

JIMENA BERMEJO

Jimena Bermejo is an artist living in Cambridge since the late 90s. Born in Mexico City, she moved to Massachusetts to go to school at The Boston Conservatory where she got a BFA in Dance and later got her MFA at The Massachusetts College of Art and design. She has identified as a Cambridge/Mexican for years because she loves where she lives. She has a 14-year-old son who goes to Amigos and will be going to CRLS in September. Jimena has seen Cambridgeport change for better and for worse. She would like to see more housing equity and diversity back in the neighborhood.

TONIA HICKS

From an early age, Tonia Hicks had a natural ability to connect with people. Growing up in church in North Carolina, it was clear that her words moved congregants and resonated on both spiritual and emotional levels. In adulthood, Tonia continued to cultivate her people and speaking skills, working with children and young adults in numerous roles while specializing in customer service and other positions. Whether she is helping a friend through a tough time or helping young people acclimate to new environments, Tonia is adept at putting people at ease and bringing more joy to their lives. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Recreation Administration from North Carolina Central University.

CATHIE ZUSY

I have served on the CNA board since 2010, serving as Clerk, as President (2016-2020) and as Treasurer (2020-present). I'm eager to stay on the board, most importantly, to continue as Treasurer for St. Augustine's restoration. If re-elected and re-elected as Treasurer, I can complete the financial oversight of the exterior restoration of St. Augustine's African-Orthodox church. In 2018, the CNA started fundraising for this important local preservation project, led by board member Gabe Cira and me. Thanks to the generosity of the community and the Cambridge Historical Commission, we mounted a new roof on the building in 2019. The exterior will now be completed by June, requiring a complicated web of payments and reimbursements from grantees, the church, Black History in Action for Cambridgeport and the CNA.

Apart from my treasurer role, I believe that I would serve you well because I know the community very well. I've lived in Cambridgeport with my family since 1995 and have engaged with many of you, know City staff from decades of work with them, and am well versed on City and larger issues that impact the neighborhood—e.g. I-90, Eversource's Greater Cambridge Energy Project, DCR's Memorial Drive plans and work at Magazine Beach.

I also have ideas for how to make Cambridgeport an even better place to live and I'm willing to do the work to make them happen! Over the past 20+ years, collaborating with others, I've led:

- Many local spring cleanups, crime walks (way back when) and social events
- "If this house could talk..."
- The revitalization of Magazine Beach Park
- A COVID plant swap

- An effort to preserve the fence of late outsider artist Peter Valentine (of Cosmic Moose & Grizzly Bearsville” fence fame) and to turn his home into an art center, with housing for artists—something providing public benefit.

I bring my skills as a longtime museum curator and project director to the community: I research issues, determine best actions, and then work collaboratively to realize ideas and make positive change.

It would be an honor to continue to serve you on the CNA board!