During this period of uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, the safety of our staff and our members is our top priority. As of this writing, Governor Newsom has ordered all gatherings and events be cancelled, and for seniors over 65 and individuals with chronic health conditions to self-isolate. In light of these extraordinary measures and the recommendations by the Governor and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to practice social distancing, we have made the decision to change the format of the Annual Meeting of the Members to be held April 30, 2020.

Instead of hosting the Annual Meeting in a large gathering dinner format, we will host the business meeting as a Go To Meeting conference call. As physical participation is no longer an option, we invite members to take advantage of our conference call alternative; full details will be provided to members who RSVP.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available in the lobby for members beginning April 15, 2020, and will include details regarding relocation of our branch at 2001 Ashby Ave to another nearby Berkeley location, including a timeline for the move.

We will also have comment cards for members wishing to submit a question to the Board and Management. General topics will be compiled into a Q&A document distributed post-Annual Meeting. For questions of an individual nature we’d ask that members provide a phone number or email address. Questions may also be emailed along with your RSVP.

To participate remotely, via phone or internet, please email rsvp@coopfcu.org by April 24, 2020, and members will be provided call-in and/or log-in instructions. We anticipate calling the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

At Your Service,

Shyaam Shabaka, Fadhila Holman

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Board Chair Chief Executive Officer
The 78th Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union (the “Credit Union”) will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020 (the “2020 Annual Meeting”). Three Board seats have expiring terms as of the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Per the Credit Union’s Bylaws and the Annual Meeting and Elections Announcement, the Nominating Committee opened applications for consideration on December 31, 2019, and closed the application period on March 11, 2020. The Nominating Committee submitted a total of three nominations to fill the three expiring terms. No petitions for nomination were submitted by the deadline included in the 2020 Board Elections Notice of Nominations.

Per the Bylaws, Article V. Elections, Section 1. Nomination Procedures, Section C., “the election will not be conducted by ballot and there will be no nominations from the floor when the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled.” Because the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, there will be no election by ballot and there will be no nominations from the floor at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Below are brief statements of candidacy and bios from the three candidates who will fill the terms expiring on April 30, 2020.

Celeste McAllister
Secretary, Board of Directors

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Reverend Anthony L. Hughes
Rev. Anthony L. Hughes, a native of Chicago, Illinois, holds a Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology from DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, a Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, and has more than 30 years of experience in business and banking, health facilities management, community service and the Ministry.

His Pastoral career began in 1993 at Mt. Olive AME Church, Emporia, Kansas (five years), and has continued at Grant Chapel AME, Wichita, three years; St. Paul AME, San Bernardino, five years; Bethel Memorial AME, San Diego, seven years, and now St. Paul AME (Berkeley, CA). While in Kansas, Rev. Hughes was elected Vice President of the Inter-denominational Ministers’ Alliance and served as civilian representative on the Applicant Review Board of the Wichita Police Department. Since 2001, he has served as President of the Inland Empire AME Ministers’ Alliance, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Southern California Conference, and successfully shepherded the revival of Richard’s Place, Inc., a San Diego transitional home for HIV-positive men.

Upon arriving at St. Paul AME, Berkeley, in October 2013, he has initiated a $1.1 million economic campaign to refinance and secure the church’s future. His passion for fostering unity among people of all backgrounds and for the economic revitalization and growth of institutions is shared by his wife, the Rev. Dorisalene Y. Hughes, their two daughters and five grandchildren.

Sushil Jacob
Sushil Jacob is Senior Attorney for Economic Justice at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR). At LCCR, Sushil develops policy to address the racial wealth gap, including advocacy for minority- and women-owned construction contractors, public banking and pro bono legal assistance to small business owners of color.

Sushil also practices cooperative law at the Tuttle Law Group, where he represents cooperative enterprises of all types, including employee-owned companies and business owners who want to transition their business to cooperative ownership. He received his J.D. in 2011 from Berkeley Law. He currently serves on the boards of the Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union and the Sustainable Economies Law Center.

Sushil is excited to see the credit union deepen its services in Berkeley while expanding its presence in Richmond. He is proud that the current credit union building on Adeline and Ashby will be converted to deeply affordable housing and named after Maudell Shirek.

Shyaam M. Shabaka, B.S., M.P.H., Board Chair
As a faithful and loyal member of the Board and current Board Chair, I have maintained a 100% meeting attendance record and have always advocated for policies that are in the best fiscal interests of our members.

I enjoy serving on the Board, collaborating with fellow Board members and management to accomplish our mutual goals of providing our ‘owner-members’ with the highest quality financial products and services and making Cooperative Center your primary financial institution for life.

I am seeking re-election to the volunteer Board, because I strongly believe in the credit union’s foundational belief of “People Helping People.” I believe my years of credit union experience, education and skills have and will continue to contribute to the credit union’s success now and into the future.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to earn your trust and support. I ask for your continued unified support and vote.

Background:
Shyaam is retired from the City of Berkeley Health and Human Services Department, where he was employed as Public Health Administrator. He presently dedicates time to promoting organic urban agriculture, and fighting climate change and homelessness. Shyaam is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health (M.P.H.) and the University of Texas (Texas Webster College), El Paso (B.S.). Shyaam is a native of Texarkana, Arkansas.