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“I am guided by a deep passion for social, economic and climate justice for underrepresented communities,” Shamar says. “Supporting place-based innovation and helping build the field of climate resilience is an honor.”

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