Growing Justice Fund Names Elizabeth J. Reynoso as its First Managing Director

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, September 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Growing Justice Fund (GJF) is proud to announce Elizabeth J. Reynoso as its first Managing Director. In this founding role, Reynoso will lead the Fund's strategy and operations, working in close partnership with GJF's Advisory Committee, grantee partners, and the broader food justice movement to advance practitioner-led grantmaking and investments in community-led initiatives across the food chain supporting values-based good food purchasing.

> Elizabeth brings deep fluency in food systems work at the community level, and the institutional experience to build accountable, practitioner-led infrastructure our grantee partners deserve."
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> — *Growing Justice Fund Advisory Committee*

Reynoso brings more than two decades of experience spanning government, philanthropy, and national systems-change work, with a career-long focus on food policy, economic opportunity, and community-led governance. At Living Cities, a member collaborative of leading philanthropic and financial institutions, Elizabeth led an initiative for public servants and leaders dedicated to changing policies, practices and processes to address wealth disparities through procurement and other governmental systems.

"Food systems work is inseparable from questions of land, labor, culture, and community power. I'm joining the Growing Justice Fund because it's building something different: a fund that's accountable to the communities and grantee partners it exists to serve. I'm looking forward to strengthening that model and helping deepen the resources our partners need to lead this work forward." said Reynoso.

Reynoso holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Wellesley College. She serves on the boards of the Center for Good Food Purchasing and the NJ Foodshed Alliance.

About Growing Justice Fund:
The Growing Justice Fund advances a values-aligned good food purchasing strategy: helping community-serving institutions—schools, hospitals, and early childhood and elder care centers—use their large-volume buying power to become anchor markets for locally- and regionally-owned, environmentally- and economically-sustainable farms, ranches, fisheries, and food businesses. Our resources flow to Tribal, Indigenous, Black, Latine, Pacific Islander, Asian,

immigrant, and other historically underserved producers, organizers, advocates and workers in the supply chain who have long sustained their foodways yet faced barriers to accessing institutional markets and building community wealth. The Growing Justice Fund is a fiscally sponsored project of Assets Under Movement.

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