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Roy Dale For Mayor Of Nashville

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NASHVILLE ENGINEERING CEO AND FORMER TWO TERM COUNCIL MEMBER ROY DALE
FILES QUALIFYING PETITION TO RUN FOR MAYOR

NASHVILLE. Roy Dale, CEO of Dale and Associates, a former two term Metro Nashville Council Member and Commissioner with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, has officially filed a qualifying petition as required to run for Mayor of Nashville. Mr. Dale, a City Planner and Professional Engineer who works professionally with business, civic leaders, neighborhood and preservation groups across Davidson County, said he has continued to meet with fellow Nashvillians to discuss the future needs of the city.

Mr. Dale has stated “As a 60 year resident of Nashville, I am very sensitive to the voices that I hear within the community. Over the last 25 years I have conducted hundreds of community meeting and I have talked to thousands of fellow Nashvillians. Most of the residents in the community feel that their voices are not heard and they are frustrated with the lack of information that is given to them. In general they simply want to be more included in the decision making process. That frustration has reached a peak as it relates to the Transit Referendum to be voted on in May. Most of the residents in Nashville and the surrounding counties want to invest in a solution to the traffic we suffer from today, but many feel that the current referendum does not provide the flexibility needed if changes to that plan are warranted by better ideas based upon more citizen input and the weight of other experts. As an engineer that graduated with a degree in transportation, I can agree with many of the concerns that I have heard. It would be my desire to insure the community that passage of this referendum would first result in basic infrastructure improvements that all of us desire which would include new roads, road widening, and intersection improvements, before we even begin the process of rails and tunnels. As a first step we should also work with businesses to stagger hours to not coincide with peak traffic, actually encourage office related business to work from home, and encourage a paperless Nashville of which Metro Government is one of worst offenders. Only after we have more thoroughly proceeded with this first step should we begin a well vetted and logical second step. “

Mr. Dale graduated from Tennessee Tech University and accepted his first job as an engineer with the Metro Department of Public Works and was a member of the Design Review Committee

of the Metro Planning Commission. Mr. Dale is currently the CEO of Dale and Associates, Inc., a position he has held for 35 years. “As an engineer I have worked in Nashville for over 40 years. I have worked and continue to work with most Metro Departments on a daily basis, including Metro Codes, Planning, Public Works, Water Services, Stormwater, the Health Department, the Register Deeds, the Tax Assessor, Metro Finance and others. My knowledge of the workings of Metro Nashville as well as my experience as a two term Councilmember gives me more experience and unique qualifications that any other candidate.” Dale states.

Although the currently proposed Transit Referendum appears to be the main focus of every candidate to date, Roy Dale sees this as only one of many concerns expressed by the community and says “It is my concern that historically, many of the former Mayors of Nashville have moved the city with their own personal agendas and not necessarily worked to solve the problems of the people in Nashville that need help the most. As a former Councilmember It also worries me that the Metro Council, which would represent the true voice of the people, has become a weaker and reactive body. It would be my desire to restore much of decision and policy making process with the locally elected District Council Representatives and make the primary focus on the Office of the Mayor to solve problems and help run an efficient government.”

To conclude Mr. Dale states, “ I have no desire to harm any other candidate. Mayor Briley has proven to be true servant for the city and has unselfishly stepped away from his business to do so. Councilmember Gilmore is very well respected and has proven to be a true leader. My particular “skill set”, however, as a problem solver and consensus maker will hopefully bring the community closer while meeting community oriented goals.”

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