As District Director for North Carolina, Mike Arriola leads an office that drives economic development by helping entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses. He directs the implementation of SBA programs related to financing, business advising, and government contracts.

Mike has been with the SBA since 1998. In 2004, he opened an SBA satellite office in Asheville. He moved to Charlotte to become the Deputy District Director for the state in 2014. He was named District Director in May 2021, overseeing the Charlotte district office and the satellite offices in Asheville, Raleigh, and Wilmington.