

Coalition FOR A Better Memphis

RATINGS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4TH ELECTION

The Coalition for a Better Memphis conducts a rating session based on a written questionnaire and a live interview. The CBM members rate but and those scores are compiled. The CBM does not endorse candidates but provides information to help the voter make an informed decision. The CBM believes that any candidate who receives a score over 80 is a qualified candidate. Voters are encouraged to visit the www.bettermemphis.org website to read the actual responses.

Memphis City School Board

At Large 1	Experience	Vision	Office Efficiencies	Structure	Quality	Finances	Overall
Menelik Fombi	78	69	75	76	57	55	68
Cynthia Gentry	90	89	86	86	83	83	86
Freda Williams	93	86	86	89	88	85	88

District 1	Experience	Vision	Office Efficiencies	Structure	Quality	Finances	Overall
Stephanie Gatewood	86	83	81	83	81	77	82

District 3	Experience	Vision	Office Efficiencies	Structure	Quality	Finances	Overall
Patrice Robinson	84	84	84	86	82	85	84

District 5	Experience	Vision	Office Efficiencies	Structure	Quality	Finances	Overall
Jeff Warren	78	78	77	83	68	75	76

District 7	Experience	Vision	Office Efficiencies	Structure	Quality	Finances	Overall
Tomeka Hart	94	94	96	93	95	95	94

City Council District 9 Position 1	Experience	Vision	Economic Development	Structure	Ethics	Crime	Financial	Overall
Kemp Conrad	92	89	88	89	68	87	88	86
Paul Shaffer	84	83	81	80	60	82	80	78
John Willingham	74	70	69	66	58	69	71	68

Did not participate: Arnett Montague, III

CHARTER COMMISSION AMENDMENTS

Vote with a YES or NO

Shelby County Charter Amendments

- #364 Five Officers Created – Establishes the offices of Sheriff, Trustee, Register, County Clerk, and Assessor as county charter positions.
- #365 Term Limits for Five Officers – All county elected officials would be limited to two consecutive terms.

Memphis Charter Commission

- #5232 Recall of a Memphis City Council Member – Allows the citizens of Memphis to recall the election of a Memphis City Council member.
- #5265 Residence requirements of persons employed solely by the City – Requires all appointed city employees to live within the City of Memphis.
- #1 Term Limits – Mayor, City Council and City Court Clerk will serve no more than 2 consecutive four-year terms.
- #2 Staggered Terms – Half the City Council is elected every two years, ensuring that there could not be total turnover of that body in a single election.
- #3 Sale of MLGW – Before a sale of the utility can be completed, a referendum must be held.
- #4 Suspension from Official Duties – Elected or appointed officials charged with or indicted for official malfeasance or misconduct, shall be suspended with pay pending final resolution of the charge.
- #5 Instant Runoff Voting – In this system, voters would rank candidates in order of preference.
- #6 Filling Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor – Clarifies the procedure if the mayor resigns or can otherwise not serve.

A complete text of the Charter Amendments can be found at www.shelbyvote.com. Under Listing of Candidates; November General & Municipal Elections.

The Coalition for a Better Memphis is an independent, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization composed of a diverse group of Shelby County individuals, businesses and organizations focused on enhancing the quality of life for residents of Memphis and Shelby County. The Coalition’s goal is to serve as an information channel to better educate citizens and enable them to more effectively participate in the process of making Memphis and Shelby County a better place to live and work. CBM membership is made up of companies, community based organizations and individuals. For more information visit our website.