

Board Candidate:

Colleen FitzSimons, Senior Project Manager at Urban Fabrick, Inc.

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

Environmentalism is my passion and the work of the SDGBC is building the momentum for sustainability and in the green building community as well as the city as a whole through its trainings and other events. I would like to support that work beyond the volunteering that I am starting to do by also volunteering for the Board of Directors.

Please provide a summary of your professional qualifications, knowledge, and experience most relevant to SDGBC? Also indicate any senior management and executive level experience.

I am an experienced Project Manager, accredited by PMI with my PMP. My previous professions include managing the GreenPoint Rated residential certification program when I worked at Build It Green in Oakland. I also managed a technology team for a financial investment company on the east coast with a data and infrastructure budget in the millions. I currently manage the certification process for 14 LEED projects in the Bay Area and directly supervise 2 colleagues working on 6 LEED projects at the SF Airport. My current role also includes other sustainability consulting projects such as preparing climate action plans and sustainability plans as well as seeking and preparing proposals for additional work in these areas.

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 new to San Diego and I am still growing my network of contacts in the area. Additionally, resource development is not an area that I have had much experience in so with that in mind I am not confident about my contributions in this area.

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

I have strengths and professional interests in a number of the initiatives of the SDGBC such as Women In Green, Residential Green Building and Living Building Challenge. I have been involved with the Bay Area Living Building Collaborative and helped put together our most recent panel event on the Financial Case for Sustainability. I have had the great fortune of working with women leaders such as Ann Edminster and Lisa Matthiessen. In my previous role at Build It Green I got to know Lynne Mitschke and her work and am currently working with Avery Kintner both of whom are long time SDGBC supporters and members.

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

My previous board experience was in Portland, OR for a women's services program. This included financial oversight, executive search and selection, and program strategic planning.

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

Along with my LEED AP accreditation, I am affiliated with the SF Bay Area's Green Building Council - Northern California Chapter and SF Bay Area's Living Building Collaborative. I am an ILFI member, Build It Green member and GreenPoint Rater, ICC CALGreen inspector and Project Management Professional.

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

Experience Focus: Broader sustainability initiatives including water reuse

Strength: Event Planning and Public Speaking

Committee Interest: Living Building Challenge

Ambassador/Advocate/Asker: Advocate