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**DRAFT**

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Dear Jerry:

Since my wife, Betsy and I moved into the vibrant, downtown Chattanooga area, I now am more enthusiastic than ever over the possibility of running for the office of Mayor. As part of my ongoing consideration, I want to be assured that no issue regarding my eligibility will arise either during the campaign or thereafter. Although I have been a resident in Hamilton County most of my adult life, I have been a resident of the City of Chattanooga since February 23, 2008. As a result, I will have been a resident of the City for more than one (1) year prior to the March 3, 2009, date of the mayoral election.

After reading the City Charter, it is my interpretation that I would be required to certify in my qualifying papers that on the date of the election, I will have been a resident of Chattanooga for at least one (1) year. However, I understand that there may be an ambiguity in the City Charter regarding the residency requirement. Therefore, I respectfully request that the Hamilton County Election Commission determine whether, in order to be an eligible candidate, I must have been a resident of the City for one (1) year prior to the election or one (1) year prior to the date on which I must file my qualifying papers with the Commission, should I decide to pursue the office of Mayor.

I certainly thank you for your efforts regarding this important matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Rob Healy

