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Dear partners, friends, and comrades,

It is with great honor, humility, and a tremendous sense of responsibility that we receive the torch of leadership from PAN's fierce and indefatigable leader, Nunu Kidane.

As you all know, Nunu has been a shining example of principled and consistent leadership, mentoring us and many others in the struggle toward a Pan-Africanist future. While her shoe will remain too big to fill (hence the need for two Co-EDs), we are excited to embark on this journey and committed to realizing the mission and vision of all those who made PAN what it is today.

Both of us have a long history of service to our communities in the areas of community organization, social justice, educational equity, immigrant justice, and racial equity. We have stood in solidarity with liberation and justice movements all over Africa and the global African diaspora. We have been part of the Black Freedom Struggle in the U.S. and its various manifestations. We have had the good fortune of being trained, mentored, and supported by movement giants for whom we are eternally grateful.

The time has come for us to pick up the torch of leadership, and we are humbled to receive and answer that call. In the coming months, we look forward to connecting with all of you and advocating for our people with 'the fierce urgency of now'.

Forward Ever!

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