

# Jerry's Kids

Facts, rumors and political innuendo

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Last week, the **Metropolitan Louisville Women's Political Caucus** announced it was endorsing Democrat Greg Fischer for mayor. At least one opponent took exception to the fact that a man received the nod from a group that works to increase women's participation in the political process.

In a message to supporters, Democratic mayoral candidate Shannon White outlines her accomplishments with women and launched an attack on Fischer and the group, saying she was disgusted and furious with the decision.

"Shame on MLWPC, who instead of choosing a champion for women in Louisville, they choose a businessman who is popular in the polls and a longtime member of the deeply entrenched old boys network," White wrote to supporters.

Interestingly, White — founder of Dress for Success Louisville — didn't have such a fiery response earlier this year when members of the local media asked if she had time to run a campaign considering she's a mother of three boys.

In January, we scolded the press for asking such an audaciously sexist question and pointed out that one of her male opponents has three children who are far younger than White's sons. At the time, the Louisville businesswoman took the polite approach and told LEO she "wasn't offended by the question."

Now she's being heavily criticized, in need of campaign cash and volunteers, and polling low with only 2 percent. The cool demeanor has since been discarded.

In the message to supporters, it seems White believes she is entitled to the endorsement simply because she's a woman. It's a notion with which the women's advocacy group disagrees.

"While we respect Shannon White's position and the great work she has done throughout her career, the caucus' policy is to endorse a candidate based on her or his experience, viability and support of women's issues — not simply on gender," MLWPC President Angela Wallace said in a statement released to *LEO*.