

Toma Regional Center Receives USCIS I-956F Approval in 4 Months — A Rare Senior-Secured EB-5 Structure

Rapid adjudication of a senior-secured EB-5 offering underscores the clarity and quality of the project's documentation and capital structure.

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an EB-5 regional center based in the Los Angeles metro area, today announced that the Haven Residences Loan Fund ("HRLF") has received Form I-956F approval from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in approximately four months from filing.

The approval is particularly notable because the project is designated within a high-unemployment area (HUA). Historically, I-956F applications for high-unemployment-area projects have taken substantially longer to adjudicate — often on the order of 12 to 18 months — making a

roughly four-month approval an exceptional outcome for this category.

"We believe an approval of this speed, in a category where adjudication has historically taken a year or more, reflects the clarity, completeness, and credibility of the project's business plan, economic analysis, and offering documentation," said Thomas Lee, Founder and CEO of Toma Regional Center. "We hold every filing to a disciplined, institutional standard, and we view this outcome as validation of that approach."

HRLF is structured to deploy EB-5 investor capital alongside a senior institutional construction lender on a pari passu basis — sharing the same security and collateral position, rather than sitting in a subordinated loan or preferred-equity tranche as is common across much of the EB-5 industry.

"Our thesis has always been capital preservation. For the Haven Residences project, we're able to pursue this through a senior-secured structured loan," added Lee. "By aligning EB-5 capital with an institutional lender under a shared security package, we are pursuing a materially different risk posture than the subordinated structures that have historically dominated the EB-5

space. We believe the speed of this approval is one more data point supporting the strength of that approach and the quality of the underlying project."

The Haven Residences Loan Fund supports Haven + Arrow, a mixed-use development comprising 248 multifamily units and ground-floor retail in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Construction began in 2024 and is approximately 90% complete, with full completion targeted for the end of 2026. The project's economic analysis projects sufficient qualifying job creation to satisfy the EB-5 job-creation requirements of all investors in the fund.

About Toma Regional Center

Toma Regional Center is a USCIS-designated EB-5 regional center based in Southern California. The principals have worked in the EB-5 industry since 2010 and have achieved multiple I-956F and I-526E approvals under the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 (RIA).

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