

## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Local group files application for new bank charter in Chattanooga**

### **Pending Regulatory Approvals**

(CHATTANOOGA, TN—November 14, 2019) An Organizing Group, including former Chattanooga bank executives and business and community leaders, announced today that they have filed an application with the Office of Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”) and the FDIC to charter a new local bank in Chattanooga. The proposed name is RockPoint Bank, National Association.

According to RockPoint Bank’s proposed President and CEO, Hamp Johnston, the group anticipates a summer 2020 opening, pending regulatory approvals. “We are excited about starting a bank that is headquartered in Chattanooga and is focused on our community.” Bill Kilbride, Organizer and proposed Board Member, shared that “I am enjoying working with this energetic and experienced team and excited about the opportunity the bank has to make our community economically stronger.”

Johnston continued, “We chose RockPoint because of its connection to our city. The name Chattanooga is believed to be derived from a Creek Indian word meaning ‘rock rising to a point.’ It depicts the rocky, mountainous terrain that defines our area.” Camille Daniel, proposed Chief Lending Officer, added “we see a need for a locally owned and managed bank that utilizes innovative technology.”

Management Team (Proposed):

Hamp Johnston- President and CEO

Camille Daniel- Chief Lending Officer

Kerry Riley- Chief Credit Officer

Patrick Jensen- Chief Financial Officer

Board of Directors (Proposed):

Ben Brock, Organizer

John Haddock, Organizer

Deston Hutcherson, Organizer

Dallas Joseph

Bill Kilbride, Organizer

Cindy Lee

Dr. Mark McOmie

Harshad Shah, Organizer

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