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Recently, several friends approached me and asked me to consider running for Mayor of Tulsa. Like you, they understand the personal and family sacrifices involved with public service and freely admitted that they were not doing me a personal favor. Like you they have also proven themselves dedicated to making a difference in our community by playing a leading role in our city's life. With my good fortune in being extraordinarily successful in business ventures in recent years, it would be easy to decline. After all, starting a business from scratch and building it quickly into a great success story has been emotionally rewarding as well as economically beneficial.

However, I still treasure the many precious memories of my eighteen years in public office. No one can take away the satisfaction from leading efforts for economic development and education reform, for leading the fight to create a state ethics commission, for winning the battles for the first major nursing home reform bill in the state and for creating the first child abuse prevention program. Those successes make a positive difference for my fellow citizens and nothing can be more gratifying. My friends argued that it is more than a great set of memories. They said it represents the bold leadership needed to make Tulsa, once again, a truly great city.

Tulsa once was known nationally and yes, even internationally, as a place with great schools and safe, clean streets, as a city with a vibrant economy and beautiful parks. More importantly it was a place, which resolved to set standards rather than resign itself to playing catch up with other cities in our region. That earlier reality was achieved by visionary leadership that transcended partisanship and small-minded thinking. I happen to think that Tulsa can once again be that type of city. I am contacting you because I suspect that you share that hope.

I do not underestimate the challenges facing our community, but overcoming difficult circumstances and achieving a successful result would not be a new experience for me. Along with the business and political successes, I recently won a battle with cancer and am now cancer free with less than a 1% chance of relapse according to my doctors. With my wonderful and supportive family, great friends and a great life, I already feel like the luckiest guy on the planet. Despite that, or perhaps because of it, the opportunity to give back to our city by working to make life better for all Tulsans as their mayor is an exciting prospect.

I have not made a final decision about the race. I will decide after I have the opportunity to personally visit with individuals like yourself that take an active role in our city. Frankly, I would have no interest in wasting time and resources on small thinking or small challenges. Life is too short for that. I believe the friends urging me to run for Mayor of Tulsa are correct in their assessment that this community, not only needs, but also wants some bold and imaginative leadership. I believe that I could play a role in providing such leadership.

Anybody can run for Mayor. It will take a lot more than one person, even if they hold the position of mayor, to turn this city around. It takes a team committed to change. The first step is always the most important step: **believing it is possible!** You happen to be one of the key leaders who can make change possible. In the next few weeks I hope to visit with you personally, not just about the Mayor's race, but also about a shared vision for the community that we both love. If we share the same hopes and the same vision, then all the challenges of a tough political campaign would be well worth the commitment. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts. My office will be in touch with you to set up an opportunity for me to visit with you personally about our city. Thanks in advance for your thoughts.

Warmest regards,



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P.S. We will be in touch with you soon to discuss this in more detail. In the meantime, please feel to call me at 918-583-1630. Thanks.