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### OVER 70 BUSINESS LEADERS SEND OPEN LETTER SUPPORTING TIM KELLY FOR MAYOR

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (February 5, 2021)**- - A diverse group of over 70 community and business leaders released a letter to the public endorsing Tim Kelly as Chattanooga's next mayor.

"Tim Kelly is a proven leader with a track record of creating jobs and managing effectively during crises," the letter states. "We believe Tim Kelly is the best candidate to lead Chattanooga through recovery and build a better city."

The signees include well-known community stalwarts, respected public servants, successful business leaders and hardworking small business owners across the city.

"I'm humbled by the support of so many Chattanoogaans who I admire and trust. I'm proud to have earned their backing as we work to strengthen our community," said Tim Kelly. "Each of these individuals knows the importance of servant leadership and organizational management. Gaining their collective endorsement is yet another sign that this campaign has the resources and the support to win this election."

*The letter reads as follows:*

An open letter to Chattanoogaans:

We the undersigned, as a diverse coalition of community and business leaders, hereby endorse Tim Kelly for Mayor of Chattanooga.

To signify our support, we have co-signed this endorsement to encourage our fellow Chattanoogaans to vote for Tim Kelly as the next mayor of Chattanooga.

Tim Kelly is a proven leader with a track record of creating jobs and managing effectively during crises. Tim is a lifelong Chattanoogaan and has a long history of community service throughout the city.

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We believe Tim is the best candidate to lead Chattanooga through recovery and build a better city by providing:

- a Chattanooga in which we bridge the divides between two Chattanoogaes;
- a Chattanooga with opportunities for good-paying jobs and quality education for everyone, regardless of zip code; and,
- a Chattanooga with the best neighborhoods, anywhere.

Tim Kelly is the best candidate to move Chattanooga forward.

Signed,

Larry "Bear" High	Fred Fletcher	Kathy Lennon	Marco Perez
Susan Rich	Chip Baker	Ron Harr	Charlie Brock
Emerson Burch	Jelena Butler	Mo Baptiste	Michael Lebovitz
David Brock	Victoria Love	Samala Sinclair	Cam Doody
Aseneth Scott	Mike Costa	Brad Scott	Tricia Mims
Calvin O'Neil	Denise O'Neil	Barry Large	Alvaro Victoria
Mitch Everhart	Tony Oliver	Matt Lyle	Stuart Wasilowski
Steve O'Neil	Jay Bell	Mike Harrell	Jaqueline Allgood-White
Gene Shiles	John Kerns	Alfred Odister	Chappell Fowler
Keeli Crewe	J. Wayne Cropp	Kemp Harr	Sandra Ledford
Frank Baker	Arjun Patel	Jeff Brakebill	Kristi Wilder
Paul Malchok	Alan Outlaw	Mike Skiles	Therese Pace Tuley
Kelley Tilford	Diana Davies	Jamie Rehm	Lee Towery
Jonesy Wood	Robin Crump	Jason Rehm	Barry Snyder
Josh Tilford	Mikeshia Dillard	Mark McOmie	Ja'Michael Caldwell
Harold Flemister	Anthony Gladden	Deonte Grimes	Londie Nichole Price
Tommy Bowen	Kelly Brock	Freddie Marble	David Crisp
Randy Whorton	Michael Emerling	Akram Musa	Oscar Brock

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**About Tim Kelly**

Tim Kelly is a Chattanooga area entrepreneur with a passion for education and community. He grew up working in the family car business, and after college, returned to Chattanooga to run the family dealerships. Currently, Tim owns Southern Honda Powersports, the world's largest volume Honda Powersports dealership, as well as co-owning SocialBot, an ad-tech agency in automotive advertising, and the Chattanooga Brewing Company.

Tim is the current Chairman and co-founder of the Chattanooga Football Club, and an investor in several other local businesses.

He has taught as an adjunct professor of marketing and entrepreneurship at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Extremely active in the community, he currently serves on several civic and charitable boards including Finley Stadium Corporation, the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Tivoli (Theatre) Foundation. He has served as a Director or Trustee for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chattanooga, Benwood Foundation, Allied Arts (now Arts Build), and the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga (past Chairman), as well as Bright School and Baylor School. Tim is also an active member of the Downtown Chattanooga Rotary Club.

Tim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University where he was a John Jay Scholar. He graduated from NADA's Dealer Candidate School in 1991 and holds a Master's Degree from Emory University's Goizueta Business School where he graduated with honors in 2012 and was awarded the Al Bows Executive MBA Achievement Award the same year. Tim is also a graduate of Leadership Chattanooga (1991) and Leadership Tennessee (2018).

Self-described as a "Chattanooga, first and foremost," Tim is always scratching his philanthropic brain, and workshopping ways to serve the community. In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer, running with his wife Ginny, and hunting and fishing with his two sons, Jack and Cannon.

To learn more about Tim and the campaign, visit: [www.KellyforChattanooga.com](http://www.KellyforChattanooga.com), follow the campaign on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).