



SWBC CO-FOUNDER NAMED CHAIR OF THE TEXAS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Longtime chairman and co-founder of SWBC **Charlie Amato** will serve as the newly elected chairman of the **Texas Business Leadership Council**.

"**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," **Justin Yancy**, president of **TBLC**, said in a news release on Jan. 4. "**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."

TBLC is a 100-member council with a range of small to large business CEOs and senior executives. It is the only statewide public policy nonprofit that is executive led in Texas. The advocacy group provides research and financial resources to Texas government officials to encourage a "healthy and vibrant business climate," according to the release.

San Antonio-based SWBC provides a range of insurance, mortgage and investment services to financial institutions, businesses and individuals. In the last three years, SWBC's revenue grew by about \$194 million - the largest per-dollar growth compared to any other company on this year's Fast Track list

Amato is following outgoing chairman **Gay Gaddis**, who was the first female chairman for **TBLC**. She was the founder of T3, which was the largest woman-owned marketing firm in the U.S.