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TACDC RESEARCH PROGRAM & TACDC ADVOCACY PROGRAM



ADVOCACY PROGRAM WILL CHANGE THE POLICY CLIMATE TO THE BENEFIT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE STATE; AND RESEARCH PROGRAM PROVIDES INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND SALIENT DATA TO POLICYMAKERS, CDCS, AND OTHER CONSTITUENTS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

PROGRAM: **ADVOCACY**

THE TACDC ADVOCACY PROGRAM shapes sound policy and workable solutions to the problems facing Texas communities. The program mirrors its Board of Directors, the Community Development Roundtable, and the association membership who are community-based and driven by mission to improve the existing conditions in the neighborhoods in which they live. Using a list of member-approved Policy Priorities, the Advocacy Program weaves TACDC concerns into the public arena by developing relationships with federal, state, and local policymakers; building coalitions between other advocacy, public interest, and grassroots organizations; working with local or regional CED associations; and advocating sound management of the state's housing and economic development resources.

The Advocacy Program accomplishes its duties by presenting accurate and timely information contained in reasonable policy platforms that are presented through an annual Community Development Conference; an annual Policy Summit; direct encouragement of sound public policy, and; attending and participating in legislative meetings, agency hearings, and a variety of community development conferences.

PROGRAM: **RESEARCH**

THE TACDC RESEARCH PROGRAM is committed to developing and implementing innovative community development-related research projects. The Research and Publication Program promotes sound research principles and the consistent publication of results in order to establish CDC benchmarks and to identify need within the community development field.

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