Name: Carol Limaye

Role for which you are a candidate: Treasurer

1. Do you have a vision for where the organization should be in 5 years, 10 years? Please describe.

My vision is that Sunshine continues to fulfill its tax exempt mission to “beautify, conserve, and provide public access to green space by providing opportunities for the public to engage in organic community gardening.” I would love to see more member engagement and for Sunshine to increase its profile as an asset to the community. Other than that, I think Sunshine Community Gardens is wonderful as it is.

1. What are some of the important things you would like to accomplish in your 2-year term?
   1. With the superintendent of TSVBI retiring this year, one priority is to form a mutually supportive relationship with the new superintendent and TSBVI board of directors.
   2. We are fortunate to be in good shape financially. I would like to continue that trend by budgeting, tracking and making mid-course corrections as necessary so that we will always be prepared for harder times.
2. What do you consider the most important issues ahead of the garden in the coming 2-5 years, and what is your general direction regarding those issues?
   1. Maintaining a good relationship with TSBVI by being good stewards of the property and partnering with TSBVI where possible.
   2. Maintaining our tax-exempt status by timely filing the required tax forms and meeting other state and Federal requirements.
3. Have you served on the board of a non-profit before or have any other educational or professional experiences which would help you serve on the Sunshine Community Gardens board? If yes, which one(s) and in what role(s)?
   1. I am a CPA and have managed financial reporting for public water districts at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
   2. I completed the application for nonprofit status for the Community Garden Initiative of Central Texas in 2008 and have filed the annual tax forms for each year I have been the treasurer.
4. Please describe any work with overseeing volunteer groups or management of employees that may help you serve in the desired role.

I have been a manager for five years, and realize the difference in working with volunteers. Unless a volunteer has committed to completely filling a role, we should appreciate any time they give to the organization and say “thank you for being here today.”

1. Are you familiar with the Bylaws of the organization? If so, do you have any concerns with the Bylaws, or potential issues with its provisions that would affect your service on the board? For the office you seek, do you agree to uphold the position as stated in the Bylaws or as amended by the Membership?

I have no conflicts of interest and will be glad to provide the annual statement required by Article II, Section 5 to affirm that I will comply with the Conflicts of Interest policy.

1. Please provide a brief bio, including your past experience with Sunshine Gardens, years gardened, other community garden experience not described above, etc.

My background includes being an accountant and auditor for governmental organizations for over 30 years. I have gardened at Sunshine Community Gardens for 13 years, and have been the Treasurer for eight of those years.