

Topic: The Mission Asset Fund: A comprehensive approach to asset building in an immigrant community

Jose Quiñones, Executive Director, Mission Asset Fund

Jose Quinonez is the founding Executive Director for the Mission Asset Fund (MAF), the first neighborhood-based, community-led organization that aims to support a full continuum of asset-building opportunities for low-income and immigrant families in San Francisco's historic Mission District.

Jose is a graduate of the University of California at Davis. He went on to earn a Master in Public Affairs degree at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. After graduation, he joined the Office of Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, where he worked as a Legislative Assistant. Learning the ways of Capitol Hill, Jose went on to work as a lobbyist for various non-profit organizations in Washington D.C., advocating on an array of issues including immigration, hunger, welfare and other poverty-related issues.

After moving to California, Jose worked for the Center for Responsible Lending, advocating against predatory mortgage and payday lending practices that strip assets from hard-working families; and the Asset Policy Initiative in California where he worked to develop a state-wide coalition to move an asset-building policy agenda in Sacramento.