



**PETE
GARCIA**
Community Economic
Development Fellowship

For Immediate Release

January 27, 2023

NALCAB Contact:

Sharon Garcia, Director of Communications: 210.446.4282; sgarcia@nalcab.org

**NALCAB Announces 2023 Fellowship Class of
National Latino Leadership Program**
Training Prepares Next Generation Latinos for Leadership Roles

SAN ANTONIO, TX - The National Association for Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is pleased to announce the 2023 class of the [NALCAB Pete Garcia Community Economic Development Fellowship](#), a nine-month leadership training program for up and coming Latino nonprofit leaders from around the country. This year, 18 professionals were selected for this prestigious program that aims to cultivate future Latino leaders.

Established in 2010, the Fellowship was developed to ensure that next generation Latino leaders build the practical, personal and professional skills needed to fill the increasing leadership gap in the community economic development field. It provides mid-career Latino practitioners specialized professional development training that prepares them to become strong executive director candidates at non-profits that serve the Latino communities.

The NALCAB Pete Garcia Fellowship has graduated 169 program participants from across the country, representing 110 unique nonprofit organizations in 24 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. More information about the program can be viewed at: <https://nalcab.org/services/pete-garcia-fellowship/>

This year's title program sponsor is the [JPMorgan Chase Foundation](#) with additional support from [Capital One](#).

About [NALCAB](#)

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is the hub of a national network of 200 member organizations that are anchor institutions in geographically and ethnically diverse Latino communities in 45 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. NALCAB supports its member institutions through funding, training, research and advocacy, enabling them to invest in their communities by building affordable housing, ensuring equitable neighborhood development, supporting small business growth, and providing financial counseling on issues including credit building and homeownership. As a grantmaker and US Treasury certified CDFI lender with offices in San Antonio and Washington DC, the NALCAB Network serves hundreds of thousands of low- and moderate-income people, advancing economic equity and inclusivity in the communities we serve.

2023 NALCAB Pete Garcia Community Economic Development Fellows			
First Name	Last Name	Organization	Location
Andrea	Valdez-Rocha	El Pajaro CDC	Watsonville, CA
Ashley	Gomez	BakerRipley	Houston, TX
Chalise	Fiol	Hacienda CDC	Portland, OR
Diane	Velez	Active San Gabriel Valley	El Monte, CA
Fabian	Cisneros	Northwest Side CDC	Chicago, IL
Jessica	Herrera	Houston Christian University	Houston, TX
Juliana	Esguerra	Hispanic Unity of Florida	Hollywood, FL
Karina	Guzman	Inclusive Action for the City	Los Angeles, CA
Karla	Posada	Working Solutions CDFI	San Francisco, CA
Leonardo	Lopez	Montbello Organizing Committee	Denver, CO
Liza	Rivera	California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO)	San Francisco, CA
Melissa	Rodriguez	Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama	Birmingham, AL
Nayeli	Pelayo	National Community Reinvestment Coalition	Washington DC
Paola	Di Nubila	Centro Para Emprendedores, Inc.	San Juan, PR
Patrisia	Gutierrez	East LA Community Corporation	Los Angeles, CA
Selena	Duvivier	National Housing Trust	Washington, DC
Sofia	Darsin Calderale	Latino Economic Development Center	Washington, DC
Tomas	Yan	Conexion Americas	Nashville, TN