

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Greg Hamra's nomination for Sustainable South Florida's Green Visionary Award. Greg has been a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) instructor for Everblue for the past three years. During that time, he has trained approximately 2000 individuals globally and more than 500 in South Florida on the principles and tenets of green building. His efforts as an educator are responsible for transforming the way that buildings are built so they use less energy, have a reduced environmental impact, and pay a social dividend to the communities around them.

Greg's advocacy for sustainability permeates everything that he does and every decision that he makes. At Everblue, we consider ourselves a green business, but Greg has helped us push the limits of what we thought possible. From simple measures such as switching to washable dishes in our office to much larger decisions including a recent choice to sign a multi-year lease near mass transit, bike paths, and within walking distance of our community's downtown, Greg has taken on the role of our organization's conscience.

Greg's passion for sustainability is so evident that our entire staff now half-jokingly asks WWUGD (What Would Uncle Greg Do) when faced with their day-to-day decisions. Simply put, his desire to do what is best for our planet is infectious to everyone around him. For this reason, I can think of no person more deserving of Sustainable South Florida's Green Visionary Award.

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Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Sustainable South Florida Awards
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Dear Sustainable South Florida Awards Review Committee:

Most of us work in order to support and enjoy our lives. On rare occasions, though, you meet extraordinary people whose work is an extension and reflection of the way they live. This is the case with Greg Hamra, nominee for the Sustainable South Florida Awards Green Visionary category.

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of being a student in Greg's Everblue Training Institute Green Associate Exam Prep Course. Five minutes into the course, it became very clear that Greg was utilizing his job as a trainer to promote the sustainable values he lives by, and as a vehicle for change to better the lives of those in Miami-Dade County and across the globe. His energy and passion for sustainable living became evident through the creative (and at times wacky) personal examples that he incorporated into the course, including:

- Computer salvaged from dump years ago is still in use today
- Toilet retrofit with a milk-jug to save water
- Christmas Tree made of a ladder and lights salvaged from someone's trash

Since becoming an Everblue Trainer Greg has trained about 2,000 people worldwide and about 530 in South Florida, including over 50 Miami-Dade County employees. He has helped hundreds of South Florida professionals, including me, achieve their LEED accreditation. These are only a fraction of the many lives he has changed.

Greg is effectively making a lasting impact on the sustainability of this community, one course/one student at a time. It is for this reason that Greg is the only reasonable choice for the 2011 Green Visionary Award.

P.S. Because of Greg, I passed the LEED Green Associate exam nine days after taking his course.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Fernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maggie Fernandez, LEED Green Associate
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August 3, 2011

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TO: Sustainable South Florida Awards Review Committee

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Greg Hamra.

I have had the pleasure of working with Greg, principally, during his tenure as a volunteer with the US Green Building Council South Florida Chapter, a non-profit organization. Greg has been a solid contributor involved in myriad educational and website initiatives, principally in Miami-Dade County, but organization-wide, too. To say that his volunteer contributions have been outstanding would fall far short of a fair assessment.

Greg's volunteer work product is always of the highest caliber, and he continually sets a great example for his volunteer peers. He is a terrific listener, always provides sound counsel, and very often takes on tasks not related to his primary responsibilities. Having worked closely with Greg over the past three years, I can unequivocally state that his honesty and integrity are above reproach, and he consistently proves to be an efficient, systematic organizer who sets priorities and works well in a team setting.

In his professional life as an educator for Everblue, Greg is unquestionably one of the most talented instructors concerning sustainability and green building in the country. Greg's grasp of content is undisputed, but, like any great teacher, it's his passion for the subject matter, his respect for his students, and his marvelous observational and teaching skills that make him one of the best instructors in the business. Greg makes the complicated simple, not only explaining the how behind the topic, but also the whys and wherefores. He is patient with his students and paints real-life examples to reinforce their learning experience.

Anyone who knows Greg has encountered his imaginative creative bent, which explains why his students not only learn, but have fun doing so and later become "groupies" who constantly refer peers to his classes. They have learned firsthand that, as a teacher, Greg will, without question, deliver the goods.

In my position as Executive Director of the organization, I have personally benefited from Greg's unselfish efforts and support. He is unquestionably cooperative, helpful and loyal to our non-profit organization, and is an excellent liaison person and team player. With a can-do approach to tasks and an ever-inspiring optimistic attitude, Greg is a tangible asset -- whether guiding a committee through a simple assignment or tackling solo an unrelated project, his contributions are top-shelf. Additionally, he never hesitates to contribute ideas geared toward the more efficient running of our organization. In short, he's been a rock for us.

Greg's consistently excellent performance enables me to give him my highest recommendation. Please feel free to contact me personally if I can be of further assistance in providing information concerning Greg's volunteer contributions to the USGBC South Florida Chapter.

Sincerely,

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PS ... In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint and paper consumption, the USGBC conducts most of its business communications via email and electronic means. If you desire to have a hardcopy of this recommendation on Chapter letterhead, please let me know and I would be pleased to generate one for you.



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August 2, 2011

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Sustainable South Florida Awards
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Dear Sustainable South Florida Awards Review Committee:

It is with great pleasure I offer this letter of endorsement for the nomination of Mr. Greg Hamra for the South Florida Green Visionary Award.

I first met Mr. Hamra when he was assigned as our instructor for the LEED AP examination in 2009. His personal and professional commitment to Sustainability immediately became apparent to all who attended his workshops. His passion for our community and his efforts to reduce waste are personal aspirations that define his life and are clear to all with whom he interacts. From his practical applications for recycling a milk container to conserve water to his international exposure to the efforts made in other country's to conserve resources, all are incorporated into his list of "What We Can Do" and shared with all that will listen.

As a Sustainability Educator his skills are exceptional and very professional. He is extremely flexible and willing to take on the responsibilities necessary to ensure his students succeed. His training went beyond preparing staff for the AP examination, and was filled with practical applications as well as innovative ideas. After a commitment from District staff to embrace Sustainability and in no small part Greg's guidance and tutelage, 23 staff members obtained LEED AP credentials. My personal success on the AP examination was clearly reflective of my experience with Greg. He is an industry colleague and teacher that is always available for consultation and to seek practical solutions.

As part of our professional community, Greg has exhibited a genuine dedication to sustainability globally but his passions lay with our community. He has demonstrated natural leadership ability and a willingness to rapidly accommodate an ever-changing world, while maintaining a high level of personal commitment locally. Mr. Hamra is devoted to this cause and pursues each day with great vigor and vision. His secret? An energetic personality, coupled with his genuine commitment to our community's future.

It is for these reasons and many more that Mr. Greg Hamra is the most accomplished and distinguished of your candidates, and whom I endorse without reservation or prejudice for the South Florida Visionary Award.

Should you require further reference or additional comments, please feel contact me at (305) 995-7842.

Sincerely,

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August 1, 2011

To: Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Sustainable South Florida Awards
RE: Nomination – Green Visionary Award Nominee - Greg Hamra, Everblue

I am writing this note in support of Greg Hamra's candidacy for the Sustainable South Florida Green Visionary award. I have known Greg for approximately three years and he is, without question, one of the most dedicated and passionate proponents of sustainability in our community. I therefore strongly recommend Greg for the Green Visionary Award and am pleased to share the following examples of his leadership.

First, and perhaps most important to me professionally, Greg was the reason I passed the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED™ Accredited Professional (LEED AP) exam with flying colors. Prior to taking the LEED AP exam, I was studying on my own and Greg asked me a few questions to gauge my level of understanding of the material. Greg quickly determined that I should postpone my exam date and enroll in his upcoming course to ensure that I would pass. At the time, I was Chair of the Miami-Dade & Keys Branch of the South Florida Chapter of the USGBC and could not afford to fail, especially since I would get only one chance at taking the exam in light of an impending change in the exam format.

I was touched that Greg was so genuinely concerned about whether or not I would pass the LEED AP exam and grateful for his "intervention." What's more, I was highly impressed with Greg's understanding of the LEED framework, not to mention his gift for imparting his knowledge in a fun and engaging manner. On a separate note, Greg has served as an advisory board member of Dream in Green (DIG) for nearly one year. As you may know, DIG is a Miami-based nonprofit organization that received the Sustainable South Florida Award for Green Education and Outreach in 2009 and 2010. Greg has volunteered his time for DIG on a number of occasions and his expertise in the area of green education is invaluable. As Chair and Co-founder of DIG, I sincerely hope that Greg will deepen his involvement with the organization and continue helping us enhance its educational programs.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that Greg Hamra possesses all the key qualities of a visionary leader. He's an innovative thinker who is committed to leading his community towards a sustainable future. For this, I highly recommend him for the Green Visionary Award.

Yours sincerely

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RE: Nomination Letter for Greg Hamra

Dear Sustainable Review Committee:

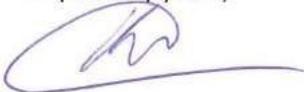
Please accept this letter as my endorsement and nomination of Greg Hamra for the "Visionary" category South Florida Sustainability Awards. My nomination is based on my observations and participation during a two day training session of which Greg Hamra was the instructor.

It was evident from the start that Greg was not just teaching a course but a person who was extremely passionate about the environment. He shared his many experiences with us, which included some ingenious methods of saving energy and recycling. You could see that this man practiced what he preached.

One specific discussion comes to mind. Probably about an hour into the first day of the class Greg saw that many of the students had your standard 16oz plastic spring water bottle that most of us purchase at supermarkets or convenience stores every day. Well seeing all these bottles Greg went on to explain in detail about the myth of recycling all these plastic bottles and what actually happens to all the plastic. He also went on to discuss the tests done on spring water vs tap water and to make a long story short I went home that night shared what I had learned with my wife and we no longer purchase cases of water each week as we now both drink good old tap water.

The world needs more people like Greg Hamra and that is why I am writing this letter to you today. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully yours,



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Certified Green Partners

August 1, 2011

Dear members of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce,

I am Gus Casamayor, the founder of Certified Green Partners (CGP). CGP is an international, independent, non-governmental certification organization advocating sustainable practices, products, and the commitment to corporate social responsibility.

I would like to nominate Greg Hamra for the Green Visionary Award for a Sustainable South Florida because of the way Greg feels about sustainability, the way he acts, how he volunteers his time. He's a role model and he always makes himself available. He doesn't only work in the field of sustainability but he teaches others how to be sustainable. Greg shares all his knowledge with everybody for this cause, this new 'green revolution' to take effect and help every aspect of mother nature.

Greg is a 'must win', I endorse and nominate him for the Sustainability South Florida Awards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Gus Casamayor", is written over a faint, larger version of the Certified Green Partners logo.

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July 28, 2011

Mr. Greg Hamra, LEED® AP BD+C
Everblue Training Institute
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**Re: LEED Credential Maintenance Training (July 26 & 27, 2011)
Acknowledgement**

Dear Greg:

First of all let me thank you and most of all congratulate you for an OUTSTANDING seminar; you have really raised the bar on LEED education, made it extremely interesting and valuable to all of us who attended the training session.

You had requested us to comment on the modules reviewed during the training and frankly I liked all of them and the specific subjects that were presented were to the point, clear concise and pretty interesting; so I would rank them all # 1; as they were also pretty educative, comprehensive and well explained. You have an amazing talent for teaching and conveying ideas and concepts.

I wish you all the best on your future endeavors and I am looking forward to be your student again sometime in the near future.

Keep up the GREAT work,

Sincerely,

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