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Voqal Announces New Chief Executive Officer

Longmont, Colorado, April 27, 2021 — Voqal is pleased to announce the selection of Brenda Sears as its new chief executive officer. Brenda will take the helm at a time that requires a bold, disruptive, innovative, and unwavering commitment to social justice.

“We sought a leader who would build on Voqal’s commitment to create a just and equitable future where all people succeed and thrive. Brenda is a leader who is focused on empowering and uplifting those who work to move our mission forward,” said Voqal board member Luchelle Stevens, head of the transition committee. “Brenda brings an ability to move Voqal forward to its next level of impact. We have an extraordinary opportunity to work with her, and to work side by side with our partners, to build a people-centered democracy that works for all of us.”

Previously, Brenda served as the director of grantmaking and fellowship programs. In that role, she led with a confident belief that those closest to injustice are the closest to solutions and a courageous vision of shifting power to those who have long been denied it.

Prior to her position at Voqal, Brenda worked at several other grantmaking institutions where she envisioned, developed, and managed several multi-million-dollar funding opportunities, including one to advance equity through advocacy and community organizing.

“I am grateful to the board of directors for this incredible opportunity to serve,” said Brenda, “and I look forward to working with the people, organizations, and movements leading the way in building a more just, vibrant, sustainable, and democratic society.”

Founder of the Voqal Companies and former president, John Schwartz will remain on the board of two of the Voqal companies and will work on specific strategic projects. Former CEO Adam Miller will transition into the role of senior advisor and will help guide the next phase of the organization’s strategic growth plan.

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About Voqal

Voqal is a philanthropic organization that is committed to social equity. Using the resources provided through its EBS (Educational Broadband Service) licensees, Voqal makes grants and impact investments, expands internet access and digital equity, offers fellowships, and protects the public airwaves. Our efforts focus on the education and enrichment of all, not just those who are well-off socially, economically, and politically.