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I am more than interested in being considered to fill one of the available seats on the KBOO Board of directors. I have been involved in building coalitions between the Oregon School employees association and many Latino community groups here in Oregon. Some of these include CAUSA [the leading immigrant rights organization], PCUN [the farmworkers union], Adelante Mujeres [a community support group], and others. I was also involved in building coalitions between unions including AFSME, AFT, AFL-CIO, and others. Together we planned and implemented a joint organizing campaign that resulted in head start workers forming their union. I am passionate about social justice and this has given me many opportunities to learn and grow in my understanding of how to recognize and navigate oppression in all its forms. My unique bi-cultural experience has afforded me the benefits of knowing and understanding that there are different perspectives, the importance of considering them and how to create shared goals that serve and elevate all. I'm interested in being a part of the KBOO board in order to engage my community and connect them to KBOO. I feel that it is a well worth investment of my time, effort and hard work if it results in giving other groups access to KBOO's incredible community.

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