

## CONTRACT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE EQUITABLE GROWTH FUND ("EGF") AND [PARTY OF INTEREST NAME] ("POI").

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, EGF acknowledges the following challenges faced by the African-American community in Georgia:

- a. **Economic Disparities:** Notably the, persistent income inequality, high unemployment rates, significant wealth gap, limitations in accessing credit, and the intricate link between education and available opportunities.
- b. **Social Disparities:** Including deep-rooted patterns of institutionalized racism, voter suppression, limited mental health support, and disproportionate incarceration rates.
- c. **Environmental Disparities:** Environmental racism, restricted access to green spaces, the disproportionate effects of climate change, and brownfield pollution.
- d. **Health Disparities:** Particularly healthcare access, chronic diseases, infant mortality rates, and health challenges exclusive to Black men and women.
- e. **Educational Disparities:** The educational attainment gap, digital divide, underfunding of schools in Black communities, higher education access barriers, and challenges facing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
- f. **Infrastructural Disparities:** Marked by the presence of various 'deserts', be it health service, food, credit, housing, digital, or transportation.
- g. **Governance Challenges:** Voter suppression, gerrymandering, and the need for diverse political representation.

**WHEREAS**, POI acknowledges the disparities mentioned earlier and commits to advocating for solutions consistent with subsequent acts, resolutions, and memos of understanding.

### ARTICLE 1 – ECONOMIC INDEX

*Act:* Georgia Wealth Gap Rectification Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To address historical and ongoing economic disparities, especially around housing discrimination, redlining, and restricted credit access.

*Obligation:* Ensure penalties for non-compliance are adhered to, and these new measures are incorporated into existing laws.

*Validation:* Citation of essential works underlining the significance and pertinence of the recommended strategies.

### ARTICLE 2 – SOCIAL INDEX

*Act:* Breaking Georgia's Cycle of Incarceration Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To augment mental health services for inmates and initiate extensive reentry programs.

*Obligation:* Guarantee annual reporting on measurable outcomes, such as recidivism and employment rates.

*Validation:* Reference studies that illustrate the effectiveness of community-based treatments as an alternative to incarceration.

### **ARTICLE 3 – ENVIRONMENTAL INDEX**

*Act:* Georgia Environmental Health Equity Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To address the inordinate impact of Brownfields on Black and Brown communities in Georgia.

*Obligation:* Actively seek enforcement through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, ensuring stringent penalties for those found non-compliant.

*Validation:* Engagement with relevant environmental and community agencies to continually assess and ensure proper rectification.

### **ARTICLE 4 – HEALTH INDEX**

*Act:* Georgia Mental Health Access and Social Advancement Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To bolster mental health care access for Black Georgians and address broader societal concerns.

*Obligation:* Address pertinent issues such as recidivism, homelessness, and domestic violence through enhanced mental health care accessibility.

*Validation:* Review and incorporate evidence-based practices and strategies known to improve mental health outcomes in diverse communities.

### **ARTICLE 5 – EDUCATION INDEX**

*Act:* Equity in Funding for Georgia's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To redress the funding imbalances between HBCUs and Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs).

*Obligation:* Strengthen the foundation of HBCUs, facilitate infrastructural advancements, and champion holistic development within these esteemed institutions.

*Validation:* Collaborate with academic and administrative leadership within HBCUs to ensure needs are adequately met and validated.

### **ARTICLE 6 – INFRASTRUCTURE INDEX**

*Act:* Georgia Desert Mapping and Intervention Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To identify and address areas deficient in essential services, ensuring equitable distribution and access.

*Obligation:* Establish the Office of Desert Mapping and Intervention (ODMI) to guarantee that all Georgia residents have equal access to crucial services.

*Validation:* Utilize geospatial data, community feedback, and collaboration with local agencies for effective implementation and ongoing assessment.

**ARTICLE 7 – GOVERNANCE INDEX**

*Act:* Voter Integrity and Transparency Act of 2024

*Purpose:* To sustain a vigorous democratic process by reviewing and, where necessary, overturning measures such as SB 202.

*Obligation:* Ensure timely notifications to voters and provide abundant opportunities for voters to confirm their eligibility, ensuring a transparent and fair voting process.

*Validation:* Partner with non-partisan governance and civic organizations to audit and assess the implementation of this act and its impact on voter participation and representation.

**ARTICLE 8 - CONCLUSION**

This Contract symbolizes hope and provides a pathway toward a brighter future for Black Georgians. With collaborative efforts, empathy, and foresight, we aspire to herald a period characterized by unprecedented equity, justice, and prosperity. Beyond a commitment, this Contract embodies a solemn vow to ensure justice, equity, and progress for every Black Georgian.

**EXECUTION**

By affixing their signatures below, the Parties confirm their understanding, agreement, and dedication to the terms stipulated herein:

*The Equitable Growth Fund*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Party of Interest Name]*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_