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Maritza Muñoz, Director of Housing Services, joined Woodside on the Move, Inc. in 2008. She leads departmental strategy around affordable housing, including one-on-one case management, Know Your Rights Workshops, landlord-tenant mediation, the organizing of tenants in buildings, leadership development/training of tenant leaders, media outreach, advocacy initiatives and campaigns for improving conditions and eliminating loopholes in housing laws.

Woodside on the Move, Inc. is a grassroots community organization that works to build a better community for Western Queens through holistic services to improve the quality of life for neighbors. The organization helps tenants secure and maintain affordable housing, pro bono legal clinics, afterschool and summer programming for students, adult English-language training, computer skills classes and public events.

Ms. Muñoz has dedicated her career in Queens to helping immigrants, tenants, and neighbors achieve a better life through finding high quality, affordable housing that provides a safe, healthy home for their families.

Under her leadership, Woodside on the Move, Inc. launched a Housing Legal Clinic with a retired judge of the New York City Civil Court's housing division, helping tenants achieve justice and have a better quality of life.

Additionally, Ms. Muñoz introduced a walk-in legal counseling service in partnership with the Jewish Association for Serving the Aging and Queens Legal Services. Thanks to her outstanding performance, the housing department has achieved the recognition and attention it deserves.

Ms. Muñoz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Guayaquil-Ecuador. Prior to her current position, she worked as a teacher for elementary, middle and high school students in Guayaquil-Ecuador for five years, in addition to working in the private sector.