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Liz is currently seeking her next adventure in leading sustainability, doing some project work and exploring new opportunities. Most recently with First Solar, Liz built the environmental program, directed the Design for EHS initiative, and led the creation and implementation of a sustainability strategy for this \$3 billion solar power company. Liz was previously with Pfizer for over 25 years leading sustainability for this Fortune 10 global company. Pfizer's business over that time was: pharmaceuticals, chemicals, minerals, medical devices, animal health products, consumer products and cosmetics. Her sustainability work included: greenhouse gas management, climate change strategy, and energy conservation; water conservation and global water management; habitat management or ecosystem services; responsible supply chain; product stewardship or "green chemistry"; public non-financial reporting and metrics; human rights issues such as engaged workforce, and access to medicine; and traditional EHS management. She started at Pfizer manufacturing chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Liz has worked with many non-government organizations and governments, for example, The UN Global Compact, UNEP, UNDP, WBCSD, GEMI, BSR, Wildlife Habitat Council. She has spoken at many conferences, to graduate and undergraduate classes, and with K-12 children and their teachers about sustainability and environmental issues. She served on the Board advising Mayor Bloomberg in the creation of PlaNYC, the sustainability plan for New York City, and continues to serve on the Board of Green Light NY a non-profit seeking to advance green/energy efficient lighting in New York City. Liz has a master's degree in Chemical engineering from Manhattan College, and a bachelor's degree in Chemical engineering from the City College of New York. A native New Yorker, Liz lives on Long Island with her husband Robert Schoen, and her four children, Matthew, Catherine, William and Robert Jr.

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