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Dear CMP Board and Staff,

It has been a great pleasure getting to know Rebecca and Mariyah throughout the past few months and supporting their endeavors to resource the Climate Mobilization Project (CMP). I am excited to share this letter of interest to consider joining CMP's Board of Directors.

I work at the intersection of culture and the economy to shift the flow of capital and existing paradigms toward more reparative and transformative systems. With an educational background in art history and sociology, I bring a systems-level approach to my work to incubate and test new economic and cultural models that fundamentally shift institutional practices to dismantle the status quo and build the self-determination of frontline communities. My trajectory in philanthropy has allowed me to move beyond a single-issue approach and build relationships with funders, investors, and movement partners across multiple sectors.

My introduction to systems-change work dates back to my tenure at the Center for Cultural Innovation. As Program Officer, I co-managed the national portfolio, *AmbitioUS*. I worked closely with stakeholders – from traditional philanthropic arts funders to practitioners in the “next economy” space – to pilot and then educate the field about best funding practices that create conditions for BIPOC cultural communities to build their self-determination and economic empowerment. My interest in the “next economy” led me to a brief stint at the Purpose Foundation, where I supported the launch of the inaugural Purpose Futures Fellowship, a fellowship program for emerging fund managers to incubate, launch, and fundraise for their visionary funds rooted in shared ownership models. In 2022, I supported and managed key portfolio efforts focused on ecosystem building, access to capital, and community-led economic development activities rooted in Indigenous principles at Roanhorse Consulting as the Capital Strategies Manager. I am currently the Director of Capital Activation at Justice Funders. I help facilitate measurable shifts toward a Just Transition in philanthropy by curating narrative strategy projects and public engagement opportunities for philanthropy professionals to feel empowered to champion the work of our movement partners.

Thanks to Rebecca's and Mariyah's leadership, I've become particularly excited about CMP's future and look forward to deepening my support and collaboration as a Board Member should you decide to move forward with my candidacy. Please email me for any further questions, comments, or concerns.

In community,



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