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Opportunity Fund Hires Seasoned Veteran in Financial Services to Lead Debt and Capital Markets Team

San Francisco, CA (April 30, 2019) — Opportunity Fund, California’s leading nonprofit small business lender and a national leader in the microfinance movement, is pleased to announce that Jeff Hilton will be joining the organization as Senior Vice President of Debt and Capital Markets. Hilton brings over 20 years of experience in the financial and investment industries. He joins Opportunity Fund’s leadership as the organization aims to scale its reach in California and across the U.S., working toward a strategic plan to deploy \$1.2 billion in loans for underserved entrepreneurs and \$175 million in New Markets Tax Credits by 2023.

“Opportunity Fund has a proven track record of lending in disadvantaged communities, and leading the Capital Markets team is an exciting opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of small business owners,” Hilton said. “The organization’s mission of providing underserved entrepreneurs with greater access to capital is personally meaningful and it is gratifying to see our clients reach their business dreams and achieve financial success for themselves, their families and their communities.”

For the past two years, Hilton was the Chief Financial Officer at Aura Financial (formerly known as Insikt) where he was responsible for managing four teams, including accounting, financial planning and human resources; overseeing the issuance of both debt and equity offerings; offering strategic direction for new initiatives; securing key financial partnerships; more than tripling revenue and keeping the business on track on its march to reach operating profit. Prior to that, he had 18 years of experience at corporations including Blackrock, Barclays Global Investors, and Providian.

Hilton graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a bachelor’s degree in Economics, and later returned to complete his master’s degree in Applied Economics and Finance.

“Jeff brings over 20 years of experience raising debt and equity capital, doing fixed income trading, performing risk analysis for securitized assets in consumer and mortgage lending, and

serving as CFO of a local fintech. His vast experience, coupled with his natural charisma and humanitarianism, are a perfect match for our organization to achieve its ambitious strategic goals. I am thrilled to have someone of Jeff's caliber join the Opportunity Fund team," said CEO Luz Urrutia.

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About Opportunity Fund

Opportunity Fund, the nation's leading nonprofit small business lender, believes small dollar loans help hard-working entrepreneurs make lasting change in their own lives and build stronger communities by growing businesses and creating jobs. Opportunity Fund's community of donors and investors is creating an inclusive financial system that empowers women, immigrant, and minority small business owners. Our strategy combines microloans for small business owners and New Markets Tax Credit investments in high-impact community infrastructure projects. Since 1994, Opportunity Fund has deployed more than \$750 million and helped thousands of entrepreneurs invest in their families' futures. The organization has committed to lending an additional \$1.2 billion to small business owners across the country and investing \$174 million in community real estate projects by 2023. Visit www.opportunityfund.org for more information.