

## ADVISORY COUNCIL OVERVIEW

### PURPOSE:

The Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) Advisory Council consists of distinguished professionals committed to the long-term success of CFT. Members help advance CFT's work by fostering an understanding of the foundation as a trusted partner for philanthropic planning and giving, community knowledge and collaboration.

### TERMS & MEETINGS:

The Advisory Council members are asked to serve three-year, renewable terms. The Advisory Council typically meets twice a year.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participate in CFT professional learning and other events as your schedule permits.
- Advocate for CFT in the community.
- Share your knowledge of CFT with your clients and expand our outreach to new donors.
- Provide your insights and expertise to CFT as we continuously seek to grow the highest and best practices of professional ethics and philanthropic services.

### MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA/PROCESS:

- Prospective members are nominated by current Advisory Council members, CFT fund holders, Trustees, and staff
- Nominated members are recommended to the Relationships Committee of CFT's Board of Trustees for approval
- Factors considered for membership:
  - Business and community leadership and influence
  - Interest in and/or existing connection to CFT
  - Familiarity with estate planning, tax legislation and charitable giving