

# Story of Success: Eric Hermoso



**I'm a first generation Mexican American, born and raised in Santa Ana. Growing up as a kid, I learned the differences in cultural values here in Santa Ana and what stood out the most was the humbleness and respect from the working class. After I graduated from California State Polytechnic University Pomona as a Civil Engineer, I knew I wanted to go work for the public and contribute back to the community of Santa Ana and live in Santa Ana.**

**The City of Santa Ana offers a Down Payment Assistance Loan Program that helped me purchase my first home. Claudia Fernandez-Shaw from the Community Development Agency worked closely together with my Loan Officer and I in order to make my home buying process easy. They were extremely professional and helpful throughout the entire process. After several weeks of settling down, I am enjoying my new home even more. I am grateful that this program is available and for the staff that worked hard to put this together. Without their support, I would not have been able to buy a home of my own.**