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## CDFA Welcomes New Board of Directors Members —Distinguished Development Finance Leaders Join CDFA's Board of Directors—

Dublin, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the new **CDFA Board of Directors** members, Kayla Gross, Abigail McKnight, and Rebecca Sullivan.

"We are delighted to welcome our new board members who will bring diverse expertise and insight to the work of CDFA," said **Toby Rittner, DFCP, President & CEO of CDFA**.

**Kayla Gross, Principal at CohnReznick LLP**, specializes in real estate finance and community development with a concentration in historic tax credits, New Markets Tax Credits, and renewable energy tax credits. She provides transactional advisory and consulting services to real estate developers, CDEs, lenders, investors, and syndicators nationwide. She assists her clients in transaction structuring, financial projections, and transaction negotiations and has closed hundreds of tax credit transactions throughout the country. Ms. Gross regularly presents at conferences and workshops on various tax credit programs. Before joining CohnReznick, she was a senior financial analyst for a large, privately held corporation.

**Abigail McKnight, Program Manager at the Maryland Department of Commerce**, is responsible for the administration of Commerce's tax incentive programs. Prior to her appointment in 2018, Ms. McKnight worked as a Corporate Income Tax Auditor for the Comptroller of Maryland and worked in the private sector as a tax consultant for a national accounting firm. She has over 18 years of experience in tax programs. She graduated from Towson University with a B.S. in Economics and Accounting.

**Rebecca Sullivan, Senior Vice President of MassDevelopment**, manages the Investment Banking division of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency. Rebecca specializes in tax-exempt bond financing and manages MassDevelopment's public infrastructure, university, hospital, secondary school, charter school, not-for-profit, manufacturing, and energy financings. Since joining the Agency, she has closed hundreds of transactions totaling over \$10 billion in tax-exempt bonds. Prior to joining MassDevelopment in 2001, she worked at Fleet Securities and BankBoston as an investment banker and at BankBoston and BayBank as a short-term tax-exempt trader and underwriter. Ms. Sullivan currently serves on the Boards of Boston Women in Public Finance (President) and the Scandinavian Charitable Society and Chairs the CREW Boston Women in Government Committee. She holds an M.S.F. from Boston College, and a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Their expertise, insights, and passion will be invaluable as we work together to support communities through innovative development finance solutions. Board members play a vital role in guiding CDFA's strategic vision, shaping policy, and strengthening our impact across the country. We look forward to your contributions and dedication.

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