

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

Name: LAKEITH MILLER

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Candidate for: SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

I have worked for public and private universities in business operations and financial management capacities for more than twelve years. I have experience managing multimillion dollar budgets with extensive experience in cash management, staff supervision, and budget preparation. I have been traditionally trained in financial management and administration. I can immediately identify weaknesses in internal controls and can identify where changes are needed. While working in administrative positions at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Crichton College, and Middle Tennessee State University I have assisted with internal and external audits. While an Accounting Manager at Middle Tennessee I was on the team responsible for the implementation of the new large scale Banner Financial System. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Tennessee State University and a Master's and Specialist Degree in Higher Education Administration from Middle Tennessee State University. As a Business Manager at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center I manage a \$16 million dollar maintenance and operations budget. I am also responsible for the authorization of expenses, authorizing hires, contract management, budget management, fleet management, management of payables and receivables, and management of the administrative staff. As the Director of Accounting at Crichton College, I was responsible for the day to day business and financial operations for a college with 900 students. This included cash management, budgeting, banking, staff supervision, and development of long term strategic planning. I have learned and worked with four different large scale financial systems. I can have an immediate impact in the Clerk office and hit the ground running.

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

Have an audit conducted by the State Comptroller's Office.

Improve services by integrating new technologies such as online payment of motor vehicle registration.

Restore confidence in the Shelby County Clerk office by establishing an environment intolerant of corruption.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes _____ No

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes _____ No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No

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:

This is the first time that I have ever run for an elected position.

Current Employment

Company: University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Length of Employment: Two Years

Brief Job Description: I manage the business operations for the Office of Facilities Administration at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The Office of Facilities Administration provides maintenance, renovations, and vehicle fleet operations for the downtown University. The University of Tennessee Health Science Center has 2,851 students and 39 buildings. Facilities Administration has approximately 175 full time employees, 10 temporary employees and a \$16 million dollar budget. As the Business Manager I am responsible for the authorization of expenses, authorizing hires, contract management, budget management, fleet management, management of payables and receivables, and management of the administrative staff.

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Tennessee State University,	Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting,	1997
Middle Tennessee State Univ.,	Master of Education, Higher Education Admn.,	2001
Middle Tennessee State Univ.,	Specialist in Ed., Higher Education Admn.,	2004

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

I have post graduate study at Tennessee State University in Educational Administration with a concentration in Higher Education Administration.

How long have you lived in Memphis? August 2008

Where did you grow up? I was born in Mobile, AL where I also graduated high school. I have lived in Tennessee since 1994. I have lived in Nashville, Murfreesboro, and Cordova.

Marital status/children: I have been married for 12 years and we have 3 children.

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

1. Adams Grand Lodge, Universal Masonic Brotherhood, Davis Brown 351-1328
2. Fidelity #13 Chapter (Eastern Star) of the Universal Masonic Brotherhood, Alisha Harvey 219-4686

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

1. Tennessee Association of Physical Plant Administrators
2. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
3. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity , Inc.

4. The Pinnacle Honor Society
5. State of Tennessee Notary Public

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

1. MIFA Meals Volunteer
2. Chimneyrock Elementary Parent Teacher Association
3. Mt. Pisgah Middle Band Boosters
4. Life Church of Memphis member (Cordova Campus)

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Justin Casey

Treasurer: Chasity Davis

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

I am anxious to provide real leadership and experience in an office that needs it immediately. We have seen the poor leadership and lack of experience at the Memphis Rape Crisis Center, Memphis Animal Control, the Summer Youth Program, and the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Let's be an informed electorate and elect someone who knows what they are doing.