

Afshi Charania Bio

Afshi Charania is a long-time resident of Fort Bend County. Upon moving to the Sugar Land area over 25 years ago, Afshi attended Clements High School along with her siblings. And she and her husband also live in in Sugar Land since their wedding some 6 years ago.

Serving her community is Afshi's passion. She has served in various capacities for various organizations and also in informal roles for many years now. She has served on the FBISD Facilities Steering Committee in 2018, and is a supporter of the Fort Bend Education Foundation. She serves on the board of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and on the Home Owners Association (HOA), previously serving as the Vice President of the Board. Afshi is trained as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, currently serves as her Neighborhood Block Captain, and is a Voter Deputy Registrar, and an active volunteer and supporter of the ABC13 Share Your Holiday Food Drive.

Afshi is the former Vice Chair of the Houston Partnership Walk, former Chairperson for the Aga Khan Economic Planning Board for the Southwestern United States, and former board member of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA). She has also served as her HOA Neighborhood Delegate a role in which she set up her Neighborhood Watch Program and organized and hosted National Night Outs for her neighborhood before joining the HOA board.

Afshi is a proud graduate of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, The George Foundation Excellence for Non-Profit Leadership Program, Sugar Land 101 and Sugar Land Police Department Citizens Police Academy.

Afshi has over 20 years of business experience. She is the President of a local energy company, and has been recognized in the Houston Chronicle for receiving the Houston West Chamber of Commerce "Young Entrepreneur Award" as part of its profile on women in small business making an economic impact. She was also recognized by the United States Small Business Administration for the "Houston District Entrepreneurship Success Award of the Year."

Education has always been of paramount importance to Afshi. She is an avid supporter of early childhood programs in which she actively participates with her young son. She has a Bachelor's in Business degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's in Business degree with Honors from the University of Houston. She understands education to be a key to broadening horizons and equipping our future generations with the tools to more effectively engage with and contribute to the world around them.

FBISD is a growing district, which has its own set of challenges and opportunities. With growth comes the need for change and making difficult decisions at times. Afshi

understands that these decisions should exhibit common sense and that the interest of students should be a top priority.