

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

Name: Reginald Milton

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Candidate for: Shelby County Commissioner District 2 – Position 3

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

As a Community Organizer I have spent my adult life serving residents in Memphis & Shelby County and I am able to see our world through the eyes of the outcast, the forgotten, the abused, the innocent, the addicted, and the needy. My vocation has required that I spend much of my time building consensus among different factions in community and government. As Founder and Executive Director of South Memphis Alliance Inc., I manage an agency that is often short on dollars but long with lines of those seeking social services and support.

The experience I have gained reflects in many ways the qualities I feel are most important in an elected official: The ability to identify with his constituents; having the patience to work with others and find common ground; and strong organizational and analytical skills.

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

First is to improve communications between the Shelby County Commission and the public. This will be done through creating more opportunity for interaction. It is important that we stop “plugging into the community,” but instead become hardwired so there is constant communication.

Next is to do a comprehensive overview of each of the agencies under our charge to weed out waste and inefficiency. We should strive to improve the working environment for our employees and to insure that each client is fairly and properly served.

Finally I want to enhance our job market through supporting our small businesses and enticing new businesses to relocate to our shining bluff.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? NO

Have you declared bankruptcy? NO

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? NO

If you answered “yes” on any of the above items, please list the year and provide details.

N/A

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

In 2007 – City Council District 6 – Came in 3rd in a race of eleven candidates.

Current Employment

Company: Founder/Executive Director of the South Memphis Alliance, Inc.

Length of Employment: 10 years

Brief Job Description:

1. Develop long range strategy for organization,
2. Develop programs,
3. Maintain effective communications with Board of Directors,
4. Maintain agency’s financial records,
5. Responsible for insuring adequate funding for agency,
6. Responsible for the hiring and development of staff,
7. Develop effective relationship with funders, agencies and businesses,
8. Insure the compliance of services to clients.

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
LeMoyne-Owen College	Undergraduate Degree in Science	1994
University of Memphis	Master’s of Public Administration	2000

How long have you lived in Memphis? I have lived my entire life here in Memphis

Where did you grow up? In South Memphis

Marital status/children: Single, no children

Awards & Recognition

- The Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Award
- The Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service
- The Volvo for Life Award for Civic Excellence
- The JC Penny Golden Rule Award

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

1. New Path - Mr. Cardell Orrin – 901.210.2161
2. Victor/Kerr Association – Ms. Clemmie Carter – 901.947.4900
3. Barksdale Cloverdale Association – Ms. Betsy Rich – 901.725.9393
4. Hernando Terrace Association – Ms. Viola Neloms – 901.948.3755
5. East Dison Association – Ms. Andrea Abernathy – 901.942.1251

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

1. Shelby County Democratic Party, Secretary
2. Memphis City Beautiful, Commissioner
3. Literacy Mid-South, Board Member
4. Community Development Council, Board Member

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

1. Shelby County Community Advisory Board
2. Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition
3. Core City Task Force
4. South Memphis Development Council
5. Southwest Tennessee HIV Prevention Planning Regional Community Planning Group
6. Greater Memphis Greenline
7. Parks Commission Development Group
8. Citizens Action NOW
9. SoMe RAP
10. Riverview Environmental Task Force

Other Contact Information

Campaign Chair: Ms. Tarrin McGee – 901.517.2870

Treasurer: Victoria Syes – 901.626.0623

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Campaign Website: www.votereginaldmilton.com

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

Shelby County is confronting critical challenges that prevent progress for our communities. As a life-long Memphis resident and active community organizer, I witness firsthand the need to be proactive in addressing the issues that we face, including advocacy for new initiatives dealing with poverty and infant mortality, economic development and sustainability. Now more than ever we need strong representation in Shelby County government with elected officials that display strong leadership in challenging times.

For over 15 years, I have worked to make certain that the average citizen's concerns and beliefs were addressed and I have advocated for positive improvements in public policy for Memphis and Shelby County.

Over SMA's ten years of service, our agency's efforts include supporting over ten local neighborhood associations, providing training and loans for women who wish to open their own business, offering behavioral modification sessions to at-risk youth, assisting families in financial crisis and providing supportive services to foster children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

As your next County Commissioner, I will continue to work to ensure that all resident's rights are protected and contribute my best effort to move Shelby County forward. I will represent in the best interests of my constituents and work to approve and implement initiatives that are beneficial to all District 2 residents.