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Connie Hudson Announces as First Candidate for Mayor of Mobile

Mobile, AL -- With a video posted on-line, Today Connie Hudson announced her campaign for Mayor of Mobile with the following written statement:

"Today, after months of thought and prayerful consideration and a tremendous outpouring of support from the community, I am very pleased to formally announce my candidacy for Mayor of Mobile in the upcoming August 26 municipal elections.

It would be my honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor and to continue the momentum and the progress that Mobile has experienced in recent years.

With the transformational leadership of Mayor Stimpson spearheading landmark infrastructure projects and economic growth within the city, Mobile is on the cusp of a new era, and will require strong and experienced leadership. I believe that my qualifications and experience as a Mobile County Commissioner with completing major capital projects would provide the direction and the vision that is necessary.

As your Mayor, I'll pledge to prioritize public safety improvements and quality of life initiatives that include new jobs through economic development, business and neighborhood revitalization, strengthened public school partnerships, a renewed focus on beautification, a cleaner, litter-free environment, support for parks/recreation and sports and entertainment venues, and creating a family-friendly environment for our citizens and attracting new families to Mobile.

I would be honored to have your support as we embark on this campaign journey. To find out more about my vision and priorities for Mobile, I invite you to watch the Connie Hudson for Mayor of Mobile campaign video, and please sign-up to join our campaign effort! Thank you!"

Connie and her husband Dennis have raised their three children, and now some grandchildren, in the City of Mobile. Dating back to her time as a public-school mom, Connie started volunteering with other young moms & dads to lead a group demanding change in Mobile County Public Schools. Years later, in 2001, she was elected to the Mobile City Council on a mission to improve public safety and city services. She served nine years as the District 6 representative on

the Mobile City Council and is now in her fourteenth as the Mobile County Commissioner for District 2.

During her time in office, Hudson has been a leader in collaborating on major economic development initiatives such as the Mobile area's site selection for the ThyssenKrupp Steel Plant (now AM/NS Calvert), Austal USA, the Airbus U.S. Final Assembly Line at Brookley Aeroplex, the Airbus A220 Expansion, the Walmart Distribution and Amazon Sortation Centers, and the South Alabama Logistics Park. In addition to the thousands of jobs she helped recruit, Hudson has focused on capital projects directly improving our citizens' quality of life.

Dating back to her time on the city council, where she led the initiative to build the 20,000 sq. ft. senior recreation center in Mobile, Hudson has also led efforts to improve Medal of Honor Park, establish the Semmes Senior Center, and the Center's later expansion in June of 2021. The Mobile County Recycling Drop-Off Center, which was completed in November 2014, numerous parks and recreational improvements, Tanner Williams Community Park, construction of a 10field soccer complex and newly announced indoor aquatic center near I-10 and I-65, as well as the purchase and renovation of the Escatawpa Hollow Park and Campground. During her term, Hudson has directed over \$200 million in Pay-As-You-Go Program funding benefiting District 2, a majority of which comprises the City of Mobile.

Commissioner Hudson's educational background includes a B. S. degree in Biological Sciences from Troy University and a graduate from the Academy of Real Estate with licensure by the Alabama Real Estate Commission. She previously worked at Mobile Infirmary Medical Center where she served as a Staff Technologist, Hematology Specialist and Pathology Instructor for the Mobile Infirmary School of Radiation Therapy Technology. Her husband Dennis worked 30 years with BASF as a Senior Staff Engineer before retiring.

Connie and Dennis have three children: Brian, a U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander and F/A-18 Super Hornet aviator, stationed in Virginia with children Annabel (10) and Gavin (7), and twin daughters, Julie and Dana. Julie, an attorney for the U.S. Social Security Administration, resides in Mobile with her husband Patrick Nelson and daughters Nora (3) and Phoebe (1), and serves as a JAG officer in the Alabama U.S. Army Reserves. Dana earned a Master's Degree in Music Performance at Southeastern Louisiana University and is employed as a Paralegal in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Hudson's are members of Christ United Church.

The election for Mayor will be held on August 26, 2025. For additional information on Connie Hudson's campaign for Mayor, please visit <u>www.voteConnie.com</u>.

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