

# Carol Swain officially announces bid for Nashville mayor

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Mayoral candidate Carol Swain gives her concession speech to her supporters at University Club of Nashville at Vanderbilt University Thursday, May 24, 2018, after losing to Mayor David Briley in a special election to fill the remaining time on former Mayor Megan Barry's term. (Photo: Shelley Mays / The Tennessean)

Retired Vanderbilt professor Carol Swain is officially running for mayor, she announced on Sunday.

Swain represents a challenge from the right of Mayor David Briley. She is the second legitimate challenger along with state Rep. John Ray Clemmons.

Swain ran for mayor last year and finished second in a crowded field of 13 candidates. Briley won the race to complete the term of Megan Barry without needing a runoff.

[The Tennessean first reported](#) Swain's interest in running again. In an interview with the newspaper last month, she described herself as a Christian first, a conservative second and a Republican third.

Swain made her candidacy official during a speech at Tennessee State University on Monday.

"The city of Nashville deserves a mayor that is committed to making commonsense improvements that will enrich our community," Swain said in a press release.

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Swain has already made working with police and firefighters one of the priorities of her campaign. She said she wants to improve pay, working conditions and overall funding for those departments.

"What I can promise you are transparency and an achievable plan for protecting the character and culture of Nashville while bringing prosperity to our city," Swain said. "I am asking our community to stand and Be the People for Nashville. To stand up against a failed mayor and make the right choice for our city."