



Dear Friends,

“There are times to cultivate and create, when you nurture your world and give birth to new ideas and ventures. There are times of flourishing and abundance, when life feels in full bloom, energized and expanding. And there are times of fruition, when things come to an end. They have reached their climax and must be harvested before they begin to fade. And finally of course, there are times that are cold, and cutting and empty, times when the spring of **new beginnings** seems like a distant dream. Those rhythms in life are natural events. They weave into one another as day follows night, bringing, not messages of hope and fear, but messages of how things are.”

I am Ranzeno Frazier and I am honored to serve as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of The LGBT Center of Charlotte. As Chairman, it is my duty to ensure that the Community Center’s mission to promote diversity, acceptance, and visibility of the LGBT community through original and collaborative programming and events, and by providing an inclusive, welcoming, and affordable environment for all. Though the board and the LGBT Center has had its struggles, I look at this current opportunity as a chance at **REBIRTH**. In the short time that I have been in this role, I’ve begun taking care of some outstanding business of the organization; meeting with our landlord to get the rent for our location lowered, settling outstanding tax debts, and reconciling relationships within the LGBT community.

The face of the LGBT Centers’ Board of Directors has also changed and will continue to reflect a more diverse and impactful team of dedicated members. With the resignation of the immediate past board Chair and the end of term for the Vice Chair, there are current openings on the Board and I commit to ensuring that all future board prospects are equally vetted. I am also working on a strategic plan that will illustrate a new direction and long term goals for the Center.

I believe in the concept of total transparency with regards to the operations of the center and it is my personal commitment to the LGBT and greater Charlotte community that, with every step taken to move the center forward, the people that we serve will be first in mind. I’ve hit the ground running and I’m not tired yet! I look forward to working with the LGBT Community to provide maximum impact for the greater Charlotte community!

Yours, In Unity and Growth,

Ranzeno Frazier  
Chairman of the Board  
LGBT Community Center of Charlotte