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Why do you wish to join the Board of Directors of the San Diego Green Building Council?

I would like to continue to support SDGBC's mission by serving on the Board. I have been enriched by the programs and events hosted by the Board and would like to find ways to continue to expand our reach. COVID has changed how we all work and connect and I believe the SDGBC can provide great value in strengthening the green building community.

Summary of your professional qualifications, knowledge, and experience most relevant to SDGBC. Also indicate any senior management and executive level experience.

Currently, my primary work is focused on decarbonization strategy from individual buildings up to campuses and large portfolio as a Principal on Integral Group's Design Analytics team. However, I have an interest and experience in broader sustainability topics, especially from my work at higher education institutions (SDSU and University of Illinois). I have significant management experience from my time managing SDSU's Office of Sustainability along with my role in ensuring project success in my current role.

I have also spent time teaching, including SDSU courses, training classes for the BOC, and internal LEED trainings.

My education and technical background is in Engineering including a BS in Electrical Engineering, MS in Sustainable Design and Construction, and a Mechanical PE. I am driven by finding interconnections between different disciplines and sub-disciplines to strengthen teams and hope to do so on the Board.

Indicate in which area of specific current board needs your experience will be most valuable to the organization:

Sustainable building, design, and construction; Sustainable Education; Renewable Energy; Fundraising

Please indicate any other areas of strength related to board service

Grant Writing; Public Speaking; Strategic Planning

Please explain your availability and willingness to participate in resource development. This may take many forms, including direct sponsorship, helping secure funding, or otherwise opening doors to corporate, governmental and charitable sources.

I am interested in expanding my work around fundraising for the SDGBC. I see a great potential in increasing our individual outreach efforts to organizations and plan to put these ideas into practice during my next term on the Board. I have also provided direct donations to the SDGBC and will continue to do so.

Please indicate your area of professional interest/strengths with respect to the committees:

Residential Green Building; Membership; Fundraising

Ambassador, Advocate, or Asker: which one are you? Ambassadors build the relationships, Advocates spread the word, and Askers are the frontline fundraisers. Check which one or more of these roles fit you:

Ambassador

Please describe what other expertise, experience, and resources you bring to the Board of Directors.

Beyond my technical expertise, I do have an interest in policy and advocacy. I have run for public office and supported others who have as well. I believe everyone has something to contribute to make our world and society more just and sustainable.

I have presented for several SDGBC webinars. My all-electric, net zero home was included in last year's Green Homes Tour.

Please describe your experience and any current engagement with other nonprofit organizations and governance.

I have spent time volunteering with the San Diego Building Electrification Coalition, on Chula Vista's ad hoc building decarbonization working group. I've also spent time volunteering for several other groups over the past couple decades.

Please identify any affiliations, memberships, and accreditations that may be valuable to SDGBC leadership.

PE, LEED AP, Certified Energy Manager, Certified Water Efficiency Professional, Certified Building Commissioning Professional, GPRO, Certified Educational Facilities Professional

Please identify any affiliations or memberships that may cause a potential conflict of interest with the San Diego Green Building Council.

None

Please add any additional thoughts on ways the SDGBC can improve attainment of our vision.

SDGBC Vision: Our buildings and our communities will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation.

We need to find ways to strengthen our organization and the broader green building community so we can better deliver our vision.