A. WITHERS PHOTO-N- GALLERY
ANDREW JEROME WITHERS

April 18, 2005

Commissioner Deidre Malone
333 N. Avalon
Memphis,TN 38112

Dear Commissioner Malone;

I am aware that due to the retirement of State Representative Dixon and the recent election of State Representative Kathryn Bowers to Dixon's former position, the County Commissioners will appoint an interim State Representative for District 87 until the Governor decides if there is to be an election before 2006. I am, therefore, writing you to express my interest and desire to fill the State Representative District 87 position left vacant by former State Representative Kathryn Bowers.

With an extensive political profile and a passion for the betterment of District 87, I seek to be appointed interim State Representative District 87. My political career spans over twenty-five years and includes a four year term on the State Democratic Executive Committee; I passed a Resolution to support Voter Rights Act of 1965 and the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986; conducted county wide Voter Registration drive; was nominated to Vice Chair State Democratic Executive Committee; and served on the Screening and Nomination Committee to select nominees for State Supreme Court of Tennessee.

My community involvement includes being an Adopter Representative for Chickasaw Junior High School; Community Director of Men of Progress; LeMoyne Owen Alumni Class of 1979 Representative; Mallory Knights Charitable Organization; MIFA Donor 2004-2005; Member of Legislative Task Force and Liaison for Tom Joyner Foundation; Junior Achievement; Memphis 2000 Literacy Council. Currently, I am Executive Director of Ernest Withers Historical Photographic Foundation and the Proprietor of A. Withers Photo-N-Gallery.

My educational background consists of a Bachelor Degree, Political Science from LeMoyne Owen College. I was appointed Regional Vice President, Primerica Financial Service; Registered Principal Primerica Investments; Life Underwriter Training Council Fellowship; Smart Loan Program with Commercial Credit and 1990 State Representative Candidate, District 84. My background experience in financial services allows me in-depth knowledge of budgetary matters.

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Email ernestwithers@email.com

Commissioner Malone, I have been a resident of District 87 on and off since the early 1980's. My present and official place of residence is 3506 Rabbit Run #2, 38115 which is in District 87. I am fully aware of the political history of this District as well as the entire City of Memphis such as privatization, county deficit, educational shortfalls just to name a few. My experience in these areas will allow me to be a most effective legislator in District 87. A native Memphis, I worked in the first campaign for District 87 for Roscoe Dixon. I come ready, willing and eager to serve my constituents as well as my City. I believe my proven leadership skills, political experience, educational background, community involvement coupled with my enthusiasm and tireless commitment will make me a worthy appointee to this position.

I extend my thank you in advance for accepting my offer to serve as interim State Representative District 87.

Respectfully,

Andrew 'Rome' Withers

ANDREW "ROME" WITHERS

CHARTER COMMISSION

DISTICT 3

EDUCATION:

Mitchell High School
BA - Lemoyne Owen College

EXPERIENCE:

Certified Travel Agent
Elected to State Democratic Executive 33rd Senatorial District (Two-terms)
National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) former member
Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF)
Mortgage Licensing and Debt Consolidation *Certification in Tennessee and Mississippi*
Memphis City Schools Teacher - *former*

ORGANIZATION:

Ernest C. Withers Historical Photographic Foundation - *Executive Director*
Lemoyne Owen Alumni
Memphis Operation Election Integrity

ANDREW "ROME" WITHERS

CITY OF MEMPHIS
CHARTER COMMISSION
DISTRICT 3

EARLY VOTING JULY 14-29
GENERAL ELECTION AUG. 3, 2006

THE LEGACY CONTINUES...

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT ANDREW "ROME" WITHERS

DRAFT

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ELECTED OFFICE

Name: Andrew Jerome Withers

Office Address: 333 Beale Street
Memphis, Tn 38103

Office Phone: 901-527-7476

Facsimile: 901-527-7621

Email Address: ernestwithers@email.com

Home Address: 3630 Oak Hollow
Memphis, Tn 38116

Home Phone: 901-864-9710

Cellular Phone: 901-864-9710

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

1. Indicate your present employment. What is the principal business of the business? Professional Photographer @
A. Withers Photo + Gallery. Executive Director - Vice Pres.
Ernest C. Withers Sr. Historical Photographic Foundation

2. List your prior professional or business employment since completion of high school and lasting more than twelve months with dates and names of employers.
Professional Photographer/ Photojournalist 1978 to Present
Universal Life Insurance 1982-1983
Life of Georgia Ins. - 1984 to 1988
Primamerica (Citigroup Fin. Servs) 1988-1999
Memphis City School System Substitute Teacher 1980-1999

3. Describe any experience not stated above that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission. Chairman of Adopt-A-School Program (Chickasaw Jr. Hg Sch)
Jr. Acheivement Coordinator - 5 yrs.
Held Insurance and Security Licenses 63, 26 + 6

PERSONAL INFORMATION

4. How long have you lived continuously in Shelby County? 52 years

5. State the county in which you are registered to vote. Shelby County

6. List all states in which you have lived in the past 20 years and the dates you lived in each state, including all periods in which you resided in a state more than 50% of the time for a period of at least 12 months.

   TN

7. State your age and date and place of birth. 52, 10/10/1955, Memphis, TN

8. List the following:

   a) Drivers License No. 042752851

   b) Election Commission Voter Registration No. 0794836

9. Family Status:

   a) State the full name and present address of your spouse.

   Cheri Withers, 3630 Oak Hollow, Mph, TN

   Cheri Akins Withers

   b) State your spouse's occupation and place of employment.

   Flight Attendant, Northwest Airlines
   Small Business Consultant, ACW + Associates

   c) If you have children, state their name(s), age(s), address(es) and present occupation(s).

   Nzinga Withers, 25yrs., 3248 Braemar, 38128

   Memphis Police Dept Dispatcher

   Kenya F. Withers, 11yrs., 1419 Singing Trees, 38116
   Student

10: Military Service:

N/A

a) Branch of service: _____

b) Service number: _____

c) Dates of active duty: _____

d) Rank/rate at separation: _____

e) Decorations, honors, or achievements: _____

_____

(f) Was your discharge other than honorable? _____
If so, explain.

_____

not app

11. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? NO
Give date, court, charge and disposition.

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12. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give details.
NO

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13. Have you ever been interviewed by any federal, state or local law enforcement agency for any reason other than minor traffic violations? If so, give details.
NO

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14. If you have been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by a court, administrative agency, disciplinary committee, or other professional group, give details. NO

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15. Has within the last five years, a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities or creditors?

If so, give details. owe debts for rental properties 2006

and other consumer debts

16. Are you currently a party in any legal proceedings? NO
If so, give details including the date, court and docket number, and disposition. Provide a brief description of the case.

17. Are you now an officer or director of any business organization, or are you otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? Yes

a) If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the terms of your service.
Ernest C. Withers Sr. Historical Photographic Foundation
Present Educational Exhibits and Archive and Preserve Historical Photographs and Data; Executive Director, Vice President
Renewed Yearly

b) Do you consider continuation of such business involvement to be a conflict of interest?
NO

18. If your income is not wholly derived from your present employment as noted in #1 above, specify in detail the other sources of your income and the approximate percentage of your total income each source represents.
none

19. List all organizations to which you have belonged within the last ten years, including professional associations, civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.
Mitchell High School Alumni, LeMoyne Owen College Alumni, Memphis Operation Election Intregrity, United Way Combined Campaign,

20. Have you within the past ten years belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion or

gender? Do not include in your answer those organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues. no

a) If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.

none

b) If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

N/A

EDUCATION

21. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded and major.

LeMoyne-Owen College BA 1979

University of Memphis Masters in Teaching 2003 - 28 hrs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

22. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation or college which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

Regional Manager of the Month CPrimerica

National Association Black Journalist Presentor 2007

23. List presentations you have made to groups and organizations within the past five years.

NABJ - Presentors @ 50th Comm. of Little Rock Nine, 2007

Muhammad Ali Museum Opening - Offical Photographer, 2006

Federal Express African American Network, 2008

Presentor of UnCounted film Univ of Memphis 2008

24. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive.

State Democratic Executive Comm-Elective - 1978-1982
State Democratic Executive Committee - Elective 1986-1990
State Representative Dist 84 candidate - 1990-1992
State Representative Dist 84 candidate -
State Representative Dist 87 candidate - 2005
mphs Charter commission 2006

25. Describe any experience you have had with legislative or executive branches of government other than as an elected or appointed official.

Met w/ Secretary of State and Coordinator of Elections
Made presentation to State and Local Government
in Nashville on election procedures

26. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance to the Commission in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this elected position. (150 words or less).

Being the seventh son of the late world renowned photographer Ernest C. Withers, Sr. (d. October 2007) all my life I have been exposed to and currently an active participant of business enterprise, civil rights, community development, organizations, government associated with dignitaries, & mementos statue. Many like Issac Hayes, B.B. King (personal family friends) mayors Wharton and Herenton, Congressmen George Gridder, Steve Cohen, Mayor Ingram, Judge Kenneth Turner, Alex Haley, Al Green, Martin L. King Jr. have been an active part of my overall development especially enhancing my career as a photojournalist. I understand and consistently apply intressity and accountibility; life has been sometimes challenging. I use the obstacles + roadblks to continue to be active/assertive member of the teams of people who want + work for a better city, mphs state TN, Currently spearheading a new department & LOC to house noteworthy collections like my father

27. Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit, I hereby agree to be considered for appointment to the office of State Representative District 87, and if appointed by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, agree to serve that office.

In the event any material changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended application with the Board of Commissioners for distribution to the commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and that the

Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for appointment and the names of those persons the Commission considers for the vacancy in question.

I knowingly, willingly and without reservation waive any right or privilege relative to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and/or the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney background investigation, including any financial or other credit information enclosed, conducted for the purpose of review by the Commission, and any other investigation that may be conducted for the purpose of review by the Commission.

I understand I have the individual right at any time to contact credit reporting agencies and exercise my rights under the law to make corrections.

Andrew J. Withers
Signature

Andrew J. Withers
Printed name

3-27-08
Date

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, Andrew J. Withers, do hereby authorize the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and/or the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and any and all agents or persons authorized by it, to conduct a full review and disclosure of all records concerning myself, whether said records are public, private, or confidential in nature.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of records of educational institutions, financial or credit institutions, including records of loans, records of commercial or retail credit agencies (including credit reports and/or

ratings), and other financial statements and records wherever filed, medical and psychiatric treatment, employment and pre-employment records, including background reports, efficiency ratings, complaints or grievances filed by or against me, and records of lawsuits, criminal or civil, in which I presently have, or have had an interest. I specifically waive any right of privacy to which I might otherwise be entitled under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

I also certify that any persons who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information, and I do hereby release said persons from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further specifically release the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and/or the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and/or the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from any and all liability which might otherwise be incurred as a result of collecting or receiving such information.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this Authorization for Release of Information.

Andrew Jerome Withers
Print Full Name of Applicant (include maiden)

Signature

Witness

3-27-08
Date

3630 Oak Hollow
Address

Memphis, TN
38116

Phone: 901-864-9710

Date of Birth: 10/10/1955

DL#: 042752851

Elect Andrew "Rome" Withers

State Representative District 87

Aug. 4th

Ethics: I will work to strengthen New Ethics Standards
To make sure Tennessee is one of the leaders in the country when
It comes to campaign & ethics reform.

Tenn. Care: I will work to make sure that everyone from children
To seniors live with dignity and respect that they deserve.

Protect the Property and Environmental Rights of our Community :
I want to have a strong review and monitor the laws regarding
Predatory Lending to make them more consumer friendly.

Education: I will work to empower teachers and develop our
youth to compete in the global economy.

As your state representative I will work for our community to create
An advisory committee's to work on problems in education, business
advisement, seniors citizens problems, crime and homeland security.

Andrew "Rome" Withers

Rome grew up in Walker Homes and graduated Mitchell High School. Rome is an Alumni of LeMoyne Owen class of 79 with B.S. in Political Science. Licensed in life and health insurance since 1982, Rome worked as a teacher and substitute in Memphis City Schools. Worked on masters at U of Memphis, licensed in Mutual Funds in 1988 and secured funds for TSA accounts. Rome grew up in the photography business under his fathers leadership on Beale St. and now has his own studio in Whitehaven. Rome is also the executive director of the Withers Foundation since 2001.

Community Involvement: Jr. Achievement Primerica financial services (Citigroup) adopt a schools program, MIFA Donor, Served on the state Democratic Executive committee. Volunteer on the recovery center board.

A Important Message from Ernest Withers

To all of my friends, especially the voters of district 87 that I have known through out the years, greetings. I want to ask you for your vote and support of my son, Andrew "Rome " Withers for State Representative in District 87. I feel that he is trustworthy and qualified, and he is following in his late brothers footsteps, Teddy who served in the Tennessee State House of Representatives for ten years. Andrew "Rome" Withers has served on the Democratic Party State Executive Committee for eight years consisting of two terms.

Andrew wants to save Tenn. Care by cutting waste and duplication in order to help keep people on the Tenn. Care roles. Andrew's vision to make Tennessee a leader in ethics and campaign reform would make me vote for him, even if he wasn't my son.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest C. Withers, Sr.

Andrew "Rome" Withers
Candidate for State Representative, District 87
1231 E. Raines, Suite 108/ 1050 Brooks Rd.
(901) 884.9710/650.6549/664.6604

EDUCATION

B.S. Political Science, LeMoyne Owen College

Honors/Affiliations: Life Underwriter Training Council Fellowship, Past Member-National Association of Security Dealers (NASD)

RECENT EXPERIENCE

Currently the Executive Director of Earnest Withers Historical Photographic Foundation, Proprietor of A. Withers Photo-N-Gallery.

EXPERIENCE

- ★ Two (2) term member of State Democratic Executive Committee
  - Passed resolution to support Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986.
  - Passed resolution to support Civil Rights Act of 1965.
  - Served to select nominees for the State Supreme Court of Tennessee.
- ★ Member of Legislative Task Force and Liaison for the Tom Joyner Foundation
- ★ Vice-President of Primercia Financial Services (CITI GROUP)
- ★ Co-Founder of "Men of Progress"
- ★ MIFA Donor, 2004-2005

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I, Andrew Jerome Withers, do hereby authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records concerning myself to any duly authorized agent of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, whether said records are of a public, private, or confidential nature.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of records for pre-employment purposes, including records of educational institutions; background reports, complaints or grievances filed by or against me.

I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background investigation, which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release authorization will be considered in determining my suitability to hold office for Shelby County, Tennessee. I also certify that any person(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for disclosing this information; and I do hereby release said person(s) from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information.

A photocopy of this release form will be valid as an original thereof, even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of any signature.

Witness

3/27/08

Date

Signature (include maiden name if applicable)

3630 Oak Hollow

Memphis TN 38116

Address

901-527-7476

Phone

901-864-9710

Birth Date

10/10/1955

[redacted]

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Background Information Form

To be completed by applicant: (Please Print)

Applicant: Andrew Jerome Withers		[redacted]:	
Maiden name/Other Name Used:			
Address: 3630 Oak Hollow Circle			
City: Memphis		**State:** TN	**Zip Code:** 38116
DOB: 10/10/65	**Sex: (optional)** Male	**Race: (optional)** Black	**Position:** Executive Director
Driver's License #: 042752851		**State:** TN	**Exp. Date:** 10/10/10

To be Completed by Staff

1. **TBI History:** No Want _____ Wanted _____

   NCIC History: Yes _____ No _____

   Checked by: _____ Date: _____

2. **Local Warrants:** No Want _____ Wanted _____

   Checked by: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Reviewed by:	**Date:**	**Processed By:**
Reviewed by:	**Date:**	**Date Received:**
		Date Completed: