



# TOWNE TWIN VILLAGE

*Being Developed By:*  
**HOUSING FIRST COMMUNITY COALITION**

*An Affordable Housing Community  
for San Antonio's Most Vulnerable Citizens*



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## **Housing First Community Coalition announces new Executive Director**

**SAN ANTONIO (August 26, 2021)** – The Housing First Community Coalition Board of Directors have announced the appointment of Edward Gonzales as Executive Director.

“We are excited to welcome Edward to the organization. He will help us build collaborative partnerships with homeless service providers, the City of San Antonio, and the individuals currently experiencing chronic homelessness,” said Mark Wittig, HFCC Board President.

Gonzales is currently serving as Assistant Director for the City of San Antonio’s Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, where he oversees Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Production and Rehabilitation Programs, Neighborhood Engagement activities, and the City’s \$189 million Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

He served previously as the Assistant Director for the Human Services Department, where he oversaw the development of the cafécollege initiative, Migrant Resource Center, and the Mayor’s Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. He also served as a previous board member for the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH).

“Edward is a strategic thinker, problem-solver, and bridge builder. He was a critical leader in forming the Continuum of Care Lead Agency, SARAH, and an early supporter of Dr. Plauche’s vision to develop permanent supportive housing for older adults experiencing homelessness in San Antonio. We are thrilled about Edward’s appointment and look forward to working with him in his new role!” said Katie Vela, Executive Director of SARAH.

Mr. Gonzales has a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering and Computer Application and a Master’s of Science in Industrial Engineering from St. Mary’s University.

Among his responsibilities as Executive Director, Gonzales will oversee the construction and operations of Towne Twin Village, an affordable housing community that will provide homes for 125 of our city’s most vulnerable residents. This development will represent San Antonio’s first site-based Permanent Supportive Housing option and is on schedule to begin accepting up to 25 residents by year’s end. Gonzales begins his role with the Housing First Community Coalition on October 4, 2021.

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**Housing First Community Coalition**

*Housing First Community Coalition (HFCC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization in San Antonio, Texas. With a broad array of partners, we are developing a housing community for seniors experiencing chronic homelessness.*

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**About SARAH**

*SARAH is the lead Continuum of Care (CoC) agency for San Antonio and Bexar County. As the CoC, SARAH secures and distributes funding for direct service providers in the housing and homeless community and provides guidance to strengthen policies and programs. SARAH is responsible for collaborating with, listening to, and collecting data from the housing and homeless community to ensure everyone has a place to call home. For more information, visit [sarahomeless.org](http://sarahomeless.org).*