



Ramiro Viramontes

President of Construction Services

Ramiro Viramontes is President of Construction Services for Turner Impact Capital. He has been with the firm since its inception in 2014 and has worked with the team since 2007.

What's your role at Turner Impact Capital?

I'm responsible for managing all of our school and healthcare construction projects, from start to finish. My team and I get to do the fun stuff. We are involved in everything from site selection and design development through construction, and delivering the project to the client for move-in. That includes making sure a project is affordable and environmentally sustainable, working with local jurisdictions to get it approved, and making sure construction is "on time and on budget." We've built about 130 schools, which I think is more than just about anyone else, as well as 15 healthcare facilities. And we're continuing to grow.

How did you get into the construction field?

When I was growing up, my family owned some income properties and I spent weekends fixing them up and making repairs. My dad was short but I was tall, so I ended up cleaning and fixing all the places he couldn't reach. I loved it. Instead of working with my father in an aerospace factory, I studied architectural drafting and went into construction. I never looked back.

How are construction projects for Turner Impact Capital different from other projects?

I spent years building corporate office space for a fast-growing financial institution. Those projects were all very similar. Our projects for Turner Impact are all very different and designed for a particular site and client. They usually require entitlements from the local government, which can take months to get approved. I learned quickly that building a school or healthcare facility can be much more complicated than building executive office space.

What do you find most rewarding about your work at Turner Impact Capital?

I grew up in a very modest area of Los Angeles. You've heard of the 90210 zip code -- I grew up in 90201, which is a different world. We're building education and healthcare facilities in the same kinds of communities where I grew up, using minority-owned trades and local workers whenever possible.

The students at Turner Impact school sites remind me of my family and my neighbors. And on the healthcare side, people in my neighborhood didn't go to Cedars-Sinai Hospital -- they need local healthcare centers that are close to home, convenient, and affordable. It's very rewarding to help provide these facilities for the people who need them.