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Background (100 words)

William Leddy, FAIA, is a Founding Principal of San Francisco-based **LEDDY MAYTUM STACY Architects** (LMS^A), the 2017 recipient of the national AIA Firm Award. He has been a national leader in integrated sustainable design for over 30 years. LMS^A has received more than 175 regional and national design awards and is one of only three firms in the nation to have received ten or more national AIA COTE Top Ten Green Project awards. Leddy is past Chair of the national AIA Committee on the Environment (2013), and currently serves as the AIA California Vice President of Climate Action.

Philosophy, Goals and Objectives (200 words)

The global climate emergency is one of the greatest existential threats to our species in a thousand years, and therefore one of our greatest challenges. AIA California has demonstrated that it has an important role to play in addressing this challenge. Since my appointment as AIA California's first VP of Climate Action in February, 2020, I have been privileged to work with a visionary Board of Directors, a brilliant Steering Committee, and an expanded AIA CA COTE to advance effective climate action on multiple fronts. In the past 20 months we have accomplished much together, but there is much more to do. We must redouble our efforts to:

- Advocate for rapid de-carbonization through our building codes
- Promote electrification and resilient design across the state
- Nurture partnerships with the CEC and CAB
- Revitalize CALGreen as an aspirational reach code
- Educate the profession and the public about the urgency of zero carbon design
- Reshape our concepts of design excellence through AIA CA awards programs
- Reduce embodied carbon by promoting the adaptive reuse of existing structures

I would be honored to serve AIA California for another term as Vice President for Climate Action.