

**Board Candidate:****Elizabeth Carmichael**, Principal Architect, ECOhouse**Why do you wish to be a Director of the San Diego Green Building Council?**

Aspiration and passion for promoting a sustainable built environment, aligning directly with the mission and goals of SDGBC. As principal architect, responsibility to produce development projects corresponding to the objectives of the community and to achieve positive benefits for occupants, developers, and society is at the forefront of professional practice. Currently investigating a Masters in Sustainability for programmatic cohesion with the firm's mission to promote a greener tomorrow today, joining the board will enhance professional growth and expand contribution to a sustainable present and future.

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

Extensive experience in commercial and residential design/construction before founding ECOhouse(ecohousegreen.com), specifically naming the company to promote and attract ecologically responsible architecture and development. Developing and conducting ECOI.a.b.(tm) sessions as a hands-on approach to educating the public on implementing responsible practices. Establishing a sustainable development certificate course for the building community. Having a heavy presence in residential and mixed-use in-fill development projects, ECOhouse is San Diego based and has developed close partnerships with local professionals, builders, vendors, and development services. Inclusion as board member would facilitate expanding the board's architectural perspective, particularly in the fields of in-fill and affordable housing.

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

Willing to research and apply for sustainability grants for non-profit organizations that would enhance and support the mission and vision of SDGBC. Initiate events for the local building community to promote resource partnerships with SDGBC.

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

Through ECOI.a.b.(tm) sessions, developed specific partnerships with subject matter experts who assist in education to the community, developing an extensive network of resources with vendors and companies that support sustainable initiatives. Collaborating to initiate and promote a sustainable reality. Enthusiasm to nurture and support emerging professionals in the areas of sustainability, cooperating with NewSchool to commence mentorships. Fashioning savvy programs to promote sustainability and creating a demand for sustainable buildings and lifestyle.

**Engagement with other nonprofit organizations and governance:**

Active volunteer water quality monitor for San Diego Coastkeeper, collect samples as part of their water quality monitoring team at watersheds throughout San Diego. Annually a lead participant in Thompson Building Supply's "Tree of dreams" event for Rady's Childrens Hospital. Working closely with San Diego Housing Commission on ECOhouse's affordable housing projects and extensive experience with the sustainable expedite program through Development Services .

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

Dynamic involvement in the Women in Architecture AIA group to promote sustainability among women associates. Currency in sustainability issues and trends, formal training through AIA continuing education. Active relationship with the editorial staff at San Diego Home and Garden Lifestyle. While being profiled and interviewed for the December 2015 issue, "planted seed" and subsequently participated in their first sustainable focused issue.

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

Through energetic social-media campaigns and quick auto-fill forms to engage the public's communication with their representatives, enhance SDGBC's phenomenal history of initiating practices and legislation and push the vision past the goal line. Educating the public on celebrating the benefits and inclusion in a not-so-distant net-zero future and bringing a greater awareness to San Diego's participation in the U.N. Commission's Sustainable Development Goals Report 2017 for the global community.

**Experience Focus:** Affordable housing development

**Strength:** Active Community Volunteer

**Committee Interest:** Residential Green Building

**Ambassador/Advocate/Asker:** Advocate