



Joli Angel Robinson Biography

Joli Angel Robinson is the CEO of Center on Halsted, the Midwest's leading LGBTQ community center dedicated to advancing community and securing the health and well-being of the LGBTQ people of Chicagoland. As an LGBTQ leader with over two decades of leadership experience in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, Joli has emerged as a trailblazer committed to advancing equity, fostering inclusivity, and driving positive community change.

Previously serving as President/CEO of Housing Forward (formerly known as Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance), Joli has led transformative initiatives aimed at advocating for racial equity and elevating the narrative around housing and homelessness across the Dallas region. Under her leadership, the organization was awarded over \$23 million in federal funding through a competitive grant process, showcasing her ability to drive impactful change on a significant scale.

Joli currently serves on the board of the ACLU of Texas, where she provides strategic oversight and engages as a thought partner in supporting the organization's mission. She also contributes to the North Texas LGBT Chamber of Commerce Board, working towards creating an inclusive business environment and advocating for equality through business. Previously, she served on the Village Tech Board and was Co-Chair at the Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation organization.

Joli holds a Master's Degree in Communications, specializing in Organizational Communication Management, and a Bachelor of Art and Science in Sociology and Communication, both earned at Dallas Baptist University. Her educational foundation has been a driving force in shaping her strategic leadership approach.

Joli's dynamic leadership, coupled with her dedication to creating positive social change, positions her as an inspiring figure in the realm of community leadership. As a woman of color who has led many efforts to boost programmatic and organizational diversity and inclusion, she is committed to strengthening engagement and relationships with BIPOC members of the community. Her wealth of experience and passion for fostering inclusivity and community well-being will position Center on Halsted for a new era of growth and impact for the organization.

Joli's work has been featured in a variety of publications, interviews, and conversations:

- [Hard Conversation: Coming Out to the Streets](#)
- [DRC Black History Month Series: Joli Robinson, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance](#)
- [Racial Equity NOW: Dallas Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation](#)
- [Hard Conversation about Racial Equity in Housing and Homelessness](#)
- [Beautiful As Is: Is Bias Against Natural Black Hair Shifting?](#)