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

My attendance at events hosted by the San Diego USGBC has increased as I've found them to be more and more inspiring each year. As the goals for sustainability keeps growing, I would like to share my experience and talents and to become more actively involved while continuing to learn and being part of the local sustainable building community.

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

I have professional experience as a project architect, responsible for the design and construction of complex sustainable civic buildings. My focus professionally has been on sustainable issues since I became an active advocate of green building in 1996 when I first volunteered for the Austin Texas Straw Bale Building Society while in graduate school obtaining my Master's Degree in Architecture.

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 motivated to help the chapter continue to add value to the local professional building community and keep raising the bar of the standards to which we should all be building. I have worked in the design and construction business in San Diego since 1999 when I first relocated here out of graduate school to work. Starting at Rob Quigley Architect, I gained experience and grew connections working with vendors, contractors, engineers, and design professionals.

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

I have experience with designing and building solar PV, solar thermal, hydronic heating and cooling systems, geothermal ground source heat pumps and net zero building design. I am also an adjunct faculty member at Woodbury School of Architecture where I teach Environmental Building Systems and Sustainability to undergraduate architecture students.

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

For several years early in my architectural career, I was an active volunteer with the San Diego AIA, serving on the design awards committee, lecture series committee, and young architects committee. In 2005, I served as co-chair for the lecture series committee, and following that organized a Bar Stool Round Table social gathering once a month for architecture professionals to gather after work and informally discuss areas of professional interest.

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

Licensed California Architect

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.

Experience Focus: Renewable Energy

Strengths: Event Planning

Committee Interest: Women in Green

Ambassador, Advocate, or Asker: Advocate