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Dear Mr. Jesse Brooks,

I am honored to be considered as an intern with Diane Papan contributing to her work uplifting our local community. I learned about how critical community education is in every respect during the summer of 2020 when the death of George Floyd began a national wave of reckoning with race that affected my community both negatively and positively. As a low-income Asian American living in a multicultural neighborhood, the tensions between Asian and Black solidarity propelled me to begin researching ways to educate those around me about systemic racism. Through my position on the Student Council as the Equity and Inclusion Representative, I increased cross-cultural conversations for 600 community members by organizing special programming events with workshops, speakers, activities, and discussion forums that emphasize empowerment through empathy and storytelling. Additionally, I am piloting the Cultural Committee that will connect all affinity group leaders with the administration to increase advocacy of minority groups and to ensure the longevity of equity efforts at Nueva. By connecting new perspectives through education, I hope to contribute to Diane Papan's work in supporting her constituents.

In order to mobilize communities that are most in need, there must also be a focus on building stronger infrastructure and institutional power that supports minorities which all starts with policy reform. As a political intern at RepresentUs, I contributed to bringing Americans more equitable access to our democracy. Connecting people from all backgrounds to the anti-corruption movement, I vetted high profile speakers and designed master classes on voting rights litigation for the 1,500 participants of the annual American Democracy Summit. I researched the risks of gerrymandering by analyzing the redistricting processes in 5 swing states, compiled filibuster data for the Freedom to Vote Act, and assembled profiles for all Pennsylvania and Wisconsin congresspeople to evaluate authoritarian threat. In my local community, I collaborate with the Chinese Progressive Association to empower San Francisco immigrant workers. For three months, I organized and educated the Z&Y restaurant workers by collecting their testimonies and building solidarity to win a \$1.61 million settlement for labor exploitation. I also planned the People's Recovery Campaign to help the community recover from the pandemic by hosting a rally for 150 participants in which I coordinated with guest speakers, wrote speeches, and managed the agenda. Coordinating events that mobilize marginalized communities and balance institutional powers will enable me to effectively integrate more voices with Diane Papan.

Next year, I plan to study ethics, politics and economics at Yale University where I can continue creating lasting change through combining policy reform and community education. I hope to use my experience and knowledge in advocating for marginalized communities to contribute to building equitable opportunities, responsive solutions, and innovative policies with Diane Papan. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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