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Texas Business Leadership Council Elects Kent Eastman of

Capital One Bank as Vice Chairman

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AUSTIN —The Texas Business Leadership Council (TBLC) has elected Kent Eastman as a Vice Chairman, effective April 11, 2017. Eastman is Texas State President of Capital One Bank, one of the 10 largest banks in the country. He has been a member of the TBLC, Texas' only statewide CEO-based public policy research organization, since 2011.

"The Texas Business Leadership Council provides a way to promote policies at the state level that lead to a more globally competitive economy and a better-educated workforce," Eastman said. "For well over two decades, Texas has been the place where millions of Americans weathered the Great Recession, created jobs, and grew the economy. I'm proud of the contribution the TBLC has made in the public sphere and the expertise our members add to the debate in Austin, and I'm excited to further serve the organization."

The TBLC is active this year with the 85th Legislative Session and policy initiatives focusing on education, cyber security, economic development and water infrastructure. This group, made up of Presidents, CEOs and senior executives, leverages independent research and innovative partnerships to provide comprehensive policy solutions and recommendations for the state's elected leadership.

Gay Gaddis, TBLC Chairman and CEO of T3-The Think Tank, the country's largest independent, woman-owned advertising firm said, "Kent's dedication to the Council is second to none and we need all hands on deck as we continue to champion marketplace competitiveness, workforce education, job creation, and cyber security at the Capitol."

The Texas Business Leadership Council is a network of Texas based CEOs and senior business executives who advance a long-term vision of a prosperous Texas in a globally competitive business environment.

<u>Gay Gaddis</u> is the chairman of the Texas Business Leadership Council and is the founder and CEO of T3-The Think Tank.

Kent Eastman is the Texas State President for Capitol One Bank.

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