

Sugarmon-Willis
For State Legislature
588 Vance Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Fellow Citizen:

On the 6th day of August, 1964, the voters of Shelby County, Tennessee, will make known their choices of candidates to represent Memphis and Shelby County in the Tennessee General Assembly. We are writing you asking for your support and, in order to acquaint you with ourselves, we are enclosing brief biographical sketches and a summary of our platform.

One of us, R. B. Sugarmon, Jr., is a candidate for the State Senate, District 29, No. 96 on the ballot, and the other of us, A. W. Willis, Jr., is a candidate for the State House of Representatives, Position 1, No. 108 on the ballot.

In considering our candidacies, there are a few factors that we feel deserve your careful attention. We are sure that you share our pride in the manner Memphis has adjusted itself to the changing pattern of race relations. We both feel that, in this regard, our community need not take second place to any community. Much of what has been accomplished has been because the majority of Memphians have been willing to accommodate their viewpoints to the basic spirit of our National Heritage, "freedom and justice for all." If this progress is to continue, we cannot expect organizations existing outside of governmental bodies to continue the progress. It is essential that Negroes be represented in government, by other Negroes, in order that they may articulate the hopes, aspirations, and basic desires of the Negro. It is in this way that we can continue the trend that has made our city an unparalleled example of racial progress with a minimum of rancor and bitterness.

We ask you to consider carefully our qualifications and we request your support and your vote on August 6, 1964.

Yours Truly,

R. B. Sugarmon, Jr.

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A.W. Willis, Jr.

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