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11th Annual Green Gala, Nov. 12, Kicks Off U.S. Green Building Council-L.A.'s Year Leading to 2016 Greenbuild Conference in L.A.

5th Annual Sustainable Innovation Awards to be Announced

Los Angeles, CA (October 13, 2015) – Next month, the [Los Angeles Chapter](#) of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC-LA) officially kicks off the one-year countdown to hosting the biggest annual green building event in the world...the Greenbuild International Conference & Expo. The "Road to Greenbuild" is the theme of [USGBC-LA's 11th annual Green Gala](#), on November 12 from 6:00-10:30pm at downtown's historic Union Station. The chapter's new Board Chair and the newly-selected local Greenbuild co-chairs and Host Committee—all industry professionals who volunteer their time—will be formally introduced to attendees by USGBC-LA Executive Director Dominique Hargreaves, and will provide an early insight into what is to come, early preparations, and ways to get involved.

[Greenbuild](#) is hosted by a different city's USGBC chapter each year, attracts over 30,000 global attendees, and includes the largest green building expo, numerous education sessions, workshops and speakers, tours organized by the local Chapter, art installations, and adjacent events. More information to come.

In addition to looking forward, the Green Gala each year honors premier projects that have already been envisioned, designed and/or built. The 5th Annual Sustainable Innovation [Awards](#) are the highlight of the evening and recognize exceptional achievement and innovation in each Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) category for countywide certified projects from the past four years. The submissions—judged for innovation, community impact and team collaboration—attract project teams throughout Los Angeles County's sustainable community and are awarded regardless of LEED certification achieved.

"We've received submissions of incredible breadth and depth, continuing our tradition of innovative thinking across L.A. County. And I'm also excited about the our new 'Health & Wellness' category this year, which reflects a broadening understanding of how elements like access to light and nature affect how productive we are at work, for example," states Hargreaves. "As to our Road to Greenbuild, I can't wait to introduce our team and get everyone really excited and engaged for all the opportunities this brings to our industry and to the City of Los Angeles."

The evening's program will feature [Chef Paul Buchanan's](#) gourmet sit-down dinner—sustainable, locally-grown and harvested—in the historic train station's Grand Ticket Concourse (see [Union Station photos](#)), festive music from [The Jennifer Keith Quintet](#), the Awards presentation, and the Greenbuild 2016 Host Committee.

The USGBC-LA's [annual Green Gala](#) attracts over 500 of the top industry professionals from local government, real estate owners and developers, architects, engineers, contractors, and LEED professionals. Those who attend are interested and engaged in collaborative sustainable initiatives that affect communities.

Gala co-chairs are Richard Ludt, Director of Environmental & Public Affairs for IRS Demo, & Heidi Creighton, Associate and Sustainability Consultant at Buro Happold. Patti Harburg-Petrich, Senior Associate of Structures at Walter P. Moore & Associates, and Robyn Eason, Group Manager, Certification, for GBCI, co-chair the Sustainable Innovation Awards.

USGBC-LA supporters include: BuroHappold, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, Edison International and Southern California Gas Company. AEG (Anschutz Entertainment Group) has provided support, as have many significant private firms such as Kilroy Realty, ZGF Architects, JMB Realty, PFM Group, Howard Building Corporation, Egan Simon, Arup, Bernards and Integral Group.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and individual [tickets](#) are \$250 per person. For questions about either, please contact USGBC-LA Executive Director Dominique Hargreaves at dominique@usgbc-la.org. For information about the Chapter, please visit www.usgbc-la.org.

DATE: Thursday, November 12, 2015

TIME: 6:00-7:00pm – VIP Cocktail Reception (Platinum and Gold sponsors)
7:00pm – General Admission
8:00pm – Dinner & Awards Show
10:30pm - End

WHERE: Los Angeles' Union Station
800 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

TICKETS: \$250 Individual Dinner Ticket, \$500 VIP Reception + Dinner Ticket
For tickets, please visit <http://www.usgbcla.onefireplace.org/event-2021869>

INFO: For more information about tickets, sponsor packages or USGBC-LA, please contact Dominique Smith, 213-689-9707 or dominique@usgbc-la.org
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