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**US Green Building Council-L.A. Announces New Board,
Adds Inland Empire Chapter Region to its Fold**

Los Angeles, CA (September 15, 2016) The [U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles Chapter](#) (USGBC-LA) has voted in a new Board of Directors, which includes 12 returning (seven reelected) and six new Board members. The Board Chair remains Sara Neff, Sr. Vice President of Sustainability for Kilroy Realty Corp., the first non-architect Chair for the Chapter.

In addition, the USGBC-Inland Empire Chapter was annexed by the Los Angeles Chapter, creating an extended regional L.A. Chapter (approx. 1350 members) that reaches from the ocean to the Arizona border. This regional partnership will allow for a bigger impact through a cohesive approach in representing people and building sustainable communities in the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

The new members of the Board are:

Cassy Aoyagi, President, FormLA Landscaping
Robyn Eason, Sr. Sustainability Planner, City of West Hollywood
Holly Hill, Director of Sustainability, Verdical Group
Dave Intner, Certified Energy Manager, Southern California Edison
Jasmine Lomax, Emerging Professional
Drew Shula, Founder & Principal, Verdical Group

Returning members of the Board are (those with * denote reelected):

John Egan, Principal Egan|Simon Architecture *
Jennifer Berthelot-Jelovic, President & CEO, A Sustainable Production, LLC *
Anthony Brower, Director of Sustainable Design, Gensler
Shara Castillo, Associate Partner, ZGF Architects LLP
Heidi Creighton, Sustainability Associate, BuroHappold
Amelia Feichtner, Principal, Cunningham Group
Russell Fortmeyer, Senior Consultant, Sustainability, Arup *
Paul McGunnigle, CEO, Howard Building Corporation *
Richard Ludt, Dir. of Environmental & Public Affairs, Interior Removal Specialist Inc. *
Ed Novy, Senior Associate, American Realty Advisors
Sara Neff, Sr. Vice President of Sustainability, Kilroy Realty Corporation *
Ruby Rose Yopez, Sustainability Consultant, Partner Energy *

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The newly constituted Board of Directors will lead the chapter through the upcoming [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#), Oct. 5-7 in Los Angeles.

"I've been extremely fortunate to Chair two Boards—the last one and this new one—consisting of people I deeply respect and who have each worked tirelessly across L.A. and the Inland Empire to promote sustainability in the built environment through their respective specialties," states Neff. "Each one is helping create a sustainable, healthy and resilient built community through education and leading by example, which reflects our mantra of 'Learn, Share, & Lead Green.'"

The USGBC-LA has several new programs that will launch under the purview of this new Board, and they all speak to the Chapter's goals of: being a resource; impacting a wide range of people who live, work, play or learn in a building; being a source of education and training, as well as a source of advocacy; and fostering forward thinking leaders. The programs coming soon are:

Existing Building Speaker's Bureau: Assist the City of Los Angeles with initial outreach to educate the building community on the new requirements of the EBEWE ordinance.

GPRO: Similar to the highly successful Green Janitors program, this is a comprehensive national training and certificate program that teaches the people who build, renovate and maintain buildings the principles of sustainability combined with trade-specific green construction knowledge.

Career Pathways: Blend academic and career technical education, connect employers with schools, and train students for jobs in high-demand fields such as information technology, advanced manufacturing, health care and software development.

"With our new Board of Directors expanded to 18 seats, I believe that we have a group that represents the diversity and geographic breadth of our region based on their perspectives both personally and professionally," states USGBC-LA Executive Director Dominique Hargreaves. "And they fully support and believe in the goals we've set as a Chapter to become a greater visible presence in the communities across LA County and beyond."

The former Inland Empire Chapter's Erica Farr is now the Community Outreach and Marketing Director for the USGBC-LA combined staff. For more information about the USGBC-LA chapter or Greenbuild, please contact Dominique Hargreaves, dominique@usgbc-la.org or 213-689-9707, or Erica Farr, Erica@usgbc-la.org.

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