

SECTION 3 RESIDENT STORY:

Let's Get to Work!



Nicolas' Story

Nicolas Vergara enjoys working in the construction industry and has spent the last ten years developing carpentry, cabinetry and basic electrical trade skills. The opportunity to work as a Roofer with Cal Roofing Inc.* was a bit unexpected as he possessed no prior roofing experience. However, Nicolas says he is thankful for the opportunity to work with a team that has been supportive and spared no effort to mentor and teach him.

Nicolas grew up at Rancho San Pedro public housing community and lives there with his mother. He hopes that through this project and training he can secure a permanent position. Nicolas' immediate goals are to have a reliable source of income to support his mother and to eventually move out of public housing.

"My cousin was struggling just like me and today he is doing great because of his hard work." explains Nicolas. That cousin and several members from his church have become mentors to Nicolas.

We have no doubt with his drive and hard work Nicolas is well on his way to realizing his goals!

**Cal Roofing Inc. is a subcontractor to Walton Construction, the general contractor for the redevelopment of the New Dana Strand Phase IV project. Mercy Housing California and Abode Communities are the developers. The project is being developed in two phases comprised of 174 housing units for low, very-low and extremely-low income families and homeless veterans that will include supportive services. HACLA support for the project includes 174 project-based Section 8 vouchers.*



"I am so thankful for this opportunity and hope that this is the beginning of something good for me."

Nicolas Vergara

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

HACLA has developed Section 3 Business and Resident Registries to assist businesses and residents to gain employment and economic opportunities.

SECTION 3 RESIDENTS REGISTRY

HACLA maintains a database of qualified employment-ready Section 3 Residents. Residents take assessment tests, go through a skills review and are provided resources to be employment-ready. Interested residents are encouraged to contact the Human Resources Department at (213) 252-5387 to enroll in the registry. Residents from the Registry are identified and referred to contractors for employment opportunities.

SECTION 3 BUSINESS REGISTRY

The Section 3 Business Registry is a database of businesses that have certified that they meet one of the eligibility criteria of a Section 3 Business Concern. HACLA uses its Section 3 Business Registry as a resource to contract with Section 3 Businesses and refer them to prime contractors for subcontracting opportunities. To learn about the qualification criteria please visit <http://www.hacla.org/s3businessresources> or contact the Section 3 Compliance Administrator at (213) 252-1865 or via e-mail at section3@hacla.org.

Additional information about the Section 3 program is available at www.hacla.org/section3.