I am writing you to request participation as a freelance journalist in the New Economy Reporting Fellowship. I’ve been reporting on community development and economic justice for over two years now at Next City, covering worker cooperatives, community development financial institutions, community-engaged urban planning and design, and other aspects of the new economy.

I’m asking to participate as a freelancer instead of through my editors at Next City, as I’m hoping to expand my beat to a few other publications.

In terms of diversity in media, besides identifying as a Filipino-American, I can also tell you that out of the 143 stories I wrote in 2016 for Next City, 85 had at least one source of color, 95 had at least one woman source, and 116 had at least one of either. Out of 282 sources I interviewed for Next City in 2016, 135 were people of color and 146 were women.

For your reference, here are a some relevant samples of my work so far:

* [Closing the Funding Gap for Worker Cooperatives](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/red-emmas-working-world-nyc-financial-cooperative" \t "_blank)
* [Following the Footsteps of African-American Worker Cooperatives](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/reclaiming-legacy-african-american-cooperatives" \t "_blank)
* [Rochester Mayor: Investing in Co-ops Builds “Stairway Out of Poverty”](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/rochester-implementing-plan-to-cultivate-worker-cooperatives" \t "_blank)
* [In Newark, Immigrant Entrepreneurs Put Their Own Spin on Starting a Business](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/newark-worker-co-op-green-magic" \t "_blank)
* [Help Is on the Way for Low-Income Co-op Buildings in NYC](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/preserving-nyc-affordable-housing-habitat-cdfi-loan" \t "_blank)
* [Credit Unions Get Streamlined Path to More Neighborhood Investment](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/credit-union-investment-neighborhoods" \t "_blank)
* [NYC Opens Door Wide to Community Land Trusts](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/nyc-community-land-trusts" \t "_blank)
* [Oakland CDFI Creates a Culture of Quality Job Creation](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/oakland-cdfi-quality-job-creation" \t "_blank)
* [NYC’s Worker Cooperative Ecosystem Continues to Grow](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/nyc-worker-coops-growth" \t "_blank)
* [Is Your Money In A Bank That’s Doing Something Good With It?](https://www.fastcompany.com/40404541/is-your-money-in-a-bank-thats-doing-something-good-with-it" \t "_blank)
* [A private bond market emerges for low-income community development](https://medium.com/impactalpha/a-private-bond-market-emerges-for-low-income-community-development-fe90c4cc79a0" \t "_blank)
* [These Neighbors Got Tired of Waiting for Traditional Developers](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/cooperative-commercial-real-estate-development-minneapolis" \t "_blank)
* [A Movement to Put Money Into Black-Owned Banks](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/bankblack-movement-black-owned-banks-justin-moore" \t "_blank)
* [Building Businesses Rooted in Social Justice Movements](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/rooting-businesses-in-social-justice-movements" \t "_blank)

Please let me know if you need anything further or would like to discuss my participation via phone [(484-680-0574](tel:%28484%29%20680-0574" \t "_blank)).

Thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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