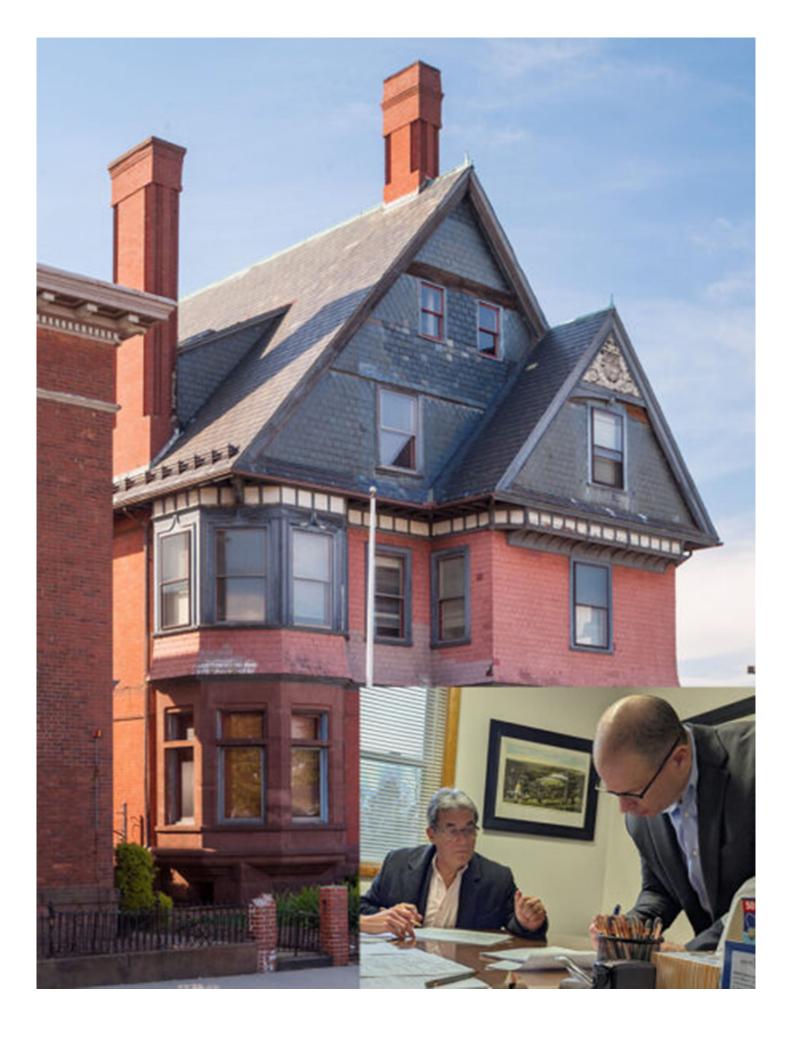


Washington Trust provided financing to Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Shown (from left) Oscar Mejias, chief executive officer, the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and

Jason Costa, vice president, business banking, WashingtonTrust, sign documents for the financing of the

chamber's new headquarters located at 359 Broad St.

Providence, RI Washington Trust provided \$800,000 in financing to the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the purchase of property located at 359 Broad St., to be used as the chamber's new headquarters.

The property, known as the James Potter House, an elaborate Queen Anne Mansion built c. 1889 and designed by Stone, Carpenter and Willson, is located in the Trinity Square National Historic District in the Elmwood section of the city.

"This new headquarters is a testament to the continued growth and success of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the state of RI and serves as a symbol of our unwavering commitment to serve the community and expand our reach," said Oscar Mejias, the chamber's chief executive officer, "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those whose unwavering support and belief in our mission made this accomplishment possible."

"Washington Trust is proud to support the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and its mission to be a resource center for Hispanic and minority-owned businesses," said Edward Handy, Washington Trust chairman and CEO, "We look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with the Chamber and its members, as we work together to promote and empower the growing Hispanic business community."

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