



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

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### **Deyarina Zavala Named Executive Director of Mile High Connects**

Denver, CO—The Denver Foundation is pleased to announce that Deyarina (Deya) Zavala has been named Executive Director of Mile High Connects, a Denver Foundation partner and supporting organization.

Ms. Zavala was unanimously selected by the MHC Steering Committee following the departure of Jeffrey Su, who served as Executive Director from June 2017 to March 2019.

Since joining the Mile High Connects team in 2016, Ms. Zavala has helped to expand the vision, impact, and operations of the collaborative. Most recently, she served as Program Director. Deya brings tremendous economic development, management, and facilitation experience to Mile High Connects having held positions at Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute and the National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders. Deya holds a master's in public administration from the University of North Texas and a bachelor's of arts from the University of Texas Arlington.

#### **About The Denver Foundation**

The Denver Foundation is a community foundation that inspires people and mobilizes resources to improve life in Metro Denver. In 2017, the Foundation and its donors awarded more than \$66 million in grants. The Denver Foundation has three roles: stewarding an endowment to meet current and future needs for Metro Denver, working with community leaders to address the core challenges that face the community, and managing more than 1,000 charitable funds on behalf of individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit [www.denverfoundation.org](http://www.denverfoundation.org).

#### **About Mile High Connects**

Mile High Connects is a broad partnership of organizations from the private, public and nonprofit sectors that are committed to increasing access to housing choices, good jobs, quality schools and essential services via public transit.

Our mission is to ensure that the Metro Denver regional transit system fosters communities that offer all residents the opportunity for a high quality of life. For more information, visit [www.milehighconnects.org](http://www.milehighconnects.org).

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