

Board Candidate:**Chris Brown**, Engineer, SDG&E**Why do you wish to be a Director of the San Diego Green Building Council?**

Our region needs to move toward a more sustainable way of life and the energy used by our buildings is the biggest segment of our energy use. I believe my background and qualifications would allow me to help the organization guide our community toward a lower environmental impact while still sustaining the wonderful lifestyle we enjoy in San Diego.

Summary of professional qualifications, knowledge, and experience most relevant to SDGBC; in addition to any senior management and executive level experience:

For five years I worked with local governments, transportation agencies and water agencies on energy efficiency projects. Working with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority we conducted an audit of their existing (non-LEED) buildings and were able to reduce their energy use by 10% annually, over 4 million kilowatt-hours. At the Port of San Diego I worked with the staff to develop their Energy Road Map, which will guide them toward their sustainability goals. I worked for several years in the alternate fuel vehicle industry. The first eight years of my career I was an Air Force Captain.

Availability and willingness to participate in resource development; to include direct sponsorship, securing funding or otherwise opening doors to corporate, governmental and charitable sources:

I am familiar with many of the local sustainability leaders in government organizations and have always enjoyed working with them. For over twenty years I was in technical sales, I know how to communicate technical subjects to non-technical people. As a (former) salesman I am comfortable discussing financial matters with people and know how to lead them toward mutually beneficial solutions. I enjoy working with people and look forward to contributing to the SDGBC resource development.

Other expertise, experience and resources brought to Board of Directors:

My expertise in guiding people toward solutions that meet their technical, financial and sustainability goals would be a great fit with the other SDGBC board members. I have worked directly with the big three auto makers and Honda on their alternate fuel vehicle programs and currently drive a Chevy Volt hybrid EV. I installed two electric vehicle charging stations at my house myself and know the people leading the installation of 3500 electric vehicle chargers at public locations in San Diego. I am also fascinated with renewable energy and the possibilities the technologies provide to our society.

Engagement with other nonprofit organizations and governance:

For many years I worked with the non-profit Corona Heritage Park and Museum, which preserves some of the earliest buildings in that area and provides a venue for community events. We conducted a variety of fundraising events. Additionally, we helped restore and improve the historic structures to make them useful to people today. I am also on the board of my rural HOA.

Affiliation, memberships, and accreditations that may be valuable to SDGBC leadership:

Registered Professional Engineer in Mechanical Engineering. MBA from the University of California. At UC San Diego Extension I completed several courses in sustainability and

renewable energy. Through my work I have also attended numerous courses in energy efficiency, alternative fuels and other energy related topics.

Additional thoughts on ways the SDGBC can improve attainment of our vision:

The Council can build on its successes to engage the community in the excitement of the sustainable building movement and its critical importance to our society.

Experience Focus: Renewable Energy

Strength: Strategic Planning

Committee Interest: Residential Green Building

Ambassador/Advocate/Asker: Ambassador