



PETE
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Community Economic
Development Fellowship

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**NALCAB Announces 2024 Fellowship Class of
National Latino Leadership Program**
*Culturally Relevant Training Prepares Next-Generation Latino Leaders
in Community Economic Development*

(SAN ANTONIO, TX) - The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders ([NALCAB](https://nalcab.org)) has selected the 2024 Pete Garcia Community Economic Development Fellowship class. The cohort of 22 up-and-coming professionals is the largest in the program's history.

Since its inception in 2010, the Fellowship has been a beacon of empowerment, designed to equip emerging Latino leaders with the practical, personal, and professional skills necessary to bridge the leadership gap that currently exists in the community economic development field. With a commitment to nurturing talent and fostering innovation, the program provides mid-career Latino professionals with culturally-relevant training, designed to prepare them for executive level roles within nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving Latino communities.

To date, the NALCAB Pete Garcia Fellowship has graduated 184 dynamic leaders from across the United States, representing 114 unique nonprofits spanning 26 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Through intensive training, mentorship, and networking opportunities, fellows emerge equipped with the vision, skills, and networks necessary to lead transformative change in their communities. More information about the program can be viewed at: <https://nalcab.org/services/pete-garcia-fellowship/>

About [NALCAB](https://nalcab.org)

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 46 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.

2024 NALCAB Pete Garcia Community Economic Development Fellows			
First Name	Last Name	Organization	Location
Carlo	Arellano	Centro Community Partners	Oakland, CA
Santander	Arguelles	The Allapattah Collaborative CDC	Miami, FL
Emma	Cordova	Eastmont Community Center	Los Angeles, CA
Leo	Elias	Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC – DC)	Washington, DC
Maria	Frias	Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (jHICA!)	Birmingham, AL
Pamela	Garcia	Business and Community Lenders of Texas (BCL)	Austin, TX
Jacqueline	Guzman	Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC)	Chicago, IL
Soledad	Jacobson	Prospera	Doral, FL
Ariel	Loayza Vega	Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC – MN)	Saint Paul, MN
Santiago	Martinez Xonthe	Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA)	San Francisco, CA
Claudia	Mata Ruvalcaba	Centro Hispano de East TN	Knoxville, TN
Yesenia	Medina	New Economics for Women (NEW)	Los Angeles, CA
Maria	Patiño Gutierrez	Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)	Los Angeles, CA
Karina	Ramirez	Centro Cultural of Washington County	Corenlis, OR
Gerardo	Rodriguez	El Pajaro Community Development Corporation	Watsonville, CA
Natalia	Rodriguez-Hilt	Raza Development Fund (RDF)	Phoenix, AZ
Laine	Rolong	Hispanic Federation	Chicago, IL
Sara	Saldana	LiftFund Inc	Laredo, TX
Karina	Soriano	Bienestar, Inc	Hillsboro, OR
Laura	Suarez	Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC)	Phoenix AZ
Rodolfo (Rudy)	Tabares	Branches, Inc	Miami, FL
Jessica	Vazquez Lopez	Northwest Side Community Development Corporation	Chicago, IL