

Shelby County Board of Commissioners



Commissioner Brent Taylor

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Commissioner Brent Taylor was appointed to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners in October, 2011, to fill the seat vacated by Mike Carpenter.

Commissioner Taylor was first elected to the Memphis City Council in November, 1995, becoming the youngest member ever elected. He was re-elected in 1999 with over 82% of the vote, and again in 2003 without opposition. As Councilman, Taylor served as Chairman of the City Council in 2003.

The accomplishments of his city council chairmanship include the first ever Education Summit, the Bounce Back Memphis Small Business Program, and the removal of council perks such as taxpayer subsidized cell phones. The cuts in the council budget under his tenure as chairman resulted in a return of \$163,000 to the general fund.

Innovative legislation in crime fighting earned Mr. Taylor statewide recognition by the Tennessee Anti-Car Theft Committee. He spearheaded efforts to fund the World War II Memorial located in Overton Park, and his conservative positions on issues have been reported in national publications such as *The New York Times* and the *Rush Limbaugh Newsletter and Radio Program*. Mr. Taylor's colleagues, due to his leadership in the aftermath of the devastating summer storm of 2003, gave him the title "Little Guilliani." Mr. Taylor retired from the Memphis City Council in 2007.

Commissioner Taylor holds a degree in Mortuary Science and is a licensed Funeral Director in Tennessee and Mississippi. Mr. Taylor is President and CEO of Brentwood Funeral Services, a company which owns several funeral homes in West Tennessee and North Mississippi.

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He has received numerous awards and honors, including the Shelby County Young Republicans 1995 Winners Circle Award, the Shelby County Republican Party's 1995 Grass Roots Award, the 2003 Shelby County Republican Party Bob James Award, and the Defenders of Freedom 2003 Freedom Fighter Award. In 2008, he was a recipient of the *Memphis Business Journal's* Top 40 Under 40 Award.

Commissioner Taylor and his wife Kimberly live in Cordova and are the proud parents of Gage and Molly.

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