

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

Name: James E. Coleman, Jr.

Website: chiefcolemanforsheriff.com

Candidate for: Shelby County Sheriff

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I have devoted most of my adult career to the field of Criminal Justice, over 30 years. I have led and am still leading the Shelby County Jail from where it was to where it is today, and this is no small task. I have trained and provided professional consultation on jail and organizational management to sheriff's offices across this nation.

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected: (1) increase patrols in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County.

(2) Maintain and or develop crime fighting consortiums within Shelby County

(3) Provide opportunities for incarcerated persons to leave our jail with a better sense of life and responsibilities.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes_____ No X

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes X No_____

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. –
Thirty years ago after the death of our first born child I became aloof and made some foolish choices. I have matured in my faith and now understand God's decisions are always correct.

List other elected positions you have run for and the outcome of the election:

This is my first time running for office. _____

Current Employment

Company: Shelby County Sheriff's Office _____

Length of Employment: 8 years and 4 months _____

Brief Job Description: Chief Jailer, responsible for safety and security of approximately 2700 inmates until the courts decide their future. Also to ensure the 1100 staff assigned to the jail return home to their families each day. _____

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Tennessee State University	B.S. in Criminal Justice	1978 _____

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

How long have you lived in Memphis? 8 years and 4 months _____

Where did you grow up? Nashville, TN _____

Marital status/children: Married to Elizabeth for 37 years. One daughter LaTasha 28

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

1. None at this time _____
2. _____

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

1. Chairman, Adult Local Detention Facilities Committee American Correctional Association
2. American Jail Association, Board of Directors 2008 - 2009 _____
3. Corrections Agencies of West Tennessee , Co-founder Executive Board _____

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

1. AGAPE Family Services _____
2. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Maurice Hampton_____

Treasurer: Elizabeth Coleman_____

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

My ability to take on difficult tasks and inspire people to believe in themselves and my experience with national and local criminal justice agencies have prepared me for this position._____