

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

The CBM will post your completed statement on our website, [www.bettermemphis.org](http://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](http://www.bettermemphis.org) under the tab “Candidate Ratings Guide.” Please email the statement to [peggy@bettermemphis.org](mailto:peggy@bettermemphis.org) or Fax 901-752-0743 by March 10, 2014.

Name: John H. Freeman

Website:

Candidate for: Shelby County Clerk

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? I believe my experience in government and public service over the last 22 years qualifies me to hold this office. I worked for five (5) years as Field Director for Congressman Harold Ford and two (2) years at District Director for Congressman Harold Ford Jr. In those positions, I was involved in tracking the outcomes of literally thousands of constituent service cases. I worked for four (4) years as an aid to Country Mayor AC Wharton, and eight (8) months working Mayor Joe Ford on government efficiency projects ranging from more efficient government services to their implementation. My seven (7) years of service with County Government in the Mayor’s Office, General Services and Corrections has given me extensive experience dealing with all branches of government, the County Commission, and the State Legislature. So I will bring these experiences to the County Clerk’s office in order to strengthen the level of customer service and efficiency to the taxpayers.

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected: If elected, I want to provide the residents of Shelby County with more convenient services: at least one (1) late afternoon – evening during the week and at least one (1) Saturday morning per month, so you do not have to take off work to get tax payer services: tags renewed, a renewed or duplicate ID or Driver’s License. Also, the Clerk’s Office should seek to provide more services similar to clerks in other places: mobile services where the office comes to the community, etc. Additionally, there should be better access to the website to provide more efficient interaction for the user.



Marital status/children: Single

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Shelby County Democratic Party – Elected Member, Voter Outreach Chair, etc.
2. Shelby County Primary Board - Chair
3. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program – Child Advocate
4. NextStep – Director of Operation Happy Christmas Food Basket Program
5. One Memphis Operation Christmas Basket – Director
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Memphis Zoological Society
2. WKNO
3. March of Dimes
4. Hands On Memphis
5. Dixon Gallery and Gardens
6. EDPAC
7. Memphis Arts Council
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
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Other Contact Information:

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

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

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

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