CONTRACT WITH MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY

Republican candidate for Governor John Rose issued his Contract with Shelby County. The five point plan spells out Rose's vision to ensure Memphis is once again the shining beacon of the Mid-South.

"During this campaign, I have been in Memphis numerous times. It has given me a true understanding of the issues and concerns in Shelby County. There are so many opportunities, we have an obligation to make them a reality," said John Rose.

Rose continued, "Memphis' impact on the country cannot be overstated. Shelby County is home to some of the country's largest companies. It is an international logistics hub, and is a world class tourist destination. Making Shelby County the best it can be should be a main priority for our next Governor."

1. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME

- Fire inept prosecutors. This may require a change to Tennessee's Constitution, but as Governor I will work to make this a reality.
- The Tennessee Highway Patrol should remain a strong presence.
- Utilize the National Guard as necessary.
- Create a permanent office to combat out of control crime using the office of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
- Create a statewide criminal database which will ensure that we keep the worst of the worst from getting back on the streets.
- Replace "do nothing" judges. There must be the ability to replace these judges if they aren't doing their job.

2. IMPROVE EDUCATION

- Support the Memphis & Shelby County board of managers' recommendatins.
- Grow and expand the success of smaller school districts in the region.
- Support school choice.
- Expand career and technical education pathways and facilities.

3. EXPAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Have a regional approach to economic development, and work with leaders in states such as Arkansas and Mississippi.
- Convene a Governor's Job's Conference based on Governor Lamar Alexander's 1979 event which produced several successful local initiatives.
- Focus business development on the sectors that make Memphis strong: Logistics, Tourism, Agriculture, and Technology.
- Continue to develop and improve St.Jude Hospital.
- Expand career and technical education pathways and facilities.

4. AGRICULTURAL HUB AND NATIONAL MODEL

- Make the Memphis region a global leader in the agriculture industry.
- Support Agricenter International which was created in 1979.
- Work with the University of Memphis to grow its Institute for Agriculture, Research, Conservation & Education (ACRE).
- Support AgLaunch, a nonprofit focused on transforming the region's agriculture entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- Prioritize ECD work to expand and recruit agricultural "value-added" industries for the region

5. PRESENCE IN SHELBY COUNTY

- Commit to having a full time office in Memphis.
- Make sure Tennessee Department of Transportation prioritizes maintenance and upkeep of the area highways and interstates.
- Make sure Tennessee Economic and Community Development (ECD) has a high priority to staff and support Memphis and West Tennessee economic growth.

Congressman John Rose (TN-6), an eighth generation Tennessean, announced his candidacy for Governor on March 20, 2025, at the site of the Tennessee State Fair in Wilson County. His conservative record in Congress, mutual support with President Trump, and deep roots in agriculture have helped him gain support from voters across the state. Rose is a successful businessman, served as Tennessee's Commissioner of Agriculture, and represents the 6th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He and his wife Chelsea have two children, and live on their Dekalb and Smith County farm which has been in the Rose family since 1790.

To learn more about the campaign, visit **johnrose.com**.

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