

Organization of *TRRG*



Board of Directors

TRRG members elect their Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting each spring. The Board, 5-11 members elected for 3 year terms, meets at least quarterly. It elects a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian.

Members

Any individual who resides in the City of Tucson and who supports *TRRG*'s mission may become a voting member of *TRRG* by completing a Membership Application and paying the \$10 annual dues. Provisions will be made to ensure that no one is denied membership due to financial hardship. An application for membership is on-line at tucsontrrg.org.

Friends

Any association, organization, business or out-of-city resident who wishes to support *TRRG*'s mission may become a Friend by completing a Friend's Application found on-line at tucsontrrg.org. A list of Friends is available on our website.

Committees

TRRG standing committees work to maintain function of the organization. Ad hoc committees will be formed as needed to be responsive to current issues. All members are encouraged to serve on committees which address their specific interests and concerns.

Tucson Residents for Responsive Government



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A grassroots coalition of
City of Tucson residents
seeking positive change in
City of Tucson
government.

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Purpose of *TRRG*

Tucson Residents for Responsive Government (*TRRG*) is an all-volunteer coalition whose mission is to effect concrete change in the way the City of Tucson interacts with its residents to ensure that integrity, transparency, accountability, collaboration and sensitivity to quality of life govern all city processes.

Members and Friends of *TRRG*

TRRG members are residents of the City of Tucson who recognize that to achieve a meaningful change in City of Tucson government they must unite. Anyone whose primary residence is within the City limits and who supports the Purpose of *TRRG*, as stated above, is encouraged to join our grassroots coalition. Any organization, business or non-resident who shares *TRRG*'s vision is encouraged to become an acknowledged Friend.

History of *TRRG*

Recent resident advocacy efforts have been primarily reactive, issue-specific and crisis-driven. However, when approximately fifty concerned residents met during a series of workshops in Summer 2013, they found they shared the same basic dissatisfaction and disillusionment with the City of Tucson. Flawed processes, procedures and policies were at the root of everyone's problems. Unless these basic systemic weaknesses could be addressed, the possibilities that residents would continue moving from crisis to crisis were all too real. An independent organization was formed to focus on the common principles these residents identified as most needed in order to improve their local government's function. These shared values evolved into 5 Essentials of Good Government.

FIVE ESSENTIALS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT

Integrity

Transparency

Accountability

Collaboration

Sensitivity to
Quality of Life

What to Expect from *TRRG*

TRRG will take an active role in advocating for effective, participatory government. Its focus will be on utilization of inclusive processes and procedures ensuring that all impacted parties have a fair and equal opportunity to engage in relevant decision-making. Be it a specific issue at a neighborhood land use meeting or a contribution to an official Board, Committee or Commission meeting, residents' voices must matter.

TRRG makes an impact when it:

Cooperates with City officials, staff and other stakeholders to find solutions to problems

Monitors Mayor/Council and City Manager and staff adherence to the 5 Essentials of Good Government

Initiates solutions to problems that are identified within City government

Researches what works in comparable municipalities

Gathers data to justify policy changes

Publicizes both positive and negative findings

Educates through forums, media and text

Speaks at public hearings and Mayor/Council Call-to-the-Audience to keep relevant topics in the public view

Produces materials to facilitate public process

Volunteers to serve on City boards, commissions and committees