

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

The CBM will post your completed statement on our website, [www.bettermemphis.org](http://www.bettermemphis.org), exactly as it is submitted. It is important that your information be complete – please use extra space if needed and feel free to attach a resume or any supplemental information. Please email the statement to [peggy@bettermemphis.org](mailto:peggy@bettermemphis.org) or Fax 901-752-0743 by March 5, 2010.

Name: Sidney Chism

Website: I am on Face book

Candidate for: County Commission, District 3, Position 2

### **Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?**

I have been active in the community for more than 30 years, contributing to various civic projects and working on behalf of the citizenry of Shelby County.

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

Since my election to the County Commission in 2006, I have concentrated on reducing the county's debt while trying to secure additional funding for public education I am the Chairman of the Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections and Courts committee so I'm always working on ways to reduce crime in Shelby County.

**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:**

While I haven't run for any elected position other than my current one as County Commissioner, I was appointed to serve in the 104<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly as the Interim State Senator for District 33, replacing Roscoe Dixon in February of 2005. I received votes from both Democrats and Republicans.

**Current Employment**

**Company:** S&L, Inc., President /CEO

**Length of Employment:** I have owned this company for over 50 years

**Education**

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

| <u>College/University</u> | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Graduation Year</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| University of Tennessee   |               |                        |
| State Technical Institute |               |                        |

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): NONE

**How long have you lived in Memphis?** All my life, for 70 years

**Where did you grow up?** Memphis

**Marital status/children:** Married to Ms. Lillie Chism, 5 children

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

1. Teamster Local 1196, 369-1003
2. Mid-South Minority Business Council, 525-6512
3. Belz Enterprises, Inc., 260-7348
4. Tower Ventures V LLC, 794-9494
5. Shelby County Democratic Party, 323-3290