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My fellow citizens,

This year Nashville entered anew century and embraced a new mayor and a new council intent on building on the progress of our city and improving the quality of our schools and out neighborhoods. In the first year of this administration, attention to management produced a conservative budget that reflected the priorities of the city- Nashville continues to grow as a city, a state capital and as a place the world knows is ready for this new century.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is a key resource for *citizens and* business leaders interested in the government's *financial* condition. This report provides an accurate and complete picture of our financial condition and historical comparisons. Using this information, we *can* better understand current trends and make important projections for our city.

This report will again be published on the Internet so that it can be accessed by computers in homes, businesses, schools and libraries. In this way, it is my hope we can reach the widest possible array of readers throughout the city, state, nation and world. In the year ahead, *I look* forward to general access to our government in this way.

The information made available in this report will help us chart a responsible and fiscally conservative future for our city. This Mayor and Metropolitan Council will continue to work together to protect the sound financial principles that provide the *foundation of* our government. My hope is that through this report our progress can be measured-and our goals are clear for a bright future.

Sincerely,

Bill Purcell Mayor