



**PIMA COUNTY  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
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**Dr. Barbara Becker, FAICP**

Retired Professor of Planning and Dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Arlington, was professor and department chair at the University of Arizona prior to going to Texas. She has been active in the profession of planning and within her community serving on a variety of community and government boards, holding several offices in the state and national levels of the American Planning Association and in the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and chairing the Planning Accreditation Board.

**Robert Cook**

Robert has wide-ranging planning experience working in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. He is President of NEST, Inc, a non-profit community development organization operating in Tucson since 1989. After his strategic planning role at Pima Community College during the College's rapid growth in the 1990s, Robert became a full-time smart design, planning, and development advocate: he served on the Cost of Growth Task Force as part of the City of Tucson's 2001 General Plan 10-year update, contributed to the City's Development Impact Fee system, and actively participated in the regional sustainable building movement.

As past-chair of the Tucson-Pima Metropolitan Energy Commission, he contributed to the early development of Civano - Tucson's Solar Village and promoted energy efficiency in buildings and electrification of transportation. As Treasurer of the City's 2003 Citizens Transportation Initiative ballot measure, he promoted multi-modal transportation and transit-oriented development. Robert co-founded Sustainable Tucson in 2006 and with the local Sierra Club, he led the 2009 Metro Tucson Climate Change Starter Plan.

He also served on the 2008-10 Tucson-Pima Regional Water and Wastewater Study Committee; the Regional Transportation Authority's Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation (CART) Committee (2006-2016); and currently is a two-term member of the Pima County Planning & Zoning Commission.

Robert co-authored two books in 1975 on 1) environmental design and planning and 2) large-scale renewable energy development based on research conducted at the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with American visionary, R. Buckminster Fuller. **Energy, Earth and Everyone** (2nd edition: DoubleDay, New York 1980) was one of the very first global macro strategies for transitioning from fossil fuels to an entirely renewable, regenerative planetary energy system.

He graduated with distinction in economics from the University of Arizona and received an M.S. in Systems Planning under a Dean's Fellowship from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. His master's thesis was titled, "Employment Impact Analysis and the Creation of Work: Toward a Reformulation of Economic Development." He was granted two U.S. Patents on building structures and has been an active resident of Tucson since 1960.

Robert was born in Bogota, Colombia, the city which invented "Cyclovia" – the community bicycling event adopted the world over including Tucson and which boasts a world-class transit system -- the "TransMilenio."

### **Bruce Gungle**

Bruce is a hydrologist with the United States Geological Survey. He has been a member of the Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission twice, with over 13 years of total service. When not studying water or reviewing planning and zoning documents, Bruce runs 50 and 100 mile races, mountain bikes trails all over southern Arizona, writes a bit of poetry and the occasional short story, and spends time with his wife, Carolyn, and their hounds, Clyde and Doc.

### **Mark Hanna**

Mark retired from a long successful career in retail management (Costco Wholesale) in 1999 and moved to Tucson, where his wife of 41 years, Lynda, hails from. He enrolled at Pima Community College where he received his associate degree in education. He went on to the University of Arizona, earning a bachelor's degree in education *Summa Cum Laude* in 2004 and a master's degree in higher education in 2008.

He began work as a teacher's aide in a class for "at risk" students at Catalina High School (a low income, inner city school) in 2004 before becoming the school's college counselor from 2006 to 2014. After retiring from TUSD, he was elected to serve on the Pima Community College Governing Board in November of 2014 which he chaired 2016-2018. He has continued to counsel students of all academic and family income levels on being prepared for, applying to, and successfully funding their college aspirations.

Mark was awarded the Metropolitan Education Commission's "Crystal Apple Award" in 2011 and the Century Link/Arizona Diamondbacks "All Star Teacher Award" in 2013. He has a long history of community service including serving as president of the Pima Community College Alumni Association, a member of the Pima Community College Foundation, and chair of the University of Arizona Hillel Foundation Board Of Directors.

### **David Hook**

David Hook lives in Vail Arizona and serves as a commissioner for District 4. Mr. Hook has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Science in Engineering from Arizona

State University. During his engineering career he performed work in both public and private sectors specializing in traffic engineering and transportation planning. Mr. Hook served on the Transportation Research Board's Highway Capacity Committee during the development of the 2000 Highway Capacity Manual, one of the major resources for the field of traffic engineering. After receiving a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in 2007, Mr. Hook moved to Tucson and serves as the Pastor of Christ Lutheran Vail Church.

### **Ryan Maese**

Ryan Maese is serving fulfilling his first term on Pima County's Planning & Zoning commission representing District 3. He is a University of Arizona graduate with professional experience in corporate and governmental finance and accounting as well as nonprofit sector experience in the field of affordable housing. He also serves on the El Rio Health's young professional advisory board, El Rio Vecinos, raising awareness and funds for Tucson's El Rio Community Healthcare system.

### **William Matter**

Bill has been a faculty member of the University of Arizona since late 1978, and retired in January 2017. He was a professor of Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation, specializing in the ecology of aquatic systems, in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment. He also was the Associate Director of the School for several years. Bill has been a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission since 1998, and has served two terms as its Chair.

### **Armando Membrila**

Armando Membrila had a long career in the fields of construction and engineering. Working in both the public and private sectors. He recently retired from the State of Arizona Highway Division after 23 years of service. As a native Tucsonan, Membrila is dedicated to the community. He is a member of the Lion's Club and Knights of Columbus. He also serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission, having been appointed in June. He finds his work on both county committees to be rewarding, and especially enjoys his collaboration with fellow committee members and the departments' professional staff members.

### **Tom Tronsdal**

Tom has called Tucson home for over three decades. He is a graduate of Salpointe Catholic High School and the University of Arizona. He then went on to earn a law degree from the University of Kansas before returning to Tucson and settling in Ward 3 in 2001.

As a passionate community leader who is committed to improving the lives of Tucson residents, Tom dedicates extensive time to volunteerism and has served on multiple boards including the Prince Salvation Army, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Tucson Small Business Commission, as well as his neighborhood association.

In recognition for his service, Tom was recently awarded the Alumni Service Award for Outstanding Humanitarian Efforts from Salpointe High School.

Inspired by his own son, Tom founded The Great Pumpkin Race, one of the largest 5k races in Tucson, which raises funds to support causes focused on neurological conditions. He currently

serves on The Abbie School Board of Directors, Arizona Center for Autism Board of Directors, and the Arizona Hydrocephalus Association Board.

Tom Tronsdal and his wife, Amanda, have been residents of Ward 3 for the past 15 years. Their son, Mac, is a student at Paulo Freire Middle School. As the owner of the Canyon Fence Company, Tom employs 26 people serving Southern Arizona.

### **Jan Truitt**

Tucson native Jan Truitt grew up on the east side and graduated from Palo Verde High School. After earning a degree in Elementary Education, she started her thirty-five year career in the Marana Unified School District. Jan served as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent. She completed a doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Arizona. Jan currently serves on the Board of Directors of MHC Healthcare and the Marana Schools' 2340 Foundation. She is married to Jim Truitt and has a son, daughter and two beautiful grandchildren.