



CHARLIE AMATO ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXAS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Charlie Amato, chairman and co-founder of SWBC, a San Antonio-based international financial services company, was recently elected chairman of the **Texas Business Leadership Council**.

TBLC is the only statewide CEO and senior executive-led public policy advocacy group in Texas.

"I am honored to have been elected by my peers to serve as Chairman of the **TBLC**," **Amato** says in a statement. "This group of knowledgeable and influential business leaders is critical to the continued growth and success of the state of Texas."

Amato replaces outgoing chair **Gay Gaddis**.

The **Texas Business Leadership Council** is a statewide network of CEOs and senior business executives who advance a long-term vision of a prosperous Texas in a globally competitive business environment. The **TBLC** brings expertise, research, financial resources, and advocacy to the leaders of Texas state government to provide a unique view of the potential outcomes of legislation, regulation, and statewide funding. Strategic research, ongoing education, and smart collaborations allow **TBLC** membership to develop thoughtful and comprehensive solutions to present to state leadership encouraging a healthy and vibrant business climate.

"**Charlie Amato** is a 'closer' and in a time when commitments can be fluid — whether they are related to public policy or business — **Charlie** gets the deal done," says **Justin Yancy**, president of the **TBLC**. "Charlie is a natural leader and visionary and having the opportunity to work with him toward a more globally competitive Texas is both exciting and humbling."

Says **Gaddis**, founder of T3, formerly the largest female-owned marketing firm in the country: "It has been an honor to lead this organization through a remarkable growth spurt, expanding the **TBLC**'s operation and scope. Further, we have achieved a reputation in the Texas and U.S. Capitol as the go-to group advocating for the issues which Texas businesses see as most consequential to Texas' future success. Our relevance is at an all-time high. I am so excited that **Charlie** is taking the helm. **Charlie** is known globally for his ability to build relationships and I know that his efforts will be exponentially more successful because of the work we have done together."