

City of Memphis



DR. W. W. HERENTON
MAYOR

TENNESSEE

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Keith L. McGee
Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Keith:

John Maxwell once said:

"It takes most people some time to discover what God created them for. If you are willing, you can explore the world and learn more about your purpose everyday. You can engage in activities that help you grow a little more in mind, body or spirit. And you can perform some act—large or small—that helps others. Success is knowing your purpose in life, sowing seeds that benefit others, and growing to your maximum potential."

It is in the spirit of this sage advice that I have charted my immediate future. After much reflection and prayer, I know it is time for me to pursue other challenges. Therefore, this personal letter serves to alert you of my plans to retire from the office of City Mayor on July 31, 2008.

Throughout my career as a public servant, I've served with this admonishment of St. Luke in my foremost thoughts: *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required. And from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."* (Luke 12:48, The Holy Bible)

I am deeply grateful to the citizens of Memphis for granting me the honor and privilege to serve. I have given my best in the interest of making Memphis a better city for all.

I hear another call and am duty bound to respond. History will judge whether or not I achieved the purpose for which I was called to serve.

Sincerely,

Willie W. Herenton