



CETF Introduces New Chief Management Officer To Surpass Goals And Lead 3-Year Strategic Vision

*Anne O Brings Diverse Span of Experience
In Public-Private Partnerships*

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Los Angeles and Bay Area — This week the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) announced the appointment of Anne Minh O as Chief Management Officer. CETF is the only statewide non-profit focused on closing the Digital Divide and achieving Digital Equity and is in its 15th year of advancing this mission. After serving Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff as Chief of Staff, Ms. O now joins CETF to assist in pursuing strategic policies and decisions given the significant amount of California State and federal funding that has been approved for investments in broadband deployment and adoption.

Ms. O's experience regularly required convening and leading strategic roundtables with community stakeholders and policy makers to address community concerns in various areas. Prior to her roles in Contra Costa County, Ms. O worked closely with 21 cities and workforce development boards from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to market regional assets and work towards building a comprehensive economic development strategy through the mission of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

The decision for the new position was made as the CETF Board of Directors are preparing a 3-Year Strategic Plan Framework to underscore why access to affordable home Internet, computing devices and digital skills training is a 21st Century civil right necessary to provide equal opportunity for all.

Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff said, "Anne has served Contra Costa County and the residents of District 4 with integrity and dedication for 6 years. I was honored to have her as my Chief of Staff and am proud of the extraordinary work she accomplished". Adding, "I know that the staff at California Emerging Technology Fund will find her to be an invaluable part of their team just as we have."

East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Director Stephen Baiter, applauded Ms. O's appointment saying, "Anne O brings incredible commitment, passion, and wisdom around helping ensure that all Californians can unlock opportunities that are only possible with broadband connectivity. Her background and experience are tremendous assets to CETF as it deepens and expands its work to close the digital divide in our state's most under-resourced communities."

CETF President and CEO Sunne Wright McPeak says Ms. O joining CETF comes at a unique time in the history of the organization and the Board of Directors are, “very excited to welcome Anne O to the CETF Team. Given Anne brings vast experience in administrative management and program implementation, her accomplishments in Contra Costa County in working with Supervisor Karen Mitchoff will help all counties statewide accelerate progress in closing the Digital Divide and achieving Digital Equity.”

Anne O says she is, “thrilled to join CETF and the incredibly talented team, under the dynamic leadership of Sunne Wright McPeak and the Board of Directors. It feels like a natural continuum from work in Contra Costa County.”

About California Emerging Technology Fund

CETF is a statewide non-profit foundation with the mission to close the Digital Divide in California. CETF provides grants to non-profit community-based organizations (CBOs) to assist low-income households adopt broadband and become digitally proficient, leads and manages School2Home to successfully integrate technology into teaching and learning with deep parent engagement to close the Achievement Gap in middle schools in low-income neighborhoods, and promotes Digital Inclusion in public policy to achieve Digital Equity.