

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: Reginald Milton

Website: Facebook – Friends of Reginald Milton

Candidate for: Shelby County Commission – District 10

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I have spent my adult life working to improve the lives of the citizens of Shelby County. From teacher to Director of Education and Training for Planned Parenthood to Community Outreach Specialist for the City of Memphis to Founder/Executive Director of a successful nonprofit serving hundreds of youth in foster care and families in crisis. My extensive background of experience gives me a unique perspective when addressing issues related to the private and public sectors. Also my years as a community organizer has prepared me for the necessary responsibility of a public official to reach out and engage his/her constituents in meaningful dialog.

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

1) Increase workforce development specific to an overall plan by the county that will support local businesses and attract new businesses that have long term growth potential.

2) Instead of incarcerating our youth for nonviolent acts, I will focus on directing support to evidence-based diversion programs to reducing recidivism.

3) No matter where one stands on the surrender of the MCS Charter, few will disagree with how poorly the process was planned. It will be my focus to protect our teachers, school staff and most importantly our children as we move forward.

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. -

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

2007 – Memphis City Council – Came in third

2010 – Shelby County Commission – Came in second

Current Employment

Company: South Memphis Alliance, Inc.

Length of Employment: 14 Years

Brief Job Description: I am founder and executive director of SMA, Inc. This nonprofit agency provides social services, mentoring, and advocacy to youth in foster care and families in crisis. My responsibility includes the agency’s day-to-day operation, program management, board development, fundraising, strategic planning, conflict negotiation, community outreach, program development, marketing and staff management.

Education

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
THE LeMoyn-Owen College	Bachelor of Science	1992
University of Memphis	Master of Public Administration	2000

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

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

Where did you grow up? Memphis, TN

If you grew up in Memphis, what schools did you attend: Oakhaven High School,
Lincoln Junior High School, and Longview Elementary

Marital status/children: Not 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. West Tennesseans for Progress Adrienne Pakis-Gillon – 901.355.6879
2. Greater Memphis Democratic Club Greg Grant – 901.859.6668
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

1. State of TN Department of Children’s Service - Advisory Commissioner
2. Shelby County Democratic Party – 3rd Vice President and Secretary
3. Community Development Council of Memphis - Secretary
4. City Beautiful Commissioner
5. Literacy Mid-South Board Member
6. Anti-Blight Coalition member
7. Greater Memphis Greenline member
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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

1. Victor-Kerr Community Association
2. Cooper-Young Community Association
3. University Neighborhoods Development Corporation
4. Memphis Heritage member
5. Leadership Memphis – Class of 2009
6. _____
7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: _____ Dianne Withers - 901.529.7132

Treasurer: _____ O.C. Pleasant, Jr. - 901.626.0623

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

