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capacity of organizations and businesses and serves as a shared brain trust of "how to" elements for transforming visions into reality. In 2023, UDC collaborated with Impact Realty Advisors, ZenCapital Investment Advisors and MJC Partners to form Housing Impact Partners (HIP) to catalyze the production of housing through leadership, legacy partnership and capital formation offering triple bottom-line performance: Economic, Social and Environmental Impact.

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