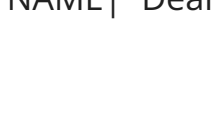


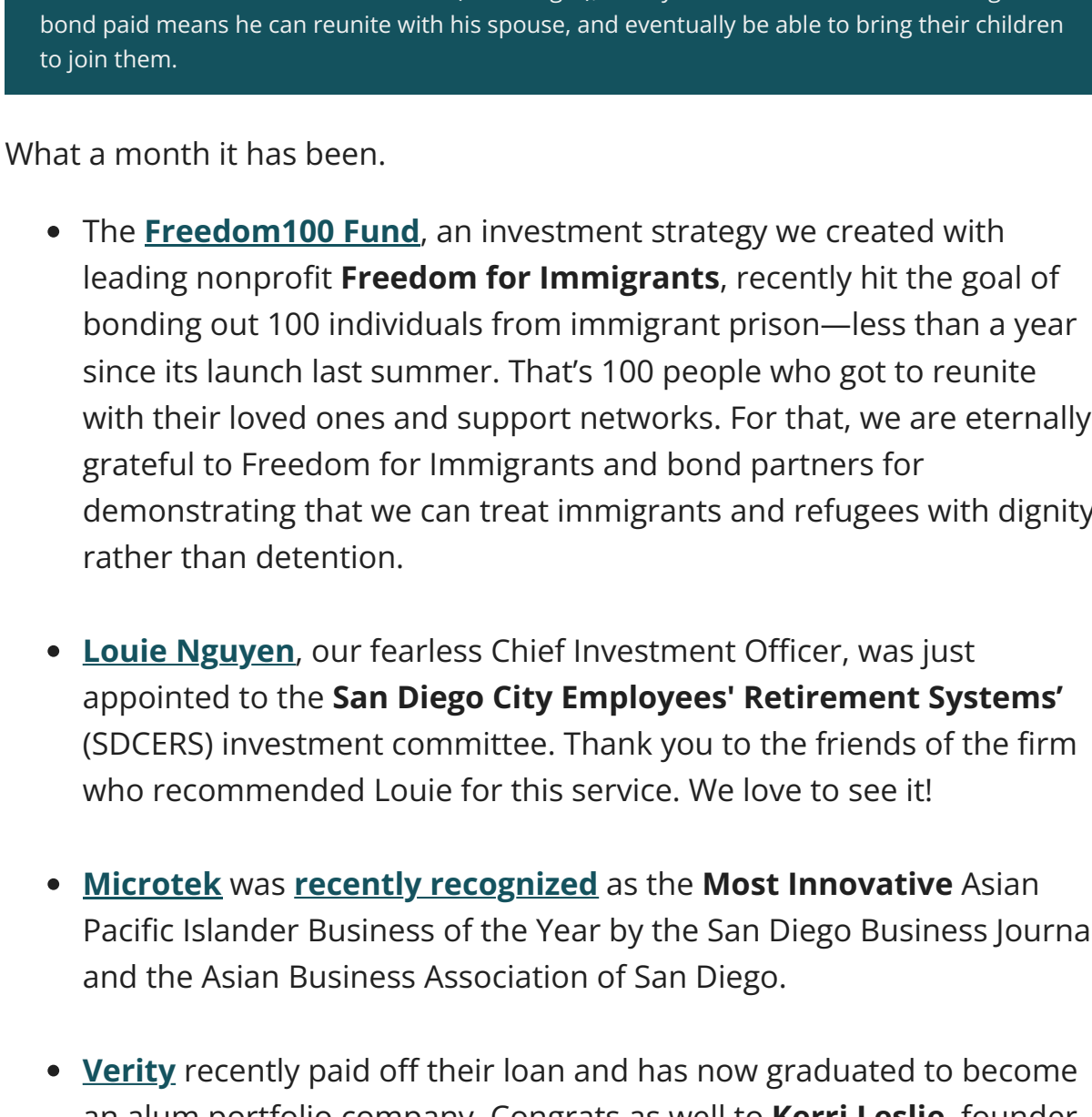
Community Updates



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We're nearly halfway through 2021. This week marks one year since the murder of George Floyd and 100 years since the Tulsa Race Massacre. I don't know about you, but my perception of time is completely arbitrary now.

One thing that helps me make sense of the passing of time is slowing down and reflecting in these community updates. I hope you get to take a breath and reflect on a truly transformative period in our collective history too.



The **Freedom100 Fund** has helped secure the freedom of 100 immigrants from detention. The 100th individual bonded out was Ariel (above right), an asylum seeker from Cuba. Having his bond paid means he can reunite with his spouse, and eventually be able to bring their children to join them.

What a month it has been.

- The **Freedom100 Fund**, an investment strategy we created with leading nonprofit **Freedom for Immigrants**, recently hit the goal of bonding out 100 individuals from immigrant prison—less than a year since its launch last summer. That's 100 people who got to reunite with their loved ones and support networks. For that, we are eternally grateful to Freedom for Immigrants and bond partners for demonstrating that we can treat immigrants and refugees with dignity rather than detention.
- **Louie Nguyen**, our fearless Chief Investment Officer, was just appointed to the **San Diego City Employees' Retirement Systems'** (SDCERS) investment committee. Thank you to the friends of the firm who recommended Louie for this service. We love to see it!
- **Microtek** was **recently recognized** as the **Most Innovative** Asian Pacific Islander Business of the Year by the San Diego Business Journal and the Asian Business Association of San Diego.
- **Verity** recently paid off their loan and has now graduated to become an alum portfolio company. Congrats as well to **Kerri Leslie**, founder and CEO of Verity, who got to pitch in front of angel investors at the final round of the **San Diego Angel Conference** and received \$75,000+ in funding.
- **Orianna Bretschger**, co-founder and CEO of another portfolio company, **Aquacycl**, is one of only three finalists for the **Cartier Women's Initiative's** new **Science and Technology Pioneer Award**. Being invited to join this 2021 cohort of impact entrepreneurs means Orianna and Aquacycl will have access to prize money, tailored personal business training, collective workshops, media visibility, and international networking opportunities.

Microtek, Verity, and Aquacycl are all addressing health and environmental outcomes—some of the most pressing issues of our time, *and* feature leadership consisting of women and people of color. These reasons and their tenacity make us proud and grateful to support them on their roads to greater success.

If you know of companies in Southern California and across the U.S. with a social impact mission looking for working capital, please **put them in touch**.

Stay well and take care of each other,

Lauren Grattan
Co-Founder & Chief Community Officer

We're Hiring!

The financial systems, structures, and policies in America have both intentionally and unintentionally restricted access to capital and opportunity. The result is significant wealth inequality that hinders social mobility, dampens economic growth, and fosters conditions for political instability.

We are looking for a **senior staff accountant** who can help us change that. If you or someone you know can help us build a better world, **learn more here**.

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The People on the Move program serves **organizations across the United States** that better the lives of immigrants, refugees, low-income economic migrants, and survivors of trafficking.

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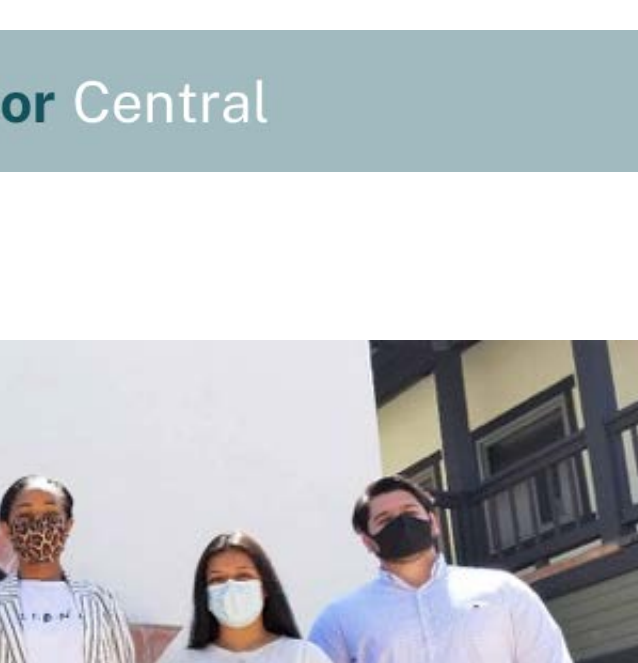
- **See slides from our info session**
- **Watch the info session**
- **Learn more about People on the Move**
- **ImpactAlpha mention**

Learn More and Next Steps

Share This Program with Organizations Across the U.S.

COVID-19 loans for nonprofits in San Diego County

Interest-free nonprofit loans are still available. Please share with nonprofit leaders in San Diego County!



Explore San Diego County Nonprofit Loans

Know a small business or nonprofit doing great work but could use additional capital to have an even greater impact? ↴

Refer a Borrower

Investor Central

Updates

Thursday, May 27
Strategic Investments in Small Business to Sustain Resilient Communities

In this Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties webinar, Lauren joins friends from **Founders First Capital Partners** and **Mission Edge** to share what it looks like to meaningfully support small businesses, especially those with diverse founders.

Sign Up

Tuesday, June 1
Collective Impact: Mobilizing Knowledge, People, and Capital at Planetary Scale

Join Lauren for this essential conversation exploring how to mobilize knowledge, people and capital at the speed and scale necessary through the development of global, distributed digital infrastructure.

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Wednesday, June 2
Transformative 25 Funds: Creative Financing Webinar

Learn from David and other fund managers how creative financing strategies create opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses.

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Credit Sips:
From Inclusive Theory to Inclusive Impact Investing

Thursday, June 10
Credit Sips: From Inclusive Theory to Inclusive Impact Investing

Join Lauren for a dynamic conversation with practitioners using impact investing tools to build an inclusive financial system by centering communities.

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What We're Reading

MDF in the headlines:

- **Essence Rodriguez (from cohort 1 of the Community Finance Fellowship)—Changing the face of finance** [The San Diego Foundation]
- **Chief Investment Officer Louie Nguyen appointed by Mayor Todd Gloria to San Diego City Employees' Retirement System Board** [Facebook]
- **How Black-owned businesses can make the most out of the Biden infrastructure plan** [The Brookings Institution]
- **How Usable Capital Will Unleash Black Business Growth** [Path to 15 | 15]
- **Philanthropy Now podcast: Multiplying grantmaking power with impact investing** [Silicon Valley Community Foundation]
- **Interview with David Lynn, CEO and Co-Founder of Mission Driven Finance** [Integrated Capital Investing]

Updates from our portfolio:

- **Aquacycl's Orianna Bretschger is one of 24 finalists named for The 2021 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards** [Forbes]
- **New Children's Museum Reopens After Being Closed for More Than a Year Due to COVID** [NBC 7 San Diego]
- **Organizations Partner To Plant Trees For Arbor Day** [Fox 5 San Diego]
- **Conrad Prebys Foundation Awards \$500,000 Grant to Support Department of Music's Community Outreach** [UC San Diego News Center]
- **County task force tackles San Diego River Park plan** [The San Diego Union-Tribune]
- **Celebrating May as Foster Care Awareness Month** [CBS8]
- **Man in cartoon bear costume walking 500 miles for San Diego autism charity** [The San Diego Union-Tribune]
- **ICE subverting Biden's priorities for detention and deportation** [The Intercept]
- **San Diego County's Gang Injunctions Are Gone, But Neighborhood Scars Remain** [KPBS]
- **San Diego River Park Foundation holding River Days to keep the county clean** [CBS8]

What else we're reading:

- **Businesses In San Diego's Majority White Communities Received By Far The Most PPP Loans** [KPBS]
- **Employee ownership and why it might be a good fit for your business** [San Diego Regional EDC]
- **Opinion: Impact Investing Can Help Underserved California Communities Emerge from COVID** [Times of San Diego]
- **San Diego County's decision to dedicate \$5 million to immigrant defense a win for all, analysts say** [Border Report]
- **Childcare crisis: The pandemic's ripple effect on California's working moms** [CBS8]
- **Economic Engagement of Mothers: Entrepreneurship, Employment, and the Motherhood Wage Penalty** [The Kauffman Foundation]
- **Black Women Are More Likely to Start a Business than White Men** [Harvard Business Review]
- **Less-educated Asian Americans among hardest hit by job losses during pandemic** [Yahoo Finance]
- **We all lose unless we grow** [Impact Engine]
- **On The Virtue of Weeds** [Flux Hawaii]
- **For Social Business to Become the Norm, We Need to Build a Social Business Infrastructure** [Stanford Social Innovation Review]
- **CVS Health launches \$100M venture fund to provide investment, expertise to digital health startups** [Fierce Biotech]
- **Why the Myth of Meritocracy Hurts Kids of Color** [The Atlantic]
- **What is Social Justice Investing?** [Adasina Social Capital]
- **Ending White Supremacy Culture: Honoring the Labor that Got Us Here** [Living Cities]
- **The 'Not Here' Syndrome—Racism denial, workplace inequity, and the futility of speaking out.** [Stanford Social Innovation Review]

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