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Community is at the heart of our work, so we're thrilled to introduce more community members to new models of investing in social change. We'll share how we've combined ideas from several different industries to reinvent how we can support this region. But **I promise to keep the speeches to a minimum!**

Our borrower LuckyBolt is providing the catering, and you will be hooked on their delicious, locally-sourced food.

Hope to see you **May 1 at the Point in Mission Bay**,

Lauren

[RSVP for the party](#)



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## Inner City Capital Connections with Kaiser Permanente

**Do you know an inner-city small business** that could benefit from executive education and training? We're partnering with Kaiser Permanente to get the word out about ICCC: a national program to grow urban small businesses and create new quality jobs in our inner-city neighborhoods. The San Diego **kickoff breakfast is April 25, 7:30-9:30 AM.**

[Click here to learn more.](#)



## Opportunity Zones

An interesting piece of legislation included in 2017's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is the Opportunity Zones. This change in the Federal tax code could create a wave of investment in critically low-income communities, but could also displace marginalized communities if not approached thoughtfully. California's zones got approved last week. [Read on for our takeaways.](#)



## New office in Old Town

We're deeply grateful to Alliance Healthcare Foundation for helping us grow in their office, and to SD Grantmakers & The California Endowment for putting up with extra roommates. With a full-sized team, we needed a full-sized office and are happy to now be near many borrowers and community partners. Visit us at [2247 San Diego Ave #130.](#)

## Meet the Team

Our team has grown from three to seven people in a few short months! Get to know who's working behind the scenes to make magic happen.



### Louie Nguyen, CFA Chief Investment Officer

Louie was born in Vietnam and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma with his family when he was 7. He earned his Masters in International Business from the esteemed Darla Moore School at the University of South Carolina. He has worked in the investment space for over 20 years, including Brandes Investment Partners, Needelman Asset Management, Soledad Investment Management, and personally investing in companies in Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Louie is combining his professional acumen with his deep personal compassion** to build new models of investing in social change. He is enthusiastic about supporting refugees, arts and culture, his 1973 vintage VW Karmann Ghia, and his two mischievous little girls. He serves on the board of the Del Mar Education Foundation and the Investment Committee of the Mingei Museum. Reach out to him at [louie@missiondrivenfinance.com](mailto:louie@missiondrivenfinance.com) with any questions!



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