

Mutual Housing names new CEO

A real estate development director from a Southern California economic development corporation was named as the next CEO of Sacramento-based affordable housing developer Mutual Housing California.

Roberto Jimenez will step into the role with Mutual Housing Jan. 2, when current chief executive Rachel Iskow steps down.

Jimenez said Mutual Housing stood out for him as an affordable housing developer because of how its organizational structure defines its mission.

“Members of its housing communities are on the board, and actually are a majority of its board,” he said. “In California, there’s a lot of high-quality affordable housing out there, but often the mission orientation is not as clear.”

Once he takes over, Jimenez said, he’s interested in continuing to find ways to develop housing for specific groups. Mutual Housing has already developed or proposed projects for farmworkers and LGBT seniors.

“It’s incredibly exciting to come into an organization that’s so well run,” he said.

Jimenez is currently real estate development director of the Cabrillo Economic Development Corp. in Ventura. He previously founded and was CEO of Evolve Property Management & Workforce Development, a nonprofit property management association for affordable housing properties.

Before that, Jimenez worked from 2005 to 2016 as executive director of the Farmworker Housing Development Corp. in Oregon, where he developed or rehabbed 330 units.

Iskow, who spent 24 years with Mutual Housing California, announced earlier this year she was stepping down. But Jimenez said he anticipates she’ll continue to assist and act as a resource for the nonprofit.



Roberto Jimenez will be the next CEO of Mutual Housing California.