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Inland Empire Community Foundation Names Abigail Proff as New Chief Impact Officer

Proff will oversee the Foundation's grantmaking, community partnerships and regional priorities to support thriving nonprofits and stronger communities across the Inland Empire

Riverside, CA – The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Abigail Proff, MPH** as its new **Chief Impact Officer (CFO)**. Proff steps into this key leadership role as longtime **CIO Celia Cudiamat** retires after 21 years of dedicated service.

“Over the coming months, I’m excited to connect Abigail to our community. She brings experience in housing, homelessness, and public health, but the magic happens when she is connected to our fundholders and nonprofits,” said **Michelle Decker, President and CEO of IECF**. “Celia excelled in keeping our nonprofit partners at the center of our grantmaking, and we will continue that tradition with Abigail. We are deeply grateful for Celia’s years of leadership and service, and for the lasting legacy she leaves, grounded in trust, equity, and a steadfast commitment to the people of the Inland Empire.”



Proff brings more than a decade of experience leading large-scale community investment strategies at the intersection of public health, equity, and systems change. A USC-trained public health professional with a master’s degree in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, she began her career managing grants across behavioral health, housing, and HIV prevention before rising to senior leadership roles in some of Southern California's most complex funding environments.

Most recently, Proff served as Director of Funding, Procurement and Allocations at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, where she oversaw an \$800 million community investment portfolio

spanning local, state, and federal sources. In that role, she directed the full grantmaking lifecycle for more than 100 community-based providers, designed equitable allocation frameworks, and served as a primary liaison to LA County leadership and governing bodies.

“What excites me most about joining IECF is that it’s deeply rooted in the community it serves. I’m inspired by the strength of its partnerships and the range of its grantmaking across the region, and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to meaningful systems change,” Proff said. “Leveraging my experience in both the nonprofit and government sectors, I hope to help connect community voice with the resources and solutions that can create lasting impact. On a personal level, I am also excited to be part of strengthening the future of the Inland Empire, a place where my son, my nieces, and my nephews—together with individuals and families across the region—can grow, thrive, and find opportunity in the communities they call home.”

As CIO, Proff will be responsible for delivering the Foundation’s long-term community impact strategy, leading grantmaking, scholarship and grant administration, and public/private funding initiatives. In this role, Proff will also ensure that community voice—especially from those most affected by racial, gender, and economic inequities—shapes the development and implementation of the Foundation’s strategies. She will also lead efforts to strengthen regional networks and coalitions to improve the Inland Empire’s ability to garner resources and act collectively for change.

Proff holds a BS in Biological Sciences and a BA in Spanish from UC Irvine, and her research has been published and presented at the American Public Health Association's annual conference.

About the Inland Empire Community Foundation

Founded in 1941, the Inland Empire Community Foundation is the oldest and largest community foundation in Inland Southern California. We partner with individuals, families and corporations to build a culture of philanthropy. Over the past 25 years, we have given out over \$225 million in grants and scholarships. For more information visit the IECF’s website at www.iegives.org. Be a part of our conversation on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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