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## **Central Valley Community Foundation expands team, adds senior program officer to lead neighborhood revitalization efforts**

**Fresno, CA** – The Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) is pleased to announce that Artie Padilla will join its leadership team as a senior program officer responsible for CVCF’s neighborhood revitalization portfolio. He will begin his new role on August 31, 2020.

Padilla has spent the last 13 years working closely with 54 public elementary school neighborhoods serving youth and their families as Executive Director of Every Neighborhood Partnership, a communitybased organization that mobilizes and supports residents in leading “neighborhood building teams” that actively serve on school campuses and in their surrounding communities.

“We are thrilled Artie agreed to join our team at the Central Valley Community Foundation. He is a dedicated advocate for Fresno neighborhoods and works tirelessly to ensure that Fresno families are supported and engaged in building vibrant and healthy neighborhoods,” said Ashley Swearingin, President and Chief Executive Officer of CVCF. “CVCF is committed to developing community-driven and community-led solutions that will transform our region. Artie’s lengthy community service history and commitment to residents add tremendously to our team of staff leaders.”

Padilla was born and raised in Fresno. He attended California State University, Northridge, where he received his degree in Business Administration. Upon graduation he returned home and has worked in the nonprofit sector for over 28 years. In 2008, Padilla founded Every Neighborhood Partnership (ENP). With 10 staff and over 950 volunteers who donate more than 120,000 hours of community service every year in 54 neighborhoods throughout Fresno, ENP has grown to be one of the most comprehensive neighborhood services organizations in the region.

“I’m excited to join the team at the Central Valley Community Foundation. I’ve seen how they are taking a lead in our community’s transformation, and I’m so glad to be a part of their ongoing work with DRIVE,” said Artie. “I’ve learned so much at ENP, and I feel this is a great next step for me to best serve our families and neighborhoods.”

Founded in 1966, CVCF is a trusted community partner in California’s Central Valley. Our mission is to cultivate smart philanthropy, lead, and invest in solutions that build stronger communities. Our service area includes 2 million people living in six counties: Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kings. CVCF attracts investment and deploys resources to solve persistent challenges in four key areas: education, economic development, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood renewal. CVCF is a supporter of Fresno DRIVE (Developing the Region’s Inclusive and Vibrant Economy), a 10-year community investment plan involving 150 organizations working together to ensure an inclusive and vibrant economy in the Greater Fresno Region.

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