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**Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement  
Application Now Available for Spring 2023 Cohort**

MEMPHIS, TN. (May 15, 2023) The Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement, a program proposed and championed by Councilman JB Smiley, Jr. and initially approved in April 2021 by the Memphis City Council, is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 cohort. The application is available on the Memphis City Council website (<https://www.memphistn.gov/government/city-council/memphis-academy-of-civic-engagement/>). The program is for citizens ages 18 and up and will be structured as a 7-session course. Program participants will hear from leaders in city government and community organizations, receive instructional materials and engage in activities to reinforce information shared during the program. The sessions in the program will cover topics such as Memphis history, public safety, City budgeting, and more. The program aims to increase citizen participation and understanding related to the operation of city government, as well as to create ambassadors who can share the information and increase active engagement within their communities.

The deadline for submission of applications is May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:59pm CST. Any questions regarding the program application can be directed to [MACE@memphistn.gov](mailto:MACE@memphistn.gov). Applicants will be notified of their selection for the program no later than May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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