

Kristine Michie Candidate Statement

Small businesses are the heart of the US economy and a key wealth creator.

People who are disadvantaged should have equal access to the American Dream and the capital that fuels it.

But they don't.

CDFIs fills that gap.

We provide social and financial capital for those who need it most – those locked out of traditional sources of financing.

In so doing, we create lasting paths out of poverty.

Transforming lives – and entire communities.

Creating an economy that works for all.

Let's make sure CDFIs and mission-based lending is no longer the best-kept secret in the financial services industry. Let's make sure small business owners know to *come to us first* before taking on usurious and burdensome debt from payday lenders or fin-tech profiteers. Let's make 2020 the year responsible lending breaks through the noise and the clutter to tell our story. Let's close the racial wealth gap, let's provide not just jobs, but good jobs, and let's truly rebuild America one Main Street at a time. In fact, that's already happening, let's be the partner that funds it, the source that fuels it.

Last year I helped raise \$5.7 million for DreamSpring, tapping into aligned partners and resources, people eager invest in those who dream the American Dream. I'm ready to do that for OFN and with all of you.

Let's get started!

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