

City of Memphis



TENNESSEE

A C WHARTON, JR.
MAYOR

December 28, 2010

The Honorable Harold Collins, Chairman
Personnel, Intergovernmental & Annexation Committee
City Hall - Room 514
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Chairman Collins:

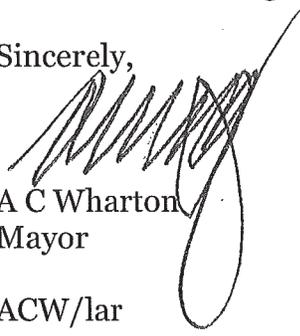
Subject to Council approval, it is my recommendation that:

Senator Mark Norris (Joint Appointment)

be appointed to the Memphis and Shelby County New Arena Public Building Authority with a term expiring July 30, 2014.

I have attached biographical information.

Sincerely,


A C Wharton
Mayor

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c: Council Members

Senate Majority Leader
Mark Norris
 District 32

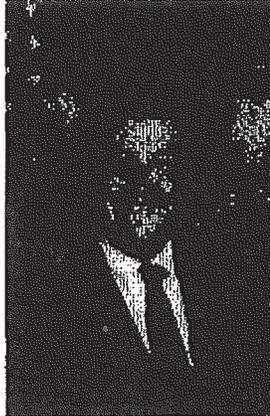
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Norris in the Senate

He is working for you...



Senator Mark Norris was first elected Majority Leader of the Tennessee Senate served as Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus in 2006 and was the West Tennessee since 1982. He was re-elected Senate Majority Leader of Tennessee beginning in 2009 and is the first Republican Majority Leader to serve from this generation.

Norris came to the State Senate in 2000 as a Republican County Commissioner. He represents District 32 which is "the West Coast of Tennessee" including Shelby County. He was re-elected by a wide margin in 2004 and is the first elected to represent Dyer County in the Tennessee General Assembly. In November 2008, he currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Rules, Finance, Ways and Means Committee, Ethics Committee, and State and Local

Norris served as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee from January 2005 to January 2007. He presided over the adoption of the state's first long-range transportation plan and the creation of rural organizations for grass-roots initiatives to meet the needs of local citizens. He led the fight to stop the transfer of money from the state's transportation trust fund to the general fund. He successfully increased funding from existing revenues and was recognized by the Tennessee Public Transportation Association as 2006 Year. Norris was also responsible for conducting legislative hearings into alleged improprieties at the Highway Patrol which ultimately led to the resignations of high ranking Administration officials including the former top officer in the Highway Patrol.

He also served as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for eight years during which he was instrumental in a referendum to amend the Tennessee Constitution to provide property tax relief for senior citizens. The referendum passed in 2006 with nearly 1.4 million votes constituting over 80% of the vote. Norris sponsored and passed the Property Tax Freeze Act of 2007.

Norris continues to serve on the Joint Oversight Committees of Veterans Affairs, Pensions and Insurance Compensation. He is a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and was Chairman in 2009. He served as Chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference's Economic Development and Cultural Affairs Committee from 2006 to 2008, and he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Conference in 2008.

Norris has practiced law in Tennessee since graduating from the University of Denver College of Law with a undergraduate degree in Political Science from Colorado College. He serves as Special Counsel to the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, LLP. He is a member of the Litigation Practice Group where he represents small businesses, health care providers, and he provides general counseling to individuals, charities, corporations and nonprofit organizations. The Senator and his wife, Chris, have been married since 1978, and they have two sons. The Norris family farm where, in addition to pumpkins, they raise horses, mules, cattle and hay.

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 Property Tax relief for
 our Senior Citizens

**MEMPHIS & SHELBY COUNTY NEW ARENA PUBLIC BUILDING
AUTHORITY (FedEx Forum)**

13 Member Board

Jointly Appointed

1 Vacant

Complete appointment process after the county completes their process

Matthews, Tierney R.	F/B	07-30-14	6yr Term
Otha Brandon -resigned	M/B	07-30-05	4yr. Term
Dianne Cox	F/W	07-30-03	2yr. Term
Carol Winfield Jones	F/B	09-10-11	4yr. Term
Lawrence Jensen	M/W	07-30-11	4yr. Term
Rep. Larry Miller	M/B	07-30-14	1yr. Term
William Orgel -resigned	M/W	07-30-03	2yr. Term
David Peck	M/W	09-10-13	6yr. Term
Arnold Perl -resigned	M/W	07-30-07	6yr. Term
Julie Raines	F/W	07-30-11	4yr. Term
Johnnie Turner	F/B	07-30-13	6yr. Term
Kane, Kevin	W/M	07-30-13	6yr Term
Vacancy			