

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Bernice Gonzalez, B. EnvD, MDUR, RPP/MCIP, AICP, PMI

**Nominated for the position of Councillor
APPI Election 2018**

Academic and professional background

Universitat de Barcelona - Master in Urban Design, Interdisciplinary, 2010–2012, Activities and Societies: CRPolis (Centre de Recerca Polis)

University of Puerto Rico — School of Architecture, Bachelor's Degree, Environmental Design, 1987–2009, Activities and Societies: American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)

Regional Planner & Development Authority Officer at County of Vermilion River

Alberta, Canada. April 2015 — Present (3 years)

Guest Lecturer at Universidad Santo Tomás Colombia (*Leveraging the Process of Architecture in Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Practice: Transversalities in a wicked built environment.*)

Tunja, Colombia. October 2016

Planning Commissioner at Nevada City Planning Commission

California, USA. June 2014 — April 2015 (11 months)

Planner at McCamant & Durrett Architects/The Cohousing Company

California, USA. March 2013 — April 2015 (2 years 2 months)

Urban Design Proposal Developer at Barcelona City Hall, Sant Andreu District

Barcelona, Spain. January 2010 — March 2011 (1 year 3 months)

Architectural Designer at Believe it! Architectural Design Studio

Puerto Rico, USA. March 1996 — May 2007 (11 years 3 months)

Involvement in professional organizations

Project Management Institute (Since January 2018)

Conflict Resolution Day Alberta Planning Group (Since November 2017)

Alberta Sustainable Planning Initiative (ASPI) (Since December 2016)

Alberta Professional Planners Institute (Since December 2016)

Alberta Development Officers Association (Since February 2016)

American Institute of Certified Planners AICP Certification: 028672 (Since December 2015)

Community Planning Association of Alberta (Since 2015)

Congress for the New Urbanism Volunteer Consultant in Urban Design (Since October 2014)

American Planning Association (Since 2013)

American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) UPR Chapter Council Member

Student Representative to Puerto Rico Architects Guild (1994)

U.S. Green Building Council, Caribbean Chapter (1993-2002)

Election Platform

I have been involved in built environment projects, in myriad fronts, for over 10 years now and felt it was time to chip in. With the planning tides shifting into a collaborative framework, I see great potential for APPI to engage in the dialogue and with other professional associations to present a robust landscape for Intergovernmental Planning, nationally and across borders. This is a reflection of the increasingly overlap amongst planning and policy levels that are an intrinsic working in our global context. Enhancing the presence of APPI and its contributions to the practice of planning is another objective of mine. I look forward to continue providing our members and the larger community with relevant and practical content and resources, encourage our fellow members to share their expertise, and to move into an era of collaboration amongst sectors that brings forth a richer outlook for the profession and inspires the younger generation. It is my privilege to serve you.