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**California Emerging Technology Fund  
CETF Introduces Senior Vice President to Enhance Revenue Diversification**

**California – July 11, 2025.** The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) announced this week the appointment of Kat Zigmont as Senior Vice President. The mission of CETF is to close the Digital Divide, promote Digital Inclusion, and achieve Digital Equity by accelerating broadband Deployment and Adoption. Ms. Zigmont joins CETF to assist in pursuing strategic partnerships with the State of California and to expand revenue streams from foundations and donor-advised funds.

Ms. Zigmont brings 15 years of experience from the World Institute on Disability (WID) where she was the Chief Operating Officer and led cross-sector collaborations, promoted disability access, ensured technology equity, and exercised organizational leadership. During her tenure at WID, she successfully engaged industry leaders and community-based organizations to develop innovative programs and consulting services aimed at enhancing technology access as a fundamental aspect of disability rights. Her leadership and commitment resulted in measurable outcomes, shaped by comprehensive research and the voices of those with lived experiences. Ms. Zigmont also served 2 years in the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan focused on economic development. She is a graduate of Florida State University with studies in political science, sociology, anthropology, and business

As she transitions to her new role at CETF, Ms. Zigmont will leverage her extensive expertise in non-profit operations and program development. Her focus will remain on developing data-driven, community-centered programs and services that further the CETF mission of equitable technology access for all.

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**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, and 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. Through collaborative efforts with government, industry, and community partners, CETF works to create inclusive digital ecosystems that empower individuals and communities to thrive in the Digital Age. For more information, please visit [www.cetfund.org](http://www.cetfund.org).