

## TUCSON RESIDENTS FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT (*TRRG*)

### 2020 Board Elections – March 30, 2020

The *TRRG* annual Board of Directors election will be held at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting on March 30, 2020. Currently the *TRRG* board consists of members, Chair Bonnie Poulos, Co-chair Kris Yarter, Secretary Ian Wan, Treasurer Barbara Lehmann, Ruth Beeker, Oscar Gandy, JD Garcia, Joan Hall and Steve Poe.

In accordance with the *TRRG* Bylaws, the Board may have up to 11 but no fewer than 5 members. Board members are elected for three-year terms. 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 website two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

The 2020 Nominating Committee consists of Barbara Lehmann and Bonnie Poulos. We are submitting the following slate of candidates to be voted on by the *TRRG* membership at this year's Annual Meeting.

### 2020 Slate of Nominees

The following six individuals have agreed to place their names on the 2020 ballot to serve on the Board of Directors of *TRRG*. Names appear in alphabetical order.

**Ruth Beeker**, Ward 6. Retired UA Education Professor. Facilitated five Neighborhood Infill Coalition (NIC) sponsored workshops in 2013 -2014 to explore how citizens could get an effective voice in COT government, which resulted in the formation of Tucson Residents for Responsive Government. *TRRG* Chair 2014-2016; vice-chair 2016-2018; chair of *TRRG*-Planning/Development Services Committee 2018-2020; NIC member 2004-2014; Board of Adjustment chair and vice-chair 2007-2013; COT Land Use Committee Member 2009-2012; El Con Tripartite Committee 1999-2020; Planning Commissioner, Sub-committee on IID 2014; Plan Tucson participant 2012-13; Miramonte NA Board (president, vice president, treasurer, member) most years between 1994-2014.

**Beth Grindell**, Ward 6. I have lived in Ward 6 since 2003 and in Tucson since 1986. Last year I completed a four-year term on the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission. Among other duties, I was the liaison between the Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council and the Historical Commission. I retired from the Arizona State Museum (UA) in 2015, after 23 years, including five each as Associate Director and Director. I also served on the Governor's Historical Advisory Commission and the Governor's Archaeological Advisory Commission. I have observed and

participated in Mayor and Council meetings over the years in various capacities and believe that citizen oversight is the most important thing we can do to keep Tucson the livable city we all want. *TRRG* has an important role in that and I would be honored to help.

**Joan Hall**, Ward 3. I have been a Tucson resident for 13 years. I am a microfinance consultant and have worked all over the world. I have been participating in nonprofit boards since 2010. Having served on the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association board for about 10 years, I am currently Treasurer and Chair of the Green Committee. I have served on the *TRRG* Board for the past 3 years and help to maintain *TRRG*'s Facebook page. I have served or am serving on the boards of Access Tucson, Watershed Management Group and Iskashitaa, and am a member of the Grant Road Coalition (Central Segments). I maintain good relationships with staff at the City of Tucson.

**John Kovacik**, Ward 3. A City resident for more than 35 years. During the past decade and a half, I have served as an officer of RillitoBend NA, primarily as President. Having recently retired from a long career in risk management, I wish to serve our community to build strong neighborhoods and community. The first *TRRG* meeting I attended had some reps from the Scottsdale Coalition, which impressed me as a sustainable community organization that had "a voice at the table". I would like to assist in whatever manner possible to enable *TRRG* to progress and become more a part of the equation toward attainment of the best community that we can be.

**Ken Taylor**, Ward 6. Retired from the Air Force as a Brigadier General (1997), I moved to Arizona (2000) trading government service for community service, as a board member, then chair for the nonprofit Community Water Company of Green Valley. I still serve as a pro bono consultant working for water sustainability. A Tucsonan for 8 years, I engaged in neighborhood issues after moving to Armory Park (2016). Supporting historic/neighborhood preservation, I provide our Historic Advisory Board IT support. As our association Streetscape Committee chair, I am leading major repairs of our sidewalks in partnership with TDOT. I serve on the *TRRG* PDS committee.

**Kristine Yarter**, Ward 6. I am a 49-year Tucson resident, UA graduate and retired TUSD Biology teacher, Science Dept. Chair. I am currently the Vice-Chair for *TRRG* and Vice President of the Garden District Neighborhood Association, a participant in the Alvernon/Grant Initiative and working with neighborhood leaders to update the Grant-Alvernon Neighborhood Plan. Appointed to the Environmental Services Advisory Committee in 2017, elected Chair in 2019 and member on two ESAC subcommittees. Recently, I met with the Chair of the Commission on Climate, Energy and Sustainability and Director De La Torre concerning the City of Tucson's Climate Action Plan in addition to helping improve Code Enforcement and helping to make Tucson's recycling program sustainable.