

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

Name: **Jim Bompreszi**  
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Candidate for: **Shelby County Commissioner, District 4, Position 1**

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

My background, longevity, experience and knowledge of government and law qualifies me for this position. I have been elected twice, first in 1995 - 1997 as a City Commissioner and then 1997- 2001 as Mayor of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. I have served on several Shelby County government board such as the (M.P.O.) Metropolitan Planning Organization, the (C.B.A.) Chicasaw Basin Authority, the State of Tennessee Chapter 1101 reserve annexation 20 year Growth and land use plan committee and the Metropolitan League of Cities and Mayors as vice chairman in 2000. I am a 1959-1960 graduate of the Memphis Police Training Academy and was a commissioned officer and public servant for 28 years in law enforcement. I received the Officer of the Year award for outstanding dedication and commitment to law enforcement and the community in 1986 and in 1987 I retired as a Memphis Police Lieutenant and squad commander. In 1956 -1959 I enlisted and served in the U.S. and overseas and was awarded a good conduct medal and was honorably discharged as a U.S. Navy Veteran. I am a graduate of the National Technical College earning an associate of science, attended Memphis State University and in 1956 graduated from Memphis Catholic High School. I am a life long Shelby County resident and have been a resident of Shelby County in District 4 for over 30 years. With my background I understand the needs of Memphis and Shelby County, its schools and the six Suburban Municipalities located in District 4.

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

(#1.) I would like to work on reducing the Shelby County Debt.

(#2.) I would like to work with our school systems to broaden academic skills and encourage Technical training skills and education that would prepare our citizens for better jobs and encourage more technical and biomedical businesses to locate in Shelby County.

(#3.) I would like to work with all law enforcement to reduce juvenile crime in an effort to educate and make children more productive citizens to reduce the criminal reoccurrence rate and reduce jail and prison population.

**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 was elected as a City Commissioner in 1995 – 1997.

I was elected Mayor in 1997 – 2001,

I have run for Shelby County Commissioner in District 4, Position 2 in 2002 and again in 2006 against the incumbent.

I was interviewed by the Coalition for a Better Memphis in 2006 and received the highest score in my race; however I was not successful.

I am a persistent person and have a genuine passion and desire to serve on the Shelby County Commission as I feel I have talents and problem solving skills that will be beneficial to all citizens of Shelby County.

**Current Employment**

**Company:** Bascom Realty Company, 5285 Airline Road, Arlington, Tenn. 38002.

**Length of Employment:** 1 year with Bascom and 34 years in real estate.

**Brief Job Description:** Tennessee and Mississippi Certified Real Estate Broker, Independent Contractor, and Realtor.

**Education**

**Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.**

**College/University    Degree**

**Graduation Year**

National Technical College, Associate of Science, Graduated, 1973.

Memphis Sate University, studied Real Estate and Appraisal 1976.

**Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):**

Memphis Police Training Academy Graduated 1960.

**How long have you lived in Memphis?** My entire life.

**Where did you grow up?** Memphis.

**Marital status/children:** Married 53 years to my wife Barbara and we have three adult children and one granddaughter.

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

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

1. Memphis Area Association of Realtors, (M.A.A.R.).
2. Founding member and elected to board of directors of Lakeland Civic Club 1981.
3. 3 year Governmental Affairs Committee member, M.A.A.R.

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

1. Lakeland Civic Club past membership.
2. East Shelby Republican Club.
3. N/E Shelby, Bartlett Republican Club.

**Other Contact Information:**

**Campaign Chair:** Not yet appointed.

**Treasurer:** Jim Bompreszi

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

I am concerned about the future of Memphis and Shelby County.

I am retired and have adequate time to do the job properly.

I feel stability is important and being married for 53 years to my wife Barbara and providing for our three children shows reliability, dependability and stability.

Being a resident, homeowner and property owner of Shelby County in Commission District 4 for over 30 years shows stability and knowledge and the needs of citizens in district 4.

I feel that it is important to have lived in the district to know and understand the needs of the people living in the district.

One opponent and district 4 candidate just recently changed his address from outside district 4 to being inside district 4 knowing little about the needs and wishes of the people he is seeking to be elected to serve.

When elected I will hold town hall meetings within district 4 to assure all my constituents are informed, heard and represented.

I am a dedicated hard working individual and I ask for your Vote.