



2006 MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOL BOARD VOTER GUIDE

WHAT IS THE COALITION FOR A BETTER MEMPHIS?

CBM is an independent, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization composed of a diverse group of Shelby County individuals, businesses and organizations focused on enhancing the quality of life for residents of Memphis and Shelby County.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This voter guide provides evaluations of the candidates in the November 7th election for Memphis City School Board. This guide does not give candidate endorsements. The goal is to provide voters with information necessary to make informed choices on election day. The Coalition does not endorse individual candidates or promote a "slate" of candidates. No candidate paid any money to the coalition to be included in this guide.

HOW THE CANDIDATES WERE EVALUATED

The Coalition members agreed that there were two sets of qualities that voters should consider in deciding which candidates to vote for. First, the general qualifications for holding office – the candidates' belief systems and their experience. Second, the understanding of and commitment to key issues facing Memphis and Shelby County today.

This voter guide and further information about the Coalition for a Better Memphis can be found online at www.bettermemphis.org. The website also contains complete responses from the candidate questionnaires.

HOW TO USE THE EVALUATION TABLES

There are two ways to use the candidate evaluation tables:

- 1) CBM teams evaluated candidates on the basis of a variety of qualities. If you believe that each of these qualities and issues is equally important in a candidate, refer to the "overall score" at the right of each table. The overall score represents each candidate's average score across the eight categories.
- 2) However, if one or two of these qualities or issues are more important to you than the others, then give special attention to how candidates rated in these areas. Category scores and overall scores are on a 1 to 100 scale with 100 being the highest score possible.

Memphis City School Board November 7, 2006		QUALIFICATIONS				KEY ISSUES				OVERALL SCORE
		QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE	VISION	SCHOOL SAFETY	ROLE OF BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & DEBT	STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT	COLLABORATION WITH SHELBY CO.	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	
POSITION	THE CANDIDATES									
At Large 2	David Page	83	82	81	82	75	78	76	83	80
	Juanita Clark Stevenson	84	82	81	84	77	80	74	78	80
	Ed Vaughn	88	88	85	88	87	84	86	89	87
	Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	73	84	78	82	79	83	80	80	80
District 2	Deni C. Hirsh	86	86	86	90	85	87	86	88	87
	Betty Mallott	88	86	85	87	86	89	88	90	87
	Arnold Weiner	83	79	76	82	78	78	76	78	79
District 4	Martavius D. Jones	87	85	83	89	84	81	82	89	85
District 6	Darrick D. Harris	Candidate chose not to participate in this evaluation process.								
	Carl Johnson	76	81	79	87	78	79	79	80	80
	Sharon A. Webb	83	73	77	79	74	73	73	77	76

BUSINESSES

Accredo Health, Inc.
Asentinel, LLC
AutoZone
Baker, Donelson Law Firm
BellSouth
Belz Investco GP
Bronze Construction
Clark & Clark
Commercial Advisors, LLC

CRESA Partners
Drexel Chemical
Farnsworth Investment Company
FaxonGillis Homes, Inc.
FedEx
First Tennessee Bank
First Trust Bank
Industrial Developments International
Lipscomb and Pitts Insurance

LifeSigns - The Prevention Group
Medtronic Sofamor Danek
Pittco Management
Regions Bank
Southeastern Asset Management
Southland Capital
Comcast
Tower Ventures
Waddell and Associates

ORGANIZATIONS

100 Black Men of Memphis
Associated Builders and Contractors
Black Business Association
Greater Memphis Greenline
Leadership Academy
Leadership Memphis
McGehee, Jim and Holly
Memphis Area Association of Realtors
Memphis Area Home Builders Association
Memphis Area Women's Council
Memphis Bioworks Foundation
Memphis Education Association
Memphis Hotel and Lodging Association
Memphis Restaurant Association

Memphis Tomorrow
Memphis Urban League
Methodist HealthCare
MPACT Memphis
New Path
Planned Parenthood

Shelby Farms Park Alliance
South Memphis Alliance
Barksdale/Cloverleaf Association
Census Tract 61 Association
East Dison Association
Hernando Terrance Association
Mallory Heights Association
35th Ward Civic Club
Trigg Subdivision Association
Victor/Kerr Association
Wellington/Shadowlawn Historical
Southeast Memphis CDC
Wolf River Conservancy
Women's Foundation of Greater Memphis

