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## **NRPEMS Announces the Appointment of a New Board Member**

**August 30, 2024** – The National Parks and Recreation Ethnic Minority Society (NRPEMS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Harith Aleem, Jr. as a new member of the NRPEMS Board as the Pacific Northwest Representative. Mr. Aleem, who currently serves as the Assistant Director for the City of Oakland’s Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development Department, brings with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to community service and engagement.

Mr. Aleem has a distinguished career spanning over 28 years in the field of Parks and Recreation. His leadership has resulted in sustained operational success and has fostered a safe, welcoming environment for all community members. He has been instrumental in the development and management of diverse recreational programs, focusing on inclusivity, safety, and community engagement.

Mr. Aleem’s efforts in advocating for diverse, accessible, and intentional recreational programs have greatly benefited the Oakland community. He is also known for his ability to foster positive relationships with stakeholders and cultivate a culture of continuous improvement and excellence.

"I am honored to join the Board of Directors and contribute to the organization’s mission of embracing equity and connecting communities," said Mr. Aleem. "Parks and Recreation have always been a significant part of my life, and I am committed to promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging within our communities."

Harith Aleem, Jr. holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Management from Colorado State University and several professional certifications, including Certified Parks & Recreation Professional (CPRP) and American Red Cross Lifeguard & Water Safety Instructor.

We are thrilled to welcome Harith Aleem, Jr. to our Board. His experience and dedication to public service and community engagement align perfectly with our organization’s values and vision. We look forward to his contributions to our ongoing efforts to serve our communities more effectively.

NRPEMS is an organization made up of parks and recreation professionals who have joined for the express purpose of productively representing leisure service interest and rights of minorities. Our mission is to embrace equity and build communities.

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