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### Quentin Whitwell at Downtown Jackson, Mississippi

I am flattered by the suggestion that I should run for Mayor. However, I had nothing to do with the email sent around. If I were mayor I would focus on cultivating business in Jackson, curbing crime and getting everyone working together for all Jackson... However, as a current council member, I plan to use my voice over the next four years working with whomever the public elects. **16 WAPT News Jackson Jackson Free Press**

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**Donna Ladd** Do you know who sent the email, Councilman Whitwell?  
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**Wendy Nielsen Burkhalter** I think this has gotten totally blown out of proportion. He is on a rafting trip with his daughter in the Carolina's..... Surely a joke!!!! Think he's just well liked!!!!  
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**Donna Ladd** We just need to find out who sent it, Wendy. It was reforwarded all over northeast Jackson, apparently, according to all the emails addresses we see on the forwards. We don't plan to publish all those, but we would like to know where it came from. That person should step forward and own it.  
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**Wendy Nielsen Burkhalter** Donna I totally understand!!!! I live in Madison co. So I have no fight in this!!! I just know the Whitwell family and they are awesome. But I literally have NO IDEA who sent the email!!!!!! am clueless!!!!!! the one thing i keep hearing it was someones random idea that was blown out of proportion.....  
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**Ashley Belew** [Wendy Nielsen Burkhalter](#) I am sure it is someone trying to make northeast Jxn appear to not support chockwe  
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**Donna Ladd** I have no fight in it either!!! Just trying to report the news, and find out who is behind this. I expect we will, hopefully from the person who did it!!!  
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**Wendy Nielsen Burkhalter** Probably so [Ashley Belew](#)  
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**Wendy Nielsen Burkhalter** Understood Donna!!!!  
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**Jan Taylor-Ellis** This is what makes a real Councilman! Thank you for being the Man of God that I've found you to be.  
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**Donna Ladd** Why would you say that, Ashley? Do you have evidence? Also, it's spelled C-H-O-K-W-E -- it's six letters; we can probably all figure it out, considering he is likely to be our mayor, no? Let's make Mississippi look smarter to the world.  
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**Donna Ladd** Also, the email seems pretty straightforward, and a friend of Whitwell's called here, said it "a joke" and that she knew who did it. That doesn't sound like the Lumumba campaign, does it?  
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**Ashley Belew** I never meant his campaign did anything nor did my comment imply that he was responsible. I don't appreciate my comment being taken out of context. I apologize for the misspelling, i have a difficult last name and i don't mind if its spelled incorrectly. Donna Ladd, I don't know who you are or why you are so upset. I have lived here 40 years love this city and want it to thrive!  
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**Ashley Belew** I also don't think the "world" has time to worry about our city's mayor race. Much bigger problems and things to accomplish!  
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**Donna Ladd** I'm not upset at all, Ashley. I'm trying to get information about this whole thing. How did I take you out of context? I asked for evidence because you said: "I am sure it is someone trying to make northeast Jxn appear to not support chockwe." And by the way, people who know where the email originated, apparently, are on our website under the post saying that they know where it originated (clearly not from Lumumba supporters), so that theory doesn't seem true. And you'd think that about the world, huh? But we're getting readers from all over the country over this mayor's race.

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**Donna Ladd** And for the record, I think it's all kind of funny. And sad.

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**Kelly Keeton Moore** Who really cares who sent it if it's a joke?? And why call someone out for spelling our presumptive mayor's name wrong?? People spell my name wrong all the time (Kellie, Kelli, Kelley, etc.) & I don't go around correcting them or questioning their intelligence as a Mississippian.. I think that comment was more than slightly insulting.. I also live in Jackson & will work to make it a better place with whoever is elected mayor (whether I voted for them or not.. not that that's any of your business either)

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**Emily Sanderson Whitaker** I'm with Kelly Keeton Moore. . . what is the motivation for finding out who wrote it? Why is it sad? Ashley Belew, you never said the Chokwe campaign started it.

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**Sarah Bartlett Henry** Before pointing out the misspelling of a name, maybe you should check your grammar ("emails addresses"). Just doing my part to "make Mississippi look smarter to the world."

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**Malcolm Johnson** Don't talk to Donna Ladd, like that, she is doing here job!!! She is a sweet lady, so respect her position as a news writer.. She just got an award for doing her job!!

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**Cory Collins** If there was an award for jumping on someone's news feed and correcting/berating Mississippians, while having grammatical errors.... And yes, I didn't complete that sentence on purpose. I am however, very encouraged by the upcoming City Council and hope that they will form coalitions to move the City of Jackson and Mississippi forward! Keep it up Quentin!!

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**Kimberla Little** Geesh Louise! You guys are serious!

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**Quentin Whitwell** Official Statement: I appreciate all supporters for me as mayor of this great city we call home - Jackson! But, as I have stated I am running for council again, I'm appreciative to those that support for me for other offices... at the same time - I know nothing about this email or who sent it. When I run for the Mayoral Office, it will be taken it seriously and I won't use Shenanigans to get elected. Regarding traffic and sources for reporters; in all due respect please post findings via other venues. Thank You. As I mentioned. I intend to be the voice for whomever is elected as the mayor of Jackson, MS - for the purpose of making Jackson, MS a better city!

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**Linda S. Brune** Are write-ins legal?????

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**Montie Moore** they are legal but Donna will compare handwriting samples if you do and then berate you publicly if your candidate/vote/opinion is different from hers. She's proven to me to be a Bully where these issues are concerned.

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**Montie Moore** oh and I live in Northeast Jackson and did not get the email. montiemore@hotmail.com use it, don't abuse it.

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**Jo DuBard Usry** Proud of you as usual.

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**Donna Ladd** Folks, I didn't correct anyone's grammar. It is frustrating, though, to see so many people not be able to grasp the spelling of a six-letter name of the man likely to be mayor. I've even had people tell me it's because it's "foreign." That's the part that does not shine well on us as Mississippians. As for this news -- it did not read at all like a joke; it read like a plan. If the person who did it will come

forward and tell us it was a joke, we will report that it was a joke. If someone has evidence that Lumumba supporters did it, then provide it. As for you, Councilman Whitwell, I have no reason to believe that you would have said to go ahead with it. You are a smart man, and you would know that it couldn't stay secret until Election Day, and that if it came out then, well, all this would happen.

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**Donna Ladd** BTW, not everyone asked for this email; it was done as an email blast, and not just among friends. So make no mistake, folks, it is news, and it is the public's business to know who did it. We will continue to seek those facts; if you know, Councilman, I trust you will share that information with the public.

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**Quentin Whitwell** All I know is that I run campaigns by the book and communicate with press professionally. I expect the email was from a well intentioned person but don't know the source. I am honest in saying that I will work with the next Mayor to get things done and will point out objections that I see should be made. A one week write-in campaign will not be successful and is not a part of any strategy of mine. Many thanks.

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**Donna Ladd** I would expect that would not work for you, either, councilman. There is nothing unprofessional about asking you here if you know who sent the email, being that you are on vacation and chose to put out a statement here. We seem to be closing in on the source. I know you're on vacation, but check your email tomorrow for something to respond to, please.

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**Laurie McGee McClintock** donna, I do not know you, but have heard of your publication and do not read it. my question is, why do you care about who sent an email suggesting that Quentin would be a write-in vote as mayor? I think it's fairly clear that 83% of northeast Jackson is in disagreement with the winner of the run-off (c). would the same question have arisen if I had been suggested as a write-in? in other words, is that illegal? if the winner of the run-off (c) is elected, those who did not vote for him will support him and be law-abiding citizens during his term(s) because he will have been elected by the majority. when you say the sender of the infamous email should step forth and own it, it sounds as if he/she has done something wrong. quite the opposite. and you say you seem to be closing in on the source? witch hunt for what crime? sorry just perplexed as to why this would bother you if someone did send an email suggesting Quentin as a write-in.

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**Donna Ladd** Laurie, it's not about being "bothered." I run a Jackson newspaper. There are many reasons that this is a very important story. First, it is news if either Mr. Whitwell, his friends and/or his supporters are waging a secret write-in campaign with the goal of not telling anyone so that the other candidate gets low turnout. (He has just told us he has no knowledge of it.) It is also news if people do this, spend money and don't form a PAC or tell the public what they're doing. These are important transparency issues. And, of course, the sender should step forward s/he is running a campaign, per the email, and needs to register with the city clerk's office. It makes no sense to not apply the same rules that the other candidates had to follow to an additional candidate who has not announced, published a platform or any of the other things candidates do to earn votes/trust. I'm sure Mr. Whitwell agrees with that; he is a vocal advocate of transparency in government. Clearly, the people sending it are trying to organize a campaign; they are not above the law no matter how much people try to downplay it now that the cow is out of the barn.

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**Donna Ladd** And just in case you haven't seen the email, it is in this blog post; it went to a whole new place because the writer is clearly trying to organize a secret campaign, which includes spending money on signs:

<http://www.jacksonfreepress.com/weblogs/politics-blog/2013/may/28/quentin-whitwell-running-for-mayor-on-the-low/?c=3107>

**Quentin Whitwell Running for Mayor 'On the Low'?**

[www.jacksonfreepress.com](http://www.jacksonfreepress.com)

An email is circulating Jackson asking voters to write in the name of Ward 1 Councilman and lobbyist Quentin Whitwell, a Republican, for mayor in the June 4 general election.

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