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ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc. Announces 2024 Board Appointments

Atlanta, Georgia, January 12, 2024 – ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs announced today changes to its board of directors. The announcement was made by Grace Fricks, president and CEO of ACE, which is the only community development financial institution (CDFI) serving small businesses in Metro Atlanta and North and South Georgia. ACE has a 20+ year history of helping underserved entrepreneurs expand their businesses through capital, coaching, and connections.

"I am very excited to work with our dedicated board of directors this year and to welcome our newly appointed board members," says Fricks. "ACE is fortunate to have the opportunity to leverage the talents, resources, and passion of our new board members as trusted advisors. We are truly grafeful to be able to benefit from their commitment to the growth of sustainable businesses in Georgia," she continued. "I look forward to collaborating with each one to advance ACE's mission to support the local business community."

The new board members, who began their roles on January 1, 2024, are:

- Rep. Marvin Lim, JD District 98, Georgia House of Representatives
- Stephanie Martin, MAcc, Chief Financial Officer, Georgia Chamber of Commerce
- Carlos Mata, MBA Producing Branch Manager, GuaranteedRate

Click <u>here</u> to read the biographies of all board members.

In addition to the announcement welcoming our new board members, we also extend a heartfelt farewell and sincere thank you to ACE's outgoing board member: Grace Webster, Investment Advisor with McKinsey & Company. She has provided many years of service and will always remain a friend of ACE.

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ACE | About Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc.

ACE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and community development financial institution (CDFI) that provides loans and business development resources to help its borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses. ACE is the resource of choice for those who are typically not financed fully by traditional lenders. Since 2000, ACE has loaned more than \$200 million to 2,600+ entrepreneurs, who have created or saved more than 21,000 jobs

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in Georgia. With a focus on underserved people and places, ACE connects small businesses owned by women, people of color and low to moderate income entrepreneurs in more than 100 counties throughout North Georgia, metro Atlanta and South Georgia with capital and coaching to sustain their businesses, retain their employees, and thereby support their local communities. ACE is supported by grants and other forms of funding from banks, foundations, government entities and corporations to assist in its mission to help underserved business owners. For more information, visit https://aceloans.org/.