

Dear CDFI Colleague,

My name is Henry Jiménez, and I am currently serving as the OFN Board Vice Chair. As my first three-year term on the board comes to an end, I am reaching out to ask for your vote once more. It has been a privilege to represent you and our membership, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve a second term with your support. I am excited and humbled to ask for your consideration for one of your votes this year.

Every year, we have a well-rounded slate of candidates, each with their own unique set of skills and experiences, and this year is no exception. While I encourage you to get to know all the candidates, I would like to highlight some of the unique aspects I bring to the board.

Over the past three years, I have dedicated my efforts to supporting OFN through significant transitions, including a CEO change, COVID-related funding, and navigating changes in federal and state funding. I have actively participated in three committees: Public Policy, Membership Services, and Finance and Audit. This year, I had the privilege of chairing the Membership Services Committee, and my colleagues appointed me Vice Chair of the Board. I take this as a vote of confidence in my leadership and commitment to our membership.

In addition to this, I have lived and worked in California, Nevada, and Minnesota, where I have resided for the past 17 years. I am currently the President and CEO of Propel Nonprofits, a mid-size CDFI located in Minneapolis, where we provide nonprofits with access to capital and strategic services throughout Minnesota and the region.

I bring a Midwest regional perspective, working with nonprofits in various fields across Minnesota and adjacent states, including rural communities. I previously led the only CDFI in Minnesota and the region with a thriving agriculture lending program focused on first-time farmers, including Latino, Hmong, and East African farmers.

In Minnesota, along with several colleagues, I have successfully lobbied for funds and programs that have benefited our clients and the CDFI ecosystem, accounting for over \$100 million in community and small business investments. I have also served on the board of the Minnesota CDFI Coalition.

I am proud to lead a CDFI and like many of you, I believe the impact we have in our community is exponential. While our sector is currently facing many challenges, I am optimistic about our future. During uncertain times, we need strong leadership, and with your support, I hope to continue providing certainty through my leadership on the board.

With your vote and trust, I will continue to bring my expertise, energy, and dedication to the board. I will listen to all of you to ensure OFN continues to provide the support we all need to be successful and collectively acquire the resources our communities need.

I look forward to meeting you all at the conference, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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