



Campaign Update

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Mell Monroe officially opened his Campaign Headquarters on September 30, 2006. Turn-out was a success for the kick-off celebration, with over 120 attendees from all socio-economic groups in the Ward. The office is located in the heart of the 3rd Ward at 43rd Street and Indiana Avenue. The office occupies approximately 2000 square feet of the second floor of the former Currency Exchange Building.

Walkin' the Ward—Mell Monroe and Campaign Manager Ira Williams continue to walk the Ward. Dialogue with residents and community leaders has resulted in a detailed list of needs and concerns that are currently ignored. Mell Monroe has also talked to many business owners and their workers for input on what is needed to grow their businesses in the 3rd Ward. Although there are different concerns with residents in precinct-by-precinct and business needs vary, Ward consensus is that there is an urgent need for a new perspective—of less division—an end to *“machine politics as usual”*.

Petition Drive—There are less than 4 weeks left as the push continues to collect signatures of registered voters to get Mell Monroe on the February 27th ballot. The number of signatures is an important show of strength. Registered voters who sign petitions are highly likely to vote for their chosen candidate. If any of your household members have not signed a Mell Monroe petition and would like to get him on the ballot, call the Campaign Office at 773.538.1000.

Key Dates:

- ✓ **December 17, 2006:** The last day for supporters to sign the required Chicago Board of Election Petition to get MM on the ballot.
- ✓ **January 30, 2007:** Last day to register to vote or change your address.
- ✓ **February 27, 2007:** **Election Day** for the Offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and for the Office of Alderman in all Wards of the City of Chicago.

Volunteers Status—Charlotte Starks has been designated Coordinator of Volunteers. There is always a need in the office or out in the field for volunteers. We still need teams for continued door-to-door circulation of petitions and voter registration, and will use this same model leading up to the Chicago City-Wide Elections in February.

Contact Charlotte at 773.627.1457 or e-mail her at: MM-Volunteer-coordinator@hotmail.com.

4 Easy Ways to Make a Donation to “Citizens to Elect Mell Monroe” Campaign

- ✓ Mail your check to our Campaign Office
- ✓ Visit our website and look for the ‘Contribute Option’
- ✓ Call the office and we can arrange for pick-up at your earliest convenience
- ✓ Stop by the office for a visit, meet with MM and bring your check

Campaign Events

Recent Events

November 7: General Election Field Participation
October 29: Upjohn Buchi Art Show Fundraiser at Mell Monroe's Home
October 19: Homeownership and Credit Management Seminar at *JR's Restaurant (3600 S. Indiana)*
October 12: After-work Networking Event at *The M Lounge (1520 S. Wabash Avenue)*
September 30: Official Opening Celebration of the Mell Monroe Campaign Office

Upcoming Events

November 27: Town Hall Meeting, 7-10 pm at *Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church (4622 S. King Drive)*
December 14: After-work Networking Event at *The M Lounge (1520 S. Wabash Avenue)*

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Frequently Asked Questions and Mell Monroe's Responses

What would be your top 5 goals over the next 4 years if elected?

1. Weekly Town Hall Meetings would be held in all neighborhoods;
2. The safety of our streets so that residents feel secure and pedestrian traffic increases;
3. Initiate an aggressive clean-up campaign, using the allocated \$1.3 million, to improve street lighting, sidewalks, and reduce street flooding to make streets more attractive and family friendly;
4. Recruit retail anchor stores—including supermarkets—and other amenities including restaurants and entertainment. The need is to create jobs and local consumer traffic; and
5. Promote senior and youth involvement in our community and after school activities.

What would be your leadership style?

Professional, inclusive, organized, and responsive to residents; a commitment to establishing a “first ever” channel of communication with all Ward residents and businesses inside and outside the Ward.

What are your qualifications and experiences versus your opponents in the Aldermanic Race?

A successful, results-oriented and hands-on business background; a proven record of accomplishments as a self-starter and a well-respected leader in 3rd Ward communities.

Do you support mixed housing which includes low-income and affordable housing?

Yes, because we need a variety of alternatives for residents of all socio-economic backgrounds. Any community that strives to be successful over the long run will need to have community leaders come together in an honest effort to tackle the housing problem with a view of what is fair, and the right thing to do.

Do you support living wages for working class 3rd Ward residents and attracting employers into the area that provide good benefits?

Yes, because influencing employers to provide attractive wages and benefits lead to loyal employees that stay with one company and develop skills and social capital. This ultimately improves the quality of life for working class residents and the entire 3rd Ward benefits.



The Mell Monroe Family and Entire Staff Wishes All a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Sign MM Petition: *Ira Williams*
Voter Registration: *Ira Williams*
Meet with MM: *Sherralyn Peterson*
Host a Coffee: *Sherralyn Peterson*