

Ricardo Tejada

ESC Consultant Since: 2018

Education:

B.S., Business Administration, University of Southern California



AREAS OF EXPERTISE: Project finance, international business, strategy, management

PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE: Ricardo has spent most of his 15 years in business as an entrepreneur with a two-year stint at a nonprofit. Ricardo's experience has spanned advisory responsibilities within Fortune 100 companies, international corporations, LA's start-up ecosystem, his own start-up ventures, as well as extensive involvement with Southern California's nonprofit community. As Managing Director and Founder of Vnesto Capital, Ricardo is responsible for overseeing operations of the Los Angeles offices, South Korea's Seoul office, and the Cuenca, Ecuador office.

NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Ricardo was a Business Development Officer for CHARO Community Development Corporation and oversaw the Business Financial Center, which was funded by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Ricardo is involved in many different community organizations and currently is an active board member and past Vice President of the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and past board Treasurer for ArtShare Los Angeles – a nonprofit educating youth through the arts. Additionally, Ricardo was a founding member of the New America Alliance Emerging Leaders Los Angeles, a membership-driven nonprofit that is comprised of prominent American Latino entrepreneurs and business leaders who are committed to giving back to the community. He also volunteers as a financial coach for the Goldman Sachs 10K Small Business Southern California Program.

EXAMPLES OF ESC CLIENTS: OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center

INTERESTS: Mountaineering, yoga, travel