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Greenberg raises over \$1.2M for bid

Louisville mayor running for second term in 2026

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Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg, who is running to stay in office for a second term, has raised more than \$1.2 million for his reelection effort, his campaign announced Dec. 3.

“Over the past year, so many Louisvillians have stepped up to support my re-election campaign, and I am very thankful,” Greenberg said in a news release. “Like me, our supporters know we have more work to do to make Louisville a safer, stronger, and more affordable

city and they believe I’m the best leader to get the job done. I’m eager to continue reducing crime, building more housing, and creating more jobs in a second term. Let’s go, Louisville!”

The announcement comes the same day candidates running for state and local elected offices are required to submit annual fundraising reports to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance and less than six months before May’s primary election.

Greenberg raised about \$1.46 million for his 2022 primary election campaign, according to Kentucky Registry of Election Finance online records.

Greenberg’s full 2025 annual report, including information on donors to his campaign, was not available online as of the afternoon of Dec. 3.

A fundraising report for Stephen Datilo, who, according to Kentucky Registry of Election Finance records, has indicated intent to raise money for a mayoral campaign, was also not yet available.

Jeffrey Yocum, the only person to file as a mayoral candidate with the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office as of Dec. 3, filed a finance report with the state but has not raised any money, records show.

Greenberg formally kicked off his reelection campaign in late October with a rally hosted at the International Broth-

erhood of Electrical Workers Local 369 Union Hall. The labor union is one of several to offer the incumbent their support, including the Teamsters Local 89 and Local 783, Louisville Professional Firefighters, IUE-CWA Local 761 and UAW Local 862.

Greenberg, a Democrat, has named public safety as his top priority but has also pointed to his first-term performance on issues ranging from economic development to education to affordable housing as areas to build on if he wins a second term.

The 2026 election will mark Louisville’s first nonpartisan elections.

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King Elementary parents, teachers and some students walk Dec. 3 from their beloved school to Shawnee Academy nearly a mile away to attend and speak at a JCPs public forum on the proposed closing. King is one of three schools to be closed in a new proposal, along with Zachary Taylor Elementary and Liberty High. PHOTOS BY MATT STONE/COURIER JOURNAL

Community shows support for King Elementary

RIGHT: Ton’Aniyah Martin was hugged by a King Elementary teacher while the teen got emotional about saving King during the forum.

BELOW: JCPs Superintendent Brian Yearwood talks about the financial issues the school system is facing during the public forum. Yearwood has a plan to close three schools and relocate two others, which is expected to save the district about \$4 million annually.



Moments before altercation revealed

Teacher accused of shoving student

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The events leading up to the moment when a former Jeffersonville High School teacher is seen shoving a student and placing him in a headlock Nov. 24 appear in a new video provided to The Courier Journal.

In the video, the encounter begins with an argument in a bathroom stall between then-teacher Casey Ritter and the student. As Ritter orders the student to exit the stall, the student refuses and appears to take issue with Ritter opening the door to confront him.

Attorney Larry Wilder said he received the video from an anonymous email address after he began representing Ritter and appears to have been taken by the student. Ritter is seen standing in front of the stall, while the student can be heard arguing behind the camera.

Ritter, who was on “bathroom duty” at the time of the altercation, suspected the student was vaping behind the door, Wilder said.

“He was instructed as his duty and obligation in that capacity to maintain an environment that is necessary and safe for an educational function,” Wilder said. “He was tasked with making sure there were not students congregating in the hallway, congregating

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LMPD investigating fatal shooting in Shelby Park

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A man is dead after a shooting in Louisville’s Shelby Park neighborhood Dec. 3, Louisville Metro Police confirmed in a news release.

LMPD spokesperson Dwight Mitchell said officers from LMPD’s Fourth Division responded to a report of a person down inside of an apartment in the 600 block of East Oak Street at around 5:56 p.m. When they arrived, officers located a man who had been shot multiple times. He was pronounced dead on the scene by first responders.

LMPD’s Homicide Unit is investigating. There are no known suspects at this time.

“Anyone with information such as video surveillance, or observation regarding this case can call our anonymous tip line at (502) 674-LMPD,” Mitchell said in the release.