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In the United States and around the world, divisiveness and distrust are replacing basic notions of commitment to a collective good. These challenges are not merely challenges of changing people's behavior. They are nested in systemic failures of democracy to meet people's most basic needs, exacerbated by widespread economic, technological, demographic, environmental changes.

At SNF Agora, we want to foster spaces that support inquiry into questions that are at the heart of making democracy work.

I see a future where we realize the promise of the ancient Agora in modern times, where people of all backgrounds can come together to dialogue across difference, to vigorously contest values and ideas that form the foundation of a pluralistic democracy, and act together with power to have voice and developing solutions that lead to a better world.

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