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I would be honored to serve as Vice-Chair of the ePIC Collaboration Council. As Vice-Chair of the governing and policy-making body, I will be dedicated to representing the interests of the collaboration's members. Over the past year and a half, the Council and spokesperson's office have made great strides to become a fully functioning collaboration. Continued growth and increased participation in collaboration affairs will be important, ongoing work of the Council as we proceed through the various review milestones and begin the construction phase. I work collaboratively and strive to have vibrant, inclusive, respectful, and informed deliberations, and I would be glad to serve as vice chair of the council during this formative and exciting time in the collaboration's development.

I am well prepared for the role. I have served on Councils or their equivalent on a number of collaborations, including PHENIX, STAR, ATHENA, and ePIC. I have served as a Deputy Spokesperson for the STAR experiment, was a candidate for spokesperson of ATHENA and ePIC, and served as a member of the ATHENA charter committee. My leadership experience during my roles at UC Riverside as Department Chair for 6 years and chair of some of the most central academic senate committees add to my preparation. During my time as department chair, I was able to foster great growth in the number of faculty and graduate students while maintaining a supportive and collaborative department. At the same time, I was able to negotiate through significant challenges, Covid and otherwise, and sensitive personnel issues.