

# Annual Statewide Conference

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## 2022 Housing Counselor of the Year

### Nancy Velazco, Chicanos Por La Causa

This award recognizes Nancy Velazco, an individual who excels in supporting clients looking to purchase, rent, or avoid foreclosure/evictions. Nancy is the Central Arizona Market Program Coordinator for Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC). As the senior leader of the Phoenix CPLC Housing office, Nancy has effectively led her team through numerous audits and evaluations and has set a standard of excellence not replicated in the Housing Counseling community. There is very little in the counseling field that she is not versed in. For example, when CPLC was thrust into the City of Phoenix Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) at the beginning of COVID-19, Nancy immediately jumped feet first into educating herself and the Phoenix staff in the most effective ways to help families avoid evictions and loss of utilities, distributing over \$900,000 to families needing to secure their homes and pay utilities. It comes as no surprise that she has now become a subject matter expert on ERAP and continues to lead the way among others in the field to support communities in need. What is truly incredible is that Nancy does what she does without fanfare or thoughts of recognition. What you have in Nancy is an incredible professional who works for her community, not for adulation, and who has a very clear focus on program development, adoptions and completion. Nancy Velazco is a tremendous leader and most definitely deserves recognition as Housing Counselor of the Year.

## THE POWER OF WE

**OUR VISION:** We're working to create an Arizona where housing stability is universal, and every man, woman, child and veteran has a safe, *affordable place to call home*