

From the desk of

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Dear friends,

Seven years ago, the Pro Bono Counseling's Board of Directors took a risk and selected a newly minted social worker as the executive director of the organization. I am forever thankful that the board saw in me something that I couldn't quite yet see myself, and it has been an incredible privilege to serve you and the people of Maryland as the leader at PBC since 2017.

It is with a grateful heart that I share that I have made the decision that it is time for me to move on to a new endeavor, and this fall I will be starting a new position at the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work. My last day with PBC will be August 16. When I stepped into this role I had a few goals—modernize operations, refresh branding to reach more volunteers and clients, right-size the organization to meet growing community needs, and make explicit the organization's longstanding commitment to equity and social justice.

I look back at the last seven years and can confidently say that along with PBC's team of dedicated staff members, we have achieved all of this, and then some, and persevered together through the challenges and changes of the past few years. Through it all you have been by my side contributing your support, time, talent, and treasure to help evolve PBC into the effective and heart-centered organization that it is today. I am grateful for you, and for what we have been able to achieve, together.

PBC has a capable board, who will shepherd the organization through a transition to new leadership. In the coming days you can expect to hear communication on the transition plans while the board commences a search for a new executive director. I strongly believe that leadership transitions provide opportunities for organizations to change, grow, and deepen impact, and I look forward to seeing the organization reach even greater heights under new leadership.

I hope that you can join the PBC team on Wednesday, August 14, at Little Havana, to celebrate the accomplishments we have achieved together over the past seven years. I look forward to seeing you there so that I can personally say goodbye and thank you!

With gratitude,

Amy