

FOOD CONSPIRACY ELECTIONS 2019 COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY FUND NOMINEES

Living Streets Alliance

We envision streets as living public spaces that connect people to places and to each other. Our mission is to advocate for a thriving Tucson by creating great streets for all of us. On a daily basis, Living Streets Alliance works to make our vision of “Streets for People” in the greater Tucson area a reality. We do this in many ways:

- Making the “possible” visible. By getting people out into the streets and creating fun and unique events that involve everyone, we hope to remind this community of what great resources streets can be (and used to be!). We hope that if you have fun while riding, walking, strolling, or just being out in your streets, you’ll get involved and stay involved in our cause.
- Spreading the word. We hope to support existing education efforts and develop supplemental programs to help kids find safe walking/biking routes to school, help people of all generations learn to ride a bike and feel confident doing so, and connect people with information and resources on how to improve the conditions of their streets. We also aim to generate conversations and ideas about how we as a community can improve the quality of our streets.
- Doing out homework. Who has time to keep track of all of the decisions being made that affect how our region is developed? We work to keep track of how and why decisions are being made and then keep you informed so you can form your own opinions. We hope to create transparency between the government and you in all things related to transportation.
- Cultivating civic leadership. Changing the fundamental way our streets are planned, designed, and built requires the active support and leadership of community members, neighborhood, business and elected leaders. We work to inspire everyone to make these changes.

www.livingstreetsalliance.org

Tucson Cooperative Network

The Tucson Cooperative Network is a low-income, immigrant, and POC-led collective that work to advance community self-determination through cooperative business development. The network represents 5 grassroots organizations and 2 larger non-profit institutions. The TCN formed to build capacity within the current membership to be able to create cooperative businesses and to support advance the existing cooperative ecosystem in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Current membership includes:

- Tierra y Libertad Organization (TYLO) (est. 2001)
- The Southside Worker Center (SSWC) (est. 2006)
- The Flowers and Bullets Collective (F&B) (est. 2012)
- Paisanos Unidos (est. 2009)
- BICAS (Bicycle Inter-Community Arts & Salvage) (est. 1989)
- The YWCA’s Microbusiness Advancement Center (MAC) (est. 1917)

- The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona (CFB) (est. 1975)

Make Way for Books

Established in 1998, Make Way for Books' mission is to give all children the chance to read and succeed. Make Way for Books works to empower economically-disadvantaged young children with the emergent literacy and language skills they need to thrive in the classroom and throughout life by reaching them with meaningful early literacy experiences before they enter kindergarten. Over the past 20 years, Make Way for Books has demonstrated high impact in empowering parents, supporting educators, and increasing young children's emergent literacy and language skills and overall kindergarten readiness. Make Way for Books creates positive and sustainable change for children and families throughout southern Arizona through the principles of innovation; collaboration and cultivating diverse partnerships; a commitment to high-quality, measurable impact and constant improvement; and the tireless passion for achieving our mission so more children will have the chance to read and succeed. Last year more than 400 volunteers contributed their time to help us achieve our mission. Each year, Make Way for Books serves more than 30,000 young children and families as well as more than 700 educators.

www.makewayforbooks.org

Tucson 2030 Districts

The Tucson 2030 District is a private-public collaborative working to create groundbreaking high performance building districts in Tucson that aim to dramatically reduce energy and water consumption as well as climate-changing emissions from transportation. By adopting these three performance targets set forth in Architecture 2030's nation Challenge for Planning, the Tucson Emerging 2030 District, like successful 2030 Districts in other cities, seeks to demonstrate that high performing buildings can be the most valuable and economical buildings in the region.

<http://www.2030districts.org/node/2414>

Native Seeds/SEARCH

Is a Tucson, Arizona based nonprofit founded in 1983 that conserves and promotes the cultivation of nearly 1,900 diverse heritage crop varieties collected from the Sonoran Desert region. The seeds in the NS/S collection represent the farming, food, and cultural heritage of nearly 50 indigenous and other communities residing in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. Each year we grow these nutritious and culturally valuable crops, distribute the seed at low to no cost, and conserve seed samples in our state-of-the-art cold storage seed bank. We work to strengthen the foundations of food security, especially in communities with high rates of poverty, lack of access to nutritious food, and vulnerability to climate change. One of our core programs honors the cultural origins of the collection by providing free seed to Native American households in the Southwest. In 2016 alone, over 550 households benefited from this program—the equivalent of roughly 1,200 servings of nutritious, homegrown corn, beans, squash and melons per family. A majority of participants are from the tribal nations of Arizona including Tohono O'odham, Gila River Indian

Community, and Navajo Nation. Additionally, NS/S Community Seed Grants support more than 115 projects annually and provide over 2,400 free seed packets to community gardens at schools, prisons, and other sites, with the number of applicants doubling every year. Nearly one third of these grants serve primarily Native American communities and another third serves primarily Hispanic communities.

www.nativeseeds.org