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**Opportunity Fund Welcomes Liz Pesch as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer**

**San Francisco, CA (December 3, 2018)** — Opportunity Fund – California’s largest nonprofit small business lender and a national leader in the microfinance movement – is pleased to announce that Liz Pesch will be joining Opportunity Fund as the new Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer. Liz brings over 15 years of experience in the finance and banking industries. She joins Opportunity Fund’s leadership as the organization aims to scale its reach in California and across the U.S., working towards a strategic plan to invest \$500 million to drive economic mobility for 50,000 underserved entrepreneurs and working families by 2020.

“I am excited to join the incredible team at Opportunity Fund. I strongly believe in the kind of investments in people and communities that drive economic mobility. I look forward to working to build a more inclusive financial system,” said Liz Pesch, Opportunity Fund’s new Chief Financial Officer.

For the past four years, Liz was the Chief Financial Officer at San Francisco AIDS Foundation where she was responsible for the financial management and compliance of the Foundation, overseeing accounting, budgeting and compliance functions, providing fiduciary oversight for the foundation’s assets, offering strategic direction and partnership for new initiatives, and ensuring all financial operations conformed to legal, regulatory and business norms. Prior to that, she had over 25 years of financial leadership experience for organizations such as Union Bank and Charles Schwab.

In addition to her professional roles, Liz has served on the Board of two local nonprofits, Live Oak School and Frameline. She earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and maintains active status as a Certified Public Accountant.

“I am delighted that Liz has joined our Opportunity Fund team. Liz brings a rare combination and long-term experience in financial services with over 20 years at Charles Schwab and Union

Bank and, for the past four years, as CFO for the Aids Foundation. Liz is the perfect fit for our organization as we grow towards meeting the big goals laid out in our strategic plan,” said CEO Luz Urrutia.

With deep gratitude for her years of service during a time of tremendous growth in our capitalization efforts, Opportunity Fund bids farewell to Ana Thompson who served as EVP and CFO for the past three years. During her tenure, Ana led the organization’s Finance team through a period of tremendous growth.

“Ana’s contributions to Opportunity Fund have been tremendous. From capital raising, to building our capacity and the accounting team, to launching a new Impact Investor note, she has left an incredible mark on this organization we all love so dearly, said CEO Luz Urrutia.

Opportunity Fund was extremely fortunate to have Ana as part of the team. The organization thanks Ana for her remarkable service and wishes her much success on her next endeavor.

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### **About Opportunity Fund**

Opportunity Fund, the nation’s leading nonprofit small business lender, believes that small amounts of money and financial advice helps people make permanent and lasting change in their own lives, driving economic mobility and stronger communities. Opportunity Fund’s community of donors and investors helps to fund small businesses and build vibrant neighborhoods. Our strategy combines microloans for small business owners and new markets tax credit investments in high-impact infrastructure projects that provide critical medical, housing, and education services that create jobs underserved communities. Since 1994, the team has deployed over \$700 million and helped thousands of families earn, save and invest in their own futures.

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