

Appreciation

*Let's Appreciate our new board member to Gardenview
Elementary*

Mr. Frank Johnson



Frank W. Johnson is a native of South Memphis. He spent his youth between Cleaborn Homes, South Parkway and Lauderdale (Lauderdale Sub) and in the Alcy/Ball Community. He attended Norris Elementary and Corry Jr. High in this community and was bused to Overton High School where he became a student of the Late Dr. Lulah M. Hedgeman

Frank is an active member of Shelby County Democratic Party (SCDP). He serves on the Primary Board and was elected to the Grassroots Council in 2017 representing Executive Committee Shelby County District 10. Frank has worked as community organizer for The Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) and Karl Dean for Governor campaign in 2018. Frank also served as a second, third and fourth grade teacher for Shelby County Schools (LaRose Elementary). He is also a board member for Memphis Artists for Change (MAC).

Frank became involved with issue of Environmental Justice during his time as a teacher at LaRose Elementary. He noticed how several students in his classes shared the same health conditions and behavioral disorders shared by many of his friends and family growing up. After getting involved with the Memphis Water Collaborative he discovered that Memphis has a history of contamination issues especially in the older areas of Memphis. These areas also show high levels of lead and other toxins in the soil, air and drinking water. These environmental issues tied directly into many of the health, educational and crime problems that we are seeing in Memphis.

Currently Frank serves as President of the Alcy/Ball Community Association. He also works as a neighborhood connector for Center For Transforming Communities as the South Memphis Connector and as Executive Director of Depot Communities United (DCU)

Frank believes that we are too focused on making Memphis better for a few but should exists for the many!

Education

Overton High School

BA Journalism, Concentration in Public Relations, University of Memphis

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