



### *Rafael "Ralph" Adame*

It is with great sadness that CommUNITY En Acción and our entire community bids a heartfelt farewell to a true advocate, Mr. Rafael "Ralph" Adame, whose profound impact on El Paso will forever be etched in our hearts. Though he left us on August 22, 2023, Ralph's enduring spirit and contributions continue to inspire, guiding us toward a brighter future.

Ralph's transformative journey of leadership and advocacy found a pivotal chapter as one of the Founding Members of CommUNITY En Acción (CEA). His unwavering dedication to CEA's mission mirrored his unyielding commitment to our beloved city. The heart of CEA's mission resonated deeply with Ralph, and he served for many years as Vice President of External Affairs and on the Membership and Development Committee.

Through CEA, Ralph worked tirelessly to forge connections, encourage collaboration, and bring about transformation in the lives of El Pasoans. His dedication to CEA's mission was steadfast, and his legacy within the organization continues to shine as a beacon of inspiration for us all.

Within the tapestry of El Paso's progress, Ralph's influence was a beacon of hope. His appointment to the Board of Directors of Workforce Solutions Borderplex on February 22, 2017, exemplified his commitment to our community's growth. Ralph's forward-looking perspective enriched the board, reflecting his belief in innovation as a driver of El Paso's advancement.

Ralph's advocacy spanned over four decades, impacting every corner of our city. From the El Paso Public Utility Board to the City Cable Commission, City Airport Board, and County Civil Service Board, Ralph's leadership shaped policy and progress. His dedication was unwavering within the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Paso Del Norte Group, underpinning his vision of a prosperous El Paso.

Education was a cause dear to Ralph's heart, evident through his involvement with the El Paso Community College Foundation, Ysleta Independent School District Foundation, and EPISD Foundation. He believed in education's transformative power to uplift and empower future generations.

Yet, it was Ralph's boundless compassion that truly defined him. His contributions to the Boys & Girls Club of El Paso and Foundation, United Way of El Paso County, and Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority showcased his commitment to fostering a stronger community. Ralph's legacy encourages us to continue his compassionate work, ensuring a united and vibrant El Paso for years to come.

As we reflect on Ralph's legacy, we find solace in shared memories and the challenges we overcame together. Ralph's legacy is a call to action, urging us to continue the journey he so fervently embraced—crafting a more vibrant, united El Paso that represents all voices, especially those of Latinos.

Rest in peace, Amigo.

CommUnity En Acción Board of Directors and Membership.