

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

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Candidate for: County Commission, District 1, Position 3

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? Having served as commissioner since September of 2006, I believe I have distinguished myself as a public servant who is honest, prepared, and one that makes data-driven decisions in the best interest of the entire community. I have attached a list of some of the accomplishments of my first term that I believe are evidence of qualifications and abilities that support my re-election. It is also important to realize that because of substantial turnover on the Commission and the election of a new County Mayor, citizens will be best served by seasoned, thoughtful and knowledgeable leadership on the Commission. Beyond my record as a Commissioner, I have been successful as the President & CEO of ABC and bring a small business perspective to the Commission. I also bring my perspective as a father of young children and the experience of many of the challenges and decisions families face in our community.

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected: **1.** As a team leader for Operation: Safe Community, my first priority will be to continue to increase the number of prosecutors to bring down caseloads and allow for vertical prosecution in the DA's office. To date, with the help of my colleagues, I have secured 7 new prosecutors, but the need is a net of 24. **2.** Ensure that our new Domestic Violence Court and Family Safety Center become national models and result in the reduction of domestic crime in Shelby County. **3.** Make county government operate more efficiently by reviewing processes within county government through the implementation of Lean or Six Sigma (see Georgia Office of

Customer Service). If implemented, this approach would bring a customer service culture to county government, prevent the growth in personnel, which is 70% of total budget and provide more “bang for the buck” to county taxpayers.

There are numerous other things I want to accomplish, but the question asked for only three. It is important to note that these three goals are not platitudes, but based on the work I have already done, are achievable. _____

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:

County Commission District 1, Position 3 – May 2006 & August 2006. Received 72% and 84% of the vote respectively. _____

Current Employment

Company: West Tennessee Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors _____

Length of Employment: 8 years _____

Brief Job Description: I serve as President & CEO of a commercial construction trade association that represents 200 member companies with approximately 8,000 employees and annual revenues of \$1.3 billion. WTCABC is affiliated with a national organization, ABC that is 28,000 members strong. In addition to managing the association, I also lead our 501(c)3 Education Trust, which is the workforce development arm of our organization. We

*In 2006, I had the support of several organizations that have not yet conducted interviews for candidates. I expect to have the support of these same groups once I am interviewed, but cannot yet claim their support for the 2010 race.

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

1. Board Member, Memphis Shelby Crime Commission _____
2. Team Leader, Operation: Safe Community _____
3. Board Member, Domestic Violence Council _____
4. Board Member, Riverwood Farms Homeowners Association _____
5. Board Member, Shelby County STEP _____
6. Board Member, Shelby Farms Park Conservancy (newly appointed) _____
7. Past Board Member, Cook Convention Center _____
8. Chair, Domestic Violence Court Steering Committee _____
9. Co-Chair of Mayor A C Wharton's Transition Team _____
10. _____

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

1. Mentor, District Attorney General's Truancy Reduction Program _____
2. Sunday School Teacher and Coach at First Evangelical Church for 10 years _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: N/A _____

Treasurer: William H. Watkins, III _____