



I am a classic life-long learner. I believe in innovation and data-driven strategies. I also believe in seeking out high-performing policies and programs and adapting them to better serve our community. And I recognize that so many of these key insights or “ah-ha” moments of clarity have come from conversations with you and my peers in similar roles across our country.

This week, as we continue the work of turning those ideas into reality, I find myself reflecting back on the **first 54 days in office** and the learning opportunities we have taken advantage of as an administration. Below are some **highlights from the first two months of listening, learning, and sharing.**

US Conference of Mayors - Washington DC. I had the opportunity to represent our city in this national forum and to share some of our challenges, strengths, and concerns with other mayors who are working on solutions to similar issues in their communities.

Public Safety, Transportation, Infrastructure, Gun Violence, Broadband, Public-Private Funding Models, and Collaboration:

- Met with members of our Congressional delegation to discuss ways in which they could help Memphis achieve our goals around transit, public safety, and infrastructure.
- Continued those conversations when I met with Secretary Pete Buttigieg about our immediate and future transportation needs, including those at MATA, the Memphis International Airport, and the I-55 bridge.
- Our team learned about much-needed resources to address violent crime from the White House Office of Gun Violence.
- I participated in a session on maximizing the city’s broadband capacity through public-private partnership models
- Engaged in conversation with Stephen Benjamin, Senior Advisor and Director of the Office of Public Engagement, on how the White House can help support our goals for economic growth.
- Met with the Big Four mayors of Tennessee to discuss issues of mutual interest to all of our communities and to commit to continued collaboration.

Relationship Building, Capitol Hill, Nashville. Our team spent time in Nashville,

sharing the Memphis story, advocating for our community, and building relationships that will help us secure the resources needed to strengthen our city.

Public Safety, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Cross-City Collaboration:

- Met with Senate and House leadership to foster relationships that will bring beneficial resources to Memphis.
- Created new connections with other state legislators.
- Met with Governor Lee and members of his cabinet, including Deputy Governor and TDOT Commissioner Butch Eley, to discuss ways TDOT and the City of Memphis can be better partners in road maintenance, trash clean-up, and creating more attractive roadways.
- Joined the Greater Memphis Chamber for a Memphis takeover of Capitol Hill focused on job creation and growth.
- Demonstrated the City's ability to work together with the business community to advocate for resources related to public safety.



Operation Code Zero. On the local public safety front, we had a very successful start to the beginning of our pandemic-level response with the first MPD Operation Code Zero event. Code Zero represents the most serious call to action - Zero is an “all hands on deck” response. Our MPD officers were all hands on deck in the Mt. Moriah precinct for a 12-hour operation last week.

During the first Code Zero operation, our officers:

- Made 402 traffic stops
- Issued 278 citations
- Served 14 warrants
- Made 35 arrests
- Confiscated 15 weapons
- Worked in partnership with the Shelby County Sheriff's Officers who activated mobile booking stations for the operation.
- Worked in partnership with TN Hwy Patrol, who had an interstate presence on 240 and I-40, and made 92 traffic stops, gave 52 citations and 40 warnings, and made 2 arrests.

But it wasn't all about stops and citations; it was also about community support:

- MPD officers conducted 21 business assessments to help owners identify anti-crime solutions, such as cameras, tech, and environmental strategies.
- MPD also identified areas for anti-blight and clean-up work.
- City of Memphis crews followed this week with code enforcement crews, street sweeping, trash and bulk waste pick-up, and will follow with community clean-ups organized by our partners at City Beautiful.

These Code Zero operations will be ongoing every other week, rotating throughout the entire city.

I believe that seeing this kind of work, combined with other efforts from our administration, will be inspiring to the young people in our community. It will be uplifting the people who have made these communities home for their entire lives. It is the time to speak life into our city. I am ready to lead these efforts and our team is ready to do the work.



Mt. Pisgah CME, February 18, 2024 (click image to load video)

Other Updates, Progress, and Programs:

Our **Strike Team** worked in the following zip codes: 38106, 38109, 38112, 38118, 38122, 38016.

Join us for our first **One Memphis** community meeting at 6pm on February 27 at
 Mt. Pisgah CME, 14051 Ellis Blvd., Memphis, TN 38112


Whitnaven High School, 4851 Elvis Presley Blvd. Next meeting: 3/1, 6pm at Gaisman Community Center, 4221 Macon Rd. Stay tuned for dates/locations in your neighborhood!

ONE MEMPHIS

TOUR

27 February

EMPOWERING VOICES BUILDING BRIDGES



WHITEHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL | 6:30PM

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Social shout-outs:



A message from our partners at City

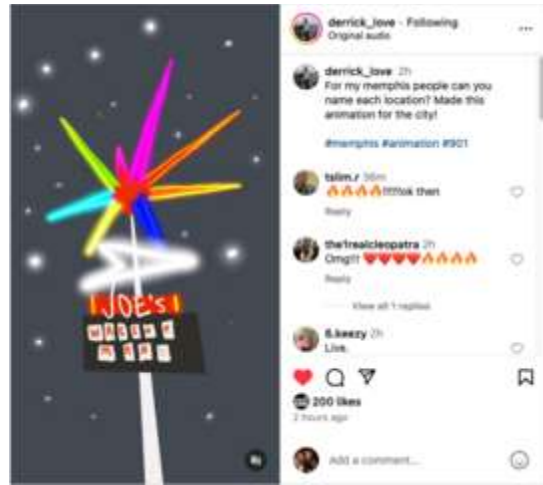


Council:

Chairman JB Smiley's City Council Weekly Recap

We LOVE Memphis social shout-out to Derrick Love!

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Shout-out to our own Office of Youth Engagement

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In partnership and progress,

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