

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

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Biography:

Margaret is a seasoned business leader who worked 28 years in community banking, starting at entry level positions to the top executive position as a former Well Fargo Community Bank President in Colorado. She left the banking industry and became an entrepreneur focused on systems change to address our world's most pressing issues, including climate change and health. Margaret has extensive experience in business, community engagement, finance, operations, and entrepreneurship.

She was drawn to GRID because of her personal mission alignment to GRID. GRID's mission of addressing climate change, workforce development and providing no cost solar to income qualified families lights her up! Her approach to leadership is very open, communicative, and collaboratively driven. She's a systems thinker, recognizing that every decision or action has an impact on the whole, that we are all interconnected, and that it's important to involve all stakeholders when possible. She asks lots of questions to uncover the systems and encourages partnerships, communication, team development and growth.

Solar or Storage Experience:

GRID Alternatives is a non-profit organization that brings the benefits of solar technology to low-income communities. Using a barn-raising model, GRID Alternatives leads teams of volunteers and job trainees to install solar power on qualifying homes, providing needed savings for families struggling to make ends meet while preparing workers for jobs in the fast-growing solar industry.

As the Colorado Executive Director, responsibilities include: developing a strategic vision, plan, and budget for the Colorado office; cultivating partnerships with stakeholders to raise awareness and better serve low-income and underrepresented communities and families; overseeing all aspects of program implementation; including client outreach and education, workforce development, volunteer recruitment and training, solar installation, project management, quality control, and assurance; recruiting and managing staff, and managing budgets and ensuring the financial sustainability of office.

My Priorities:

1. Workforce training in solar and renewable energy field - President Biden's climate plan calls for ambitious carbon emissions reductions with an emphasis on environmental justice and well-paying jobs. The solar industry can accomplish this.
2. Affordable and accessible solar for all- recognizing barriers low and medium-income households face when accessing solar energy, including financing and funding, community engagement, site suitability, policy, and regulations. Building community-powered solutions to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy.
3. Electric vehicle and solar energy integration. Recognizing the synergies between the two.

My Strengths:

1. Strategic Planning
2. Partnership Building
3. Systems Thinking
4. Outreach and Communication