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Hi everyone! I'm Aliza. As a working actor and member of the union for over 15 years, and recently working alongside the UBCP BIPOC committee in championing positive change for our equity seeking members, I have accumulated a great deal of insight into the many ways our industry has flourished but also the many changes that have impacted us over the last few years. These include our changes in the audition process, opportunity to create and collaborate on a multitude of platforms, and our evolving world of technology in filmmaking. I want to make BC an undeniable force in the storytelling world and to entice filmmakers back to this province so that their work can benefit from our skills and experience and vice versa. As a person who is passionate about solving problems, I will aim to listen and advocate for swift actionable change that our membership can see. My goal isn't just to help our working members on set but our members who work every day in this industry in pursuit of their next project or who may not be getting the full support needed to succeed in entertainment. If given the privilege to serve on the Executive Board this term, I hope to revitalize the BC film industry to reflect the creativity of the artists and performers present and to empower them to *create, collaborate, and innovate*.

Sincerely,

Aliza Vellani