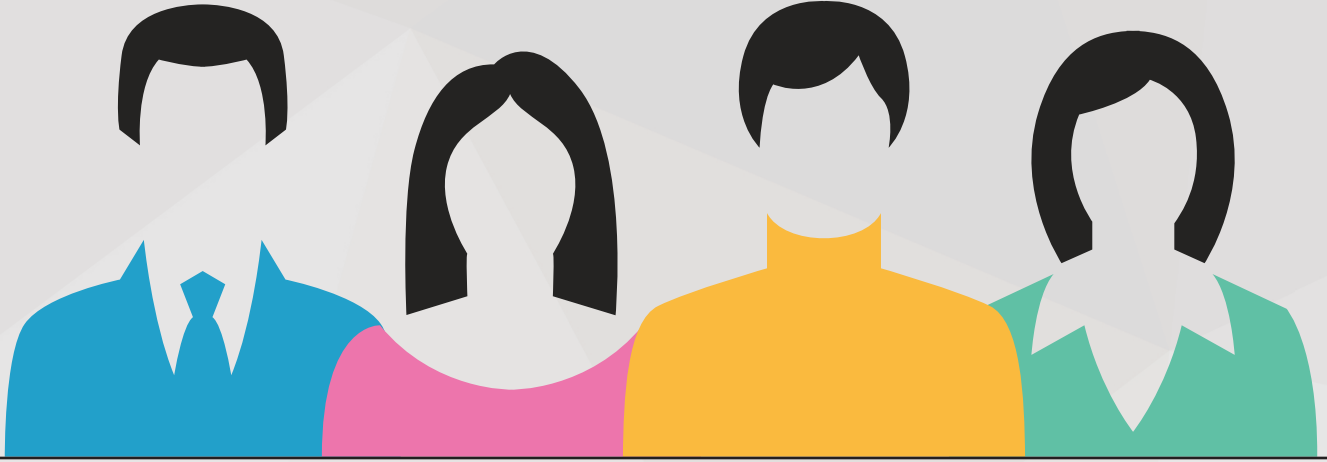


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MAYORAL CANDIDATES

ANDY BERKE

Andy Berke was elected Mayor of Chattanooga in 2013. As Mayor, Andy worked to expand educational opportunities, invest in downtown, and expand the auto sector by bringing a second Volkswagon line to the city. Chattanooga has added nearly 8,000 new jobs and has had the third-highest wage growth of any mid-sized city in the country. Our police force is larger than ever and crime is down ten percent. Unemployment is less than half of what it was when Andy first took office and there has been billions of dollars in development downtown.

Andy is running for re-election to build on this success, continuing to empower all Chattanoogaans to succeed, giving them more paths to the middle class, improving quality of life, and investing in our future. He will expand and improve programs that help Chattanoogaans find jobs and gain the skills they need to compete in the twenty-first century, invest more in our young people and education, and ensure everyone has a high quality of life, no matter what neighborhood they live in.

Andy is married to Monique Prado Berke. Andy and Monique have two daughters: Hannah, who is in 10th grade, and Orly, a 7th grader.

CHRIS LONG

A life-long Chattanoogaan, is married, and has one son. Chris understands the value of hard work, integrity, and loyalty. A thirty plus year small business owner, Chris has been a former builder and personally helped to change the landscape for our city. Chris wants to add integrity and honesty back to the mayor's office in city hall. An expert in both commercial and residential construction, his passion lies within the economic redevelopment of our city where he will end the over-reaching local rainwater runoff fees that many of our builders experience when trying to develop outside the downtown area of Chattanooga.

An advocate of community groups partnered with local government to lower crime, he will work to end the ever-increasing violent crime in our city by helping to end gang violence. Our current mayor's strategy to temper gang violence has simply been inept, and the problem not only continues to expand in the surrounding areas, but shows no current signs of being stopped. Chris will work to stop the senseless violence that threatens our entire community, and commits the mayor's office and law enforcement to working with local communities to make our streets safer.

Above all Chris commits to bring honesty and integrity back into the mayor's office. Chris pledges that corruption, immoral behavior, and a deaf ear to the communities needs ends when he gets elected. Although having never served as an elected official, he is uniquely qualified to respond to many of the communities' problems based on his work experience with city government and the free market of being a local builder and architect consultant. Chris pledges to end the trappings of government favoritism for the select few, and an economic climate that is not open to every business and individual.

Please take the time to read Chris' comprehensive viewpoints and plans for our great city under the Issues tab on this site. There are so many solutions that he would like to address, and we believe that you will agree as with many things in life, our problems and solutions are inter-related in many areas. For example, relieving the excessive storm water runoff fees will increase development in areas other than downtown; development creates jobs and a greater hope and opportunity for our citizens. Developing more affordable housing creates housing opportunities for everyone, not just our lower-income citizens, but homes for all our citizens including our middle-class. New businesses create a stronger tax base for our local government to operate, and as our citizens become more vested in our community, the communities themselves become more engaged in the expansion of jobs and revenue. His diversion plan promotes jobs within the community, and better personal opportunity for the individual himself at creating a life of purpose. Gang violence reduction will not only promote a safer community for everyone, but will encourage growth in all areas of Chattanooga.

Our decision for mayor is one of the important candidate decisions you'll make for the next few decades. It determines the direction for our city as our children and grandchildren become good young citizens, and grow to become leaders themselves. Character does matter. Our city deserves better. Vote for Chris Long for Mayor, and bring our city back to the voiceless citizens.

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LARRY GROHN

Councilman Grohn spent the first 38 years of his life in San Antonio, TX. His parents were Anton Charles Grohn and Addie Shaw Grohn, both native Texans. He was the younger of two sons. Councilman Grohn has two sons, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, who live in Texas and Oklahoma. After spending 10 years as a single parent receiving custody when his children were 6 and 3, Councilman Grohn met and married his wife Army Major Carol Werschky Grohn (retired) in 1986.

In 1986 he returned to college full-time to pursue a second career as a secondary school teacher. He began teaching at the age of 42 after completing his undergraduate degree in History (University of Texas) and Master's Degree in Education (University of Kansas). He was certified in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado, receiving umbrella certifications in science and social studies. During his career he has taught the following courses at the middle and high school levels: life science, mathematics, geography, U.S. history, world history, A.P. U.S. history, A.P. world history, economics, psychology, civics, chemistry, physics, earth science and geology.

Councilman Grohn and his wife Carol are active members of Stuart Heights Baptist Church. Councilman Larry Grohn has been serving the City of Chattanooga as the councilman of District 4 since 2013. As a councilman he has pushed for inclusion for all and conservative principles concerning fiscal issues within our city.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 1

JAY NEVANS

Jay Nevans is a small business owner, community advocate, and athlete. Nevans has a track record of working with the city, non-profits, and local businesses -- helping to contribute to Chattanooga's growing outdoors focused tourism industry. He is an active member of the Chattanooga Track Club and an At-Large Committee member of the Chattanooga Triathlon Club. Part of the focus of his campaign is continuing to grow \$1 billion tourism segment.

As part of the 3-foot law committee, he helped pass the law giving protection to cyclists and pedestrians. As a Bike Ambassador, he gave bicycle tolerance sessions making everyone aware of the rules of the road.

Nevans believes that there are many opportunities to connect the challenges of our city with unlikely solutions - solutions that may be found inside the district or in neighboring districts, cities, or states.

Nevans attended Baylor School and graduated with a B.A. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. To learn more, visit www.jaynevans.com or Elect Jay Nevans on Facebook.

CHIP HENDERSON

My wife of 35 years, Deanne and I have raised three children and now have three grandchildren within the 30 years that we have lived in Chattanooga's District 1. I own Henderson Construction Company, and have a 26-year history in light commercial and residential construction. I was elected in March of 2013 to the City Council, and served as Vice Chair of the Council in 2013 and Chair of the Council in 2014. I currently serve as Chair of the Public Safety Committee and have served for four years on the TPO.

I am a lifetime associate member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, a member of the Southeast Tennessee Football Officials Association, and the Hamilton County Beekeepers Association. I am also a board member of the Hamilton County Mentors 4 Vets. Additionally, I am a member of Temple Baptist Church and serve as the Children's Chapel Director.

DISTRICT 2

JERRY MITCHELL

Councilman Jerry Mitchell has spent his entire career in private and public sector management positions, both domestically and internationally. Early in his career he held private sector management positions in international industrial workforce training and senior citizen employment services.

From 1998-2005, Jerry served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Chattanooga where he managed the day-to-day operations of the city's parks, playgrounds, golf courses, civic facilities, zoo and recreation centers. During his tenure, Jerry led efforts to build Coolidge Park, The Champions Club, DuPont Park, Enterprise South Nature Park and the 21st Century Waterfront as well as create the city's Public Art Plan and Outdoor Chattanooga initiative. After seven years in public service, Jerry returned to private business where he worked in commercial real estate development until being elected to Chattanooga City Council in 2013.

Jerry and his wife, Carla Donina, live in North Chattanooga where they raised three children; son Taylor, who lives in Montana, and daughters Sara and Julia, who live in Maryland and Chattanooga, respectively.

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MICKEY MCCAMISH

Mickey is a Chattanooga native, graduating from Chattanooga public schools and a 1965 University of Chattanooga (UC) graduate. After UC graduation, Mickey began his 27 year U. S. Navy career by entering U. S. Navy Officer Candidate School, followed by being commissioned an Officer of the Line. During his naval career, he served on numerous ships, primarily combatants, had numerous commands and served in the Vietnam War (November 1967-February 1969). He retired as a Navy Captain, was in the promotion zone for Admiral at the time of his 1992 retirement and received numerous commendations during his service.

For 16 years following his Navy career, he served as the President of Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday, where golf has an economic impact of \$1.2 billion in Myrtle Beach. While in Myrtle Beach, he was awarded the State of South Carolina's highest award, the Silver Crescent, and was honored as the National Father of the Year (previous winners included Lou Holtz, New York Yankees Bobby Richardson). For a second time, Mickey retired back to Chattanooga in 2008.

Upon returning to Chattanooga, Mickey failed retirement and became very active in his hometown. Presently, Mickey is Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation, Riverbend Director of Sponsorships, President of Navy League, Chairman of the SETN Veterans Coalition, Immediate Past Chair of Chattanooga Area Veterans Council (20,000 members), Vice Chair of the Military Officers Association, President of Classic 150, and a member of the Tivoli Foundation Board and Engel Stadium Board.

The desire to serve is the reason behind Mickey's first time seeking office. His life focus has been a "Lifetime of Service" consisting of serving his country, veterans, people with epilepsy, sponsors and patrons at Riverbend and now he's returned home with a strong interest to serve his hometown. Mickey is married to Nancy Carol Franklin McCamish and they have two children: a daughter, Dr. Shannon McCamish Butler and a son, Chad.

DISTRICT 3

KEN SMITH

Councilman Ken Smith is a local businessman, community advocate and father of three children, ages 6-18. He currently works for The Johnson Group as the firm's Chief Information Officer. Prior to that, he spent 10-plus years as a small business owner in Chattanooga, experiencing economic hardships, payroll challenges and budget cuts, and most of all, learning the importance of developing a strong, clear vision for getting back to the basics. These experiences and insights led him to run for public office where he was elected to City Council in 2013.

Since taking office, Councilman Smith has chaired the Public Works and Safety Committee and worked hard to address the City's critical needs so it can provide essential services exceptionally well. He also understands how REALTORS play a pivotal role in our economic growth and development, which is why he is committed to working with REALTORS on issues that matter most.

DISTRICT 4

DARRIN LEDFORD

Raised in nearby Cleveland, Darrin moved to Chattanooga in 1988 where he graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1994. Shortly after graduation in 1998, Darrin made his lifelong dream of starting his own business a reality by launching his first business. Over the years, Darrin learned a strong work ethic and an independent spirit that would eventually lay the foundation for him to become a successful entrepreneur that has started several business ventures during the past 20 years.

Today, Darrin owns and operates ImageWorks Printing + Graphics, a printing company that specializes in creating innovative graphic designs and effective print solutions for clients around the world. Darrin is also involved with The Make-A-Wish Foundation of East Tennessee, The Craniofacial Foundation of East Tennessee and Ronald McDonald House. He currently lives in East Brainerd with his wife, Kelly, and son, Zachary, where they attend Christ United Methodist Church. He is also a licensed boat Captain through the United States Coast Guard.

DISTRICT 5

CYNTHIA STANLEY-CASH

Cynthia Stanley-Cash is a native Chattanooga and graduate of Riverside High School class of 1972. She attended Chattanooga State and UTC, where she worked from 1979 until her retirement in 2015. She has been married to Fred Cash, a founding member of Curtis Mayfield & The Impressions singing group, for 36 years.

Mrs. Stanley-Cash is a former member of the Employee Relations Committee Board Member at the University of Tennessee, a former Commissioner and Vice-Chairwoman of the Tennessee Human Rights & Relations Commission, as well as a former Board Member for Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults. Previously, she served on the Chattanooga Endeavors Board and was a founding member of the Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council.

Currently, she is President of the North Brainerd Neighborhood Association, a member of Good Neighbors, Inc., and a Chamber Area of Commerce Workforce Development Reality Check volunteer. She supports the Chambliss Children's Home, the United Way Agency, and Girls, Inc., alongside many other charitable organizations.

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DISTRICT 5

JEFFERY EVAN

Jeffery E. Evan, born and raised in Avondale and East Chattanooga areas in Chattanooga, TN. He retired from Kenco Warehouse as he was called to ministry in 2005 with the affiliation of Church of God in Christ. Jeffery volunteers many hours to many mentoring programs for City of Chattanooga such as The Father and the Fatherless Program, going into the inner-city schools interacting with underprivileged and gang affiliated youth. He also participates in the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and acts as an Explorer Advisor for the Chattanooga Police Department, Jeffery is determined to see this area of Chattanooga revived and brought back to its original glory by running for District 5 City Council where he can serve and act in the best interest of the people of the area.

RUSSELL GILBERT

Councilman Russell Gilbert, District 5, is a Food Service Director at Parkridge Valley Hospital. He is also an entrepreneur whose non-profit organization "Angels in Flight" provides industrial and arts training to area children.

Councilman Gilbert has also worked to revitalize the Washington Hills Recreation Center and football field. These areas provide a safe haven for community children to spend time and play. He also coordinates the McKenzie Football Camp for Kids and is the coordinator of the Highway 58 Neighborhood Association Coalition, a group of over 3,000 households working together to improve their neighborhoods in Murray Hills, Lakes Hills, Washington Hills, Mimosa Circle, Chickamauga and Bal Harbour. Currently, Councilman Gilbert serves as Chair of the Youth and Family Development Committee.

DISTRICT 6

CAROL BERZ

Focusing on solution-based, collaborative problem-solving, in both the public and private sectors, Carol Berz has been a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed General Civil and Family mediator and trainer for over 25 years.

Dr. Berz is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC, a mediation services and training organization headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She serves as a Councilwoman for District 6 and currently chairs the Budget and Finance Committee.

Through public and private partnerships, Dr. Berz has overseen the renaissance of commerce, economic development and connectivity in a diverse business environment that includes health care, construction, government, and employment, as well as finance.

She continues to focus on smart development practices, commercial revitalization and safe neighborhoods. Most recently, as Co-Chair of the Mayor's Council For Women, she works with over 100 talented women to advocate for the social and economic advancement of women.

DISTRICT 7

MANNY RICO

A 47-year resident of St. Elmo, Manny Rico is the owner of Rico Monuments, a 31-year family-owned business. Mr. Rico served on the Chattanooga City Council from 2013 to 2015, as well as 19 different boards in the last 21 years. Mr. Rico currently serves on the MetMin, Goodwill, Southeast Workforce Investment Board, and the Chancellor's Advisory Council at the University of Tennessee. In addition, Mr. Rico serves on the Hamilton County Health Council, CCODO, and Hamilton County Appeals Board.

CHRIS ANDERSON

Chris Anderson is a life-long resident of Chattanooga and presently lives in the Jefferson Heights neighborhood on the Southside with his two dogs: Jackson & Jefferson. He is currently an Account Executive for Prime Communicator, a web-based marketing tool for small and large businesses. Chris previously served as Director of Food & Beverage for the Bluff View Art District, a European-style village of restaurants, inns, shops, and specialty kitchens. The facility employs over 150 people and is an iconic part of downtown Chattanooga.

Over the past twenty years, Chris has worked actively in his community to advocate for policies that strengthen our neighborhoods. He's committed to working side-by-side with residents and community leaders to make District 7 and Chattanooga a better place to live.

Chris also serves as Chairman of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council, promoting health and safety in his community through policy recommendations and guidelines. In his role on the City Council, Chris also chairs the Economic & Community Development Committee, focused on job creation and improving neighborhoods.

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DISTRICT 7

ERSKINE OGLESBY, JR.

Mr. Oglesby has worked as Associate Director of Corporate Engagement for the United Way of Greater of Chattanooga responsible for cultivating relations with community and corporate partners to enhance annual giving and providing technical support to nonprofit agencies and businesses throughout the region.

Previously Oglesby was Business Services Representative for the Southeast Tennessee Development District's Tennessee Career Center. He was responsible for increasing employment opportunities in the region by working with local governments in workforce and economic development. Prior to that Mr. Oglesby worked as Associate Director for the Salvation Army in Mississippi and Louisiana managing operation centers providing leadership in the allocation of community redevelopment funding to counties and parishes rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina/Rita.

Oglesby is President of the 100 Black Men of Chattanooga, Inc. He serves on the board of the Creative Discovery Museum, Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy, WTCI-TV and the Downtown Kiwanis.

DISTRICT 8

MOSES FREEMAN

Moses Freeman graduated from Tennessee State University in 1960 and also attended graduate school at the University of Chattanooga and Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. Moses is married to Louise D. Freeman; has one son, Eric, and two grandchildren - Jonathan and Joseph, and one great granddaughter, Kaleigh.

Moses worked as Executive Assistant under Johnny Franklin, Commissioner of Education, and retired from the City of Chattanooga in 2000 as Administrator of the Department of Neighborhood Services. Moses worked at the Community Impact of Chattanooga as a physical revitalization neighborhood specialist. He is a Co-Owner of Urban Development corporation and built several homes in the downtown M. L. King neighborhood. He is a member and Trustee at Second Missionary Baptist Church, where he also served as church treasurer.

A former teacher at Howard High School and former Chattanooga Boys Club Director, Moses served as Executive Director of the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency in Jacksonville, FL. He served as past President of the Riverbend Festival, Fortwood Mental Health Association, M. L. King Neighborhood Association and the Council on Alcohol and Drugs Treatment Centers and as a board member of numerous other organizations including the Chattanooga Area Urban League. Moses is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the National Association for the Advancement Colored People (NAACP) and the Howard High School National Alumni Association.

Moses has also been very active in Chattanooga-Hamilton County political community by serving on many campaigns with several candidates for Mayor of Chattanooga and City Council, as well as several candidates for judge and other elective offices in Chattanooga and Hamilton County. He was also elected countywide to serve as a commissioner of the Metropolitan Study Charter Commission. Presently he serves as a commissioner on the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority and the Chancellor's Roundtable at the UT Chattanooga.

DISTRICT 9

YUSUF HAKEEM

In March 2013, District 9 voters returned Councilman Yusuf Hakeem to the position he had held for five terms, beginning in 1990. Councilman Hakeem resigned from the City Council in 2006 when appointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen to the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole, and continued under Gov. Bill Haslam. During his first 15 years on the City Council, he served as the Council's first Vice Chairman and as Chairman in 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2013.

A 1966 graduate of Howard High School and later, Chattanooga State Technical Community College, Councilman Hakeem also studied economics at UTC. He retired after 25 years' service at G.E. Corporation.

Councilman Hakeem served on the Chattanooga Board of Education for 10 years, and is a 1987 graduate of the Leadership Chattanooga program.

He and his wife of 50 years, Baseemah, have four children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DEMETRUS COONROD

I have worked along with the community for improvements to Wilcox Tunnel, accessible transportation to Amazon and Volkswagen, pushed leadership to support Ban the Box, and a voice for restoration of rights for convicted felons. I am the vice-chair of the Hamilton County Democrat Party, president of Eastdale Neighborhood Association, and serve on the board of The Sports Barn, Community Development Block Grant, and Causeway.

I make a pledge to District 9 and surrounding communities to work hard for education, economic mobility, secure public safety and infrastructure. With your help we will improve District 9 so every community, every business and every family will be successful. Together we can create an environment to live, work and play. Vote #Coonrod2017!

Biography not available at time of printing:

David Crockett, for Mayor

District 1 - Susan Miller

District 8 - Anthony Byrd & Tom Kunesh

District 9 - Pat Benson, Jr. & John Kerns