

# ***African Leadership Council of North Texas***

## **I. MISSION:**

*To promote unity, cultural awareness, networking, cooperation and economic empowerment initiatives in the African Diaspora.*

## **II. GOALS & OBJECTIVES:**

2:1 Promote cultural exchange, greater understanding and harmony among African and global communities and civic institutions.

2:2 Facilitate networking and the exchange of information to encourage cooperation and self reliance in the African Diaspora,

2:3 Facilitate and support finding solutions for common community issues and opportunities in the African Diaspora,

2:4 Promote and influence policies that create an positive environment for African businesses,

2:5 Promote & facilitate business exchange, technology transfer and investment between American business communities and enterprises in Africa.

## **III. MEMBERSHIP:**

3:1 African communities, business establishments and economic and cultural organizations who believe in its mission and objectives can be represented by their leaders and become full voting members of the council.

3:2 Non-African organizations or individuals that support the mission and objectives can become non-voting Associate members of the council,

3:3 Other membership requirements and procedures for membership registration, payment of fees, as well as membership benefits and privileges will be stipulated by the council in its internal procedures.

## **IV. PROGRAMS:**

### PHASE ONE

4:1 Encourage & facilitate collaboration with local governments and non profit organizations in all areas that can enhance greater understanding and harmony among global communities and make our region a dynamic and vibrant international metropolis,

4:2 Organize workshops, symposiums, conferences, exhibitions and festivals to promote greater understanding of the diverse African culture and heritage,

4:3 develop suitable guides on education, economic and social services to inform and support African new comers to the region,

### PHASE TWO

- 4:4 Develop collective purchasing power and facilitate access to special discount programs,
- 4:5 Cultivate business/ leadership excellence through mentorship, motivation, recognition & awards,
- 4:6 Motivate and encourage African youth to develop and peruse their interest in business and other professions,
- 4:7 Promote and facilitate the establishment of Investment Clubs in the African Diaspora,
- 4.8 Facilitate access to capital and credit by collecting and disseminating vital information,

### PHASE THREE

- 4.9 Facilitate access to relevant regulatory authorities and encourage finding solutions for community & business problems encountered by Africans,
- 4.10. Provide supportive services for African communities & businesses including technical assistance, counseling and arbitration,
- 4:11 Organize & promote trade missions to facilitate joint ventures between African and American enterprises.

## **V. GOVERNANCE:**

5:1 An Executive Committee shall set policy and shall be the decision making branch of the Council; the general assembly of all full voting members shall be ratify decisions.

5:2 The general assembly shall elect a speaker to chair its meetings and a raporter to record its proceedings. These positions can rotate periodically among council members.

5:3 The council will appoint Standing and ad hoc Committees as necessary to facilitate efficiency and participation.

Standing committees can focus on:

- Government Relations
- Business Relations & Trade Promotion
- Cultural, Social & Educational Programs
- Advocacy
- Recognitions & Awards
- Public Relations

## **VI. FUNDING:**

The Council will finance its operations by generating revenue through:

- 6:1 Membership dues
- 6:2 Sponsorships
- 6:3 Fees for services
- 6:4 Grants and Partnerships
- 6:5 Fund raising programs
- 6/5 Other sources of funding