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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS APPOINTS LONG-TIME
COMMISSIONER REGINALD MILTON TO LEAD THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION
AND YOUTH SERVICES**

*Following a reorganization of the Shelby County Division of Community Services,
Milton will lead the new Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services as Deputy
Administrator.*



Shelby County, TN – Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris has appointed Reginald Milton to lead the Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services. Milton will serve under Director Dorcas Young Griffin at the Division of Community Services.

The Department of Education is moving from the Mayor’s Office to the Division of Community Services as the Office of Education and Youth Services. It is the last phase in a reorganization of the Division of Community Services which provides direct services and awareness of other services to help residents in need. This reorganization helps support the Division’s continued work of providing more opportunities to youth.

Deputy Administrator Milton served on the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from 2014-2022. Milton was the first commissioner of District 10, which includes areas of Midtown and South Memphis. A Memphis native and LeMoyne-Owen College graduate, Milton has given much of his life to social service. He has worked as the Director of Education and Training for Memphis Planned Parenthood and founded the South Memphis Alliance which serves children in foster care and families in need.

Deputy Administrator Milton has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Memphis. He has been involved with several area organizations including the Mid-South Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Community Development Council of Memphis, Memphis Heritage Association, and Literacy Mid-South.

In his role, Deputy Administrator Milton will focus on initiatives for youth like the Mayor’s Summer Work Experience, after school opportunities, and summer camps. He will replace former Shelby County Director of Education Dr. Cedrick Gray. Dr. Gray served Shelby County honorably for four years and has taken a job in education consulting where he’ll coach school leaders across the country.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “Reginald Milton has dedicated much of his life and career to service. We’re grateful to have his experience with social services and legislative matters to help run the new Office of Education and Youth Services. Opportunities for youth in Shelby County is a top priority of mine and Deputy Administrator Milton.”

Reginald Milton, Deputy Administrator, Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services: “I am thrilled about this new opportunity to continue serving the people of Shelby County. Like in my role as Shelby County Commissioner, I want to be part of the solution in making Shelby County a thriving place to be for all residents. Thank you to Mayor Lee Harris for seeing the knowledge and experience I am able to bring to this job.”

Dorcas Young Griffin, Director, Shelby County Division of Community Services: “The mission of the Shelby County Division of Community Services is to directly help our residents in need. Repeatedly we see youth are part of that group. I welcome Deputy Administrator Milton and look forward to working with him to provide the best opportunities for our young people.”

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