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New FGBC Executive Director Takes the Helm

C.J. Davila named Florida Green Building Coalition's third executive director

TALLAHASSEE, FL - The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the leading certifier of green projects in the state, has named C.J. Davila its new executive director. Davila replaces Suzanne B. Cook, who led the organization for over a decade.

Davila takes the leadership reins as sustainable construction and green building are expected to continue to make strides in 2017. Homeowners and commercial tenants will demand energy-efficient construction and features as sustainability will be more of the norm rather than the exception going forward.

Davila's combined experience in real estate, non-profit leadership and for-profit marketing makes him a strong fit for the job, said FGBC President Jeremy Nelson.

"We're excited. I believe C.J. can take us to the next level," Nelson said. "He has passion and a talent for getting people in the community to take the next step."

Davila said his number one goal will be to raise FGBC's visibility across the state. He also wants to expand FGBC's ranks by bringing more value to membership.

"I think there's tremendous opportunity," Davila said. "There's a strong emphasis on green building right now. It's a win, both for builders who sell houses and for consumers, who are demanding more and more green features."

FGBC has developed green certification programs that apply to construction projects including communities and local government operations. Seeking FGBC certification demonstrates a commitment to developing and building with products or services that are green and sustainable.

Davila brings real estate credentials to his new position. He most recently worked as director for the Orlando Regional Realtor Foundation, a non-profit that promotes affordable housing.

During his tenure, the group completed Heroes' Commons, a six-home community for veterans. Davila also worked through the housing recovery with Metro City Realty in Orlando.

Davila additionally brings non-profit credentials to his new job.

He worked for Orlando's Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, leading its \$125 million capital campaign. He also worked for the California Center for the Arts in Escondido as annual fund director, and United Way in Central Broward County as team leader.

Davila graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations.

About the Florida Green Building Coalition

For 16 years, the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) and its members have made a significant impact on Florida's growth in sustainable building projects. This year, it reached a new milestone of over 13,000 certified "Florida Green" homes. Adding to that the 25 million square feet of commercial and high-rise residential, 62 land developments, and 86 local governments participating in FGBC certification programs, sets FGBC as the leading certifier of green projects in Florida. The membership-based non-profit organization administers green certification programs and provides education to promote sustainable building, development and business practices. More information is available at www.FloridaGreenBuilding.org