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Local leaders Figueroa, Furman and Mack elected to
Tahoma Audubon Society's Board of Directors

Tacoma, WA – Supporters of Tahoma Audubon Society, a 46 year old grassroots environmental education and conservation organization serving Pierce County, celebrated together on Saturday, February 28, 2015 with a dinner, awards ceremony, and concert at the Temple Theatre in Tacoma Landmark Convention Center.

Annual board elections were held at the banquet. Three board candidates were previously nominated by the board, and elected by members at the banquet to serve 3-year terms: Javier Figueroa, Bob Furman, and Robert E. Mack.

Javier H. Figueroa

Javier Figueroa is the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of University Place. He serves on the Council's Finance Committee, President of the Rainier Communication Commission and is on the city's' 2015 U.S. Open Task Force. Figueroa is the first naturalized citizen from Mexico to be elected in Washington State. Deeply committed to the community, Figueroa is a gubernatorial appointee to the State Council on Aging and is serving his 20th year as a certified arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau of Washington. Figueroa is a Vietnam Veteran that served 14 years in the U.S. Army. Figueroa's tenure includes work with The White House of Environmental Policy as the Secretariat & Co-Author of Action #8 of the 1993 U.S. Climate Change Action Plan.

Bob Furman

Bob was born into an Audubon family where his father was President of the Oklahoma Audubon Society and Audubon Screen Tour presenters stayed in his home. Bob is a retired social worker where he supported people with developmental disabilities. He is married to Mary Hart and they are parents to two grown daughters. Bob has 30+ years of involvement with nonprofit organizations.

Robert E. Mack

A native of Tacoma, Bob Mack currently is serving as Deputy Director for Public Affairs at Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU). TPU provides regional power and water services, in addition to operating Tacoma Rail. Bob has served as Deputy Director for eight years. Before that, Bob served in various positions in state government. He practiced land use and natural resources law in the Tacoma firm of Smith Alling. He represented Tahoma Audubon in a number of administrative and court actions. He has served on the boards of the Washington Environmental Council, 1000 Friends of Washington (Futurewise), Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Point Defiance Zoo Society, and City Club of Tacoma.



Javier H. Figueroa



Bob Furman



Robert E. Mack

Members also said goodbye and thanked outgoing board members Jane Brosius, Peter Wimberger, and Scott Kiersztyn for their combined 15 years of service.

The mission of Tahoma Audubon Society is to connect people with birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through education, conservation and recreation.

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