

August 3, 2006

ASLA Board of Trustees  
c/o Carolyn Mitchell  
636 Eye Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Trustees,

I am writing as a member of ASLA, a Fellow of CSLA, the Past President of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, and as an educator, to express my support for the nomination of Gary A. Hack to Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Dr. Hack has dedicated his career to a thoughtful and intelligent approach to the making of human environments. To this end, he has accomplished a great deal through education, scholarship and practice. Notably, he has been very successful in integrating these modes, and this has given great meaning and significance to his work.

Dr. Hack's passion for good urban design has been both national and international in scale. This is exemplified in his role as the former chair of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, as well as in his involvements urban design plans for cities in North America, the Middle East, and the Far East. He was the founder of the Beijing Urban Design Studio, which has recently celebrated its twentieth year. This studio brings students from North America and China together to work on critical issues in urban design and development in our evolving world.

"Site Planning", a work co-authored by Dr. Hack, is one of the foundation texts in every Landscape architecture program in North America, and a staple in the library of most landscape architecture offices. It is an example of how Dr. Hack's approach crosses the boundaries of landscape architecture, architecture, planning and urban design to forge a more holistic vision for the urban environment.

As an educator, scholar and practitioner Dr. Hack has contributed a tremendous amount to knowledge and practice in the discipline of landscape architecture. His nomination for Honorary Membership in ASLA is highly deserved, and I would like to express my full support.

Sincerely,

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Alf Simon, Ph.D., FCSLA, ASLA



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July 20, 2006

ASLA Board of Trustees  
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RE: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Gary A. Hack for ASLA Honorary Member

Dear ASLA Officers and Trustees:

I am writing on behalf of the board of directors of the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) to express our wholehearted support for the nomination of Gary A. Hack to Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Since 1996, Dr. Hack has been dean of the School of Design of the University of Pennsylvania, which includes the disciplines of landscape architecture, architecture, city and regional planning, historic preservation and fine arts. Prior to this, he taught for twenty five years at MIT, and was a principal in the Cambridge, Massachusetts firm of Carr, Lynch, Hack and Sandell.

Dr. Hack, who holds masters degrees in planning and architecture from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in urban studies and planning from MIT, is a bridge figure between disciplines, internationally, and between practice and academia. He is an advocate for appreciation and collaboration between disciplines, because, as he notes, "The world does not present design challenges in neatly packaged professional envelopes." He serves as a bridge between countries, observing that "In the 21st century, most design leaders will work across national boundaries." Speaking of the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania, he states, "Theory and practice are seen as inseparable."

Through his academic and professional work, both of which are international in scope, his writing, and his work with LAF, Dr. Hack has significant influence on and supports landscape architecture.

Dr. Hack provides direct service to the landscape architecture profession through his work with LAF. He represented the planning profession on the Joint Task Force of the LAF *Landscape Futures Initiative* in 2000-2001 in the ongoing effort to develop a vision and a blueprint for the profession. He was the originator of the idea of examining the drivers of global landscape change as a way of ensuring that the course charted for the landscape architecture and related professions would be relevant and geared to meeting the challenges of the future.

Dr. Hack served on the LAF board of directors from 2001-2004, as the vice president for education and research in 2001, and then the vice president of research and information from 2002-2004. In the latter position, he helped to shape the fledgling case study series and guide the *Landscape Futures Initiative's* first symposia.

With Grant Jones, he is the co-editor of the publication that will result from the symposia series, and most recently, he participated on the “*Landscape Futures Initiative: Visioning Landscape Architecture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” panel at the June 2006 CELA Conference.

Dr. Hack is an international authority on urban design and teaches, practices, and studies large-scale physical planning and urban design. He is co-author of the third edition of *Site Planning* (and is currently finalizing a fourth edition), a seminal textbook for landscape architecture education.

He also wrote *Lessons from Local Experiences*, as well as numerous articles and chapters on the spatial environment of cities. He also co-directed an international comparative study of urbanization patterns on four continents, published as “Global City Regions: A Comparative Perspective.” He is a former chair of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, and is active in civic affairs in Philadelphia.

Dr. Hack has served as an urban design consultant for projects in Japan, Taiwan, China and Saudi Arabia, and prepared plans for over thirty cities in the United States and abroad, including the redevelopment plan for the Prudential Center in Boston, the West Side Waterfront plan in New York City, and the new Metropolitan Plan for Bangkok, Thailand. He has also worked with smaller communities on urban design issues. Recently he was a member of the team that won the competition and prepared the design guidelines for redeveloping the World Trade Center Site.

During his tenure at MIT, where he also headed the urban studies and planning department, he established the joint urban design studio between MIT and Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and served as a visiting professor. This successful studio continues to the present and tackles challenging urban design issues in Beijing. He has also been the Nell-Norris Fellow in architecture at the University of Melbourne and visiting lecturer at some thirty institutions here and abroad.

Through his roles as author, practitioner, dean, professor, and task force member and officer for the Landscape Architecture Foundation, Dr. Hack has expanded knowledge in landscape architecture, fostered respect and cooperation between disciplines, helped create international exchanges, and has encouraged the influence of practice by academia and vice versa.

He continues to contribute significantly and directly to the growth and intellectual base of landscape architecture through his practice, role in academia, and service to LAF.

On behalf of the board of directors of LAF, it is a pleasure to support the nomination of Gary A. Hack for Honorary Member of ASLA.

Sincerely,

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Susan Everett, FASLA  
Executive Director

August 1, 2006

Honorary Membership Nomination  
ASLA  
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Washington, DC 20001-3736

Dear ASLA Board of Trustees,

This letter is to support the nomination of Gary Hack, Dean and Paley Professor in the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania, for Honorary Membership in the ASLA. Dr. Hack is a distinguished scholar and educator with an international reputation. But more importantly, he has used his stature and the positions he has held to advance landscape architecture and the ideals that are at the heart of our discipline. While I had known of Dr. Hack by reputation for many years, it was not until I was president elect of ASLA that I had an opportunity to meet him in person as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Landscape Architecture Foundation. I was impressed with his intelligence and commitment to ideas that are fundamental tenets of landscape architecture. For example his work with the *Landscape Futures Initiatives* Joint Task Force has been visionary and advanced our understanding of global landscape issues.

Dr. Hack's work deserves recognition by our society, and I would be proud to count him as one of us. I urge you to bestow this honor upon him. I know that he will appreciate the gesture and that by this association we will benefit even more from his work in the future.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Miller, Ph.D., FASLA



Professor of Landscape Architecture and  
Immediate Past President of the ASLA



Carolyn Mitchell  
ASLA Honors and Awards Coordinator  
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RE: Honorary Membership – Letter of Support  
Dr. Gary Hack, Ph.D.

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

It is my privilege to submit a support letter for another educator in nomination of honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. Dr. Gary Hack is the Dean and Paley Professor at the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania. Not only is Dr. Hack a leading educator and practitioner, but an author in the study of urban design and large scale physical planning. As co-author of *Site Planning and Lessons from Local Experiences*, his books have contributed to the careers of many landscape architects. Through his years of travel and study, he has become a leading figure universally in urban design, combining his research and teaching with practice throughout the world.

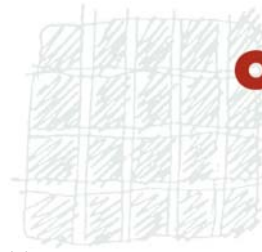
In addition to his academic contributions, Dr. Hack has served the Landscape Architecture Foundation as Vice President for the Board of Directors, as well as, with his work on the *Landscape Futures Initiative*.

It is without hesitation that I support Dr. Gary Hack as an exemplary educator and fellow Pennsylvanian for honorary membership in our society for his contributions have served great importance to the profession of landscape architecture.

Sincerely,

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Lisa A. Kunst Vavro, RLA, ASLA  
PA/DE Chapter ASLA President  
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To The Jury,

Dear Colleagues, I am writing to support the nomination of Gary Hack for honorary membership in the ASLA. Dean Hack is absolutely worthy and deserving of this honor, for in many ways he is one of us. I have known him since 1983 when we were both young teachers in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I was at Harvard and he was teaching a site planning course with Kevin Lynch at MIT. They asked me to bring a case study of one of my projects to their class, which I did, only to have them subsequently ask me to include it in their now classic book, *Site Planning*. Next I learned that Gary was a key member and later partner in the firm of Carr Lynch and was engaged in many large, complex, urban and regional planning and design projects in America and abroad.

Gary was key in building bridges between departments, schools and countries, being instrumental in exchange studios in China for MIT. Since coming to Penn, he has been a strong and collegial dean of our School of Design (formerly Graduate School of Fine Arts), supporting the Department of Landscape Architecture in formal and informal, official and personal ways. One example of this has been providing financial support for the joint Landscape Architecture/Architecture Studio, I have directed with a colleague (Professor Atkin of Architecture) that we have taken to China for the past three years. My office has also collaborated with him on professional work in Taiwan of exceptional national importance. In this work he has been a devoted champion of environmental and ecological planning.

Gary is deeply committed to the field of landscape architecture and has encouraged our department at Penn to pursue our interest in urban landscape, its planning and design. He is a distinguished educator and practitioner from a closely allied field who is devoted to collaboration and the values held by those who lead the profession of landscape architecture. I support his nomination for Honorary Membership without reservation, and with enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Laurie D. Olin, FASLA, Hon. AIA, Hon. RIBA, AAAS, AAAL, FAAR  
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