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Announcing GCV's New Board Officers and Directors for 2016, and extending our deep appreciation and gratitude to our past Directors

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Dear Green Card Voices Friends and Family:

It is my privilege to announce GCV's new board members for 2016.

Faraaz Mohammed, Partner and Director of Business Development, Prudent Accountants

Mr. Mohammed received his BSB in Entrepreneurial Management and Marketing from the Carlson School of Management in Minneapolis, MN where he was the recipient of both UMN's Gold and Tozer Foundation scholarships. As a son of two first-generation immigrants, Faraaz did not speak English until the first day of Kindergarten. However, 13 years later (and many years of ESL), he delivered the commencement speech at his high school graduation from a class of 400+ graduates. He is happy to give back by serving as the Treasurer of Green Card Voices.

Hibo Abdi, COO, Family Care Transportation

Ms. Abdi is a Chief Operating Officer at the Family Care Transportation based in Minneapolis, MN. Hibo received a B.A. in Health Science and Management from George Mason University and a M.B.A. from Hamline University. She moved to the US from Somalia at the age of 13 without speaking any English. While she had to work very hard and faced many challenges herself, she feels grateful to finally be in a position to give back by serving on the Boards of Green Card Voices and Jubaland Foundation.

Matt Kim, Director of Technical Customer Management at Seagate Technology

Mr. Kim has over 15 years of high-tech experience in developing and bringing new products to market, and enhancing customer relationships. He is currently Director of Technical Customer Management at Seagate Technology, the global leader in data storage solutions. He is responsible for managing the technical engagement strategy for Seagate's OEM enterprise customers in the US, Japan and EMEA. Mr. Kim holds a MBA from the University of Minnesota and a BAsC in Mechanical Engineering from the University of British Columbia. He has witnessed first-hand the power of effective communication and storytelling in breaking down barriers to establish a better understanding of America's immigrant population, and is grateful to be part of Green Card Voices to further its mission.

George Maxwell, Attorney at Borene Law Firm, P.A., Global Immigration Group

Mr. Maxwell currently practices immigration, including employment-based, investment-based and corporate immigration. He also advises F-1 students and schools on immigration matters. In addition, he has prior experience in litigation, corporate internal investigations, and white collar enforcement and compliance. Before joining the Borene Law Firm, Mr. Maxwell worked for ExxonMobil Corporation, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, and Dorsey & Whitney LLP. His prior work has taken him to Russia, Central Asia, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. He received his J.D. from the University Of Iowa Law School in May 2001, graduating with High Distinction. He was a member of, and a Note and Comment Editor for, the Iowa Law School's Transnational and Contemporary Problems Journal. He also holds a bachelor of the arts in Political Science and Russian from the University of Northern Iowa, and upon graduation received the Purple and Old Gold Award for Meritorious Scholarship in Russian. In connection with his bachelor degree, he studied Russian language at Moscow State Linguistics University and Moscow State University in Moscow, Russia. He participates on a number of volunteer boards, including the Minnesota State Bar Associations (MSBA) Immigration Section and International Business Section. He is a former Chair of the MSBA Immigration Section, having also held Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary positions

as well. He is currently the Treasurer of the International Business Section. George has written widely on immigration and speaks regularly about it. He sees immigrants as part of the basic fabric of the United States. In his view, Green Card Voices has the ability to push back at the anti-immigrant sentiment as each individual story recorded has the power to reach and touch us all at a very personal level in a positive way.

Our staff, our board and I are all excited to partner with these new officers during this exciting period of growth as we work on strategy and scaling. We would also like to express our gratitude for the leadership and commitment of our outgoing members. Laura Danielson, our founding Board member whose book *Green Card Stories* inspired the idea that a wider narrative on immigration be communicated true to each story. Ruhel Islam, the first to share his story with the GCV team and the first to host a GCV fundraising dinner. We also extend our deep appreciation to Ali Alizadeh of Hemisphere Companies the co-founder of Green Card Voices. Without his guidance and financial support - especially in the initial stages of the organization - we would not be able to develop, test and produce the digital storytelling platform model GCV is known for today.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the full slate of GCV Board members, which in addition to the officers above includes Jane Graupman of the International Institute of Minnesota; Kathy Seipp, 6th Grade English teacher at the Robbinsdale Middle School; and Veronica Quillien of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, also the author of the GCV's Teaching Guide. Please join us in welcoming our new board members and officers and thanking our outgoing officers for their service to our community.

Tea Rozman Clark
Executive Director, Green Card Voices

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About Green Card Voices

Based in Minneapolis, Green Card Voices utilizes digital storytelling to share personal narratives of America's immigrants. GCV's programming seeks to foster tolerance and increase the appreciation of the immigrant experience. Through their dynamic, video-based platform they empower educational institutions, community groups and individuals alike to acquire first-person perspective about immigrants' lives.

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