

TUCSON RESIDENTS FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT (TRRG)

2016 Board Elections – April 30, 2016

The TRRG annual Board of Directors election will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 30, 2016. Currently the TRRG board consists of members, Chair Ruth Beeker, Co-Chair Bonnie Poulos, Secretary JD Garcia, Treasurer Barbara Lehmann, Ceci Cruz, Bill Ford, Oscar Gandy, Don Ijams, Lisa Jones and Kristine Yarter. The Board may have up to 11 but no fewer than 5 members. Board members are elected for two-year terms, although Ceci Cruz will not be able to serve her second year.

The Nominating Committee consists of Oscar Gandy and Kristine Yarter. The TRRG Nominating Committee is submitting the following slate of candidates to be voted on by the TRRG membership at this year's Annual Meeting.

In accordance with the TRRG Bylaws, any member of TRRG may self-nominate or nominate another candidate to be put on the slate up to three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting by contacting the TRRG Chairperson. The Chairperson will contact that nominee to see if s/he is interested in running and, if so, to obtain the required personal narrative. Each candidate must submit a brief biography, no more than 100 words, which details relevant past community involvements, strengths to contribute to the organization, and Ward of residence. This information will be posted on the web-site two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

2016 Slate of Nominees

The following individuals have agreed to place their names on the 2016 ballot to serve on the Board of Directors of TRRG. Names appear in alphabetical order.

J.D. Garcia, Ward 6. Past President of the El Encanto Estates NA, where he has lived for 30 years. He is a member of the MCRC, and chairs the Operations Subcommittee. He is also on the Broadway Coalition Steering Committee, and is an Ombudsman at the University of Arizona and for Pima Council on Aging. A long time Tucsonan, he is Professor of Physics Emeritus at the University of Arizona, and has served in leadership positions both locally and nationally.

Mark S. Homan, Ward 6. Retired from Pima Community College where he had been a full time faculty member for 30 years and Chair of the Social Services Department. He has worked For 40 years with diverse populations in urban, rural, and reservation

communities on a broad range of issues, including neighborhood stabilization and empowerment, hunger, children with special health care needs, community mental health, family planning, community health work, capital punishment, public schools and community development, political campaign organizing, foster care, and adoption. Mark is the author of *Promoting Community Change: Making it Happen in the Real World*, 6th ed., and *Rules of the Game: Lessons from the Field of Community Change*. He has been the recipient of the numerous awards for teaching excellence and work with communities.

J. Lisa Jones, Ward 3. Jefferson Park Neighborhood resident since 1978, active in JPNA for over a decade, serving as VP in '09; Exec VP in '12 and as a JPNA Area Representative since, in addition to being JPNA's Liaison to the UA's Mortar Board Neighborhood Clean-Up Project and JPNA's Representative to the Campus Community Relations Committee for several years. Also worked on the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Plan, the Park Avenue Enhancement Project & the Design Manual Committee for the NPZ. Served on Access Tucson's (AT) Board of Directors almost 25 years, 6 years as Chair, volunteering on innumerable local tv productions, including producing Urban Neighborhood Symposium videos. Have been a member of TRRG & served on its Board of Directors since its inception.

Barbara Lehmann, Ward 4. TRRG member from its inception. TRRG Board Treasurer 2014-2016, responsibilities include TRRG financial accounting (QuickBooks) and maintaining TRRG membership records. Past president and treasurer of Dodge/Flower NA (2002-2014), during which the neighborhood received Back to Basics Improvement Grant and SABHA Neighborhood Award. Helped facilitate the Meth Free Alliance-TNBC which morphed into the Community and Law Enforcement Task Force and now is the Grant-Alvernon Initiative where four NA's meet with TPD monthly to fight crime; I continue to participate in the monthly Dodge/Flower Tucson Clean and Beautiful project. Office Administrator for Camp Lowell CPAs from 1994-2015. I have used that financial expertise to serve as treasurer for numerous volunteer organizations: Catalina HS Band Boosters and ProNeighborhood grants, etc.

Tina Pacheco, Ward 6. A Tucson native. In junior high school, she picketed alongside her father on the sidewalk in front of the Safeway at Broadway and Campbell to urge people to boycott grapes and support the UFW. It was a turning point where she learned that citizen involvement could bring about positive change. Ever since, she has served as a volunteer for community non-profits and political campaigns. Tina graduated from Rincon High School and then the University of Arizona (journalism). Her career took her from Tucson in 1982 and she returned to the Old Pueblo in 1999.

Bonnie Poulos, Ward 3. Long-time Tucson resident. Employed as research microbiologist at the UAZ for 32 years; recently retired. Founding member of the Campus Farm Neighborhood Association and Neighborhood Infill Coalition. Current vice-chair of Tucson Residents for Responsive Government. Served on numerous committees/commissions dealing with land use and transportation planning, including: Planning and Zoning in both Tucson and Pima County, Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee, Northside Area Plan, Mountain Ave. Bicycle/ Pedestrian Project, COT General Plan Cost of Growth Task Force, Regional Water and Wastewater Study, Tucson Charter Review Committee. I believe that community participation is essential for good government.