

What Nashville is saying about Odessa Kelly



"If there were ever a time for new, innovative leadership, the time is now. 2020 revealed the need for new leadership that's reflective of the people who live and work check to check in Tennessee. Odessa has demonstrated time and again that she is the change maker we need."

Tequila Johnson, voting rights and racial equity advocate



"Odessa can relate to the needs of the average family in Nashville because she, too, comes from a working-class family. I trust her to go to Congress and fight for things that will make a difference for everyday people."

Delishia Porterfield, Metro Councilwoman, District 29



"Odessa always stands up for our community. I'm thrilled to stand with her in the fight for housing justice, Medicare for All, and good-paying union jobs. Odessa knows what makes Nashville great, and we need her fighting for us in Washington."

Sean Parker, Metro Councilman, District 5



"Odessa inspires me for many reasons, but my favorite is her impatience for justice. It is deeply rooted in her faith which guides her to not only pray for a better Nashville, but to embody and put action into working towards a better Nashville today. She is the one who can lead us into a healthier future. I trust her."

The Rev. Ingrid McIntyre, executive director, The Village at Glenclyff



“Odessa Kelly is a Nashvillian who loves Nashville and demonstrates a deep and driven passion for the greater good of all her fellow Nashvillians. I’ve watched Odessa Kelly become the leading voice for equity and fairness for our city, and her labor of love toward whole community betterment in these areas continues even now!”

The Rev. Antoni Sinkfield, Payne Chapel A.E.M.C.



“I met Odessa seven years ago when I would play basketball at the community center. She watched me grow up. She always gave me words of encouragement and always knew I could succeed in life on my chosen path and has had an incredible impact on my life.”

MaKayla Usher, impacted by Odessa Kelly at Napier Recreation Center



“As a community leader focused on diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion, I am proud to personally endorse Odessa Kelly for Congress. She is a born and raised Nashvillian and has worked tirelessly to give a voice and power to those who have been disregarded and treated as though they were less than their entire lives. She is who we need representing Tennessee. She will fight for everyone and ensure our voices are heard and no one is left behind.”

Dakerri Rhone, LGBTQ leader



“Odessa Kelly is a product of Metro Nashville Public Schools, and she spent her career mentoring kids to help them figure out what would be next for them. She is a consistent ally of educators, and she is the one I trust to take the needs of all our kids to Washington.”

Amanda Kail, teacher, labor leader and public education advocate



“I worked with Odessa in the Parks Department. I have watched her take that experience and become a tireless advocate for working families and young people. Odessa loves this district and believes a better future is possible, for all of us. She knows what’s at stake and how urgently we need change. With her bold agenda and vision, she is exactly who we need representing us in Congress.”

Jazmin Ramirez, immigrant rights activist



“I was so proud to see my daughter follow in my footsteps at the community center, but seeing how much Odessa has done for families like ours in Nashville is the honor of my life. I know she will do all of us proud in Congress.”

Henderson Kelly Sr., longtime parks employee, Odessa Kelly’s dad