





# J. Tommy Espinoza Growing Diverse Housing Developers Fellowship Convening

November 8, 2023 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM





### **Agenda**

9:00 AM Welcome & Introductions

9:30 AM Keynote Speakers & Discussion

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Program Updates from RDF

1:30 PM GDHD Fellow Project Presentations

3:00 PM Closing Remarks

6:00 PM CDFA National Summit Kickoff Reception

7:30 PM Fellowship Group Dinner





### **Welcome & Introductions**





### **Keynote Speakers & Discussion**

#### **Laura Arce**

Senior Vice President Economic Initiatives, UnidosUS

### **Paul Bradley**

President ROC USA, LLC

## HOME: A Movement for Latino Homeownership

Presented to TE GDHD Fellowship Convening Laura Arce, Senior Vice President, UnidosUS November 8, 2023 | Philadelphia, PA





### Topics

- 1. Who is UnidosUS and why is Latino homeownership an institutional priority?
- 2. What are the challenges and opportunities for increasing Latino homeownership?
- 3. How will the UnidosUS HOME Initiative transform the landscape for Latino homeownership?

### **About UnidosUS**

#### We build a stronger America by creating opportunities for Latinos.

Partnering with 282 Latino-led, Latino-serving, community-based organizations.

#### Policy | Programing | Communications



**Immigration** 



Health



Civil Rights



Political Empowerment



Housing and Financial Empowerment



Education



Workforce Development and Adult Education







### ME Why Homeownership Matters



**Primary Gateway** to Generational Wealth



**Positive** Correlation with **Opportunities** 



Goal for Many **Hispanic Families** 



**Good Public** Policy and Market **Imperative** 





Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 2021



### Challenges and Opportunities

For Increasing Hispanic Homeownership



- Limited housing inventory
- Affordability gap
- Downpayment and closing costs
- Credit scores and credit invisible
- Language and cultural competency



- The Latino population is young and represents a significant share of future homebuyers
- High labor force participation rate, entrepreneurship, and increasing education attainment
- Increasingly mortgage-ready based on credit scores, debt-to-income ratios, and credit history
- Strong desire for homeownership



### Market Validation

Despite substantial structural barriers to wealth and homeownership, Latinos continue to prioritize homeownership, and studies show that Latino households will account for the largest growth in the coming years.

Latino homeowners have **28x** the wealth of Latino renters (<u>Hispanic Wealth Project</u>).

There are nearly **8 million mortgage-ready** Latinos nationwide (<u>Freddie Mac</u>).

Over the next 20 years, **70**% of net new homeowners will be Latino (<u>Urban Institute</u>).

Latinos have increased their homeownership rate in each of the last **8 years** (NAHREP).



### Home Ownership Means Equity

**UnidosUS HOME Initiative** 

#### UNIDOSUS



### Our Goal

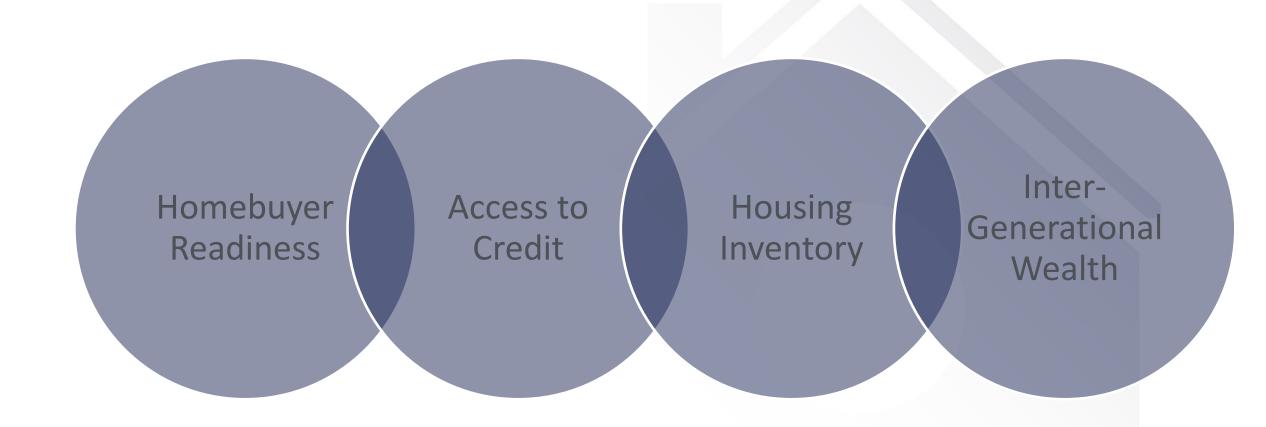


Transform the economic trajectory of Latinos through homeownership by advancing systemic change to enable the creation of 4 million new Latino homeowners by 2030.



HOME OWNERSHIP MEANS EQUITY

### Four Challenges to Address





#### Policy & Advocacy



Placed-based Strategies

4 Strategies for **Increasing Latino** Homeownership

Communications & Storytelling



Research & Insights





#### **Premio HOME**

- Premio HOME is a national competition designed to recognize innovative approaches to address the shortage of affordable homes for purchase in the U.S.
- Unrestricted grants up to \$100,000.
- Eligibility: nonprofit organizations. We encourage applications from rural, urban, and suburban communities across the US.
- Application will open by mid-November, deadline is December 15, 2023.
- Focus areas:
  - Increasing housing supply
  - Construction and design
  - Innovative ownership models
  - Climate resiliency
  - Homeownership and wellbeing



### Thank you!

For more information, please visit <a href="https://unidosus.org/homeownership/">https://unidosus.org/homeownership/</a>.

### Scaling equitable resident ownership in the U.S.

A community-based structural solution that works.

Paul Bradley, President, ROC USA



#### Our Mission:

ROC USA® supports homeowners in manufactured home communities to achieve affordable and environmentally sustainable self-governing cooperatives.

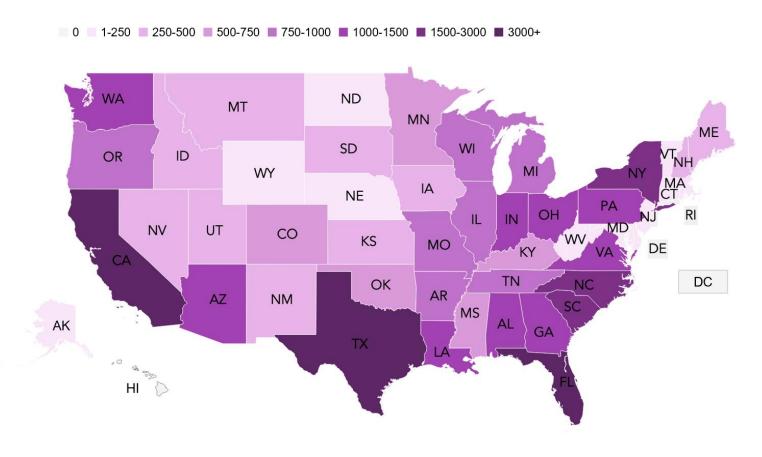


"It's like living half the American dream because you own your home but not the land..."

- Emily Gorgol, City Council, Fort Collins, Colorado



#### Manufactured home communities by state



SOURCE Department of Homeland <u>Secutiry</u> SLIDE LAST UPDATED 9/22/21 "This is one of our nation's largest sources of deeply affordable housing, and it's deeply affordable without any federal subsidy."

Esther Sullivan, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver and author of <u>Manufactured Insecurity:</u> <u>Mobile Home Parks and Americans' Tenuous Right to Place</u>

50,000 communities nationwide

3M homeowners and renters

Median incomes half of national median

Detached, modest size factory-built homes in dense neighborhoods "Mobile homes are one of the few sources of affordable housing left in the US, yet families find themselves battling rich investors who see them as financial opportunity."

Rana Foroohar, The Financial Times



#### **Vulnerabilities**

- 1. **Loss** of housing affordability
- 2. **Threats** to health and safety
- 3. Displacement





## Scale and Impact

- Nationwide pre- and post-purchase TA and community financing
- 312 ROCs in 21 states
- 21,950 home-sites
- Site-fees are \$600/year below market after 5 years of ownership
- Homes in ROCs sell faster and for more than in investor-owned MHC.
- More than \$350M financed by ROC USA Capital















We succeed when our communities succeed.









"MH-ROCs are one of the few sources of unsubsidized naturally occurring affordable housing in the country not subject to market-based rent increase."

2019, Freddie Mac, Spotlight on Underserved Markets



## What's happening?

- 1. Surge of Private Equity bidding up prices
- 2. <u>Continued consolidation</u> and loss of local ownership
- 3. ROC USA <u>prioritizing entering new markets</u> based upon appetite among resource providers for preserving and improving MHCs through community engagement and resident ownership



#### **Public / Private Partnerships:**

- San Antonio: City is helping 58 Latino homeowners acquire their community in 2 weeks.
- **Colorado**: State HFA with 2 foundations, 2 CDFIs and 2 banks participate in a \$55M low-cost debt pool for ROC acquisitions. Origination and servicing by ROC USA Capital.
- California: General fund investment to produce 3% sub-debt for ROCs.

## Paul Bradley, President pbradley@ROCUSA.org

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### **Lunch & Networking Break**





### **Program Updates From RDF**

#### **David Clower**

Executive Vice President for Strategic Investments Raza Development Fund





### **Project Presentations**

### **Carol Ornelas**

Chief Executive Officer Visionary Home Builders of California

### **Tony Reyes**

Executive Director Comite de Bien Estar

### Comite de Bien Estar Main Office



### San Luis 1988





San Luis 2019

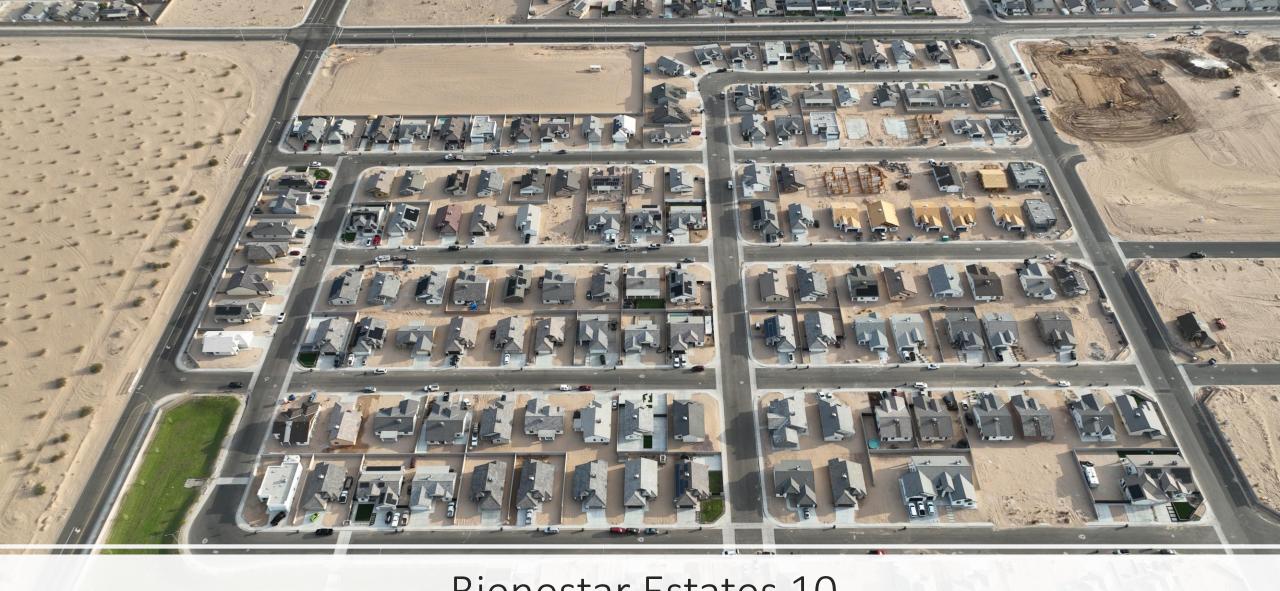


Construction Company



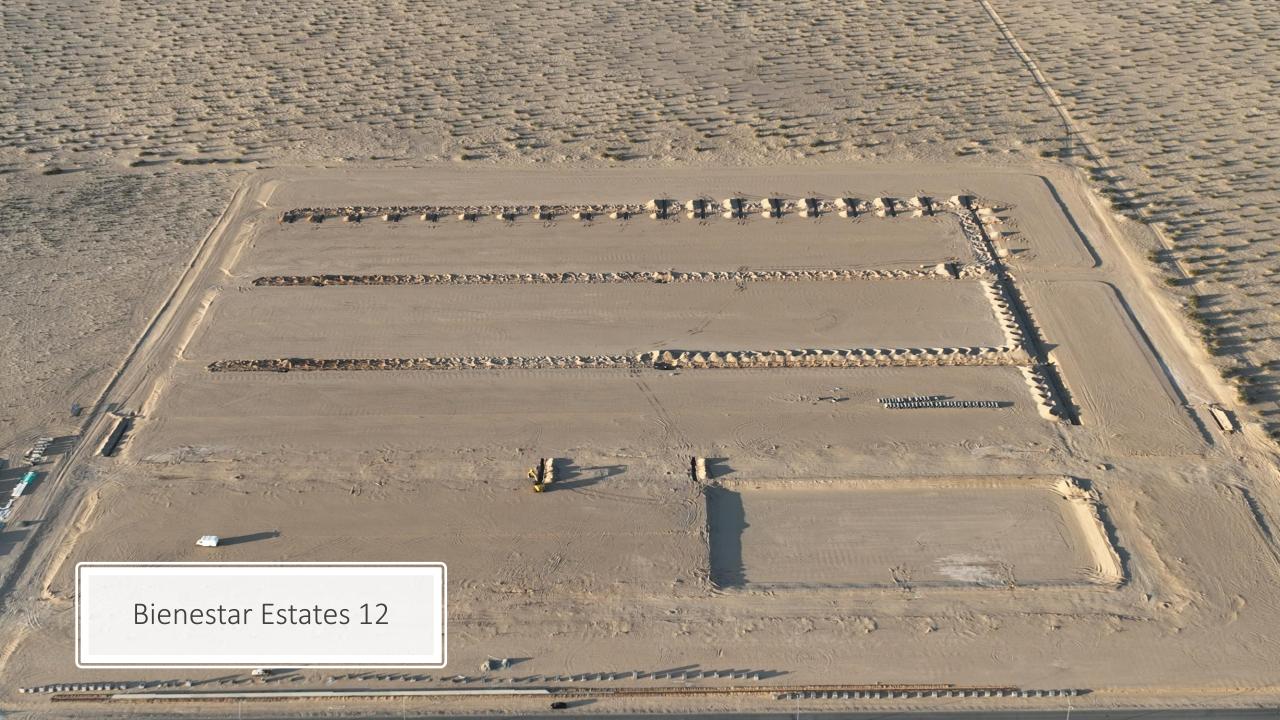
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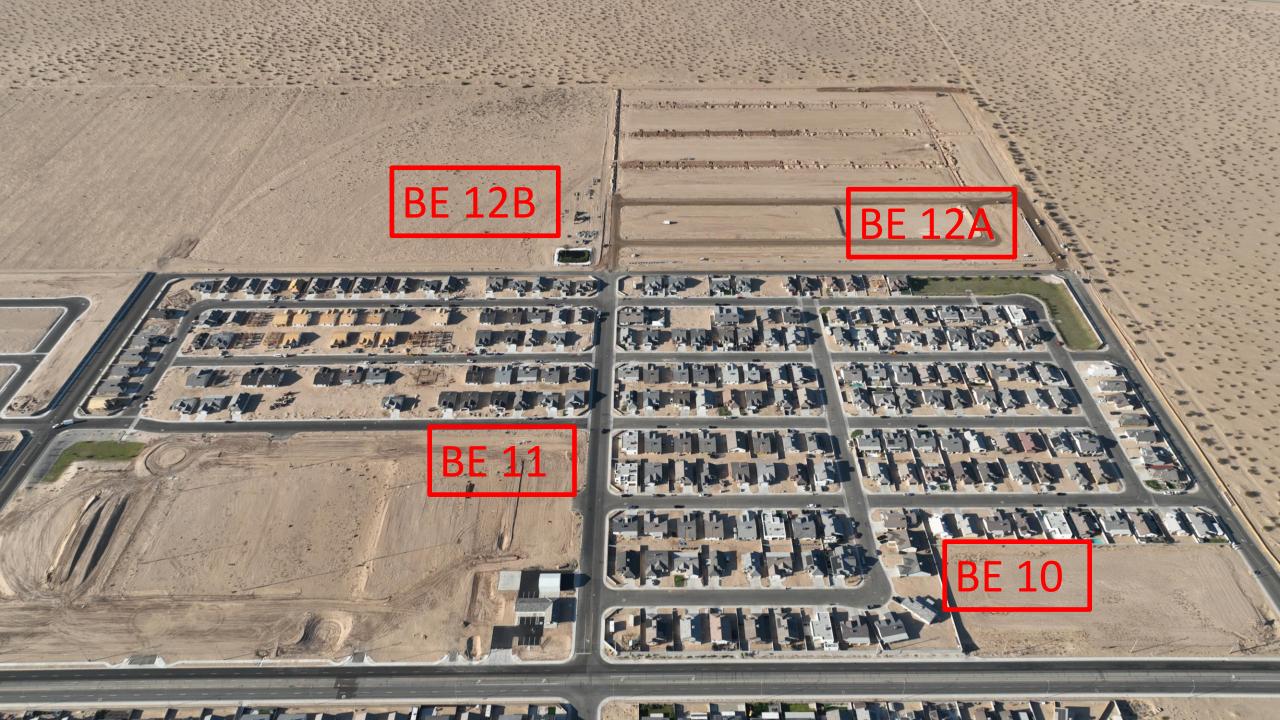




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## Affordable Housing





# Townhouses Project



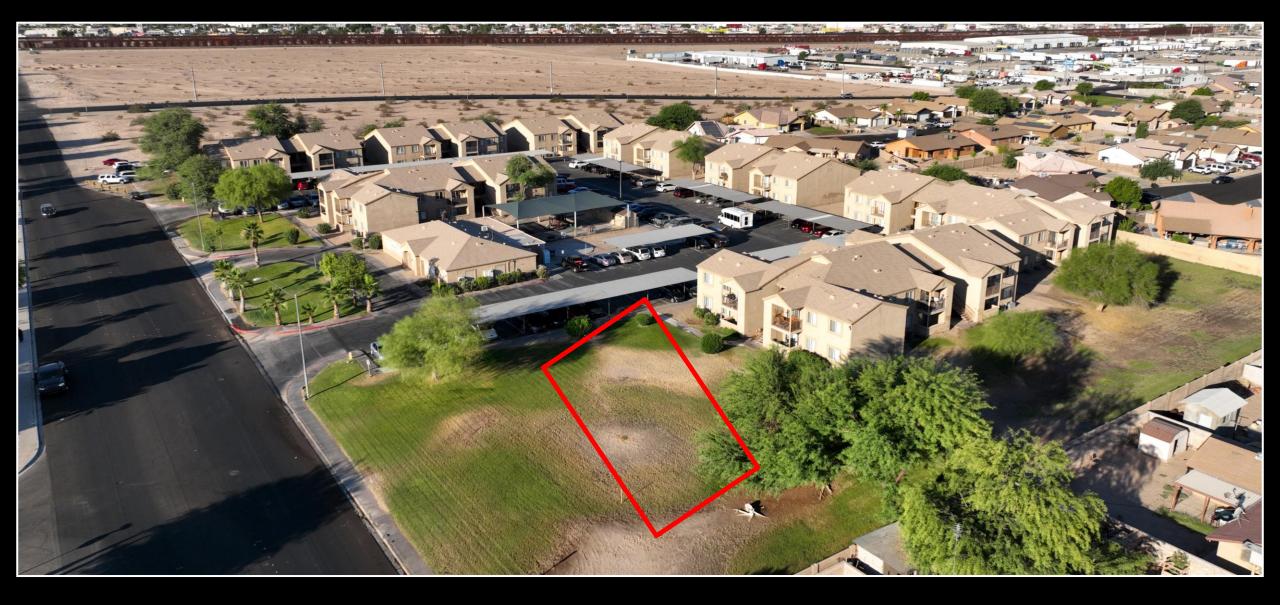


Las Brisas Apartments

# CDB Valley View Apartments







LAS CASITAS APARTMENTS



## Nutrition Program







## Vaccination Clinics



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#### NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE SUMMIT



# CDFA National Summit Kickoff Reception

Columbus Ballroom 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



### NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE SUMMIT



# **GDHD Fellowship Dinner**

Bistro Romano 120 Lombard Street, Philadelphia 7:30 PM



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