

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

Name: Justin J. Ford, Sr.

Website: Under Construction

Candidate for: Shelby County Commission District 3 Position 3

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I feel as a life long resident of the district and my experience dealing with families threw out this county as a licensed funeral director I have the ability to understand people and the problems that plague them. As I look at the community that I hope to represent on the commission I see so much hope and prosperity. As a young man i posses the energy and creative ideas that the next generation of leaders must have. I have given much of my time and effort to help those individuals in need. I believe in fighting the small battles first then taking on the tremendous problems that plague our community

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected: Economic development and growth in the community, mentorship programs for those young men in women in our school system, and informing our constituents on how we all can improve our communities

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: I was unsuccessful in being appointed to this same position in december of last year.

Current Employment

Company: Ford Funeral Homes

Length of Employment: 10 years

Brief Job Description: Funeral Director & Embalmer

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
University of Mississippi	Poli. Science	2002-
University of Memphis	Poli. Science	2005-
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Mortuary Science	2009

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

Served as a senator in the ASB at the University of Mississippi. Passed the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining boards in 2009. Becoming a Nationally licensed funeral director. Licensed funeral director in the state of Tennessee.

How long have you lived in Memphis? Most if not all of my life

Where did you grow up? I grew up in whitehaven

Marital status/children: Never been married

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

1. N/A
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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

1. Graduate of Leadership Memphis

2. Served as Campaign Manager for Joe Ford, Jr. in his bid for U.S. Representative in 2006
3. Vice President of Ford Funeral Homes
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Please list up to 10 current or past civic/community memberships.

1. Member and Participant with Prepared For The World a non profit organization that influences our school age children through mentorships and scholarships

2. Head of a get out the vote effort in 2006 that registered close 1000 new voters.

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Other Contact Information: justinj.ford@gmail.com

Campaign Chair:

Treasurer: Stan Sawyer

Any other information you would like to share with the voters: Remember early voting begins April 14, 2010