

**Tucson Residents for Responsive Government
2015 Board Elections – April 25, 2015**

Dear TRRG Members,

The TRRG annual Board of Directors election will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 25, 2015. Currently the TRRG board consists of 6 members, Chair Ruth Beeker, Co-Chair Bonnie Poulos, Secretary JD Garcia, Treasurer Barbara Lehmann, Bill Ford and Lisa Jones. The Board may have up to 11 but no fewer than 5 members.

Board members are elected for two-year terms. However, Ruth and Bill chose to initially hold one-year terms in order to stagger terms ensuring continuation of historical knowledge on the TRRG Board. The TRRG Nominating Committee is submitting the following slate of nominations to be voted on by the TRRG membership at the Annual Meeting on April 25, 2015. Please review the nominees' accompanying bios and be prepared to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your participation and membership in TRRG. We look forward to seeing you on April 25th!

2015 Slate of Nominees

Ruth Beeker
Ceci Cruz
Bill Ford
Oscar Gandy
Don Ijams
Kristine Yarter

The Nominating Committee consists of Lisa Jones, JD Garcia, and Barbara Lehmann, Chairperson. 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 (April 4th) by contacting the nominating committee 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.

Nominee Bios

Ruth Beeker, Ward 6. Neighborhood Infill Coalition, 2004-2014; Board of Adjustment, chair and vice-chair, 2007-2013; COT Land Use Committee Member, 2009-2012; El Con Tripartite Committee, 2000-2014; El Rio Coalition, 2013-14; Core BaNC, 2012-2013; Planning Commissioner, Sub-committee on IID, 2014; PlanTucson participant, 2012-13; Miramonte NA Board (president, vice president, treasurer, member), most years between 1994-2014. Retired UA Education Professor. Used skills in organization and group process to facilitate 5 NIC sponsored workshops in 2013 -2014 to explore how citizens can get an effective voice in COT government, which resulted in the formation of Tucson Residents for Responsive Government. TRRG Chair 2014-2015.

Cecilia Cruz aka Cecilia Cruz-Baldenegro, Ward 6. I earned a BA degree from the UA and certification as a Public Manager from ASU. I retired from the City of Tucson after having served as a Principal Planner, a City Manager Intern, and Project Manager. I am knowledgeable of planning and development principles and practices, City policies, processes and regulations. I know how the City should work and doesn't. I've served on the Tucson Women's Commission, Family Housing Resources Board, and Executive Committee of the Pima County Democratic Party. Most recently I helped organize the El Rio Coalition II to fight the "giving away" of El Rio/Trini Alvarez Golf Course to Grand Canyon University.

William Ford, Ward 3. I'm a 33 year core resident and architect of 28 years. My focus is core neighborhoods & appropriate infill. My home is a prototype that shows how infill can both protect and enrich neighborhoods. I wrote the blog, www.uuitucson.com I was an 8 year member of the Pima County Design Review Committee. I support participatory community planning based on relevant working models that assure authentic engagement. Area plans can become models for community investment. The right plans can transform a bottom line of profit to a triple bottom line for communities. TRRG can be the breakthrough in influencing the right direction. TRRG Board member 2014-2015.

Oscar Gandy, Ward 6. Oscar Gandy is an emeritus professor of communication. After retiring from the classroom and moving to Tucson in 2006, Oscar has been active in several organizations concerned with governance and public participation. He served as secretary of Sustainable Tucson's "core team," and he was actively engaged with IGT's regional planning exercise. This work involved the analysis of public comments about the needs of the city, as well as the analysis of related public survey data. He was actively engaged in the development of IGT's Tucson Regional Indicator Program that presented data and analysis online regarding 60 of the core values identified through surveys and group discussions.

Donald Ijams, Ward 6. Donald Ijams was born in Tucson and has deep Arizona roots. He was educated in Tucson's public schools and earned three degrees at The University of Arizona including a Ph.D. in social psychology. He retired in 2005 after 35 years with the City of Tucson as a program evaluation administrator and as a police statistician, analyst and advanced certified law enforcement planner. He is a past president of the Peter Howell Neighborhood Association, a founding member and current Coordinator of the Neighborhood Support Network and a charter member of TRRG.

Kristine Yarter, Ward 6. I am a 44-year Tucson resident, UA graduate and retired TUSD Biology teacher, Science Dept Chair. Active participant in the Graffiti Action Task Force, Alvernon/Grant Initiative, Garden District Neighborhood Association (Vice President), and NSN and TRRG sponsored meetings. Started neighborhood volunteer work planting trees, maintaining traffic circles, and cleaning up graffiti. I've been working with my neighbors and the COT to address code violations and how they relate to criminal activity and overall quality of life issues within our neighborhood. Am familiar with the code enforcement process and have participated in NSN workshops for the purpose of educating residents of the process.