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Center for Economic Inclusion Welcomes New Staff

(SAINT PAUL, June 29, 2021) — Today, the Center for Economic Inclusion (Center) announced three new staff: **Nathan Arnosti** is Director of Products and Analytics, **Ashley Johnson** is Director of Research, and **Nadia Shaarawi** is Interactive and Digital Media Coordinator.

Nathan Arnosti – Director of Products and Analytics / As Director of Products and Analytics, Nathan leads the Center’s work to develop proprietary tools to analyze employee, resident, and business data to leverage best practices in antiracism, policy research, and systems change to inform the actions that business leaders, public-sector employers, and policy makers take to close racial employment, income, and wealth gaps and improve their bottomline results. Previously, Nathan worked at the Brookings Institution, as a consultant to the McKnight Foundation, and in state and local government in New York. He holds a Master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in Geography and History from Middlebury College.

Ashley Johnson – Director of Research / As the Director of Research, Ashley leads the Center’s applied, participatory, and client-centered research initiatives and oversees local and national research partnerships. In this role, she ensures that the Center's strategies are grounded in rigorous, relevant research and informed by Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Asian peoples' experience with the economy, employers, and systemic oppression. Prior to joining the Center, Ashley was Principal Planning Analyst/Senior Program Evaluator for Hennepin County, and Director of Research and Innovation for MN Alliance with Youth. Ashley serves a mentor to public policy students at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and is a regular contributor and consultant to the Humphrey's Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center pertaining to program evaluation and public policy/program implementation in Minnesota through presentations, guest speaking to classes, and connecting with students of color and students wishing to explore careers in serving and working with diverse and marginalized communities. Ashley holds a Master's in Public Policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Nadia Shaarawi – Interactive and Digital Media Coordinator / As the Interactive and Digital Media Coordinator, Nadia supports the Center's mission to foster a culture of shared accountability to accelerate inclusive growth through storytelling and narrative change. Nadia executes the Center’s digital strategy across all channels to amplify its impact to drive racial equity, inclusion, close racial wealth gaps, and build an economy that works for everyone. Prior to joining the Center, Nadia held communications responsibilities for the MN DFL. She also served as Communications Assistant for the Minnesota Budget Project and Production Assistant for Line Break Media. Nadia was a past President of STUDIOU, a University of Minnesota campus media group. Nadia holds a Bachelor's in Strategic Communication and minor in Social Justice from the Hubbard School of Journalism, University of Minnesota.

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About the Center for Economic Inclusion / The Center for Economic Inclusion is the nation’s first organization created exclusively to close racial wealth gaps and accelerate shared accountability for achieving regional inclusive economic growth. Through the Center’s research, thought leadership, employer inclusivity and inclusive growth consulting services, advocacy with policymakers, narrative change campaigns and experiential learning events, the Center is committed to increasing the number of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Asian workers earning family-sustaining wages in the Twin Cities region by 10 percent over the next five years. Learn more at CenterforEconomicInclusion.org.