## Atlanta Mayor-Elect Andre Dickens joins TechBridge's National Board of Directors

[ATLANTA] — [December 03, 2021] – <u>TechBridge, Inc.</u>, a national Atlanta-based nonprofit, is pleased to announce the appointment of Andre Dickens, mayor-elect for the City of Atlanta, to TechBridge's National Board of Directors.

Andre Dickens, who won the mayoral election for Atlanta on Tuesday night, is set to fulfill a lifelong dream of becoming Atlanta's 61st mayor. Dickens has dedicated much of his adult life as a community change agent and, most notably, spent the last five years working at TechBridge. TechBridge's mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty through the innovative use of technology, to transform nonprofits and community impact. TechBridge delivers on its mission in two ways. First, it develops and deploys services and platforms to other nonprofits that are focused on hunger relief, homeless support, social justice, and workforce development. Second, it provides direct services to the community, by way of TechBridge's no-cost Technology Career Program (TCP), a program co-founded by Andre Dickens in 2018.

The Technology Career Program is a huge part of TechBridge's workforce development pillar. In just three years TCP has flourished into a multi-cohort, multi-state operation, providing highly coveted and high-demand technology skills and certifications to low-income communities. This work is done in partnership with nonprofit and for-profit partners such as <u>Goodwill of North Georgia</u>, <u>Atlanta Housing Authority</u>, the <u>National Urban League</u>, <u>International Rescue Committee</u>, <u>Microsoft</u>, <u>Accenture</u>, <u>ServiceNow</u>, <u>Ernst & Young</u>, <u>InfoSys</u>, <u>Randstad</u>, and <u>JPMorgan Chase</u> to name a few. To date, with the strong support of our partners, this program has changed the lives of thousands of families by providing them with technology up-skilling, on-the-job coaching, mentoring, support services, and job placement.

As a nonprofit, the ability to provide the services that their customers need necessitates the support and generosity of the community of partners and sponsors. In Andre's role as Chief Development Officer, he developed strategic partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to ensure the long-term sustainability of TechBridge's work. "Without Andre's incredible leadership in this arena, our work would not have had the impact it has on the millions of lives we have touched through our <u>four pillars</u>: Hunger Relief, Homeless Support, Social Justice, and Workforce Development. Andre has been instrumental at every stage of our work at TechBridge. As we continue to expand our reach nationally and serve more vulnerable populations, we are thrilled to have Andre join our national board of directors," <u>Nicole Armstrong</u>, Chief Executive Officer.

Said Andre Dickens on the appointment, "As I shared during my mayoral acceptance speech, I grew up in Adamsville on the west side of Atlanta, where statistics give you a 4% chance of making it out of poverty. I dedicated 5 years of my life to TechBridge, a nonprofit focused on breaking the cycle of generational poverty because I deeply believe in TechBridge's mission. I love the fact that I can continue this work as a TechBridge board member. I look forward to partnering with the rest of the board and with Nicole's fantastic vision and leadership."

TechBridge is proud of Andre and his accomplishments and cannot wait to see what he accomplishes as Atlanta's 61st Mayor. Once a TechBridger, always a TechBridger!

## **About TechBridge**

TechBridge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that equips other nonprofits on the frontline of alleviating the causes of generational poverty with technology. TechBridge supports these nonprofits in expanding the impact of their mission for the millions of men, women, and children who are seeking aid in the areas of hunger relief, homeless support, social justice, and workforce development.