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TO: City of Johnson City
Attn: Beth Greene
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RE: Letter of Interest in filling two-year Commission Term

Dear Johnson City Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest in filling the remaining two year term of the late Mayor and Commissioner Ralph Van Brocklin. As a resident of the City of Johnson City for 38 years, I am keenly aware of many of the successes and challenges facing our great community during my tenure as a citizen. I have been uniquely blessed to serve in many areas of direct service as an employee of this city, with my last role being Interim Recorder Treasurer-CFO. I also served as Director of Community and Economic Development and Assistant to the City Manager. My role as Recorder Treasurer required that I maintained a strong working knowledge of the Charter of the City of Johnson City and an understanding of the City Manager form of Government. This unique form of governance allows that the elected officials serve as policy makers, with the day to day operations being charged to a professional manager and staff leadership. Johnson City has benefited extremely well under this form of governance and is poised to continue growth as a leading City in this region.

Your posted information requested discussion in the following areas:

1. Why you are interested in being appointed.
2. The qualifications that you bring to this position
3. Your specific experience and participation in civic and public service.
4. Your vision for the future of Johnson City.

I am interested in serving the Citizens of Johnson City in this capacity because serving this community has been my pleasure during my entire tenure in this City. This service spans from my service as an employee, to leadership on various boards as indicated on the attached personal profile. My heart for this community is without a doubt the reason that I have been asked on many occasions to serve in these various capacities. As an appointed Commissioner, I will bring knowledge of the City of Johnson City's charter, leadership skills, executive vision and a heart for the continued growth of this great City.

As I reflect on my qualifications for this position, I have in the past and currently serve or served in a leadership capacity, on various and sundry boards that have worked in partnership with the leaders of this community to bring to reality the value of forward thinking that has increased the economic growth of this City. This includes my work with the Med Tech Corridor project, the Armory relocation, as well as work with Downtown development through the City of Johnson City's Community Development Department.

As President & CEO of the United Way of Washington County which serves Johnson City, Jonesborough and Washington County, I was privileged to lead various efforts that enhanced the lives of many of our Citizens who might have otherwise fallen through the cracks of community opportunity. My service experience in this organization as well as leadership opportunities afforded to me as a Minister of the gospel, have allowed me to work together with many leaders, both governmental and non-governmental. This experience has allowed the recognition of the work of a cross section of our community including individuals of every ethnic group.

My vision for the City of Johnson City is the vision of every true community leader. That vision is to see Johnson City as an inclusive community, that utilizes resources wisely, works in partnership with all citizens to grow our economic base, serves all of our citizens with respect, and ultimately works within the guidelines of our charter, the laws of the State of Tennessee and the laws of the United States of America. These things among others stand as the foundation for a true public servant. That is what I will strive to be if appointed.

I have attached for your review my Personal profile and look forward to hearing from you at your discretion as you consider this extremely valuable appointment. If you have any questions, please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Rev. Lester D. Lattany



Personal Profile
Ministerial Introductions
Rev. Lester D. Lattany

Rev. Lester D. Lattany is the Son of the late Charles Allen, Jr. and Catherine Drummond Lattany of Brunswick, Georgia; he is married to the former Stephanie Goddard of Johnson City, TN and father of two children – Rev. Lester Demetrius and Catrina V. Fisher. Rev. Demetrius's wife is Morgan. Catrina's husband is Kenneth Fisher, Jr. Rev. Lattany and Stephanie are the very proud grandparents of Bravona, and Emmanuel and they have two adopted grandchildren Kayden and Desiree.

Rev. Lattany is the Founder and Pastor of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Johnson City, TN. Pastor Lattany served as Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kingsport, TN for 18 years prior to establishing New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Johnson City in January 2010. Rev. Lattany has served as the President and CEO of United Way of Washington County TN, Inc. from November 1, 2002 until his retirement on December 31, 2016. Prior to his role at United Way, Rev. Lattany served as the CFO-Treasurer and Director of Community and Economic Development-Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Johnson City, TN.

Rev. Lattany is a graduate of Brunswick College, Brunswick, Ga., where he received his Associate of Science Degree and Tusculum College, Greeneville, TN where he received both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts degree.

His community involvement includes the following organizations: Bethel District Baptist Missionary and Educational Association; (Current Moderator serving 17 Churches with 1700 members) Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention; Greater Kingsport Area Ministerial Alliance; (Former President) United Way World; United Ways of Tennessee (Former Board Chair); Tusculum College – Board of Trustees; Frontier Health, Inc.; Frontier Health Foundation (Former Vice-Chair); Select Seven Credit Union; Tri-Cities Christian Schools; (Current Board Chair) CORE Services; Mountain States Health Alliance-Washington County Community Board (Former Vice-Chair); Heissee Johnson Hand-Up Fund; Nativic Civitan of the Appalachian District of Civitan International (Immediate Past President); Milligan College-Goah Scholars Committee.

His Special recognitions include: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Outstanding Young Men of America; Johnson City Chamber of Commerce Leadership 2015 Certificate of Achievement; Leadership Kingsport Certificate of Achievement; Regional Citizen and Ambassador Certificate of Achievement; Who's Who Historical Society; International Who's Who, Who's Who Among Professionals and Who's Who in Public Service.

