

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

Name: Bennie Cobb

Website: COBB4SHERIFF.COM

Candidate for: SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

I have almost 30 years of law enforcement and corrections experience, training and management. I manage budgets, assets and grants and also am responsible for deploying manpower to respond to calls for service. I have commanded the courts and jail, which are a major responsibility of the Sheriff. I serve on several boards, including the chairman of the board of directors with the Shelby County Federal Credit Union with almost 10, 000 members and \$50 million in assets.

I continue to work with the communities, churches and mentoring of young kids in the community.

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

1. Better collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, officials and community groups.
2. Create programs to intervene and prevent juvenile crime.
3. Help to develop alternatives to incarceration of persons with mental illnesses and substance abuse.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes_____ No_ _

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes_____ No_ _

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes_____ No_ _

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:

Shelby County Sheriff 2006, finished 3rd out of 6 overall.

Lakeland City Commissioner, finished 3rd out of 6 overall.

Shelby County Federal Credit Union, elected 2007, Chairman 2008,2009

Current Employment

Company: Shelby County Sheriff Office

Length of Employment: 29+

Brief Job Description: Currently the Executive Officer of the Uniform Patrol Division

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Memphis State University	no	
Shelby State Community College	no	
University of Virginia	no	

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

Numerous state and federal training certifications and specialized certificates.

How long have you lived in Memphis? 44 years

Where did you grow up? South/ North Memphis

Marital status/children: 2 children, 4 grand 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. International Homicide Investigator
2. FBI National Academy Association
3. National Credit Union League
4. United State Deputy Sheriff Association
5. National Alliance on Mental Illness
6. Tennessee Parks and Receptions
7. National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive
8. Fraternal Order of Police
9. Tennessee Sheriff's Association
10. Tennessee Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Tara Maxwell

Treasurer: Laquasha Burks

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

Crime is one of the major issues affecting our community and economy. We need to have a strong law enforcement leader to help reduce this problem. The Sheriff is the top law enforcement agent in the county and has to have a vision to deal with these issues. I have the ability, training and experience to hit the ground running as Sheriff. I have collaborated with communities, law enforcement agencies and officials and young people for the past thirty years. We have to continue to use technology, data and apply for available grants to help in this fight. I am pro-employee and will continue to fight for their raises, benefits and safety. The men and women in the Sheriff's office do an excellent, but dangerous job. Sadly, we have lost 4 Deputies and 1 Jailer in the line of duty in the last 10 years. Please visit my website; www.cobb4sheriff.com.
When experience counts...I know how to be sheriff.