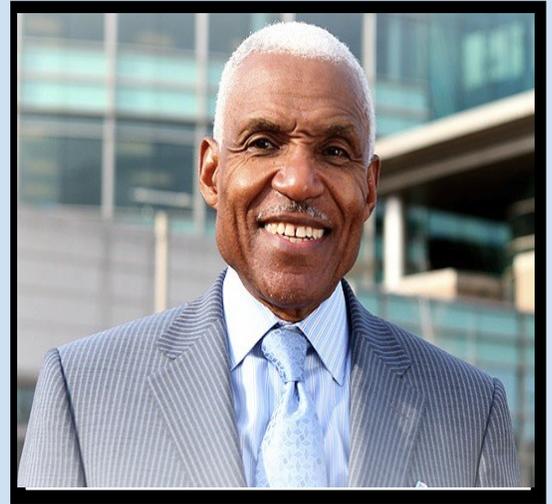


# EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

## MAYOR AC WHARTON, JR.

It's a sunny day in the city of Memphis, and Mayor A C Wharton, Jr., is sipping on a fresh cup of Starbucks coffee to keep him going with an extremely busy schedule. After we sat down with him to conduct the much anticipated interview, he apologizes for being a few minutes late, and reconfirms his genuine commitment to talk with us.



Jewels Magazine got right down to the business of conducting an interview with a mayor who is in the midst of a heated re-election campaign. Our first question to the mayor is why should the citizens of Memphis re-elect him again, and what are some of his major achievements as chief executive officer of the city of Memphis.

### WHY RE-ELECT MAYOR WHARTON? WHAT HAS HE ACCOMPLISHED?

The mayor doesn't waste any time pointing out his most significant achievements he has accomplished as mayor. They range from cleaning up blight, bringing major employers to Memphis, keeping crime down, funding support for our youth, reduction in homeless, building parks, and strengthening neighborhoods.

**"The past six years the city has experienced job development like no other,"** Mayor Wharton says. **"My administration has brought high quality jobs to diversify our economy."**

He refers to a prominent list of Fortune 500 companies that call Memphis home, including Mitsubishi, Electrolux, Smuckers, Bass Pro, the re-opening of Kimberly Clark, now known as (KTG), and the Schlitz Brewery. Overton Square is back, the Broad Avenue Project, and the Sears Crosstown transformation are underway.

Mayor Wharton also included the IKEA Company that was brought to Memphis, and his children and daughter-in-law were excited he had finally gotten the Cheese Cake Factory to the Memphis Community. Wharton is proud of the program, Greater Memphis Alliance for Competitive Workforce (GMACW) which **"focuses on matching the training opportunities for those who need training with actual jobs that are available now."**



## WHAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT – WHEN RE-ELECTED?

Jewels writers asked one final question, “If you are re-elected, what would you do differently?” Wharton responded with conviction and a most serious stance, **“I will continue to follow my Blueprint for Prosperity... You will see a more intense focus on those who are trapped in poverty, finding a way to get them into the economic mainstream to give them economic resilience so that when they get knocked down, they can get back up again financially.”**

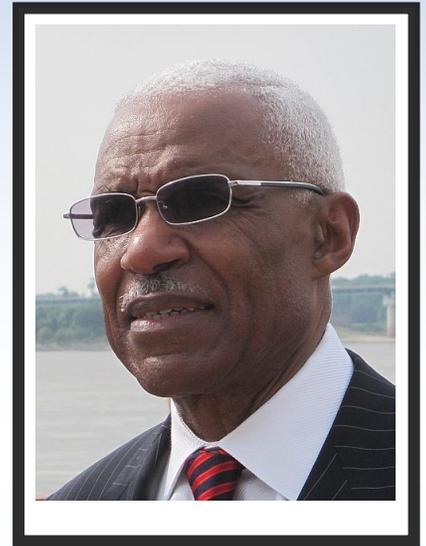
Wharton said he would continue to run a positive campaign based on strengths, focus, and a commitment to continue to serve the Memphis community with even more dedication than he had when he first went in office six years ago.

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## WHARTON – TIME FOR ANOTHER SNAPSHOT

Mayor Wharton took a few minutes to capture a photo with the staff of Jewels Magazine and he was quickly off to the next meeting with his coffee in hand, sleeves rolled up to his elbow, and ready to continue to work. AC Wharton...a Jewel to Memphis! Mayor of Memphis, Tennessee.

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