

OUTLINE OF TESTIMONY

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MI CASA INC.

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Work Experience

1998 to Present Mi Casa, Inc. Washington, DC - Executive - Director

Currently managing the daily operation of a non-profit housing development organization including organization and financial, project and program matters. Project experience includes managing the renovations of a 73,000 square foot building for educational and community use, over thirty scattered site, affordable, single-family housing units, a community residential facility, and assisting low-income tenant organizations in forming cooperatives, purchasing, renovating and managing their buildings.

1993 to 1998 Mi Casa, Inc. Washington, DC - Senior Vice - President

Prepared plans and specifications for renovation of single-family houses, negotiated construction contracts, and monitored progress of construction. Produced affordable housing ahead of schedule and under budget, with quality exceeding lenders' expectations. Successfully marketed houses, finding buyers well before completion of construction. Provided technical assistance to contractors.

1991 to 1993 Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. of the National Capital Area, Washington, DC Construction Specialist/Acting Development Corporation Director

Completed three home improvement projects and developed ten single-family houses. Improved the organization's quality of renovation work by providing better supervision and guidance to the general contractors, and by developing a pool of qualified contractors.

1984 to 1991 Ministries United to Support Community Life Endeavors (MUSCLE), Inc., Washington, DC Project Manager - Acting Director Tenant Purchase Program

Prepared feasibility analyses, development options, loan applications, and annual operating budgets, conducted property inspections, negotiated loan commitments and supervised construction for 15 successful tenant-purchase and vacant building development projects. Improved the quality of training offered to tenants.

1978 - 1984 Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington, DC - Associate Director

Implemented general building maintenance training program which today is a national model. Developed food bank which served 30 to 40 families per month. Eliminated organization's deficit and increased annual operating budget from \$60,000 to \$250,000. Developed first summer youth program in Latino community in conjunction with Council of Churches of Greater program for disadvantaged children.

1977 - 1978 Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington, DC - Caseworker

Counseled clients on employment opportunities, necessary documents for employment, and employment interviews.

1976 - 1977 Smith and Sons Optical Company, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ensemble Department.

Before 1975 . Asuncion, Paraguay.

Academic Background

1993	University of the District of Columbia - Architectural Engineering and Technology Studies. Degree in Architectural Design.
1987	Development Training Institute (Pratt Institute) - One year training in housing development, multi-family rental, condominium, development of proforma, construction supervision and management, syndication, general partnership and limited partnership.
1976	Instituto Para El Desarrollo Empresas - One year program in small business management.
1974	Asuncion - Architecture Design - Interior
1973	Asuncion - Completed one year towards a degree in modern means of communication.
1970	Petrolini and Cia Optical School - Argentina - Optical technician.

Training

1995	Home Inspection Institute of America, Inc. - Training resulting in certification as a home inspector.
1983	United Way/United Black Fund - Training courses in proposal writing; program planning; and time management.
1982	IBM - Executive training course - Managerial skills development for profit and non-profit agency staff.
1980	D.C. Coalition for Youth - Training for youth workers - Certificate of Completion.
1979	University of the District of Columbia - Labor Studies - Union counselor - Certificate of Completion.

Community Experience

2000- Present	Commissioner, District of Columbia Housing Authority
1999	Leadership Washington – Class 1999
1997 – Present	Board of Directors, Council of Latino Agencies
1997 - Present	Board of Directors, Latino Economic Development Corporation
1997 - 2005	Board of Directors, Washington Area Community I Investment Fund
1990 – 1994	Treasurer, Mayor's Commission on Latino Community Development
1991 – 1994	Co-founder, Board of Directors, Chairman of Housing Committee--D.C. Latino Civil Rights Task Force
1992 – 1993	Mount Pleasant Coalition - served on task force which redesigned community park.
1980	Board of Directors, Council of Churches of Greater Washington, Hope Valley Camp
1979	Multicultural Career Intern Program - Advisory Board.