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To the International Court Council,

My name is Christopher A. Diaz and it is my pleasure to write to you in support of Afrika America, the reigning Diamond Empress of San Francisco. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Afrika for a number of years, in my role as Executive Director of Drag Out The Vote, a non-profit organization dedicated to using the art and activism of drag to educate, register, and turn out voters.

During my time both as staff and then as Executive Director, Afrika proved time and again to be one of the most dedicated drag artists we had the privilege of working with. Not only was she always eager to assist in whatever endeavors we were engaged in, she offered advice, support, and authority on matters related to the important discourse on civil and human rights that was the cornerstone of our efforts.

Since Drag Out The Vote's inception in 2020, Afrika has been heavily involved, both in-person and digitally, to engage and educate voters in her community and around the country. It was because of this record of hardwork and excellence that she was elevated to the role of National Drag Ambassador during the 2024 Campaign and was instrumental in leading Drag Out The Vote's in-person engagement efforts in both Nevada and Arizona, working to turn out predominantly queer, POC, and young voters. She approached this task with not only zeal, but a keen eye for the issues of the day, able to speak to our constituencies with both depth and levity.

Given the challenges in our nation today, Afrika possesses a unique ability to bridge divides with both humor and nuance, both which are sorely needed in today's political climate. Whether it was in person engagements, digital activations, or partnerships with leading NGOs and Fortune 500 companies, Afrika was always there to do the hard work of building a better America.

It is my pleasure to highly recommend my friend, Afrika America, a.k.a. Sanford Smith, to serve as Titular Head of the Imperial Court System.

Thank you,



Christopher A. Diaz

Former Executive Director

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