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Chike holds degrees from Tufts University (B.A.), Harvard Graduate School of Education (Ed.M), Harvard Kennedy School of Government (MPA), and University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School (MBA). He is a Presidential Leadership Scholar; former Council on Foreign Relations term member; 40 under 40 honoree from Wharton and the Washington Business Journal; former member of the Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Board of Directors and Advisory Board Chair of the Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund. Chike and his work have been featured at or in the White House, Harvard, Forbes, Wired Magazine, US News and World Report and Fast Company. Chike, his wife and their son proudly call Prince George's County, MD home.