

Candidate Statement: Carla Decker

I currently serve as NCBA CLUSA's Board Treasurer and seek your support to continue to serve our association and, by extension, cooperatives and cooperative owners across the United States.

This is an exciting time at NCBA CLUSA. It is one of leadership transition and execution on a new strategic plan. As the CEO of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)-designated credit union, I believe that our cooperative values, ownership structure and services create a more inclusive economy. My experience in building public-private partnerships and collaborating with mission-aligned organizations—within and outside the cooperative movement—inform my contributions and fuel my interest in providing support to the professional team at NCBA CLUSA to increase the impact of the association's work domestically and internationally.

This is also a time of great challenges, particularly for many of the people we serve or seek to serve. My labor in service to low- and moderate-income families and ethnic minorities; experience as an immigrant; role producing and delivering cooperative leadership development training; and service in national and international boards converge to equip me for the role of NCBA CLUSA board member, and serve to strengthen my conviction that our cooperative framework of self-help provides the best tool for collective opportunity and prosperity.

Personally, I'm excited and motivated for a second term of board service. I look forward to the opportunity to engage with and learn from fellow cooperators, to be inspired by the good work across the cooperative sector, and to make mutually beneficial connections for all of our members.

Thank you, in advance, for the opportunity to continue to serve!