

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

**Name:** Deidre Malone

**Website:** www.maloneformayor.com

**Candidate for:** Shelby County Mayor

**Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?** I have served on the Shelby County Commission for the last 7 ½ years and been a part of every major decision made in County Government. I have been either elected or appointed to various leadership roles on the legislative body which include, chairman, chairman pro-tempore, budget chairman, public works chairman, community services chairman and hospitals and health chairman. I have served outside of the commission as member of the board of directors of the Memphis Housing Authority, Shelby County Emergency Management Board, Memphis Fast Forward and Operation Safe Community.

In the private sector, I have worked for one of the largest healthcare charities in this country, ALSAC- St. Jude as a Vice President and for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as a Director. For the last 7 years, I have owned and operated a small business, The Carter Malone Group, LLC. As the President/CEO, I have to tackle some of the same issues the County faces on a daily basis.

I believe my public and private sector experience gives makes me qualified to seek and hold the office of Mayor of Shelby County.

**Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected:** Create a more conducive environment for job creation and business growth, determine the best approach to providing and funding healthcare and finalizing single source funding for the two school systems.

**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:**

I ran for the School Board Commissioner position in District 5 in 1995. I was not fortunate enough to win that election.

**Current Employment**

**Company:** The Carter Malone Group, LLC

**Length of Employment:** 7 years

**Brief Job Description:** I am the President/CEO, and founder of the firm. I currently manage a group of individuals who provide public relations, marketing and advertising services to the firm's clients. All strategic and financial decisions are approved or made by me.

**Education**

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Jackson State University,	BS in Communications, Minor in Marketing	1983

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

Christian Brothers University, Completed hours towards a MBA in Management

How long have you lived in Memphis? 24 years

Where did you grow up? Chicago, IL and Utica, MS

Marital status/children: I've been married 25 years to Patrick Malone. We have two sons Patrick II (Kirk), Brian and a grandson Patrick III (Trey).

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

1. We have not received any endorsements at this time.

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

1. Public Relations Society of America, Member
2. Memphis Chapter, Public Relations Society of America, Member
3. National Association of Women Business Owners, Member
4. Memphis Regional Chamber, Member
5. Black Business Association, Member

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

1. Memphis Housing Authority, Board Member
2. Shelby County Emergency Management Board (911), Board Chairman
3. Operation Safe Community, Team Leader, Family Safety Center project
4. Memphis Fast Forward, Member
5. Circles of Success Learning Academy, Board Member
6. Crime Commission, Board Member
7. Levitt Shell, Board Member
8. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Member
9. The Links, River City Chapter, Member
10. Philanthropic Black Women of Memphis, Chairman
11. State Workforce Development Board, Member

**Other Contact Information:**

**Campaign Manager:** Kevin Gallagher

**Treasurer:** Belinda Anderson

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

Being the Mayor of Shelby County is an important position with great responsibilities. I made the decision to run over a year ago for this position and have been honest and above board regarding that decision. This position requires someone that can offer leadership and work well with the Shelby County Commission and other municipality leaders. Honesty and trust should be the foundation for those relationships. I believe that is what people want in their elected leaders. I just want the voters to know that in my public service and life in general, I have exhibited those characteristics and will continue to if elected Mayor of Shelby County.