

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

The CBM will post your completed statement on our website, www.bettermemphis.org, exactly as it is submitted. It is important that your information be complete – please use extra space if needed and feel free to attach a resume or any supplemental information. Is questionnaire is also located on the website www.bettermemphis.org under the tab “Candidate Ratings Guide.” Please email the statement to peggy@bettermemphis.org or Fax 901-752-0743 by March 4, 2014.

Name: Donnell Cobbins

Website: www.countoncobbins.com (not accessible as of yet)

Candidate for: County Commission - District 11

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? _____

I believe that my business management skills coupled with my community
involvement activities make me an ideal candidate for this elective office.

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

1. Foster greater collaboration between EDGE and WIN organizations.

2. Fund Pre-K education for low-income SCS students

3. Cooperate with City of Memphis government to invest in inner-city revitalization
efforts.

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

Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes x No _____

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. -
2001 - Filed for bankruptcy after a workplace injury and was unable to fulfill my financial
obligations.

List other elected positions you have run for and the outcome of the election:
This is my first attempt at elective office.

Current Employment

Company: Universal Commercial Real Estate, LLC

Length of Employment: since 2008

Brief Job Description: _____

Commercial Real Estate

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
<u>Kemper Military College, Boonville, MO</u>		<u>1992</u>

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): _____

Memphis University School - 1990

How long have you lived in Memphis? I have lived in Memphis all of my life.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Memphis, TN

If you grew up in Memphis, what schools did you attend: Manor Lake Elementary, Geeter Middle School, Father Bertrand Catholic School & MUS class of 1990

Marital status/children: Married with three children

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

1. none as of yet
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

1. 100 Black Men of Memphis - Executive Director
2. Whitehaven Community Development Corp.'s Leadership Whitehaven Class of 1995
3. Chair, Board of Directors, Memphis Little League
4. Whitehaven Jr. Baseball Association - Whitehaven Pirates Baseball Organization
5. Memphis Business Journal Top 40 under 40 Designee
6. Black Business Directory Top Guns under 40 Honoree
7. Tri-State Defender Men of Excellence Awardee
8. Men's Ministry Leader, Eternal Peace M.B. Church
9. _____
10. _____

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

1. 2011 Fellow, The New Memphis Institute
2. Member, 100 Black Men of Memphis
3. Board Member, National Association of Real Estate Brokers - Memphis Chapter
4. Associate Minister, Eternal Peace M.B. Church
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Darrell Cobbins

Treasurer: Seandria Echols Cobbins

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

As a nearly twenty year resident of District 11, I am committed to representing the voters of Fox Meadows, Oakhaven, Parkway Village and Whitehaven on the Shelby County Commission. My business experience along with my community involvement activities make me the ideal candidate for this position.