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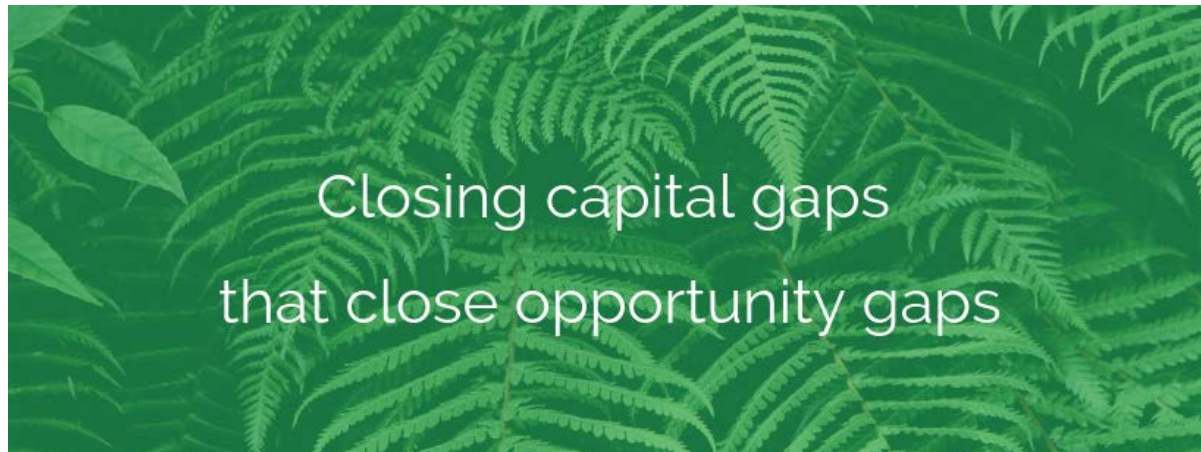
With the addition of two new impact-aligned borrowers this month, our portfolio has grown to **nine investments**, and a total of **\$3,000,000** of assets into the community.

This milestone wouldn't be possible without you.

All but one of our borrowers were referred to Mission Driven Finance! Do you know a tenacious small business or nonprofit in San Diego County that needs financing to grow? [See what we look for in our borrowers](#) and how you can connect them.

If you're interested in [learning more about impact investing](#) in our funds, [contact Heather Burke](#).

We also want to thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey earlier this month. Your input ensures we tell you about the issues that matter most to you!



Meet our new borrowers

[CareCar](#) is a health & technology company that enables non-emergency medical transportation services. They partner with managed care organizations to manage the transportation benefits for Medicare & Medicaid beneficiaries. Based in Newport Beach, they provide healthcare transportation services to vulnerable populations in California, North Carolina, and Florida. Our investment supports their growth and planned expansion to San Diego and Imperial Counties.

[Village News](#) is a Fallbrook, CA-based newspaper publisher that has been a respected voice of the community since 1988. As the last remaining source of journalism for primarily unincorporated communities, Village News serves as a critical connection between local nonprofits, governments, schools, businesses, and residents. After overcoming a string of bad luck including wildfires and flooding, Village News is ready to invest in more sales people to expand their reach in the community.

[See our full portfolio of borrowers here.](#)



Why we're optimistic about San Diego Opportunity Zones

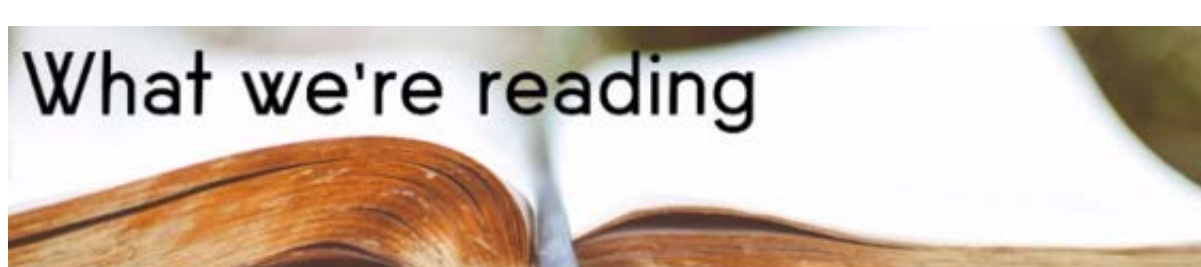
Opportunity Zones, a piece of legislation that was quietly tucked into 2017's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act legislation, has the stated purpose of incentivizing investments into critically underinvested areas of the country.

It also risks bringing the greatest wave of gentrification and displacement we've ever seen.

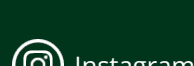
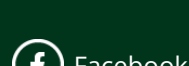
But we're optimistic about San Diego.

At the annual [Women of Color Roar](#) breakfast, we witnessed a striking change in local leadership, including those representing Opportunity Zones. This new batch of elected officials has the potential to truly **understand their constituents at a deep, human level**, and affect community plans, zoning regulations, and government pressure on banks and investors.

Read more about our hopes for San Diego Opportunity Zones on our [blog](#).



- [Sick and tired: how racism isn't just a social disease it's a physical one](#) [Pillpack]
- [How foundations can help Opportunity Zone communities succeed](#) [SSIR]
- [The backlash to Larry Fink's letter shows how far business has to go on social responsibility](#) [Harvard Business Review]
- [Program helps put skilled immigrants in the San Diego workforce](#) [SD Union-Tribune]
- [After decades of suburban sprawl, San Diego eyes big shift to dense development](#) [LA Times]



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