



Brenna S. Walraven

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Brenna Walraven is an internationally recognized leader in the commercial real estate industry and sustainability realm. She has excelled at leading large, diverse real estate organizations and has served some of the most discriminating institutional investors.

In 2014, Ms. Walraven founded Corporate Sustainability Strategies (CSS), a firm dedicated to providing best practice solutions for organizations by helping them develop and implement business case focused environmental, corporate social responsibility, and governance (ESG) strategies. After almost 17 years with USAA Real Estate, Ms. Walraven's clients today represent both publicly and privately held real estate companies, representing approximately \$100 billion in Assets under Management (AuM) throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

CSS helps clients develop and implement strategies in areas of real estate operations, asset management, investor engagement, and sustainability. Ms. Walraven has served in various executive-level roles, including Head of Property Operations and Portfolio Manager, providing strategic leadership for national, multi-sector real estate portfolio. In these roles, she regularly engaged with investors, joint venture partners, development partners, and over saw property management, leasing, national accounts' procurement, sustainability, risk management, and insurance for assets in every sector (office, industrial, retail, hotel, multifamily, mixed-use, healthcare, storage, and development).

Ms. Walraven served on former California Governor Schwarzenegger's Real Estate Leadership Council and has testified before Congress on issues of efficiency and sustainability. Ms. Walraven is former chair and chief elected officer for Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA), the first woman to serve as chair in the association's 100-plus-year history. She is a founding leader and developer of BOMA's Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP), which has trained over 35,000 real estate professionals since 2006. She also was part of the development of the Building Owners & Managers Institute (BOMI) High-Performance Buildings designation program, serving as an executive editor and now as an instructor.

As part of her leadership within BOMA, she partnered with Clinton Climate Initiative in 2007 to help develop a private sector approach to energy performance contracting (EPC) where retrofits are paid for over time out of the savings generated by large building retrofit projects. More recently, Ms. Walraven led the re-launch of the BOMA Energy Performance Contract (BEPC) model with new refined tools, case studies, and implementation partners.

To date, results include 22 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Awards and savings of over \$50 million in operating costs. Also, led by Ms. Walraven's expertise, USAA Real Estate and several other clients have had consistent top performance recognition with the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB). Multiple funds have been awarded Green Star (top quartile performance recognition) and have ranked in the top five performers for nine of the ten years of GRESB's existence. One client has been named GRESB Sector Leader (#1 ranking) for North America for leadership in sustainability strategy, management, and execution.

In addition to being an accomplished author, a sought-after speaker, and an instructor for over 25 years, Ms. Walraven thoroughly enjoys helping organizations and teams pursue excellence and do well by doing good. She is a BOMA Fellow, and she holds a B.A. in Economics and MBA, with an emphasis in finance and real estate, from University of Southern California.

Professional Accomplishments

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International

- Former Chair & Chief Elected Officer – 1st woman in 100-plus-year history of organization
- Executive Editor and Subject Matter Expert, BOMA Green Lease Guide 2018
- BOMA Fellow
- Founding Member & Former Chair, BOMA Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP)
- Developed BEEP, BEEP 2.0, BEEP for Industrial, BEEP Plus: Renewables & Clean Technologies, and BEEP Plus: Advanced Metering & Monitoring
- Founding Member & Chair, BOMA Energy Performance Contract Model (BEPC) Task Force
- Developed BEPC and created industry toolkit
- Founding Member, BOMA International Sustainability Task Force

BOMI International, Property and Facility Management Education

- Executive Editor and Subject Matter Expert in development of High Performance Sustainable Buildings curriculum and instruction

Real Estate Roundtable

- Board Member (2007/2008)
- Vice Chair, Sustainability Policy Advisory Council (SPAC)
- Member, SPAC Member (2000 to present)

Real Estate Forum's 65th Anniversary

- Honoree for Next Generation of Leaders

Health & Wellness

- Fitwel Ambassador – ambassadors are well-versed in evidence-based connection between design and health (2018 to present)

Affiliations and Memberships

- BOMA International, *Fellow*
- BOMA Orange County, *Advisory Board Chair*
- Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), *CPM*[®]
- BOMI International, *RPA*[®] and *BOMI-HP*[®] (*for high performance sustainable buildings*)
- Fitwel, *Ambassador*
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB), *Benchmarking Committee for North America*
- Green Seal, *Board of Directors*
- Real Estate Roundtable, *Sustainability Policy Advisory Council (SPAC)*
- Urban Land Institute (ULI), *Responsible Property Investing Council*
- US Green Building Council (USGBC), *Member*

Education

University of Southern California (USC)

- Master of Business Administration (MBA), Finance & Real Estate
- Bachelor of Arts, Economics