



DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIR
Lance Coplin, Frost Bank

SHORT-TERM COMMITMENTS

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Chair: Rebecca Leonard, Lionheart Places

Oversees programs focused on educating individuals ranging from high school, to college, and industry professionals and public officials and staff. ULI needs mentors and presenters for these programs.

BUILDING INDUSTRY LEADERS

A program built in partnership with ULI and the Boys & Girls Clubs to educate and inspire middle school students on career opportunities in commercial real estate.

HINES STUDENT COMPETITION

Challenges college students to collaborate across disciplines to imagine a better built environment. ULI members mentor and coach local university teams. Volunteers needed December–February.

URBANPLAN EXCHANGE

A project-based learning exercise where members lead hands-on workshops where participants learn about the fundamental forces that shape and affect the built environment.



SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEES

Chair: Cooper Dukette, David Weekley Homes

Plans and executes ULI Austin's special events. Committees meet biweekly for three months before the event.

MARKETPLACE | APRIL 2026

A showcase of Austin's emerging real estate projects.

IMPACT AWARDS | AUGUST 2026

Recognizes projects and people that exemplify ULI's mission.

BUTLER GAME DAY | NOVEMBER 2026

Networking extravaganza for both golfers and tailgaters.

OPPORATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Michael Gonzalez, Sands Investment Group

Plans monthly educational and informational meetings, including our flagship monthly breakfast series, trends conferences, and networking events.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: John Duke, CPM Texas

Develops and implements innovative member retention, recruitment, and engagement strategies to help cultivate, grow, and maintain membership.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Paya Gupta, Rani Ventures & Investments

Manages storytelling across platforms—helping promote events, highlight member impact, and shape ULI's voice online.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Marissa Garza-Christensen, GarzaEMC

Solicits financial support of ULI Austin from local companies and organizes sponsor appreciation activities. Annual sponsorship provides over half of ULI Austin's operations budget and 100% of donations remain local in Austin.



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YOUNG LEADERS (YL) STEERING COMMITTEE
Chair: Karin Montgomery, Brookfield Residential

Young Leaders creates a unique setting for early-career professionals and students under 35 to develop professional skills and build relationships while fostering thoughtful development practices. ULI Austin members under age 35 are automatically part of YL and welcome to attend YL events. *(No application required)*

YOUNG LEADERS MENTORSHIP FORUM
Chair: Al Pool, GarzaEMC

Running from September-May each year, this competitive entry program offers valuable guidance, connection, and growth. Applications open mid-May through early July. **\$275 PARTICIPATION FEE**

ULI NEXT
Chair: Abby Shaver, WSP USA

Connects mid-career members ages 35-50 through a cohort-based “Flight” model, offering peer networking, leadership development, and industry content as careers advance. Events include small group gatherings, project tours, panel discussions, and optional socials with Young Leaders. Applications open mid-May through early July. **\$250 PARTICIPATION FEE**

CAREY GUNN VENDITTI WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (WLI) STEERING COMMITTEE
Chair: Lauren Fosen, Cushman & Wakefield

This initiative strives to promote the advancement of women and increase the number of women who serve in leadership positions in the real estate industry and in ULI. The steering committee plans the overall direction of WLI and the various events and programs. All female ULI Austin members are automatically part of WLI and are welcome to attend WLI events. *(No application required)*



CHAIR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT
Jason Qunell, A+ Federal Credit Union

STRATEGIC COUNCILS

Strategic Councils partner public and private entities to discuss and impact local issues. Current councils include the following:

- AFFORDABILITY**
CLIMATE IMPACT
- CREATIVE CULTURE**
TRANSPORTATION

ADVISORY COMMUNITY SERVICES

These programs leverage the real estate expertise of ULI members to assist government and nonprofit organizations with specific land use and real estate development challenges. Committee members provide oversight and strategic direction for ULI Austin’s advisory services

COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
Chair: Selena Muñoz, Travis County

Serves as a resource TO ALL ULI Austin committees to bring an equity, diversity and inclusion lens to the work of our local District Council leadership; and as a catalyst for facilitating change in the real estate industry.

LOCAL MEMBER COUNCILS

Chair: Trey Fletcher, City of Pflugerville

Topically focused, multidisciplinary groups that meet regularly year-round to exchange ideas, examine industry trends, and share information and best practices concerning a specific real estate topic in a collaborative manner. Applications are accepted once annually in January. **\$250 PARTICIPATION FEE**

Current councils include the following:

- COMMERCIAL**
HOUSING INNOVATIONS
INDUSTRIAL
MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITIES
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING
PLACEMAKING
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
- REGIONAL GROWTH**
RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY
SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
URBAN

