



Candidate for Area Office

Candidate For The Office Of	Central Area Nominating Committee
Name	Gale Jones Carson
Area	Central Area
Chapter	River City (TN)
National Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated	NA
Area Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated	Communications Committee 2007-2011
Chapter Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated	President 2015-2017 Corresponding Secretary 2013-2015 Fund Development Chair 2011-2013
Leadership Positions in other organizations	<p>Memphis & Shelby County Film & Television Commission Board Chair 2016; Vice President 2014-2016 (been on Board since 2000)</p> <p>NAACP Memphis Branch's Executive Committee Executive Committee Member; Secretary Effective January 2017; been on Executive Committee since 2014</p> <p>Community Foundation of Greater Memphis Board of Governors Board Member 2013 to Present</p> <p>Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis Board; Marketing & Communications Chair 2015 to Present</p> <p>Beautiful Colored Girls Co-Founder</p> <p>Salute to Fatherhood Co-Founder 1997 to Present</p> <p>Democratic National Committee's Southern Region Caucus Communications Chair 2015 to Present</p> <p>Tennessee Democratic Party, Secretary 1997 to Present</p>
Employment History	<p>Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division 220 South Main St., Memphis, TN 38103 Director, Corporate Communications 2007-Present</p> <p>City of Memphis 125 N. Main St., Memphis, TN 38103 Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Media Spokesperson for the City of Memphis 2000-2007</p> <p>FedEx Directors Row, Memphis, TN 38116 Senior Communications Specialist 1984-2000</p> <p>Memphis Light, Gas & Water 220 South Main St., Memphis, TN 38103 Public Information Coordinator 1977-1983</p>
Honors and Awards	<p>Among the many professional, civic and political awards I have received, my most cherished are the Girls, Inc. "She Knows Where She is Going" award; the Silver Star Achievers Award; Ruby R. Wharton Outstanding Women Awards for Public Awareness; the April 4th Foundation's H. Ralph Jackson Trailblazer Award; 2015 "Keepers of the Dream Award," "2015 Kindle Award" and, the NBA Grizzlies' Community Heroes Award. I have also received numerous Professional Awards related to her work.</p> <p>In addition to my professional and civic affiliations, I am heavily involved with the Democratic Party on the local, state and national level. As the Secretary of the Tennessee Democratic Party, I am the first African-American elected as a Constitutional officer -a position I have held since 1997.</p> <p>In 2001, I was elected as the Chair of the Shelby County Democratic Party -- I was the first female to run for that position and the first female to Chair the local Party. Prior to being the Chair of the Shelby County Democratic Party, I served as the First Vice Chair of the Shelby County Democratic Executive Committee from 1994 to 1997. I founded the Shelby County Democratic Party's major fundraiser -- the John F. Kennedy Day Dinner in 1996 and it continues today as its primary fundraiser.</p> <p>Additionally, I was elected to serve as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016.</p> <p>Another accomplishment is my election to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) on January 19, 2008 and re-election January 2012 and January 2016.</p> <p>In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. §2-13-203(c), I was certified as a 2012 and 2016 Democratic Presidential Elector nominee for the State of Tennessee-a major history making accolade.</p>
Candidate's Statement	I have a great love for The Links, Incorporated and am very proud to be a member of this organization. I am most impressed with the smart, talented and business minded leadership of The Links, Incorporated. I am fully committed to serving The Links