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‘These bills unlawfully target Shelby County and its voters’

DA sues to block state oversight of task force cases

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Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy has filed a lawsuit to block two laws that placed oversight on his office for cases brought by Memphis Safe

Task Force arrests.

One law requires Mulroy to provide reports every 10 days about cases being dismissed or pleaded out that relate to task force arrests, and the other allows the Tennessee attorney general to review the files within the DA’s office and share them with legislators as an audit

of the reasoning behind prosecutorial decisions.

The second law also allows the attorney general to ask the Tennessee Supreme Court to appoint pro tem prosecutors to handle task force cases.

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Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy speaks during the Memphis People’s Summit at A. Maceo Walker Middle School in Memphis on August 30, 2025. CHRIS DAY/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL



Employees head back inside after taking a group photo during opening day at the In-N-Out Burger in Antioch on Dec. 10, 2025. Multiple In-N-Out Burger restaurants have opened in the Nashville area after its headquarters moved to Franklin, and one is in the works in East Memphis. ANDREW NELLES / THE TENNESSEAN

What is Memphis missing in big box retail, restaurants?

Here are our top picks

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Although Memphis has a multitude of places to shop and top-class eateries, there still seems to be some options missing from Bluff City’s retail and restaurant market.

Whether it’s grocery stores, home goods, clothing or popular food chains, Memphians could have more variety compared to other nearby regional markets.

Here are a several major retail and restaurant brands we think could be a good fit for the Memphis area.

Publix

If there’s any chain missing from Memphis that immediately comes to mind, it’s Florida-based Publix. Though there’s nearly 1,500 locations all across the south, there is none further west than Clarksville.



The Culver’s double ButterBurger Deluxe with fries. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CULVER’S

Publix isn’t popular just for its groceries. Each location’s deli serves “Pub Subs” with possibly a wider selection than your typical sandwich shop. From meatball subs to ham sandwiches, bris-ket, Reubens, Italian subs, the ever pop-

ular Buffalo chicken tender sub and much more, the Pub Sub makes weekly trips for groceries a little more enjoyable.

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Davidson County Chancellor Anne C. Martin speaks during a hearing in the Tennessee Supreme Court building for the NAACP’s case against the new congressional maps Thursday, May 21. ALAN POIZNER/FOR THE TENNESSEAN

Congressional maps upheld by judges in NAACP challenge

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Tennessee’s new congressional maps yet again evaded a legal hurdle before the August primaries after a three-judge panel rejected the NAACP of Tennessee’s case that challenged the constitutionality of lawmakers’ actions.

The judges, appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court, upheld the redrawn congressional districts.

Chancellor Anne C. Martin, Chancellor Tony Childress and Judge James Gass heard arguments in the case at a May 21 hearing. Weeks before, the General Assembly eliminated Tennessee’s only Black-majority congressional district during a special session.

The NAACP of Tennessee argued the lawmakers violated Tennessee’s constitution by repealing a 1972 law on redistricting between each census and suspending a notice requirement for voters. The state defended the General Assembly’s actions as lawful and said the NAACP’s case is based on a “misreading” of Gov. Bill Lee’s proclamation calling for the special session.

Though arguments in the hearing mostly dealt with statutory nuances, NAACP attorney Anthony Ashton tried to bring attention to greater stakes.

“Elections need to be free, fair, they need to be devoid of confusion,” Ashton said in the May 21 hearing. “The law doesn’t say, ‘If you do something wrong and if the thing you do wrong is

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