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## **Fitch Ratings Adds Several New Analysts to its U.S. Public Finance Group.**

Fitch Ratings-New York-16 August 2022: Fitch Ratings has announced the appointment of several new analysts in its U.S. Public Finance group. The new analysts will be based in different Fitch offices throughout the country covering various municipal sub-sectors.

Joining Fitch's San Francisco office are Senior Directors Pascal St. Gerard, Fitch's new Western Regional Manager, and Karen Fitzgerald, who becomes Fitch's new Sector Head for Community Development & Social Lending. St. Gerard comes to Fitch following a 13-year stint with Charles Schwab as a Senior Municipal Analyst and has also been with Moody's during his career. Fitzgerald spent over two decades with S&P Global Ratings, including time as an Analytical Leader in the U.S. Public Finance Housing and Structured Securities group.

Directors Akiko Mitsui (U.S. Education & Non-Profits) and Tammy Gamerman (U.S. State Governments) will be based in Fitch's New York office. Mitsui's 20-plus year career includes 16 years with Vanguard and prior experience with Harvard Business School and Fuji Bank. Prior to Fitch, Tammy monitored and analyzed New York City finances as the Director of Budget Research for the Office of the New York City Comptroller.

Lastly, Fitch adds to its Austin office Directors Brian Williamson (Not-for-Profit Healthcare Team) and Lauren Wynn (U.S. local government ratings group). Williamson's career includes time at S&P Global Ratings while Wynn joins Fitch from the City of Austin, where she most recently served as a manager of the city's capital improvement and bond program.

'Rating agency credit analysis and thought leadership are highly valued by market participants within U.S. public finance,' said Ann Flynn, Fitch's Global Business Development Head for Public Finance and Infrastructure. 'We're pleased to enhance our team's capabilities with these experienced analysts who will provide valued credit analysis and perspectives,' said Arlene Bohner, Fitch's Analytical Head of U.S. Public Finance.

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