

EMPOWERMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ACTION FOUNDATION, INC.

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Agenda

Directors

Mission

ECAF History

Project Development

Centro de Los Angeles

Community Center will provide

Resource People and Supporters



DIRECTORS

- ▶ Abelardo Castillo, Chairman
- ▶ Jesse R Moreno
- ▶ Ernest Santos
- ▶ Maria Elena Muñoz Martinez
- ▶ Diana Olvedo-Karau



OUR MISSION



IS TO EMPOWER THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF UVALDE, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST LACKING IN OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, TO ATTAIN THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL AS PRODUCTIVE, HEALTHY, AND COMPASSIONATE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

ECAF HISTORY

Abelardo “Lalo” Castillo founded ECAF after the mass school shooting at Robb Elementary on May 24, 2022.

ECAF was based on the premise that we can best serve those needs by leveraging community resources and providing foundational support for children and families in our community.

He formed a core group of the community members to begin the work of seeking, not only accountability for the tragic event but also finding a means by which the community of Uvalde can better serve the social and economic needs of its citizens, who are 85% Hispanic.

We seek to accomplish the mission and vision of ECAF through collaborative partnerships with government entities, civic organizations, and community members who serve and live in Uvalde. We also seek to work organizations and individuals that have a vested interest in creating a brighter and safer future for all citizens of Uvalde, Texas.



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

When canvassing the general community and more specifically the neighborhoods South of Highway 90, majority of residents expressed the need for a multipurpose community center.

CENTRO DE LOS ANGELES

- ▶ Efforts will be coordinated with UCISD, CITY, COUNTY, Corporations and Foundations to construct a multi-service community center near Robb Elementary that offers recreational programs and services.
- ▶ The center will include a conference room and classes for both youth and adults, a state-of-the-art fitness center, a theater/auditorium, a cafeteria/dining area, and indoor basketball court. Space will also be available for art installations, historical exhibits, and spaces to gather and preserve local history.
- ▶ The center will include the latest security technology available, designed and installed by national security experts. Annual fundraising projects will help maintain operating expenses.



THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE

Small classrooms for tutoring, advanced science, robotics computer lab, advanced mathematics, entrepreneurship, and AI lab (advanced intelligence)

Student Internship
Provide a learning experience and skills development in a professional setting.
Improve state ratings by supporting the UCISD

Provide citizens with an understanding of the mechanics of democracy, our rights and freedoms. It is important to exercise one's rights.

Opportunities to proactively engage the youth in community life. Provide high-quality parent/family engagement, citizenship, and adult education (GED).

Mental Health support services that will address depression, anxiety and substance use.

Law Enforcement Office will have a high visual presence at the Center.



RESOURCE PEOPLE AND CORPORATIONS



ARCHITECTURE

❖ Michael Benedikt

ACSA Distinguished Professor of Architecture
Hal Box Chair in Urbanism
University of Texas at Austin

❖ Craig Dykers, Architect (www.snohetta.com/about)

Commissioned in 1989 for Bibliotheca Alexandrina, reviving the ancient library in Alexandria, Egypt. Followed by commissions for the Norwegian National Opera and Ballet in Oslo, and the National September 11 Memorial Museum Pavilion at the World Trade Center in New York City. Since those early projects, many other internationally acclaimed works have been realized around the globe. Representing the societies and cultures we operate in, we are proud to have more than 350 employees from 40 nations across nine regional studios spanning from Oslo to New York and San Francisco to Innsbruck, Paris, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hong Kong, and Shenzhen.



RESOURCE PEOPLE AND SUPPORTERS

- ❖ Honorable William R. Mitchell
Serving his tenth term as County Judge, in Uvalde County, Texas.
- ❖ Don Mclaughlin
Former Mayor of Uvalde, Texas. 2014 – 2023
- ❖ Monica Muñoz Martinez, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of History
University of Texas at Austin
MacArthur Fellow 2021-2026
- ❖ Hector Gonzales, Ph.D.
President, Southwest Texas Junior College
Ph.D. Organizational Leadership- University of the Incarnate Word, May 2012
Licenses: Certified Public Accountant- May 1997.
- ❖ Maria Elena Muñoz Martinez
B.S. Speech, University of Texas at Austin, December 1976
Speech and Language Pathologist
Master of Education, Sul Ross State University, December 1986
Educational Diagnostician/Special Education Supervisor/Mid-Management

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- ❖ Ernest Santos, Security
Master of Science: Criminal Justice, University of Science – Cincinnati, Ohio.
Bachelor of Science: Criminal Justice, Sul Ross State University – Uvalde, Texas.
- ❖ Vince DiPiazza
City Manager of Uvalde, Texas.
- ❖ Dr. Gregory Pogue
Deputy Executive Director and Senior Research Scientist of the IC2 Institute of The University of Texas at Austin.
- ❖ Uvalde Chamber of Commerce
Promotes and encourages the growth of new and existing businesses throughout the Uvalde area.
- ❖ Aide Escamilla, Ph.D. (Grant writer)
Professor in the Economics department at Southwest Texas Junior College
- ❖ Conrad Flyckt and Robert Serna
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