

Community Owned & Benefiting Real Estate Community of Practice

ROSTER OF PARTICIPANTS

BuCu West - Jose Esparza and Julie Casault

BuCu West is a nonprofit community development corporation in Westwood on Morrison Road, serving local, vulnerable businesses. They focus on business incubation with The Kitchen Network, and preserve real estate to open small and affordable retail spaces.

Elevation Community Land Trust - Robin Hickey & David Ogunsanya

ECLT is a statewide community land trust that creates equitable access to affordable housing by acquiring land and leasing it to homeowners, ensuring long-term affordability and stability for low and moderate-income families.

East Colfax Community Collective - Carson Bryant

EC3 is a grassroots organization dedicated to fighting displacement and building community power in East Colfax. To advance this mission, EC3 is implementing a mixed-income neighborhood trust (MINT), which involves the acquisition and ownership of rental properties with the intent of establishing long-term affordability and community control.

Justice for the People - Dre Chiriboga-Flor

Justice for the People is a nonprofit law firm championing transformative justice, liberation and collective self-determination movement lawyering. Through education, outreach, community building, and impactful legal and policy actions, Justice for the People aims to organize and empower communities.

Mile High Ministries/Love Thy Neighbor - Jessica & Joey Dominguez

Since 1988, MHM, a faith-based non-profit, has been in housing and community development and has created small communities of compassion, hope, and healing in Denver's urban core. The newest program in partnership of MHM in partnership with Love Thy Neighbor is Abundant Ground, which supports the vitality of local congregations by helping them develop affordable housing on under-utilized land.

Montbello Organizing Committee - Chris Urias

MOC is a community-driven organization advocating for equity and social justice through education, food security, mental health, transit, climate resiliency, affordable housing, and economic development in Montbello. MOC is developing the FreshLo Hub, which includes 97 units of affordable housing, a mental health center, a grocery store, an arts education center, a business incubator, and commercial and community spaces.

Tierra Colectiva - Nola Miguel

Tierra Colectiva is a Community Land Trust in Globeville, Elyria Swansea, committed to preserving land for community benefit and affordable housing. They acquire vacant parcels and historic homes to resell to neighbors at risk of displacement at a fraction of the market rate to ensure long-term affordability of housing and provide the opportunity for collective ownership of land. Tierra Colectiva was started as anti displacement organizing work in the GES Coalition, and is community-led and directed by its members.