

Fellow Chamber members:

It is with a heavy heart that I convey the resignation notice of Kenny Craig, our President and CEO for the past 14 years. This is a career move for Kenny, being made in his interest and in the best interest of his family. There will be more details emerging as time moves forward. Following is Kenny's written message to the Executive Committee.

*"I have truly enjoyed my 14 years at the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. Although I can look back and remember key accomplishments the Chamber has made during this time, it is really all about the people I've gotten the privilege to know and work with that has been the most satisfying.*

*Words alone cannot express my thanks to the many individuals that have given me their wisdom and friendship over these years.*

*The Chamber is in good hands from a board and staff perspective. In many ways, it's a much stronger organization than it was 14 years ago and for that I'm also very thankful.*

*The Chamber is 106 years old. It was created by business leaders in 1910! Throughout these years, top business leaders have given of their time and energy to make sure the best interests of business were always given a high priority in the community! It has been an honor to provide leadership while playing a small part in the Chamber's continuing success. I wish the very best for the Chamber and the Greater Hamilton and Butler County community."*

I personally commend Kenny for the years he has led the Chamber, for his integrity and devotion, and for leaving it in better shape than when he arrived. We will miss him, and wish him "Godspeed" as he transitions into a new career.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee is already working on securing the next Chamber CEO. I will keep the Chamber community apprised of our progress.

Dave Lippert, Chairman of the Board

