



**Office of the City Clerk
Ward 6 Council Vacancy Applications**

Mayor and Council Rankings

Applicant Name	Mayor Romero	Council Member Santa Cruz	Council Member Cunningham	Vice Mayor Dahl	Council Woman Lee	Council Member Fimbres	Total Points
Erbst, Avi							0
Leighton, Christopher							0
Powers, Pamela				3	3	2	8
Prezelski, Ted	3	2	5	4	4	4	22
Rabago, Vince	4	3	4		1	3	15
Riel, Theresa			2	5			7
Schubert, Miranda		4		1		1	6
Shah, Dr. Ravi			1		2		3
Terrazas, Alejandro							0
Trasoff, Nina	WITHDREW 4/23/24						
Uhlich, Karin	5	5	3	2	5	5	25
Verdin, Charlie							0

Scores are based on the rankings provided by the Mayor and each Council Member and described below. The top four candidates are:

- Karen Uhlich**
- Ted Prezelski**
- Vince Rabago**
- Pamela Powers**

Per Mayor and Council approval on April 25, 2024 (SS/APR25-24-99): Each member of the Mayor and Council will send an email to the City Clerk listing their top five (5) applicants in ranked order of preference by 5:30 PM, April 29, 2024. The email will become part of the record and will be used by the City Clerk for determining the scores of the top four (4) applicants. The submittals by each of the members of the Mayor and Council will be scored as follows: the top ranked applicant will receive 5 points; the second ranked will receive 4 points; the third ranked will receive 3 points; the fourth ranked will receive 2 points; and the fifth ranked will receive 1 point. From these scores, the City Clerk will determine the four highest ranked applicants based on total points.

Suzanne Mesich

From: Regina Romero
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 4:55 PM
To: Suzanne Mesich
Cc: Charlene Mendoza
Subject: Ward 6 Vacancy Selection

Clerk Mesich,

After reviewing the cover letters and resumes that were submitted, I have selected the following candidates:

1. Karin Uhlich
2. Vince Rabago
3. Ted Prezelski
4. none
5. none

The basis for my selections are that the person indicated clearly that they do not intend to run for this seat and are willing to devote their full time efforts into serving on the City Council.

In addition, I looked for potential candidates with a clear knowledge of local government, budgets, contracts and experience with the variety of issues our Mayor and Council will be addressing in the next 18 months as well as an understanding of the importance of providing strong services to the constituents of Ward 6.

Thank you for your help in coordinating this effort.



Regina Romero
MAYOR REGINA ROMERO

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Suzanne Mesich

From: Lane Santa Cruz <lane.santacruz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 4:44 PM
To: Suzanne Mesich
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ward 6

Hi Suzanne,
Here are my top 4

1. Karin Ullich
2. Miranda Schubert
3. Vince Rabago
4. Tex Prezelski

Best,
Lane

Suzanne Mesich

From: Paul Cunningham
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Suzanne Mesich
Subject: Ranked choice

1. Ted Prezelski
2. Vince Rabago
3. Karin Uhlich
4. Teresa Riel
5. Ravi Shah

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Suzanne Mesich

From: Kevin Dahl
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Suzanne Mesich
Subject: candidates

Suzanne:

Enclosed are the five candidates for our ranked choice voting process to decide who will be invited to our special council meeting next Monday.

Many thanks to every person who applied for putting themselves forward for public service. All have some very good experience, special training, and/or important perspectives to bring to our table. This is a momentous decision we are making, and I didn't take my part in it lightly. I read all the applications -- more than once -- viewed the League of Women Voters' candidate forum, read the many emails (and letters to the editor) from candidate supporters, and reflected on my personal knowledge of many of the candidates.

The qualities that fed into my decision making included the following (but none were an absolute yes or no -- every point was taken into an overall account):

- Whether the applicant committed not to run for the next term or not
- Experience that would be applicable to serving on the city council
- Comments from the public, with greater weight given to residents living in Ward 6
- Whether the candidate would be distracted with other employment while serving out this term
- Whether applicant would add some diversity of experience or perspective to the council
- Whether I could expect the applicant to be a convivial colleague

So, for the purpose of rank choice voting for who to move to the next stage of our process, here are my choices:

1st Place (5 points): Theresa Riel
2nd Place (4 points): Ted Prezelski
3rd Place (3 points): Pamela Powers
4th Place (2 points): Karin Uhlich
5th Place (1 point): Miranda Schubert

Kevin Dahl
He/Him/His
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WARD 4 COUNCIL OFFICE

To: Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk

From: Nikki Lee, Ward 4 Councilwoman

Subject: Ranked List of Applicants for Ward 6 Council Member Appointment

CC: Michael Ortega, City Manager; Mike Rankin, City Attorney

After thorough consideration, I present my ranked list of applicants who, in my opinion, are best suited to successfully complete the remainder of the Ward 6 term:

1. Karin Uhlich
2. Ted Prezelski
3. Pam Powers
4. Ravi Shah
5. Vince Rabago

Approaching this process with openness and thoroughness, I have curated this list based on the following key factors: relevant experience as a Tucson City Council Member, recent and comprehensive involvement with the City of Tucson government, feedback from Ward 6 and citywide constituents, preference for retaining existing Ward 6 staff to maintain excellent constituent support, service on governing bodies, and engagement with neighborhoods and Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs).

The City of Tucson faces numerous challenges that demand bold action before the end of the Ward 6 term in December 2025. Therefore, having a Council Member with expertise in the city's budget, operations, and leadership is imperative for assisting the Mayor & Council in navigating the forthcoming difficult decisions and best positioning the City of Tucson for success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Nikki Lee
Ward 4 Councilwoman
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Suzanne Mesich

From: Nikki Lee
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 12:43 PM
To: Suzanne Mesich
Cc: Michael Ortega; Mike Rankin; Teresa Olson
Subject: Re: Ranking the Applicants for the Ward 6 Council Vacancy
Attachments: Ward 4 Ranked Preferences.pdf

Hi Suzanne,

Please see attachment for my candidate ranking.

V/r,

Nikki Lee

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From: Suzanne Mesich <Suzanne.Mesich@tucsonaz.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Yolanda Lozano <Yolanda.Lozano@tucsonaz.gov>
Cc: Michael Ortega <Michael.Ortega@tucsonaz.gov>; Mike Rankin <Mike.Rankin@tucsonaz.gov>; Timothy Thomure <Timothy.Thomure@tucsonaz.gov>; Julianne Hughes <Julianne.Hughes@tucsonaz.gov>; Ann Charles <Ann.Charles@tucsonaz.gov>; Charlene Mendoza <Charlene.Mendoza@tucsonaz.gov>; Diana Amado <Diana.Amado@tucsonaz.gov>; Katie Bolger <Katie.Bolger@tucsonaz.gov>; Steve Arnquist <Steve.Arnquist@tucsonaz.gov>; Teresa Olson <Teresa.Olson@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: RE: Ranking the Applicants for the Ward 6 Council Vacancy

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

This is a reminder to send me an email with your rankings of the top 5 applicants for the Ward 6 Council seat. Please email them to me by **5:30 PM today**. How to rank the applicants is described below.

Suzanne Mesich

From: Richard Fimbres
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:16 PM
To: Suzanne Mesich
Cc: Lupita Robles; Mary Kuchar
Subject: Top 5 candidates for Ward 6 seat

Hello Suzanne,

Here are my five ranked candidates for the Ward 6 seat:

1. Karin Uhlich
2. Ted Prezelski
3. Vince Rabago
4. Pamela Powers
5. Miranda Schubert

Thank you. Let me know if you need anything else.