



## AMBASSADOR COUNCIL

For over 100 years, Compass Housing Alliance has been meeting the needs of the community across King County by providing enhanced emergency services programs and affordable housing programs for those experiencing homelessness and housing instability. We build **stability** with dignified housing and responsive services, we support **growth** and an improved quality of life, and we engage in **community** building to create places of belonging.

Compass seeks to further our community engagement and advance our mission through an engaged and active volunteer Ambassador Council.

### **Mission Statement**

As Compass Housing Alliance's Ambassador Council, our mission is to actively partner with the agency and our broader community to make progress toward attaining our vision of a world in which every person lives in a safe, caring community.

We do this by engaging our community with advocacy for societal changes and advancing Compass's mission through engagement and education.

### **Call to Action**

We believe in the power of philanthropy to enrich lives for supporters, as well as the people served by the mission, and we are deeply committed to this work.

We work to engage and invite our fellow community members to learn more, potentially lean-in and, ultimately, decide if they wish to show up with their head and their heart to invest time, talent, and treasure in advancing the mission and impact of Compass Housing Alliance.

Together we embrace and support our work for and alongside people experiencing poverty and homelessness in our society to improve their circumstances, while simultaneously advocating for societal changes toward equity and justice.

### **What**

The Ambassador Council is comprised of a diverse group of community members who desire to be of service, expand their networks, and become ambassadors to the community on behalf of Compass and the people served by our work. The overall objectives of the Compass Ambassador Council are:

- Foster and promote a culture of philanthropy grounded in love, humility and the basic human connection we all share.
- Engage our community in advocacy for societal changes toward equity and justice.
- Advance Compass's mission through engagement, education, and encouragement.
- Uplift voices and perspectives that are often marginalized to foster a more inclusive, just community.

Members will:

- Increase their knowledge about issues of homelessness, poverty, barriers to stability/well-being and housing affordability, and how Compass is addressing these issues with and for our community.
- Engage in housing and human services advocacy to promote systemic and sustainable change.
- Serve as an internal and external link for Compass to open doors to further the organization's mission.
- With the support of Compass staff, participate in fundraising activities all while making friends, connections, and a positive impact in our community.
- Occasionally participate in various Compass-sponsored events and/or participate in community events as a Compass Ambassador, alongside Compass staff or other key stakeholders.
- Promote the objectives of the Ambassador Council amongst networks and in the community.

Note: The Ambassador Council is in its second year of existence, and it is expected that additional and/or more targeted member goals will be co-created over time. An interest in creating structure and programming coupled with the patience needed in building momentum are ideal.

## Who

This council includes one Compass board member, a variety of Compass staff, and a diverse group of community members. Compass encourages and welcomes diverse perspectives, including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and those with a variety of lived experiences.

Ambassador Council Member Commitments:

- Act as an Ambassador for Compass and those we serve externally in the Ambassador's personal and professional communities and in the community at large.
- Attend and participate in regular Council meetings.
- Come prepared to participate and engage both in meetings and in volunteer work outside meetings.
- Contribute financially to the organization at a level that is meaningful to the individual (we recognize that staff or others may not be able to contribute financially, and we embrace and encourage their participation in the Council regardless).

## How

Members are elected to a two-year term (minimum); elections may be held on a rolling basis. The average commitment is 1-4 hours per month, including 8-10 meetings per year. Regular meetings take place via zoom on weeknights 6:30pm – 7:30pm monthly. Ambassador Council service projects occur approximately 2-3 times per year and are in person.

The Ambassador Council interfaces with Compass's the Advancement department. If you are interested in joining our council, or would like to nominate someone from your community, please reach out to Liz Jarrard at [ljarrard@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:ljarrard@compasshousingalliance.org) or 206-474-1105.

