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

To assist the organization in increasing the number of green buildings, educate the community about Sustainable implementation practices, champion policy changes, and make deep and profound impact regarding Sustainability in the built environment for the San Diego region

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

Living Future Collaborative Facilitator 2017 & Ambassador 2018 + 2019, SDGBC Volunteer 2009-2019, Board Member 2017-2018, Sustainability Director CSCA 2008-2012, Project Architect @ BNIM 2013-2016, Project Manager at DNVGL 2016-2019. Quals: Licensed Architect CA #34934, NCARB Certified, LEED AP BD+C, BPI BA+EP, Finalizing LFA in 2019

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 can put on events, coordinate sponsorships, provide education, and engage with local jurisdictions and building officials regarding policy and technical information. I am most interested in engaging directly with California developers to broaden the SDGBC engagement and engage with the players who manage the financial decisions in developing our communities.

Other expertise, experience and resources you bring to the Board of Directors.

See above for previous board experience

Experience and any current engagement with other nonprofit organizations and governance.

Please see above for my previous experience with SDGBC. In 2020 I am going to be 95% focused on expanding the Living Future Collaborative. In September of this year, I was asked by Assembly Member Toni Atkins to serve as the public representative for the CA state Oil Response Technical Advisory for the 2020 calendar year.

Affiliations, memberships, and accreditations that may be valuable to SDGBC leadership.

Licensed Architect CA, NCARB Certified, LEED AP BD+C, BPI BA+EP, Finalizing LFA this year, & working to engage with Passive Haus Los Angeles to start a Passive Haus group in San Diego.

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.

A stronger & more engaged connection with the Development community is needed if SDGBC is going to make a more profound impact in our community. Some thoughts I have for doing this include directly engaging with the developers at C3 + ULI + other developer events as well as through Intro to Living Building Challenge presentations; reviewing large scale development proposals / CEQA public comment periods such as SDSU west + Seaport Village, providing sustainability input to community plan updates; advocating for policy change with the City, County, and State about water treatment and energy independence opportunities; and connecting with neighboring and like-minded organizations in Orange County, Los Angeles and Tijuana around green building and community-wide sustainability. I hope to help the SDGBC make stronger connections with other groups and players across the state to increase our value, bring our voices to the table, and grow our membership base to make the SDGBC organization more effective and fiscally sound in 2020. Last but most definitely not least, I believe that the current leadership needs to remain in place as finally it feels as though the organization has sound direction and clear community. I hope to see Josh as

Executive Director, and Ravi as Board President in 2020 and if elected, I will continue to champion the two of them to maintain leadership positions in the organization.

Experience Focus: Residential + Commercial ZNE + ZNW strategies

Strengths: Public speaking + Education + Board experience

Committee Interest: Living Building Challenge

Ambassador, Advocate, or Asker: Ambassador