

METRO COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION FORM

KRS 67C.103(6) provides that a person must satisfy the following criteria) to serve as a member of Metro Council:

No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of a consolidated local government council unless he or she is at least eighteen (18) years old, a qualified voter, and a resident within the territory of the consolidated local government and the district that he or she seeks to represent for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the person's election. A council member shall continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected throughout the term of office.

Please provide the following information:

Shameka Latonya Parrish-Wright

Full Legal Name: _____
(First, middle and last names)

Date of birth: _____

2222 Deveron Drive Louisville, Kentucky
Current residential address: 40216

Resident since 2018
Length of residence at current address: _____

By submitting this form, I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct, and I meet all the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the vacant office for which I am applying.

Shameka Parrish-Wright
JANUARY 9, 2023

(Applicant signature and date)

Shameka L. Parrish-Wright

Leadership & Management Professional

2222 Deveron Drive
Louisville, KY 40216

SKILLS

Budgeting
Communication
Community Organizing
Conflict Resolution
Database Management
Finance & Accounting
Management & Leadership
Operations & Logistics
Public Speaking
Public Relations
Project Management
Teaching, Coaching &
Facilitation

EXPERIENCE

VOCAL-KY, Louisville — Executive Director

July 2022 - PRESENT

Manage a dynamic team of employees
Recruit and cultivate donor relations/stewardship
Coordinate and organize community-wide events for hundreds of participants
State-wide advocacy connecting diverse interests

The Bail Project, Louisville — Operations/Site Manager

MAY 2018 - JULY 2022

Supervise a growing staff of eight for the National Organization
Assess team strengths and weaknesses to identify improvement plans and amplify skills
Generate and allocate a budget of over 12 million dollars
Created and implemented fair and inclusive work plans
Site development by opening Louisville and Cincinnati locations
Data collection and analysis for thousands of clients
Managed public relations for the local branch of the national organization
Co-Drafted local, regional, and national policy to end pretrial incarceration for low-income people (examples of policy available on

PAST & CURRENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Feed Louisville 2022–Present
Homeless Coalition
2022–Present
Louisville Books to Prisoners
2020–Present
Reproductive Freedom of
Kentucky PAC 2022–Present
Louisville Family Justice
Advocates 2020–Present
La Casita Center
2020–Present
Kentucky Alliance Against
Racist and Political

request)

Facilitate effective communication between families, lawyers, and law enforcement

Conduct detailed policy analysis to educate and lobby policymakers

Honed superior written and verbal communication skills for internal and external stakeholders

It's What We Do Special Project Services, Louisville — *Intersectional Project Manager*

DECEMBER 2010 - MAY 2019

Event-planning and execution for a widely attended keynote event

Provided technology support and fulfilled administrative duties for a growing staff of over 10

Exceeded and increased fundraising goals, increased participation, inter-generational communications

Connected diverse interest groups, including non-religious and faith based organizations

Worked with Intergenerational Committee of 10 for 12 months as liaison, lead organizer and project coordinator

Prepared monthly financial and outreach reports

Maintain social networking presence for groups, individuals and businesses.

Paid and unpaid Keynote and Motivational speaking engagements

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, Louisville — *Development & Voter Engagement Organizer*

2008 - 2011

Community outreach

Generated and increased grassroots fundraising efforts

Managed and improved client relationship manager

Volunteer recruitment and coordination

Specialized in communication techniques to recruit and retain civic participation

EDUCATION

University of Louisville, Louisville — *Bachelor of Arts* 2012

Jefferson Community College, Louisville — *Associates of Human Services* 2006

PROJECTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Repression 2020–2022

(Chair) 2015–2020 (Member)

Sowers of Justice Network

2015–Present

**Anne Braden Institute for
Social Justice Research**

2008–Present

**The Carl & Anne Braden
Memorial Center**

2007–Present

**Homeless Coalition
Continuum of Care**

2016–2022

Kentucky Jobs with Justice
2008–2012

Hispanic Latino Coalition
2008–2012

**Louisville Metro Human
Relations Commission**
(Mayoral Appointment)
2008–2012

Pushback Network Coalition
2008–2010

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish

Progressive Immigration Reform for Kentucky — *Developer*

Developed and implemented plans for local, progressive, and compassionate immigration reform

Housing Action Team — *Directly Impacted Lobbyist*

Established and maintained a housing trust fund for low-income and housing insecure residents

Sanctuary City Movement — *Activist*

Protected all Louisville residents from undue infringement on human rights

Sowers of Justice Network — *Organizer*

Accompanied those directly impacted by gun violence and developed policy and strategies for reducing community violence

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

EMERGE — *Graduate, 2022*

Graduated from EMERGE Kentucky, which trains and prepares women for elected leadership positions

Lift Every Voice Award — *University of Louisville, 2021*

In recognition of creative work that promotes positive social change

KACDL Enforcer Award — *Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2020*

While not a criminal defense lawyer, honorees are selected for their comprehensive work protecting individual rights during legal proceedings

Black Community Champion Award — *Revolutionary Black Panther Party, 2020*

Selected for extensive work and activism in the community

West Louisville Connector — *Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 2016*

Recognized for community advocacy and outreach in West Louisville

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From: Pam McMichael <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 12:45 PM
To: MetroCouncilClerk
Subject: Support for Shameka Parrish Wright for Sistrict 3

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Dear Metro Council Members,

I live in the Limerick neighborhood at 1121 South 6th Street, formerly represented by David James. Because I am currently without a representative on the council, and because all of you will be voting to fill the vacant seats, I am sending this message to all Metro Council members.

I urge you to vote for Shameka Parrish-Wright for District 3. Through her long standing community service and recent pulling over 18,000 votes in the mayoral primary, she has well-demonstrated her commitment to and support from the Louisville community.

Thank you,
Pam McMichael