# PACE IN TEXAS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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# A SOLUTION...

### PACE = PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY

Innovative financing tool that provides long term, low cost, 100% funding for

- Energy efficiency,
- Water conservation,
- Distributed generation projects

#### **Eligible Property**

- Commercial (including non-profit)
- Multi-family (5+ units)
- Industrial (manufacturing/agricultural)
- Special use (Storage, Data Center, Manufacturing)







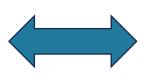






# Municipalities Counties





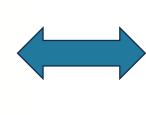




#### Governmental

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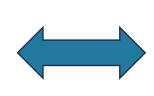














Capital Providers

Property Owners

Service Providers

# PACE USES

#### Retrofit/Repurposing

New MEP systems, building envelope upgrades, water conservation, onsite generation, energy storage

#### New Construction/Redevelopment

Above code, higher performance systems

#### Refinancing

Within 24 months of last PACE eligible improvement



# PACE-ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

Projects that reduce energy or water usage or generate power onsite

#### **Energy**

- High efficiency HVAC (AC/chillers, boilers, furnaces, air handlers)
- High efficiency lighting upgrades
- Energy management systems and controls
- Building envelope improvements
- Renewable/DG energy systems
- Mechanical system modernization
- Air cooled systems to water or geothermal cooled systems
- Fuel switching
- Combustion and burner upgrades
- Heat recovery and steam traps

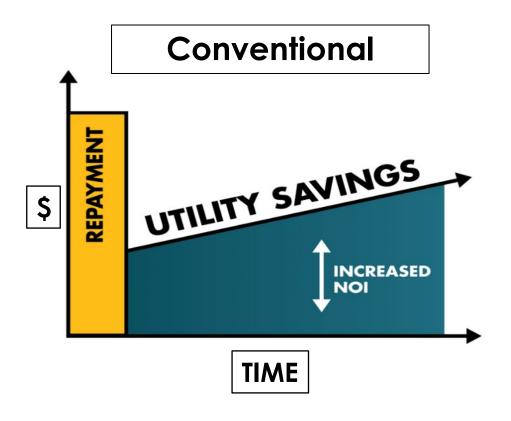
#### Water

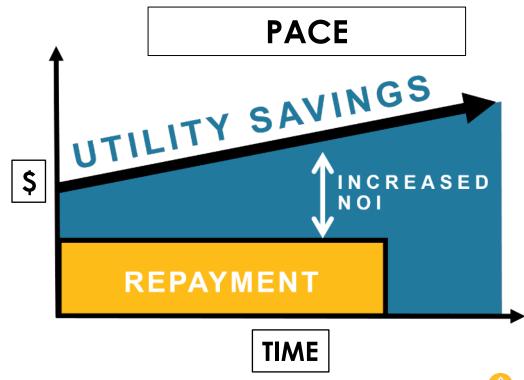
- High efficiency water heating systems
- Water conservation systems
- Wastewater recovery and reuse systems
- Alternate, on-site sources of water (A/C condensate, rainwater, RO reject water, foundation drain water, etc.)
- On-site improvements to accommodate reclaimed water use
- Water management systems and controls (indoor and outdoor)
- High efficiency irrigation equipment



# PROPERTY OWNER BENEFITS

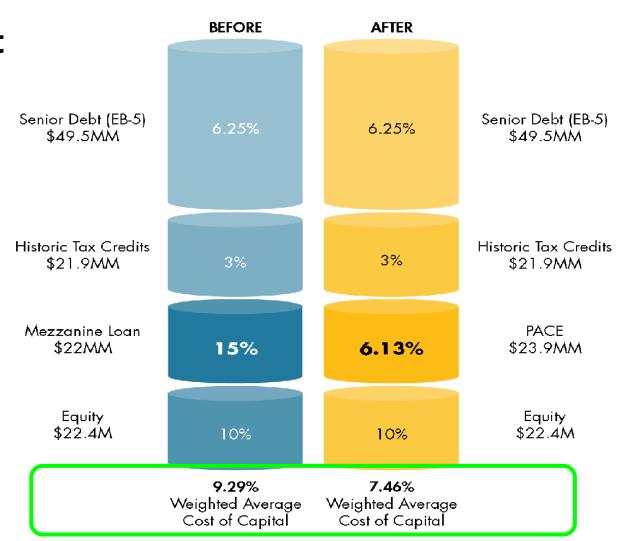
- > Pay for today's upgrades with tomorrow's savings
- Improves assets budget neutral/cashflow positive
- Lowers utility usage/costs increases net operating income





#### IMPACT OF PACE ON CAPITAL STACK

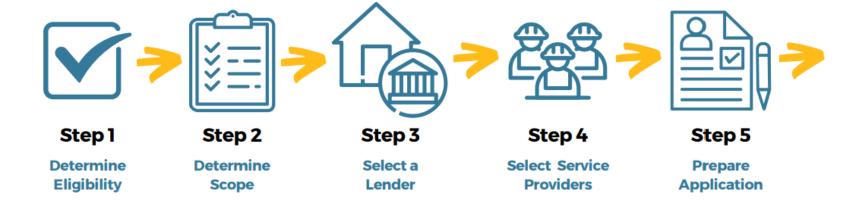
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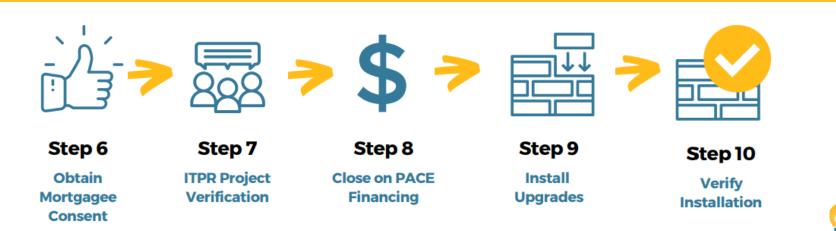
# TPA's PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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Phase 1
Pre-Application
Feasibility



Phase 2
Post-Application
Execution





# PACE PROJECT DIVERSITY

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- Urban and rural
- Office, mixed-use, non-profit, hospitality, multifamily, parking garage, retail, manufacturing
- Energy efficiency, water conservation, distributed generation & demand reduction/resiliency projects
- Project sizes: \$68,000 \$48,000,000
- All received 100% financing













# PACE UNDERWRITING CRITERIA

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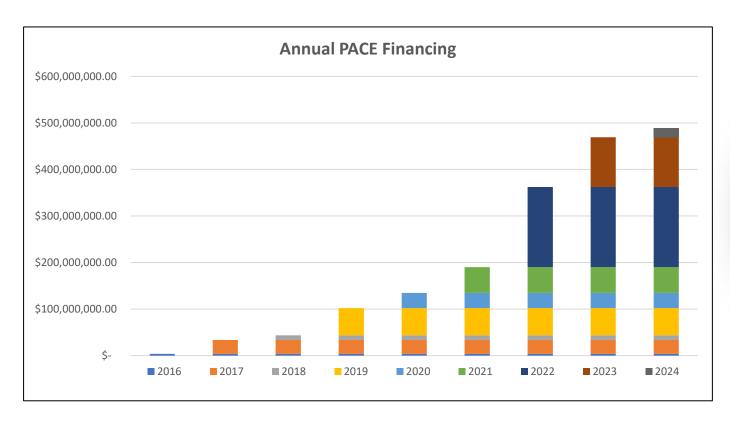
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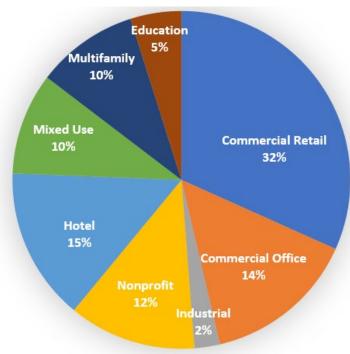
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# PACE BY THE NUMBERS

#### \$497.5 million of Investment





#### **MEASURE TYPE**

Energy Efficiency: 55% / Water Conservation: 33% / Distributed Gen: 12%



# THE ALLEN San Antonio

#### Measures

- Lighting
- HVAC
- Envelope

**Assessment Total** \$1,559,719

**Annual Utility Savings** Electric: 57,071 kWh





### INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

#### San Antonio

#### Measures

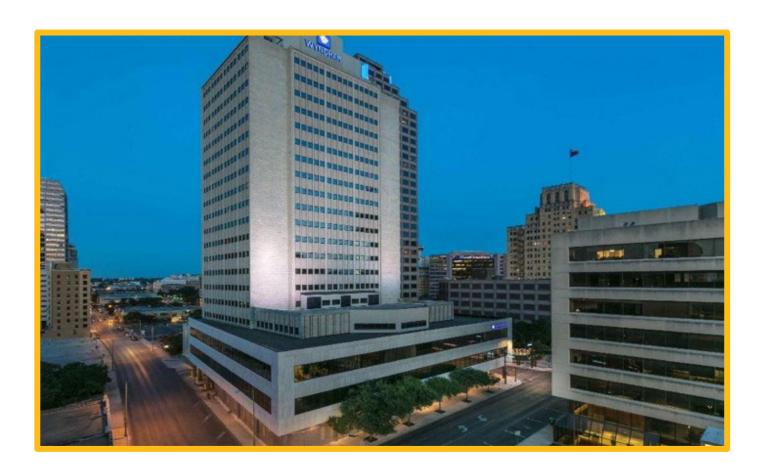
- Lighting
- > HVAC
- Envelope
- Plumbing/Water Conservation

**Assessment Total** \$28,000,000

#### **Annual Utility Savings**

Electric: 3,686,497 kWh

Water: 966 Kgal





# 1303 LORENZO

#### Castroville

#### Measures

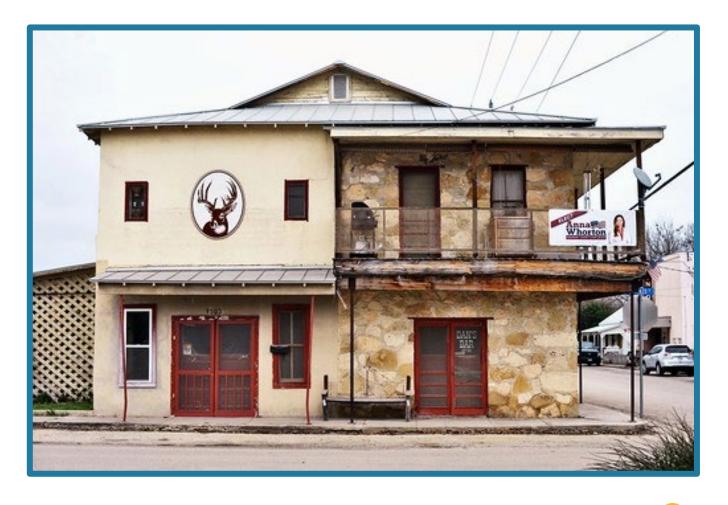
- Lighting
- > HVAC
- Envelope
- Plumbing/Water Conservation

**Assessment Total** \$690,000

#### **Annual Utility Savings**

Electric: 76,495 kWh

Water: 162 Kgal





# 1201 FIORELLA

### Castroville

#### Measures

- Lighting
- > HVAC
- Envelope
- Plumbing/Water Conservation

**Assessment Total** \$390,000

**Annual Utility Savings** Electric: 59,890 kWh





# **EDGE AT RANDOLPH**

**Universal City** 

#### Measures

- Lighting
- > HVAC
- Envelope
- Plumbing/Water Conservation

**Assessment Total** \$898,828

**Annual Utility Savings** 

Electric: 14,616 kWh

Water: 85 Kgal





# PACE is a WIN-WIN-WIN (WIN-WIN)

- ✓ <u>Property Owners</u> lower utility bills, energy independence, energy efficiency, property value increase
- ✓ <u>Contractors</u> source of increase in business, more local hiring, best practices, keeping up with technology advancements
- ✓ <u>Lenders</u> new loans, steady & stable process, fully collateralized, Tax Assessment lien position, improved asset value
- ✓ <u>State of Texas</u> reduced peak demand, enhanced grid reliability, distributed generation as resilient power source, improved air quality, water resource conservation.
- <u>Communities</u> increased economic development and jobs, improved building infrastructure, more appealing building stock and plants



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# The Allen Redevelopment

Jack Belt, Moderator

George Wommack, Headwall Investments
Brian Adams, PACE Equity
Andrew Ozuna, Broadway Bank



#### **Introductions**

**Round One: Presentations** 

1. The Project – George Wommack

2. The PACE Loan – Brian Adams

3. The Long Term Mortgage – Andrew Ozuna

Round Two: Open Questions to all Panelists

Round Three: Q & A from the Audience

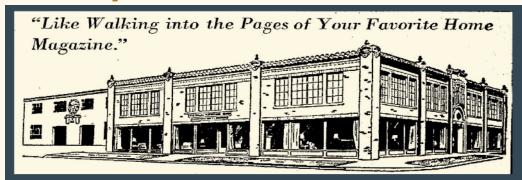


# The Project – George Wommack

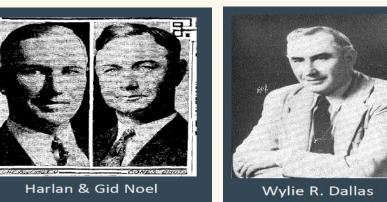




#### **History**







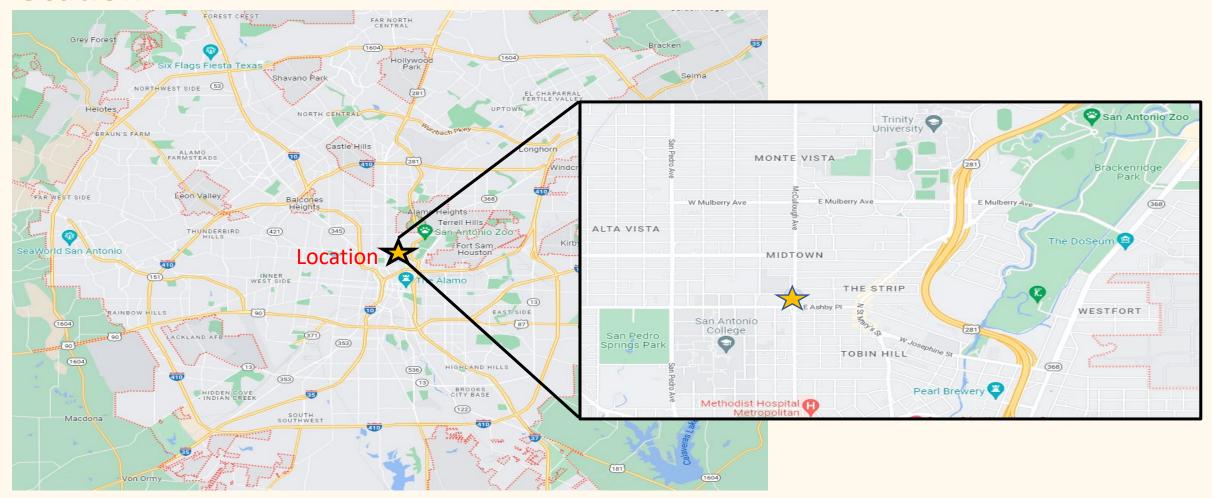


#### **Significant Dates**

- 1928 Noel Brothers Furniture Store
- 1938 Rear Warehouse, Link, and Storage Buildings added by this date
- 1939 W.R. Dallas Furniture Studio in building by this date
- **1950** Monte Visits Residential Historic District period of significance ends
- 1964 Interior remodel (air conditioning added)
- 1966 Allen's Flowers and Gifts
- 1993 Link Building remodeled



#### Location



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# **Artistic Renderings**





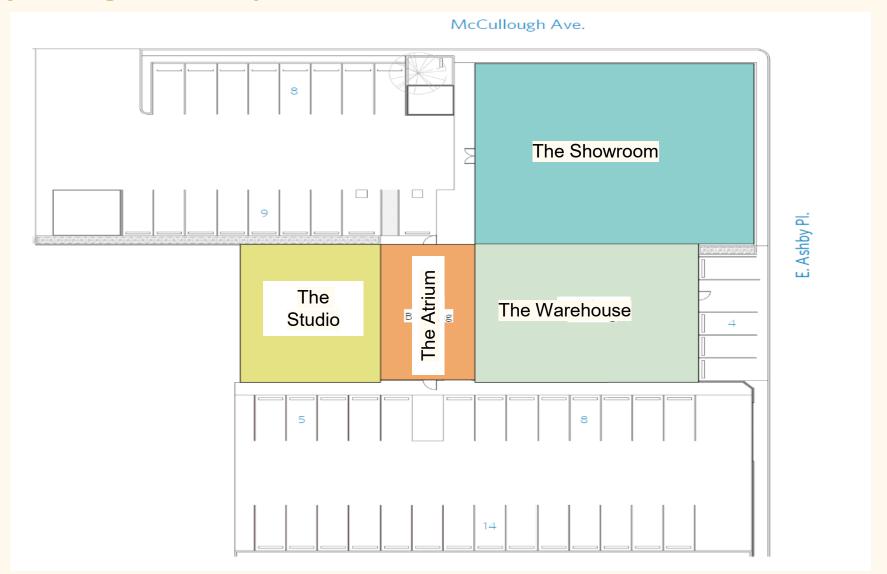


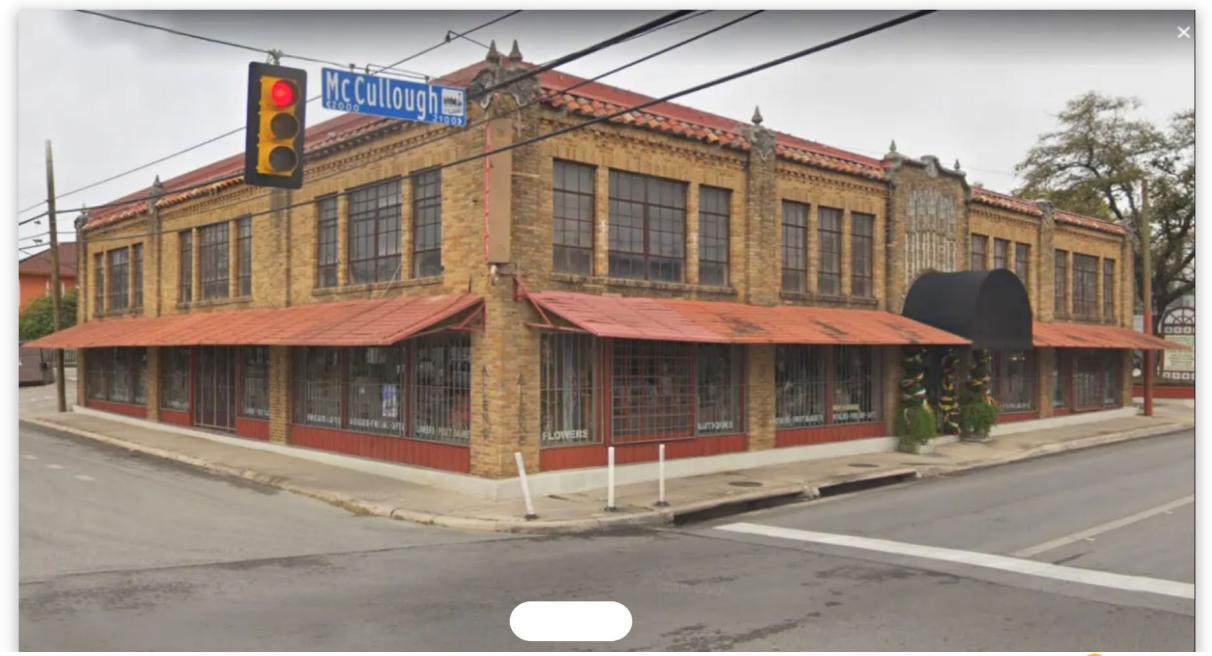


# **Design Concept Photos**



#### **Preliminary Design Concepts**



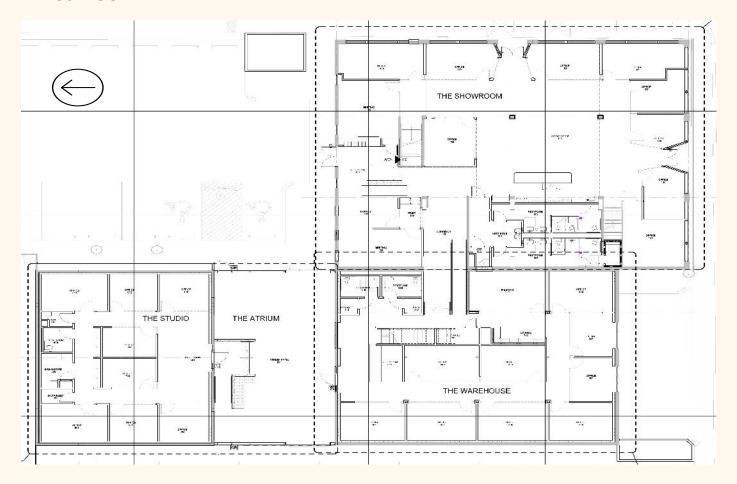




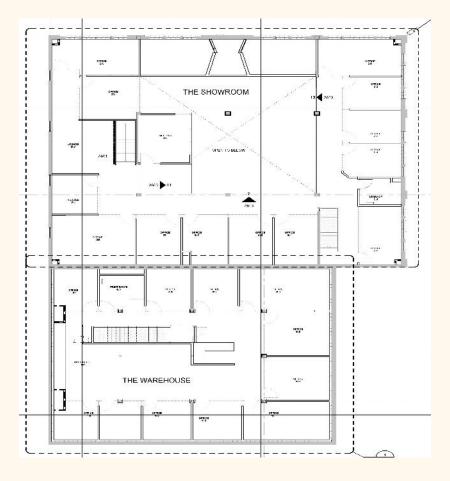


#### **Preliminary Design Concepts**

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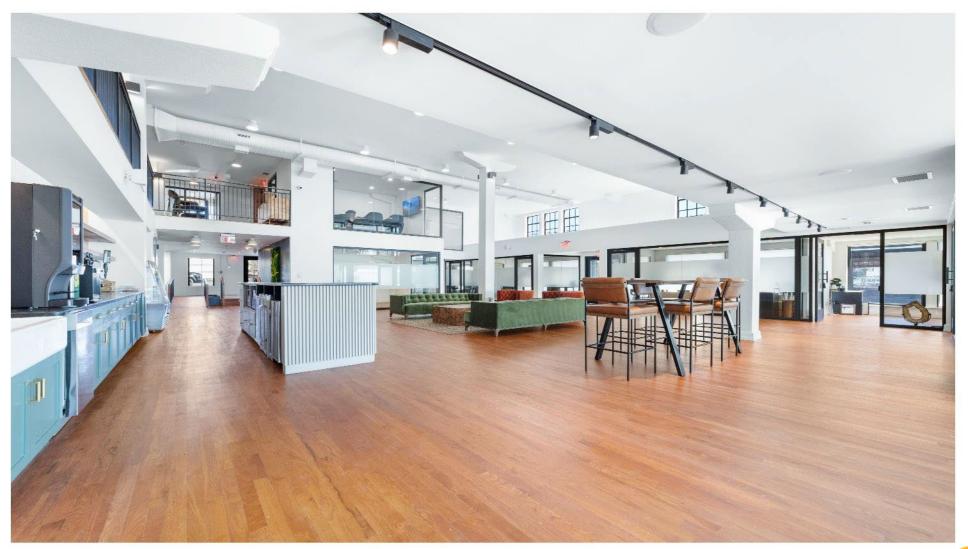


#### Second Floor

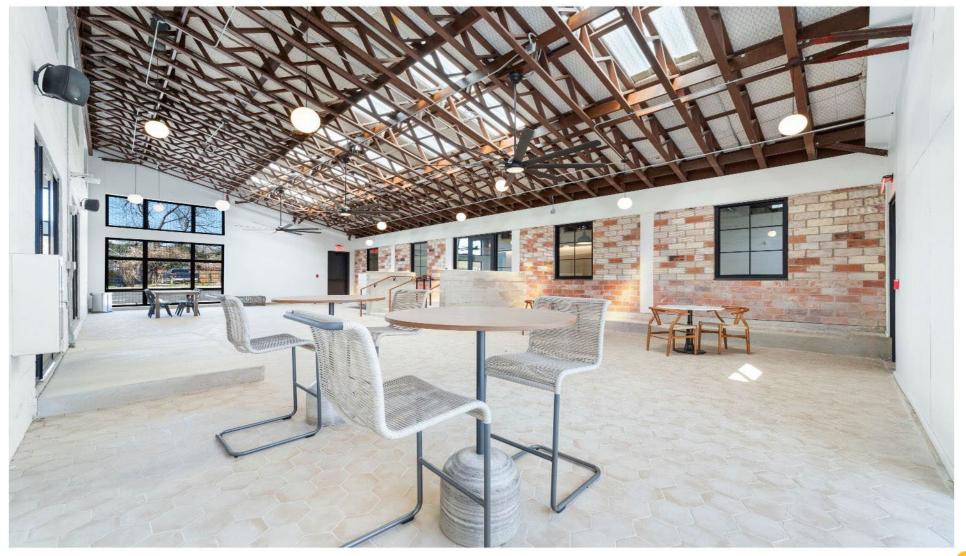














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### The PACE Loan – Brian Adams



#### Office/Retail Property Captures Low Carbon Status





#### CIRRUS LOW CARBON REDEVELOPMENT DELIVERS KEY BENEFITS

The Allen is located just north of the Central Business District of San Antonio. Formerly retail space, The Allen was originally constructed between 1928 and 1938. The property redevelopment houses the headquarters of Headwall Investments, the property developer, along with additional office and retail.

The property is a CIRRUS Low Carbon property—verified by PACE Equity and the New Building Institute. This means it met the low carbon design specification and qualified for a reduced cost of capital. In addition, the developer/owner can promote the property as having achieved the low carbon status, thereby building the brand and improving the appeal of the property for sustainably-minded tenants.

Our firm layers the CIRRUS Low Carbon analysis into our world-class end-to-end project management process, delivering a seamless customer experience. The developer/owner also benefits from the dynamic low carbon program that sets the property apart while it delivers positive financial and brand impacts.

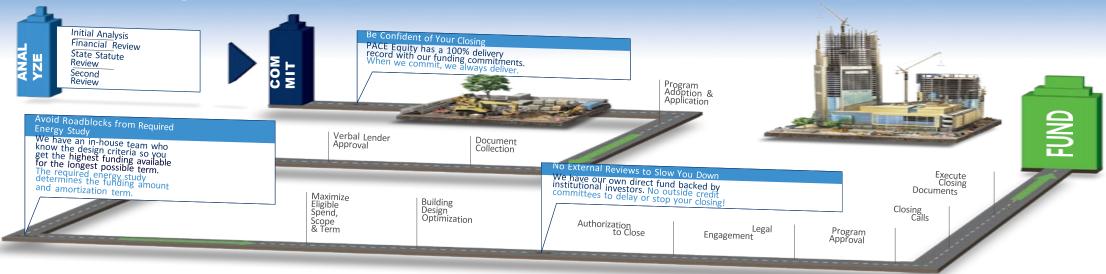
PACE Equity exceeded our expectations in every regard. Their proactive approach to client education assisted tremendously in making the process easy to navigate.

George Wommack, President/CEO
Headwall Investments

#### CAPITAL STACK \$10.1 M

CONSTRUCTION LOAN		
43%		\$4.3 M
EQUITY	42%	\$4.2 M
PACE Equity	16%	\$1.6 M





#### WHAT IS PACE EQUITY?

PACE legislation allows for a new funding vehicle in your capital stack. Your construction budget can use our funding for quantifiable utility, water, renewable or seismic (select states) efficiencies. The repayment of the capital is made through a long-term special tax assessment on the property. PACE Equity is available in 25 states and growing.

#### FUNDING FOR A VARIETY OF ASSET CLASSES



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#### LOWER COSTS FOR LOWER CARBON



Substantial rate reduction when you meet our CIRRUS Low Carbon design specification.

WE FUNDED IT FIRST.

Out first how to use our capital for new construction plus NMTC/OZ/TIF. We'll help you solve your financing challenge

UPFRONT FUNDING COMMITMENT

with certainty of funding and a 100% delivery record.

NEAR PERFECT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION (4.95 OUT OF 5 STARS)











The Long Term Mortgage – Andrew Ozuna



Tax Credit (10%)

PACE (10%)

Sponsor Equity (20%)

Senior Debt (60%)

## Lender Documents:

#### Mortgage (Senior Lender) consent to PACE lien

#### AGREEMENT

- 1. Lender hereby consents to the Assessment and the PACE Agreement and agrees that Property Owner shall not be in default under the Loan Documents because it enters into the PACE Agreement or the financing documents referenced therein, or because the Property is subject to the Assessment imposed against the Property pursuant to the PACE Agreement.
- 2. Lender hereby also agrees that, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 399.014, the Assessment will constitute a lien against the Property from and after the date on which the notice of contractual assessment is recorded and that such lien will have the same priority status as a lien for any other ad valorem tax. In no circumstances will the amount owing on the Assessment be accelerated on account of a payment default or for any other reason, including bankruptcy. Any proceeding to enforce the lien shall be limited to collection of the amount then currently due with respect to the Assessment, together with past-due interest, past-due fees and costs of collection as permitted under the PACE Act and Texas Tax Code, as they are amended from time-to-time.
- 3. Property Owner and Lender agree that the principal amount of the Assessment shall not exceed the Maximum Amount of Assessment Principal Authorized, as specified above, without the consent of Lender.

## Lender Consideration:

Recourse and Security

Pace loans are secured by the real property on which the improvements are located and are non-recourse to the Borrower. The lien of the PACE loan runs with the property, even if the property is transferred to a third party following a sale (including foreclosure).

PACE loan has a lien priority similar to ad valorem taxes and PIDS and therefore have priority over the existing recorded mortgages and subsequent mortgage findings.

PACE loans cannot be accelerated, even in the event of a missed assessment payment. In the event of a PACE loan foreclosure, only the mount of the assessment of the past due will be owed at the time of the foreclosure. Future assessments will remain due and payable in the future, and the property remains encumbered by the PACE loan.

## Risks:

SIZING OF THE PACE. OBTAIN AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENERGY AUDIT THAT DETAILS THE EXPECTED OPERATING COSTS DUE TO THE PACE IMPROVEMENTS. RISK THAT AUDIT WILL NOT COVER THE COSTS AND REQUIRE VE CHANGES OR MORE EQUITY.

TENANT PASS-THRU NNN FOR PACE ASSESSMENT MAY PUSH RENT HIGHER THAN MARKET. CAN PROJECT COVER THE ASSESSMENT WITHOUT NNN PASS THRU?

APPRAISAL RISK – DOES APPRAISAL PICK UP THE VALUE ADDS FOR THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS? IMPACT TO LTV AT UNDERWRITING?

HOW DOES BANK TREAT THE PACE ASSESSMENT? OPERATING EXPENSE OR 2<sup>ND</sup> LIEN DEBT OBLIGATION?

SUPERIOR LIEN CREATED BY PACE. CONSIDER SAY 12 MONTH ESCROW OF PAYMENTS DURING THE LEASE-UP PHASE OF THE PROJECT? INCLUDE SAY 21 MONTHS OF PACE PAYMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION BUDGET (NEGATIVE CARRY).

## **Equity Funding:**

 PACE equity funds Pari Passu vs First Draw Equity Funding. This is a challenge if Bank requires all equity in the project on a first draw basis.



## **Draw Process:**

PACE relies on the Bank's draw process to initiate their draws:

Down Date Title

Third Party Inspection

Signed Pay Apps

Balanced Budget



## PACE Benefit to Borrower:



Fully capitalizes the project at preferred interest rate (vs investor equity which has pref and promote)



PACE annual assessment can be passed thru to the tenant in a NNN lease.



Enhances the efficiency and overall sustainability of the building.



Enhances the leasing of the building as an "energy efficient" standout.



PACE is non-recourse debt. Reduces liability to the Sponsor

## Round Two – Open Questions



- 1. How would you describe your PACE experience from each of your points of view?
- 2. What are your thoughts on how to make explaining PACE less confusing and complex?
- 3. Any last thoughts or comments that to help Property Owners, PACE Lenders, and Long Term Mortgage Holders to be more open to PACE?



Round Three – Q & A with the Audience





## **PACE for Local Governments**

Presented by

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October 3, 2024



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## Elan Vallender

Director, City of Converse Economic Development Corporation

## Recap: What is TX-PACE?

- Commercial, non-profit, industrial (manufacturing & agricultural), & multi-family (5+ units) properties
- 100% long-term, low-cost private financing unlocked by assessment lien imposed on property
- Energy efficiency, water conservation, distributed generation, and demand reduction (resiliency)

## What is TX-PACE?

TX PACE Act enacted in 2013 - Local Gov't Code Chapter 399

- Allowed cities and counties to create individual PACE programs within their jurisdictions
- Cities and counties must adopt PACE for property owners to take advantage of it
- Voluntary program requires no extra work with ILA

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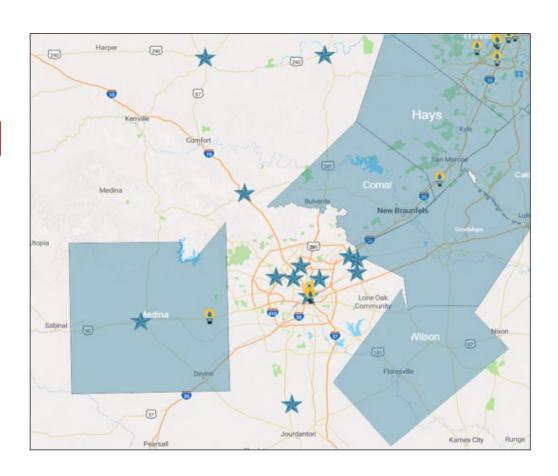
#### **Cities**

- Alamo Heights
- Balcones Heights
- Boerne
- Castle Hills
- Converse
- Fredericksburg
- Hondo
- Leon Valley
- Live Oak
- Poteet
- San Antonio
- Universal City

# 16 PACE programs and counting...

#### **Counties**

- Comal County
- Guadalupe County
- Medina County
- Wilson County





## Why TX-PACE?

## **Local Governments**

- Property owners/occupants substantially save in utility costs
- Increase economic development and jobs
- Reduce demand on electricity grid
- Improve air quality
- Enhance value and efficiency of buildings
- Support municipal resiliency plans and sustainability goals



### Risk Avoidance

## **Local Governments**

- Senior lien status senior lender must consent
- Utilize existing debt servicing upon default
- No use of City funds or resources (ILA)
- Free market, hands-off approach
- Independent third-party review
- PACE-in-a-Box streamlines application and ensures success

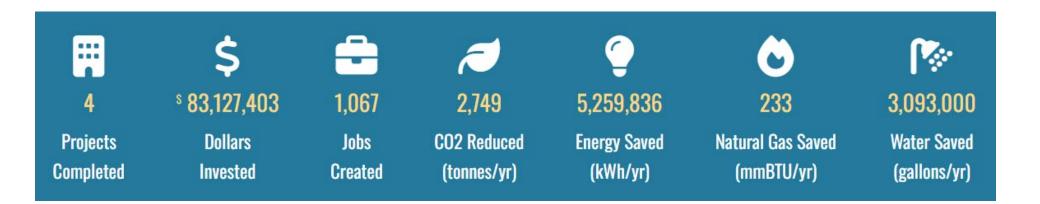


## Why TX-PACE? Property Owners

- Long-term financing (up to 20+ years)
- Competitive interest rates
- Up to 100% of improvements financed (100% loan to value)
- Non-recourse (stays with the property)
- No financial covenants
- Does not tie up borrowing capacity

## The Local Impact of PACE

## San Antonio



## Medina County



Alamo Area Council of Governments



## How to Adopt

- City Council Meeting #1
  - Post Report on how the program will work
  - Agenda Item: Resolution of Intent
- City Council Meeting #2
  - Agenda Item: Hold a Public Hearing
  - Agenda Item: Resolution to Establish
  - Agenda Item: Approve ILA with AACOG





## **Contractual Documents**

- Closing documents include:
  - Owner and Local Government Contract agrees to the assessment lien imposed on the property
  - Capital Provider and Local Government Contract

     assigns proceeds of assessment to capital
     provider
  - Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien –
     AACOG will record notice of PACE assessment
     lien with county clerk
  - Mortgagee Consent (if applicable)

## **SECO Resources**

The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) partners with municipal and county governments, public K-12 schools, public institutions of higher education and state agencies, to reduce utility costs and maximize energy efficiency.

- City Efficiency Leadership Council: collaborate with city leaders across Texas to share energy efficiency best practices while strengthening ties among local governments
- LoanSTAR Program: Revolving loan that finances energy retrofits for public facilities supported by the state, units of local government, public schools and universities



Preliminary Energy Assessments (PEAs): Free energy assessment that recommends
cost-effective resource efficiency measures that could be implemented to reduce utility
consumption or utility costs



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## The Growing Texas PACE Market

