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**President/CEO - Opportunity Resource Fund**  
**Board Chair – Detroit CDFI Coalition**  
**OFN Board Candidate Statement**



Hello OFN Members,

Thank you for reading my OFN Board Candidate Statement. I sincerely hope when you’ve had a moment to get to know me, review my qualifications, and learn my personal core values, you will be comfortable in voting for me to join the wonderful Board of Opportunity Finance Network.

I am serving three important roles: CEO of Opportunity Resource Fund (OFN Member in good standing), Public Interest Director of Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, and Board Chair of the Detroit Coalition of CDFIs, which uniquely qualify me for an OFN Board seat. I am term limited on FHLB-Indianapolis Board so will have time and energy to pursue new opportunities. I’d like to share my skills and experience with OFN as the organization searches for a new CEO, continues to shine in the afterglow of the “Year of the CDFI” and charts the next course for us as an industry.

I am highly qualified and meet each of the priorities identified for the OFN Board.

✓	I strongly support OFN’s mission and core purpose.
✓	My 30+ year career clearly demonstrates a deep commitment to the core values of excellence and justice - and demonstrated commitment to performance as key to achieving coverage, growth, and innovation in the industry – things I share with OFN.
✓	Represent ethnic, racial, and gender diversity that reflects the geographic reach and intended outcomes of its members.
✓	I have a demonstrated ability to balance the interests of the CDFI industry with the interests of the CDFI I serve – check out the work I’ve done with my colleagues on the Board of the Detroit Coalition of CDFIs.
✓	The Detroit CDFI Coalition has members of all CDFI types, including Community Development Credit Unions and Community Development Banks, large and small balance sheets, and my work with the FHLB-system have given me a “macro-level” perspective in public policy, economics, and financial markets.
✓	I am willing and have the time and experience to be an active ambassador for OFN and its strategy to external allies and members, and I am not afraid of digging in with the often-substantial work necessary to understand and embrace the strategy and its components.

I am committed to OFNs mission - ensuring CDFIs and our partners provide dignified access to affordable capital to low-income, low-wealth, and underserved communities. I embrace OFN’s core purpose of aligning capital with social, economic, and political justice.

## A brief bit about each of my three current roles.

### OPPORTUNITY RESOURCE FUND

Honored to serve as the President and CEO of Opportunity Resource Fund (OppFund), a state-wide CDFI in beautiful Michigan. We are a growing CDFI providing TA and loans for small businesses, for real estate development and individual homeownership endeavors. OppFund basically provides Equitable, Just, and Respectful access to capital. I am so grateful for the 30+ years I have spent with this incredible CDFI. The best part is making such a great difference in the lives of so many, and a close second is we have never lost a single dollar of our investors' capital – in 35+ years!!!

### DETROIT CDFI COALITION

One of the founding members (2014 and thanks OFN!) and current Board Chair of the Detroit CDFI Coalition. This is a collaborative group of CDFIs and Detroit stakeholders working together to strategically expand CDFI investing, along with lending and banking services throughout Detroit. The Coalition's mission is to promote community development, stimulate growth, promote local employment, and revitalize strong and healthy neighborhoods that are good places to live, work, shop and play.

I have extensive experience in strategic thinking, collaborative representation and consensus building and have contributed to many endeavors throughout my life and career, including public service as an elected official (and mayor pro tem) of a small mid-western city, participation in five global village builds with Habitat for Humanity International, and the work described above.

Thank you - for reading my candidate statement! We as an industry are fortunate to have a strong slate of great candidates willing and able to serve on OFN's board and you have the difficult decision of determining how you will use your votes. Always happy to answer any questions you may have, discuss national policy, the state of community development finance, or just have a virtual coffee together.

PLEASE USE ONE OF YOUR VOTES FOR ME!  
THANK YOU!

### FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS

Presidential Appointment in 2008 to the Board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, a \$60+ billion regional wholesale bank that has been meeting the liquidity needs of member financial institutions throughout Indiana and Michigan since 1932, as an Independent Public Interest Director. Successfully re-elected and now in my final term on the Board. I chair the Bank's Succession Planning Subcommittee, am the former chair of the Compensation Committee, and have served on the Affordable Housing, Budget/IT, Audit, and Executive Governance Committees. I served on the search committee when we appointed the current CEO in 2013, and on the system-wide Diversity Taskforce, helping to uncover ways to bring much-needed diversity and inclusion on the Boards of all Banks in the system.

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