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FIVE NUMBERS ABOUT ANN

500,000,000: dollars managed by Floodgate

5,000,000: dollar valuation of Lyft when made investment

12: years as a venture capitalist

.05: % rate of investment in pitches received

6: weeks postpartum when defended PhD thesis

Founded in 2006 in Silicon Valley, Floodgate is a venture capital firm focused on early stage investments in technology companies. As an early investor in Lyft, its 1.2 million shares were worth ~$114 million at Lyft’s $24 billion valuation at IPO. Other companies it has invested in include Chegg, Okta, Task Rabbit and Twitter.

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“We think of entrepreneurs as people who are born from radioactive atomic eggs. Their DNA is fundamentally different. Then they swim across the Pacific Ocean ... And you start to eat buildings and cars and trains and you shoot laser beams out of your mouth. And you are wreaking havoc on the industry that you have invaded. These thunderlizards are incredibly audacious because they aren’t here just to make a small footprint. They are here to make a large imprint, to change things fundamentally, to not just start a business but to start a movement. I am inspired every day by the thunderlizards that we get to fund and get to work with.”