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## **Hamilton County District 6 Commissioner David Sharpe Endorses Tim Kelly for Chattanooga Mayor**

*Sharpe cites Kelly's commitment to local public schools and capacity to bring the community together as reasons to support Kelly in mayoral race*

**Chattanooga, Tenn. (Feb. 10, 2021)** — With early voting underway in Chattanooga's Municipal Elections, Hamilton County District 6 Commissioner David Sharpe has announced his support for Tim Kelly for Mayor of Chattanooga, citing his commitment to be a strong, engaged advocate for local public education and capacity to bring people together.

As public education continues to remain a top issue for local voters, Hamilton County Commissioner David Sharpe announced that he is endorsing Tim Kelly to be Chattanooga's next mayor amid a wide field of candidates because he believes Kelly would be the strongest and most engaged advocate for public education, with both the experience and vision to ensure every child has access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

"Tim Kelly has been a champion for public education for as long as I've known him. Throughout his campaign he has made it clear that, under his leadership, the City of Chattanooga will have an important role to play in ensuring that every child in our community has the opportunity to receive a great education—regardless of their zip code," said David Sharpe, Hamilton County Commissioner for District 6. "When I ran for County Commission, I said it was time to move past the politics of complacency and that we needed to elect leaders who are committed to the hard work it takes to get things done. I know that Tim shares that belief and that he has what it takes to lead our city. I am proud to support him to be our next Mayor of Chattanooga."

Sharpe noted that Chattanooga is fortunate to have a wide range of candidates from every walk of life running to represent the city, and that he has confidence that Kelly would be able to unite the entire community behind his vision to move Chattanooga forward, together, as one city.

Tim Kelly has outlined an educational vision for his administration that focuses on preparing students to enter kindergarten by ensuring all city residents have access to quality, affordable

Pre-K; expanding access to early childhood care through Head Start; building stronger partnerships with Hamilton County Schools and Future Ready Institutes; investing in trades education, and being an aggressive advocate for a properly funded public school system.

“David has been a refreshing voice on the Hamilton County Commission and a leading advocate for students and teachers in our community -- I am proud to have earned his endorsement,” said Tim Kelly. “Commissioner Sharpe and I share a deep and abiding belief in the power of great schools, and we agree that the city must be a more active partner in public education. While Chattanooga may not currently fund the public school system, our students deserve a mayor who will put every option on the table and ensure every child in our city has the opportunity to reach their full potential.”

To read Tim’s education vision and plan in full, visit <https://www.kellyforcha.com/blog/education-vision-2021>.

David Sharpe is the Hamilton County Commissioner for District 6 and represents North Chattanooga, St. Elmo, Lookout Valley, Red Bank, parts of Downtown Chattanooga and the Southside. He was elected in August 2018.

Election day is March 2, 2021, with early voting February 10, 2021 through February 25, 2021.

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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 “Chattanoogaan, 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](#).