



BHNC Planning & Land Use Committee



The following Stakeholders/Candidates have formally submitted in writing their request for consideration of membership into the BHNC PLUC. Voting is to take place during the June 28th, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council's General Board Meeting.

Candidates have been placed in order of receipt. Formal written requests and statements are being accepted until all seats are filled, however, any such submission received after the agenda is adopted will not be agendized and will be considered as Verbal/Late Submissions during the General Board Meeting.

[Finalized list of Formal Request(s) & Statement(s)]

Candidates (3): Patricia Moreno, Arturo Carmona, Robby Pinnamaneni

(1) **Patricia Moreno** (pmoreno21@gmail.com)

- No Statement Submitted;

(2) **Arturo Carmona** (arturo.carmona8@gmail.com)

- Dear Mr. Jason Gallegos, BH PLUC Committee Chair and BH Neighborhood Council Members:

I write to express my interest in becoming a member of the BH PLUC Committee. As a resident, homeowner, and longtime organizer and activist for immigrants and Latinos, I know that I can offer important experience and knowledge to protect and advance the interests of our diverse local communities. Over nearly 20 years, I have worked in the non-for-profit, policy and legal advocacy, and political arena, always advocating for immigrant rights, criminal and economic justice, health access, and many other critical issues impacting the most vulnerable communities in our nation, state and region. At this stage in my life and career, after traveling the country and leading important national and regional efforts, I would like to give back to my community at a more local, close to home level. I am keenly aware of some of the most pressing issues impacting and transforming our communities, particularly around economic displacement and other justice movements.

I am particularly interested in getting involved in the fight around housing and gentrification as well as promoting sustainable economic development that creates long term economic opportunities and jobs for local communities. The fight against the economic displacement of working and immigrant families is indeed a fight for the heart and soul of our communities in Boyle Heights. It's ground zero and we must all commit to fighting for opportunity for the most vulnerable offering not only opposition but fresh ideas and leadership. Unfortunately, the fight is complex and multifaceted where large scale housing developments, major public transportation changes, the private housing market, new business development, and other factors are quickly fueling changes in our neighborhoods around Boyle Heights and neighboring communities. I believe that we need both bottoms-up and top-down leadership if we are going to offer long term solutions that can create opportunities for change. We can no longer wait or expect leadership from the top, we must partner and offer innovative ideas including successful models from other regions or even other parts of the world to protect our communities.

I am honored to offer my volunteer time and energy to the PLUC committee in engaging and confronting these key challenges impacting our communities. I look forward to further discussing this important committee opportunity and addressing any questions you might have about me, my experience, background or any other matter. Thank you in advance for your consideration and opportunity.

Best

Arturo Carmona



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(3) **Robby Pinnamaneni** (robbysp@gmail.com)

- I am interested in joining the above-noted committee. I am the manager for a local business in Boyle Heights and I have a vested interest in seeing our community thrive and grow to its full potential. In addition, I am an attorney so I believe my legal and business background will benefit the committee and allow me to contribute significant value. I look forward to meeting other committee members. I anticipate your consideration.

Best,
Robby