Seattle Unity Board of Trustee
Candidate Introduction

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I am thrilled to apply for the alternate trustee position. A snapshot of my bio starts working in the arts and culture sector since my early years as an established performing artist in New York City. My experience as a performer has led my career through talent management, event planning, and now as an independent production designer. With my varied background, I bring a rich background in seamless communications with clients and teamsters, efficient and effective time management tools, and a vibrant and refreshing perspective in creative project management.

My passion for the arts non-profit sector led me from artist to volunteer to board member with the Fremont Arts Council (FAC). I took the lead on outreach and coordination with artists, organizations, and media and led the virtual productions of this year's Fremont Solstice Parade and Luminata Luminary Festival. In addition to evolving our services around Covid, I have proactively led new partnerships with other nonprofits and BIPOC artists. Specifically, I drafted and applied for a BECU grant for $60,000 to fund BIPOC artists grants and new programming. Finally, I researched racial equity courses for the FAC Board to attended and chose Race Forward's course due to its focus on nonprofits and smaller organizations.

During my previous experiences as a retail manager and event planner, I gained experience in accounting and meeting project goals within allocated budgets. One of my sales successes was working as a store manager for Desigual and ending our Black Friday sales with $60,000, which ranked our store as number one in North America sales. While working with Voss events as an event planner, I have worked with budgets between $5,000 and $25,000 to design and build exhibition booths for RuPaul's DragCon.

I am a natural collaborator and have experience in bringing in a network of partnerships and future sponsorships. My employee recommendations will display my working ethics, positive leadership, and highlight my robust experience in operations. My listening skills and attentive appreciation for teamwork allows me to grow as a leader and have constant openness that will improve the work ethics overall.

One of the factors that attracted me to this role is how much I value Seattle Unity's mission. The support and love I have received as a new member left a positive footprint and enriched my spiritual growth. I observed Unity face many challenges and tackle them with grace and conviction. The ability to work with the community with an openness and respect for all, no matter what stages in life they are living is exactly what this world needs more of. Due to this, my qualifications and values align with Unity. I am passionate about continuing my career in the nonprofit sector and know Seattle Unity would be a perfect fit.

Thank you for your consideration and time!