



AN INTERVIEW WITH JOYCE JONES

Why are you running?

Joyce: I'm running because I love my city and I want to help continue the progress that we have made in making Montevallo the loving, inclusive, diverse, and progressive city it has fought so hard to become. Since I'm a native of this city, I know just how far we have come in the past 50 years. One of the things I believe most is that we are strong enough to admit the uncomfortable truths about our city. While Montevallo has a history of being tolerant of all citizens, it has not always been so equitable to all citizens. I care about the whole city, those who are already connected and those who feel left out, those who believe that our government is working fine for them and those who feel it is not. My goal for running is to say to all citizens you have a voice and your voice matters.

What community/civic involvement have you participated in?

Joyce: I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve on a few boards here in town: the Arbor and Beautification Board, the Library Foundation Board and, most recently, I am serving as the Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee. All of those appointments allowed me to serve with some wonderful folks from within our city. In addition, my husband and I work closely with NACA, a home buying program for first time or low-income homeowners. I volunteer with Backpack Buddies regularly and serve in soup kitchens and shelters on weekends. I spend summers helping and volunteering with youth programs that give children access to educational and dietary resources while they are out of school. I also stay engaged with social causes that are advocated by our local NAACP and work to help other candidates throughout our sister communities in their pursuit of being elected to public service positions throughout Shelby County.

Why do you feel qualified to represent the City of Montevallo?

Joyce: Over the last twenty years, I have worked in banking and database management, technology support and implementation, secondary education, and higher education administration support. I have managed budgets, I have managed resources and supplies, and I have managed people.

In a climate of such social unrest, Montevallo would benefit from having a leader who can not only manage budgets and staff but also one who cares about people. We need leaders who can inspire those feeling hopeless or helpless and who can galvanize those who are feeling energized to go out and change the world. I believe that I am that leader, one who is methodical and sober about the business of the city but also passionate and compassionate about the people of the city.

What is your hope for Montevallo?

Joyce: My hope for Montevallo is that we can find a way forward together. The thing that makes Montevallo so unique is the diversity of its citizens. I want that diversity to not only be the thing that makes us unique but also the thing that makes us strong! I believe good leadership will reflect the diversity of our community, not just in terms of race, but also of socioeconomic status, and faith, and lifestyle, and so much more. We have been well served by those who have come before us and my hope is to build on the strong foundation that has already been laid and to help us become better as we become One Montevallo.

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