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1. Why do you believe that you are in a position to fairly assess ICANN's mechanisms for accountability, transparency and public input?

*I have almost thirty years of experience with network issues, with perspectives that span time in industry and Internet product development, global technology policy and NGO issues, and academia via operational oversight as a CIO, a university leader and as director of a national institute of high-performance computing. In short, I have seen and experienced the complexity and challenges of Internet management and coordination from many of the stakeholder perspectives. Today, as a university leader, I am engaged daily in network-enabled interests spanning the arts and humanities, science and engineering, medicine and health care, and urban and rural communities.*

*Simply put, at one time or another, I have been a member of most of the stakeholder communities. I believe this allows me to understand diverse perspectives and community needs and assess ICANN's processes and mechanisms for transparency, broad stakeholder input and accountability to its constituencies.*

2. Why do you believe that you are in a position to assess ICANN's focus on the global public interest?

*Much of what I wrote in response to question 1 is relevant here as well. In addition, I believe the global aspect is crucial. The Internet has brought the planet together, allowing the rich wealth and diversity of cultures to interact. It has also brought sometimes widely divergent communities into apparent conflict. Thus, ICANN, and by extension its assessment mechanisms, must respect and seek common ground across those global interests. I have engaged in Internet policy processes around the world; I know many of the participants and organizations well. And, because I do not represent a particular interest group, I believe I can dispassionately assess ICANN's responsiveness to the global public interest.*

3. Why do you believe that you will be able to do the above from the perspective of the ALAC and the global ICANN At-Large Community?

*See above. I am not representing a corporate interest, a registry, a government or an NGO, but participating as an individual myself. From experience, I know how easy it is for some voices to be lost, particularly those of individuals and small organizations, many of whom lack the resources to engage at the level and frequency of larger entities. From IPv6 through IDNs and gTLDs, security and monetization, ICANN decisions have profound and sometimes disproportional effects on small entities and individuals. For ICANN to be inclusive and live up to its multiple stakeholder ideal, it is critical that the community of individuals not only be heard, but they be equal participants in the shared governance process. After all, they are collectively the real user community.*