, the mayor has no control over MCS Board. I feel that the city must have some control over its school board and the school superintendent should be either elected or appointed with approval by the city mayor, city council and officials.
3. Property Taxes – Our citizens and especially our senior citizens cannot afford any more property taxes that cause their cost of living to increase. Cuts in budget can be made on wasteful spending such as employees using city owned vehicles for personal use, which includes MPD.

2c. What issues do you believe will shape the City over the next few years?

Crime rate
Education
Economic growth

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3. How do you plan on insuring that there is diversity represented in the development of public policy, staffing and appointments, and city contracting?

I feel that there is no diversity of public policy because of the past administration. I will review said policy, make changes and make public of policy to ensure that diversity is represented correctly.

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4. What role should the City of Memphis government play in promoting the economic development for the community? What specific initiatives or actions would you promote and/or support regarding both large and small businesses?

There are 2 key issues that we must aggressively attack before economic development will proceed. One, reduce crime and second, reduce blight. I have a plan that will bring both keys in line to pave a path that will bring economic development and encourage small and large businesses to invest.

5. How would you strengthen and support existing neighborhoods that are within the City of Memphis and what barriers to community redevelopment do you see

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in these areas? How do you propose to address the neighborhood blight in a proactive manner?

Crime, education and blight I feel that the current structure does not represent my vision of a positive future for the entire city of Memphis and its citizens. The city must get a fast track taking over all vacant lots and abandoned homes that are not producing property taxes and becoming safety hazards in our neighborhoods. By cleaning up these vacant homes being used as drug houses will produce summer jobs for our youth and homeless. Also, appoint a person with real estate and property development skills to acquire these locations, establish repair costs and build low income to moderate-income homes. By working with different organizations such as, Habitat for Humanity, will not only re-stabilize our neighborhoods, but bring more property taxes and rid blight and promote housing.

6. Discuss the current administrative structure and do you have a vision for altering this structure? How would you strengthen a culture of accountability

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and outcome based on performance standards for Divisions of City Government as well as appointed positions?

I will review the 400+ created job positions that the last administration placed friends and supporters into instead of the allowed 100 job positions. By reviewing all appointed positions abused will possibly reduce the number of positions and review the current performance of each division of our current city government.

7. Give us your thoughts on a metro form of government and/or consolidated services.

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I feel consolidation/metro government has merit but without having the opportunity to review any of the research and study on this matter I would respectfully hold my comments at this time.

8. What is the City's responsibility to Memphis City Schools? How should the relationship between the City and Memphis City Schools be structured?

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Yes, the city does have some responsibility. However, not having any type of control should constitute how much responsibility the city should give. I feel that city government and its citizens should have some control and participation of our schools. Also, the school superintendent should be either an elected or appointed position approved by the city council and mayor.

9. How can the Mayor effectively contribute to the reduction of the crime rate in the City of Memphis? What current strategies would you continue to support and what changes would you propose?

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The mayor can declare a state of emergency on crime. Also, the mayor can become more involved with the citizens to reduce crime in each neighborhood. The mayor can be the key individual in leading an aggressive movement on crime by working with MPD to review current crime-fighting strategies by strengthening the work with the director upon current strategies that are successful and develop new ones. Mainly, I would replace the current director in order to prepare for a stronger team and achieve unity within the department.

10. State your position regarding residency restrictions for City workers, including police officers.

I agree with the residential restrictions.

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11. Are you familiar with the current budget and what would be your major budget priorities?

Not in its entirety but there are some areas that can be cut and will be cut such as the so-called freebies and personal use of city owned vehicles.

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12. Would you be willing to submit to a background check and allow the results to be published?

Yes

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