



Dear LD Alumni,

On behalf of the LDA Council, welcome back to a new program year. We are honored and thrilled to lead this prestigious group of alumni to positively impact the communities where we work, live, and serve to further support the mission of the DRC.

As 2013 LD alumni, I continue to reap the benefits of the program almost a decade later and am proud to be associated with LDA, and like many of you, my original classmates have continued to be lifelong friends and colleagues. As an added bonus, LDA has given me the opportunity to connect with many other alumni outside of my class which has opened doors that otherwise would never have happened without our wonderful network.

The past two years have been unprecedented and while we have not had as many in person events, our LDA Council under our past president, Krissy Barker, has taken the opportunity to revisit and restructure our Council to better serve our alumni as well as our community. A huge thank you to Krissy for the great work she has done on behalf of LDA.

This year, the LDA Council is embarking on a new strategic plan to provide stronger programming and more meaningful events for our alumni, as well as to better align around the DRC initiatives. This new plan will not only focus on our core opportunities in community activities, programming, and membership engagement, but we will also be adding resource development and key pillar representation on DRC taskforces including Public Policy, Education, DEI, Economic Development, and Southern Dallas development.

We welcome your involvement in any of these areas and invite you to provide your feedback [HERE](#) as to the direction you would like to see LDA go this year and in the future.

We look forward to working with you as we continue to advance LDA and enhance the reputation of LD and the work we are doing within the Dallas regional community.

Warmest Regards,

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2022 Chair, Leadership Dallas Alumni Council