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DanceSafe 12081 W Alameda Pkwy #442 Lakewood, CO 80228

Dear DanceSafe,

This letter is to express my intent to fill your open Outreach Director position. We share the desire for a world where wiser use and more sensible legal frameworks create a safer world for people who use drugs. I share several traits of your described ideal applicants:

I have **co-founded two nonprofits and sat on several nonprofit boards**. This list of nonprofits includes SSDP, which elected me as a director after I revived and led one of its most productive chapters at the time. My belief in strong institutional memory helped that chapter flourish after I left, successfully lobbying their city council to decriminalize natural entheogens in early 2020.

A long-time artist **deeply familiar with the party scene**, I have traveled and networked extensively within it while maintaining good health in stride through many years of months-long festival tours. A sought-after event producer, I am known for curating excellent talent and managing staff and volunteers fairly and equitably, collaborating humbly with a rainbow of colleagues.

An experienced practitioner of several forms of harm reduction, I am a veteran sitter with the Zendo Project and White Bird Clinic. The drug checking campaign I started at UCSC prevented hundreds of counterfeit doses from reaching the student body undetected. Well-read in the literature about safe use sites and heroin-assisted treatement, I regularly advocate for their implementation.

My strong technical background includes regulatory work with Schedule I drugs at MAPS PBC and EVIO Labs; these jobs involved document control, confidentiality, and SOPs. At EVIO, I performed analytic chemistry using an LC-MSMS instrument (a cousin of FTIR). I am a lifelong computer user practiced in streaming, web and print design, data science, productivity software, and automation.

Cultural humility is a personal goal for me. I am well-informed about issues surrouding race, ethnicity, and gender in drug cultures and the War on Drugs at large. I am fluent in Spanish and enjoy a little study in several other languages, and maintain quite a few international friendships.

Thanks for your time and attention. I'm positive that I would make an outstanding member of your team; if you agree, I'd be more than happy to discuss more details in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

Richard Hartnell

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