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USGBC-LA Exec. Dir. Dominique Hargreaves to receive a Women in Sustainability Leadership Award from Green Building & Design Magazine

Chicago, IL - The U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles (USGBC-LA) chapter is proud to announce that Dominique Hargreaves, USGBC-LA Executive Director, has been awarded one of *Green Building & Design (gb&d)*'s Women in Sustainability Leadership Awards. *gb&d*, the magazine for today's leading green professional with a mission statement of creating a more sustainable world, created the awards to celebrate the achievements of women who are making lasting change and strives to identify, support, and give opportunities to future women in leadership.

The ultimate goal of the awards is to create a global central hub that identifies and connects the most powerful women at the forefront of sustainability. WSLA looks to recognize and advance these top-level female sustainability executives who can then, in turn, support younger women with dreams of reaching such levels of success. "This will be our 3rd year hosting the awards and it's been one of the highlights of my professional career. It's as if you're sitting at a table with women plotting to make the world a better place." says publisher and CEO, Chris Howe. "We wanted to find a place to honor these incredible women, but bring them together in the same room. We hope this can be a platform for women who are creating lasting change to act as role models for those who might just be starting their career," says Laura Heidenreich, president and associate publisher of *gb&d*.

Hargreaves, whose award-winning background began on the sales side for South Group LLP & Pulte Homes, has worked for USGBC-LA since 2008, the last two years as Executive Director. She has overseen not only significant growth of the chapter, which now extends from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona border, but innovative and impactful programs in the L.A. region including the Green Janitors Certification Program, Building Resilience-L.A. initiative, the Greenbuild LA Legacy Project, Women in Green Leadership and Green Apple Day of Service events, and of course, she leads the hosting chapter into Greenbuild in Los Angeles this week. Hargreaves is active in local and state policy work related to sustainable energy and water issues. She is on the technical advisory group for the LA County Net Zero Water Ordinance, SoCalEdge, and the Advanced Energy Communities with UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

The magazine is thrilled to present the third annual WSLA in partnership with the United States Green Building Council in part by MetroFlor Corporation, Steelcase, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and United Airlines. The winners were hand selected by a judging panel that includes Rochelle Routman of MetroFlor (and the chair of the WSLA Alumni Group), Kimberly Lewis of the USBGC, Amanda Sturgeon of the International Living Future Institute, Angela Foster-Rice of United Airlines, Leith Sharp of Harvard University, and Chris Howe and Laura Heidenreich of Green Building & Design. The fifteen influential winners will be honored prior to this year's Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Los Angeles on October 4th at the SLS Beverly Hills.

About Green Building & Design magazine

gb&d is the only magazine covering green building and design across industries. It connects and inspires

green building professionals by partnering with those at the forefront of sustainable design, development, planning, and policy. The publication offers a comprehensive global perspective on new projects and products created with sustainability and social responsibility in mind.

About U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles

USGBC-LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to creating a prosperous and sustainable future within one generation. Our mission promotes sustainability in LA County's built environment by delivering access to knowledge, resources, recognition and networking. (www.usgbc-la.org)

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