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## **Jason Turnbow, 2021-2022 Chamber Chairman**

For me, growing up in Enid was tagging along with my dad and our English Setters at the Grand National Quail Hunt, baseball at Crosslin Park, church on Sundays, birthday parties at Electric Eagle Arcade, cruising Van Buren and getting to lend a hand and help build Leonardo's Adventure Quest.

After meeting my wife, Torry, in college, we began our careers, married and landed in Oklahoma City. We loved the opportunities a big city provided and we were thriving, raising a young family, and navigating the adventures of early adulthood. But something was missing. COMMUNITY.

It turns out all those childhood things I loved about my hometown didn't have so much to do with the facilities they took place in. There's always some place else doing it bigger or flashier. The memories and experiences that were nostalgic to me had everything to do with the relationships, the values and the pace of life Enid offered.

Torry and I and our daughters moved back here to my hometown about 12 years ago to chase opportunity. When evaluating our opportunity, we checked the boxes to see if Enid was indeed the right place for us to call home. Number one on our list was an education mindset. We saw Enid was investing in our schools and that remains true today as student pride continues to soar with monumental improvements to Enid and area schools. Enid has multiple higher education opportunities with a wonderful, growing career tech system and multiple opportunities at Northern and Northwestern. In addition to that, the top talent in our U.S. Military come thru Enid's own Vance Air Force Base. That mission is currently graduating more pilots than ever.

A vibrant culture was something else we desired. Our coffee shops, breweries and restaurants are more than eateries. They create environments for connecting. Environments for art, live music and social relationships.

What I've learned in my 12 years back in Enid, success thrives in environments that enable it to flourish. Environments are created, cultivated and sustained by its people. Environments aren't just physical locations. They're established by the culture of its people, and in Enid, many leaders in the generations before us established our culture and gave this town an entrepreneurial spirit we maintain today.

In my career as a banker, I know money is basically the same anywhere you go, but great customer service, quality advice and treating people exceptionally is what creates a culture that gives me success.

I think the Chamber does a fantastic job of supporting development initiatives that create a winning environment for our city and northwest Oklahoma. We're advocating and looking out for your interests in education and workforce development, quality of life issues that attract business and families, and making your voice heard in OKC and Washington when it comes to key topics like healthcare - as we navigate Medicaid expansion, and educational opportunities such as Oklahoma Promise and enhancing the state budget for regional colleges and universities. We advocate for Northwest Oklahoma not just when our contingent goes down to OKC for Enid Day at the Capitol, or to Washington D.C., but also through our established relationships with our representatives, and I've seen, firsthand where we've made a difference and caused action to make Enid better.

I want to thank all of the volunteers out there for leading the way and showing young people how we do things in Enid. Enid thrives because of your efforts.

I am honored to be following many great community leaders as the next Chairman of the Board for the Greater Enid Chamber of commerce in 2021-22. I'm fortunate to work every day with 4 past chairmen from Security National Bank who support me and our chamber. They continue to have an impact on the quality of life in Enid through their service.

I look forward to serving alongside many friends and leaders this year as we continue to invest in Enid, the community we call home.

Jason Turnbow  
Chairman of the Board