

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

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Name: Julie Ray \_\_\_\_\_

Website: julieraymemphis.com \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for: County Commission, District 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

I am not only a business owner that has experienced the specific challenges in this area, I have worked on multiple boards to better my community. I served on the Downtown Memphis Commission Design Review Board for 8 years, was a founding member of the Memphis Farmer’s Market, and served on the Downtown Neighborhood Association Board for a number of years. I also started multiple grassroots associations such as the Uptown Community Association and the Pinch Business Association.

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

I would like to create pathways for Economic, Environmental and Educational success in Shelby County. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you declared bankruptcy?                        Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No x \_\_\_\_\_

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. -

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

I ran for Memphis City Council in 2011 for District 7. After losing the primaries I worked to elect Lee Harris to the postion. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Current Employment

Company: Contemporary Media, Inc. and Self Employed \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: About one year at CMI and have been self employed for 20 yrs

Brief Job Description: I am the calendar/listings editor for The Memphis Flyer. I am in the food and beverage business, owner of Café Francisco in San Francisco. I opened a Memphis location in 1998 and shut down operations in the Memphis location in 2007. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

College/University     Degree    Graduation Year

University of Memphis \_\_\_\_\_

San Francisco State University \_\_\_\_\_

Ashford University \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you lived in Memphis? Since 1966. Though I maintain a business and residence in San Francisco since 1991.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Memphis and Arlington \_\_\_\_\_

If you grew up in Memphis, what schools did you attend: I attended Holy Rosary and St. Michael's grade school. I attended Immaculate Conception, Bolton, and graduated from Memphis Catholic High School. I attended the University of Memphis. \_\_\_\_\_

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Marital status/children: Married, no children \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. N/a \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Downtown Neighborhood Association, board member \_\_\_\_\_
2. Uptown Community Association, president and co-chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pinch Business Association, President \_\_\_\_\_
4. South Main Association \_\_\_\_\_
5. Memphis Restaurant Association \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. In addition to the above, I was a member of the Memphis Visitors and Convention Bureau  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Member of the Better Business Bureau \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. I am currently on the Mayor’s Action Council for Citizen’s with Disabilities (MACCD)
- 4. I am on the Housing committee of the MACCD \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. I have founded and worked with Animal rescue/cruelty organizations.
- 6. I was also on the anti-panhandling committee for Downtown Memphis Commission
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: TBA \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: TBA \_\_\_\_\_

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

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