

# NUSA Board Nominees





### Rene Aguilera, Roseville, CA

As a Spanish-speaking native Chicano born and raised in my hometown of Roseville in Northern California, I will add to the regional balance and equitable representation of Hispanics as an experienced Neighborhood Board Member.



#### Precious McKesson, Omaha, NE

My passion for neighborhoods started at an early age while living in low-income housing as a little girl wanting to make them safe. I have been a member of NUSA since 2017. I was the volunteer coordinator for the NUSA Conference in Omaha, and became a board member in 2018 at the NUSA Birmingham Conference serving in a leadership role my first year. I've led the awards committee for the last 3 years, and I've been the board president for the past two years.

Leading NUSA has been an honor and being able to represent neighborhoods across the nation has been rewarding. I look forward to continuing the work with NUSA by uplifting the mission and amplifying neighborhoods.



#### Robert Mike, Syracuse, NY

I believe that I would be an asset to the board because I am very dedicated to improving the community that I live in also I adapt very well to change and am not afraid to ask for help. I believe that in order to lift someone up you have to get down there with them see them for who and where they are not where you want them to be because we all have come from somewhere and have a story to tell if you do fall down try to land on your back because if you can look up you can get up.



#### Deanna O'Malley, Texakana, AR

For the past 15 years, I've been fortunate to be part of such a meaningful effort. I've had the pleasure of meeting dedicated volunteers and community members who truly want to make a difference. The friends I've made at NUSA have taught me how to raise money for programs I am passionate about, facilitate meetings and community events, and understand how valuable sharing resources is to those who need them most. NUSA has taught me how to truly make a difference in my communities and those I serve. If chosen to serve on the board again, I would bring that same passion, enthusiasm, and desire that has been modeled to me. I would strive to make NUSA conferences even more valuable and impactful for members.



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### Lindsey Pinkston - Issaquah, WA

I have always believed passionately in the power of community. Our neighborhoods are at the heart of the connections that have power to heal, build resilience, celebrate our cultures, and empower future generations. I serve as executive director of Highlands Council, a community building non-profit in Issaquah WA, where I plan events, engage volunteers, manage communications, write grant applications, mentor a youth board, and advocate for the community. When I attended my first NUSA conference a few years ago, I felt like "I found my people." I have valued the opportunity to share programs (bringing home seven awards on behalf of my community) and learn from all of you. I would be honored to serve on the NUSA board supporting neighborhoods, local governments and organizations!



## Dwight Pridgeon Little Rock, AR

I have been in involved with Neighborhood USA (NUSA) since 2008, when I attended my first conference in Hampton, Virginia and have missed only one. I decided to run for the NUSA Board of Directors at the 2018 conference in Birmingham, Alabama. I like continue my dedicated commitment to neighborhoods/residential involvement, youth engagement, and especially justice impacted individuals that are seeking a second chance in life. I like to continue to be a great asset to the organization. I'm welcoming toward all people and engage all ages including underserved and disconnected young people.

I'm currently the Vice President of NUSA executive committee, and Chair of our Resource Committee, and I like to continue this efforts to improve the mission statement of our GREAT organization. That's why I'm asking for your vote to return to the NUSA Board of Directors. We got MORE work to do.



#### Reba Taylor Hill Indianapolis, IN

I bring my experience of promoting and working with neighborhood organizations. My love of working in neighborhoods coincides with the work of the NUSA Board since 2018 and the NUSA Organization to help them succeed and flourish in their initiatives by highlighting the work that neighborhoods are doing. I currently serve on the NUSA Exec Board and Co-Chair the Awards Committee.