

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER**

**Ahmad Goree**



Ahmad became a dedicated advocate who has helped many people to address some of the most critical adversities that exist in our society. Ahmad has worked for local, state and federal agencies and organizations to implement and carry out policies that have made significant impacts on communities and lives. He currently serves as small business advocate within the federal government.

Ahmad joined the City of Dallas to help start an ex-offender/ re-entry program. The program was designed to help individuals returning to Dallas from incarceration receive social service assistance. State Senator Royce West recruited Ahmad to be his legislative aide for business, commerce, and housing policy. During the 2008 presidential primary, Senator West allowed Ahmad to take a leave of absence to serve as the surrogate coordinator on the Barack Obama Campaign in Columbia, South Carolina.

Ahmad's work has helped generate over \$6.6 billion to small businesses and creating over 50,000 jobs in the DFW area. He also helped lead a federal grant programs that provided billions of dollars to live entertainment small businesses and non- profits.

Ahmad is currently a member of the board of directors for Texas Pride Impact Fund, Board President of the Muhlaysia Booker Foundation, member of the VisitDallas 2026 FIFA World Cup Bid Committee and member of the City of Dallas Business Diversity Taskforce. He previously served as commissioner on the City DeSoto Building and Standards Commission, member of the North Texas Affordable Care Act Coalition, and as an adjunct professor of government at Mountain View College. Ahmad was the 2021 Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Emerging Leader, 2021 Fort Worth Business Press 40 under 40 Honoree and has received letters of recognition for his service from former President Barack Obama and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Ahmad was born and raised in Dallas attending H. Grady Spruce High School. He graduated from Jarvis Christian College with a degree in History and pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Ahmad earned his Masters in Political Science from Dallas Baptist University and currently is a Ph.D. candidate in Urban Planning and Public Policy at the University of Texas at Arlington.