

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

Name: **John Wilkerson**

Website:

Candidate for: **Shelby County Commissioner, District 4, Position 2**

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

I am a retired Certified Public Accountant who was in public practice. My experience included audits of Municipal entities. I gained management skills through management of five (5) employees. I also served two years as a City of Lakeland, Tennessee Commissioner.

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

- (1) I would like to reduce the two plus billion dollar bonded debt with interest to maturity.**
- (2) Settle the Shelby County and City of Memphis school funding.**
- (3) Find a source of funds for the “Med” other than from Shelby County residents.**

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. -

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

Republican State Executive Committee and I am presently an elected member and have served 31 years in that position.

In 2006 I was a candidate for state legislature and lost.

I served as a City of Lakeland, Tennessee commissioner from 1997-1999, lost election for that position later.

Current Employment

Company: Retired C.P.A.

Length of Employment: Self employed or partnership 20 years prior to retirement.

Brief Job Description: Audits (including governmental), tax advice and returns, accounting and financial consulting.

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Memphis State University		100 Plus Hours
La Salle Extension University-Chicago	LLB	

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

How long have you lived in Memphis? I have lived in Lakeland, Tn. For 32 years.

Where did you grow up? Carthage, Missouri

Marital status/children: Wife – three children

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. American institute of Certified Public Accountants.**
- 2. Tennessee society of C.P.A. 's**
- 3. Memphis chapter of C.P.A.'s**
- 4. Arkansas society of C.P.A.'s**

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

- 1. Memphis in May volunteer**
- 2. Shelby County Sheriff volunteer**
- 3. Lakeland Chamber of Commerce**
- 4. Boy Scouts**
- 5. Cub Scouts**

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair:

Treasurer: Self

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

My goal is to reduce the bond debt.