

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: Keith O. Williams

Website: Keithwill.org

Candidate for: County Commissioner District 9

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? My sincere interest in this position is rooted in my passion, desire and commitment to provide quality public service to the citizens of Shelby County. I have previously served as president of the Gardenview and Snowden Schools PTA, vice president of the Valleywood Homeowners Association and officer of the Melrose High School National Alumni Association. Currently, I am the president of the Memphis-Shelby County Education Association representing more than 6,500 educators, managing a budget of 1.5 million dollars and the largest local association of professionals in the state of Tennessee.

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

Economic development that will enhance employment opportunities for Shelby County residence.

Adequate and equitable funding for all Shelby County Schools

Efficiency in County government relating to services and access by citizens of Shelby County

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

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

I have not run for any other publicly elected position

Current Employment

Company: Shelby County Schools

Length of Employment: 35 years

Brief Job Description: Currently on leave from the department of curriculum and instruction where I served as a curriculum specialist. My duties included curriculum auditing for state standards and common core correlations, evaluating charter school applications with emphasis on their curriculum and conducting training sessions for language and literacy teachers.

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
Knoxville College	B.S.	1974
Trevecca University	M.S.	1987
University of Mississippi	t45	1998

Additional information relating to your educational background (optional):

University of Illinois Summer of 76 African Studies
University of California at Berkeley Summer of 76 Labor Studies

How long have you lived in Memphis?

All of my life except when away in college.

Where did you grow up?

Orange Mound, Magnolia, Castalia

If you grew up in Memphis, what schools did you attend:

Magnolia Elementary;
Melrose High School

Marital status/children: Married 41 years to Gloria L. Sherfiled Williams

Two children –Dr. Mialika Williams Watkins , Keith Chad Williams

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

1. Memphis-Shelby County Education Association - Rosemary Winters
2. National Council of Negro Women – Myrtle Malone

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

Memphis-Shelby County Education Association - President
Memphis Education Association – President, Board of Director, Treasurer
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity South Central Province- Parliamentarian
Valleywood Homeowner Association- Vice President
Snowden School PTA – President
Gardenview School PTA – President
Kappa Alpha Psi Beautillion - Chairman

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

1. Brown Baptist Political Action Committee
2. Orange Mound Parade Committee
3. Kappa Alpha Psi Beautillion Committee –
4. Snowden PTA
5. Gardenview PTA –
6. Shelby County Schools Gates Executive Committee
7. Shelby County Schools Academic ,Operations ,Technology and Innovation Committee
8. Valleywood Homeowner’s Association
9. Melrose High School National Alumni –
10. Knoxville College National Alumni

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Sara L. Lewis

Treasurer: Myrtle Malone

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