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GREATER TACOMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WELCOMES THREE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pierce County Auditor, YMCA Regional Executive Director and UWT Urban Studies Director join Pierce County's Philanthropic Hub

TACOMA, WA – At its annual meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Board of Directors approved recommendations to add Julie Anderson, Phil Carter and Ali Modarres to its ranks.

- Julie Anderson has served as the Pierce County Auditor since 2009. She is responsible for elections, licensing services, a variety of public records and animal control. Julie is a highly-organized and determined leader known for excellent communication and the ability solve problems.
- Phil Carter currently serves as a regional executive director for the YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties. He oversees operations at the Morgan Family YMCA, the Tacoma Center YMCA and the University Y in Tacoma. Phil grew up in Tacoma; he graduated from Wilson High School in 1979.
- Ali Modarres is the Director of Urban Studies at University of Washington Tacoma. He is a geographer and landscape architect, specializing in urban planning and policy. He has written extensively about social geography, transportation planning, and urban development issues in American cities.

GTCF's board also ratified its slate of officers for 2017, confirming Sheri Tonn as Board Chair, Dwight Williams as Board Vice Chair, Mary Thomas as Board Secretary and Gary Brooks as Board Treasurer.

GTCF's Board of Directors governs the organization, establishes policy, sets priorities and approves grant recommendations. All members are volunteers.

About the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation: Established in 1981, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation promotes and inspires philanthropy across Pierce County. The foundation stewards more than 430 separate funds with total assets of approximately \$100 million. For more information, visit www.gtcf.org.