

Dear TRRG Members,

The TRRG annual Board of Directors election will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 28, 2018. Currently the TRRG Board consists of eight members: Chair Bonnie Poulos, Co-Chair Ruth Beeker, Secretary Oscar Gandy, Treasurer Barbara Lehmann, JD Garcia, Joan Hall, Tina Pacheco, and Kris Yarter. The Board may have up to 11 but no fewer than 5 members. Board members are now elected for three-year terms.

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 28, 2018. Please review the nominees' accompanying bios and be prepared to vote at the Annual Meeting.

The following individuals have agreed to place their names on the 2018 ballot to serve on the TRRG Board of Directors. Names appear in alphabetical order:

**Cecilia Cruz aka Cecilia Cruz-Baldenegro Ward 6.** I earned a BA degree from the UA and certification as a Public Manager from ASU. Having worked for the City of Tucson 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 how it does not. I have served on Boards and Commissions such as the Tucson Women's Commission, Family Housing Resources, as well as being active in community and neighborhood issues. I am an active member of the Pie Allen Neighborhood Association. Having previously served on the TRRG Board, I am knowledgeable of the organization and feel that at this time I can be a productive member of the organization.

**JD Garcia, Ward 6.** Past President of the El Encanto Estates NA, where I have lived for 32 years. I am a member of the MCRC, and Chair the Operations Subcommittee. I am also on the Broadway Coalition Steering Committee, and an Ombudsman at the University of Arizona and for Pima Council on Aging. A long time Tucsonan, I am Professor of Physics Emeritus at the University of Arizona, and have served in leadership positions both locally and nationally.

**Barbara Lehmann, Ward 4.** TRRG Charter member and Board Treasurer 2014-2018. Responsibilities include TRRG financial accounting (Quick-Books) and maintaining TRRG membership records. I am past President and Treasurer of Dodge/Flower NA (2002-2014), during which time the neighborhood received a Back to Basics Improvement Grant and SABHA Neighborhood Award. I helped to facilitate the Meth Free Alliance-Tucson Neighbors Building Communities (TNBC) which morphed into the Community and Law Enforcement Task Force. In 2007, it was renamed the Grant-Alvernon Initiative (AGI) which includes the four neighborhood associations adjacent to the Grant/Alvernon intersection. Since that time the neighbors, together with TPD Midtown Division Captains, Lieutenants and Community Service Officers, meet monthly to address safety and quality of life issues. I have worked as Office Administrator for Camp Lowell CPAs from 1994-2015 and I have served as treasurer for numerous volunteer organizations such as the Catalina HS Band Boosters and ProNeighborhood grants.

**Tina Pacheco, Ward 6.** I am a Tucson native. In junior high school, I picketed alongside my 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 I learned that citizen involvement could bring about positive change. Ever since, I have served as a volunteer for community non-profits and political campaigns. I graduated from Rincon High School and then the University of Arizona (Journalism). My career took me from Tucson in 1982 and I returned to the Old Pueblo in 1999.

**Bonnie Poulos, Ward 3.** As a long-time Ward 3 resident, I have been involved with TRRG since we formed in 2014 and currently serving this year as Chair of the Board. The mission of our organization is one that seeks to serve Tucson residents by ensuring that their voices are heard by our elected leaders and public servants. It has been a goal of mine to participate on citizen commissions in order learn how our city operates and why we make the decisions we do about governance, housing, land development and transportation. I believe in TRRG's mission to keep our government open and transparent and in the power of citizens to effect positive change within their community.