



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office and Shelby County Election Commission**

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**SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND MAYOR LEE HARRIS  
ANNOUNCE RETURN OF EARLY VOTING LOCATION TO THE URBAN CORE  
AHEAD OF MEMPHIS ELECTION**

*Memphis voters will be able to cast their ballot at 157 Poplar beginning September 13, 2019*

MEMPHIS, TN - The Shelby County Election Commission and Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris are excited to announce early voting has returned downtown. On August 20, the Shelby County Election Commission approved 157 Poplar as an early voting location. Shelby County Election Commission Chairman Van Turner, the Mayor's Administration, and the Shelby County Election Commission have been working together for several months on a plan to return early voting operations to downtown Memphis.

"An early voting location in the downtown area of Memphis helps ensure access to early voting for the hundreds of thousands of people who live and work in our urban core," says Mayor Lee Harris. "This administration's guiding principles regarding elections include the critical need to increase participation. The ability to vote early in downtown Memphis helps achieve that goal."

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“Downtown has been the site of our first early voting poll for many years,” said Linda Phillips, Administrator of Elections. “We’re happy to return to this practice now that we’ve relocated to new downtown space where early voting downtown can resume.”

Early voting in the Memphis Municipal Election begins September. 13, 2019 and continues through September 28, 2019. Election Day is October 3, 2019.

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