

Kimberly Carroll Steward is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Recycling Council, where she leads statewide initiatives to advance recycling, sustainable materials management, and circular economy strategies. With a Ph.D. in Natural Resources and a background in environmental education, she brings a systems-thinking approach to solving complex waste and resource challenges. Kim has worked with communities, businesses, and policymakers to expand access to recycling, improve program efficiency, and support zero waste planning efforts. Her work emphasizes equity, education, and cross-sector collaboration to build stronger, more resilient local infrastructure. Passionate about turning values into action, she helps others reimagine waste as a resource and rethink our relationship with materials. Kim is committed to creating practical, community-driven solutions that promote long-term environmental and economic health.

Why are you nominating yourself or a colleague for the NRC board of directors?

I am nominating myself for the NRC Board of Directors because I believe my background in nonprofit leadership, recycling, and resource recovery can meaningfully support the Coalition's mission. I bring experience in policy advocacy, coalition-building, and organizational development that align with NRC's priorities of advancing a circular economy and strengthening recycling systems nationwide. Serving on the board would allow me to share these skills while also learning from and collaborating with peers across the country to accelerate innovative, equitable, and sustainable solutions.

Please indicate any experience or skills you plan to bring to the NRC in order to benefit the organization.

I bring a strong blend of leadership, environmental expertise, and coalition-building experience that I believe will benefit the NRC. My background includes more than a decade of work in natural

resources, recycling, and waste reduction, with a focus on building cross-sector partnerships to advance sustainable solutions. I have extensive experience in nonprofit leadership, policy advocacy, program development, and stakeholder engagement at the local and statewide levels.

I am passionate about advancing a circular economy and ensuring that recycling systems are both environmentally sound and socially equitable. I look forward to contributing these skills to support NRC's mission and expand its impact.