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Board of Trustees  
American Society of Landscape Architects

Ref: Honorary Membership

To the Board:

With this letter, I wish to strongly endorse the candidacy of Dr. Roger S. Ulrich, Director of the Center for Health Systems and Design at Texas A&M University, for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. His work over the past three decades has had a profound effect, not only on the field of landscape architecture, but on the fields of medicine, healthcare and institutional design. He has been a seminal leader in the research on the health effects of environmental design, long before it was fashionable, and set a trend that is widely accepted and encouraged throughout the world today.

I first became aware of Dr. Ulrich's work through his research in the early 1980's when he was making known to landscape architects the scientific benefits of visual landscape quality on the recovery rate for hospital patients. At the time, I was working on the design of healthcare facilities, especially for the aging and in particular, Alzheimer's disease. It was both embarrassing and deeply gratifying to hear from a client who had read about the work of Dr. Ulrich and very much wanted us to incorporate the findings of Dr. Ulrich's research into our design.

Over the years I came to know him personally, heard him speak at several conferences and symposia, most of which were composed of non-landscape architects, and constantly reveled in the skill he possessed at both understanding the science, art and language of design. It was remarkable to observe the level of appreciation extended by the medical professions of the complex analysis and unassailable quantifiability of Prof. Ulrich's research, raising health, safety and welfare to a new level.

It came as no surprise to me that eventually through Dr. Ulrich's research, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JAHCO) implemented revisions to the Environmental Quality Criteria for the accreditation of hospitals and healthcare facilities calling for healthcare organizations to provide in facilities the "availability of the calming and restorative powers of nature".

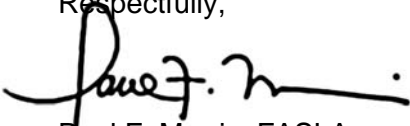
His work is exemplary in that it considers all the aspects of landscape character, both observed and experienced, that can contribute to healthy living. The impact of his work has deeply affected experienced practitioners widely and he is regularly called upon to counsel and advise boards, foundations, educational institutions and medical research facilities across the globe.

In 2001, Richard Jackson, MD, MPH, Director of Environmental Health National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wrote "What Olmsted Knew". In it he stated that "Olmsted profoundly understood that the places he designed were for human well being: cultural, physical and social. He instinctively knew that the landscape architect and planner, the road builder and policymaker were

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contributing as much as any physician – perhaps more – to the health of all.” It can be said that few of us can claim to have captured the fullness of this high praise. Certainly Dr. Roger Ulrich is one person. For all aspects of his profound contribution to the profession of landscape architecture and to society, he is so deserving of this significant recognition and I am honored to submit this letter of endorsement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul F. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul F. Morris, FASLA  
Vice President/Managing Principal  
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And  
Past President  
American Society of Landscape Architect



August 1, 2006

Board of Trustees  
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To the Board:

It is a distinct pleasure to recommend Roger S. Ulrich, PhD, for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. His contribution to healthcare facility design and the larger issues of community based health and wellness sets a new standard of expectation for healthy living.

- Over a ten year association, Roger participated in three “Gardens in Healthcare Symposiums” offered at Legacy. Oregon ASLA collaborates with these trainings.
- He continues to initiate collaboration with interviews and articles in the Wall Street Journal, Arizona Daily Star, Nurse Week magazine, Oncology Times, Yale University Environment magazine and others. Roger refers hospital executives and international visitors to Legacy. We continue JACHO and CARF discussions.
- Roger’s first keynote for the American Horticultural Therapy Association 2006 annual conference, “Current Research on Healthcare Gardens” motivated a record conference number of physicians, clinicians and landscape architects. Legacy Health System hosted and Oregon ASLA participated in a leadership role.
- Roger’s achievement as the premiere evidence based design expert is a major draw for the Chicago Botanic Garden annual Healthcare Garden Design Certificate program. His opening keynote for the 10-day training gives students an overview of the most recent research.
- In a recent first keynote for the Society for the Arts in Healthcare annual conference, he educated yet another professional group regarding the health effects of environmental design. His ability to translate key concepts across interdisciplinary milieus enables healthcare teams to increase collaboration and positive outcomes.

Roger demonstrates an exemplary ability to communicate with healthcare CEO’s, policy makers, university leadership and physicians. Following, I share two examples as evidence of his instruction, consultation and research findings as interpreted by healthcare leaders.

“Congratulations on what I hope was a complete success! The conference agenda was remarkable and the packed ballroom indicates the quality of the conference and speakers. I had the good fortune of attending the presentation by the keynote speaker, Roger S. Ulrich, Ph.D. I was thoroughly impressed by the information that he presented and the organized, scientific style of the presentation. The four general areas of evidence-based research, Social Support, Personal Control, Activity and Natural Distraction clarified for me the role and benefits of healthcare gardens and horticultural therapy in the environments that we work in to provide treatment for our patients and their "families", as well as how these benefits are achieved. The benefits documented for patients and "families" was impressive enough but the research on the potential benefits for the staff was also dramatic. If possible, it would be very useful to have a copy of Dr. Ulrich's presentation for future reference. Legacy has made a remarkable commitment to this process that contributes to our goals in Service, Outcomes, Quality and Satisfaction.”

**Gary Ward, M.D.**, Medical Director, Rehabilitation Medicine Associates

“One of the unique features found at all of our Legacy hospitals are wonderful gardens. We use gardens and nature as restorative and rehabilitative activity for patients, visitors and staff. In our philosophy of healing and optimal health, we strive to support the balance of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual components for our patients, their families, visitors, staff and the community. Our healing gardens and horticultural therapy programs are invaluable tools for achieving these goals.”

**Lee Domanico, CEO**  
Legacy Health System

In closing, Roger S. Ulrich, exemplary educator, collaborator, researcher, environmental psychologist and geographer is in large part responsible for developing the educational and research frameworks for a fruitful past ten years of change in healthcare environments and increased awareness of public health issues. Please honor him as a touchstone for health and wellness for all society.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Board of Trustees,

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Roger S. Ulrich, Ph.D. as an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Roger Ulrich is an academic researcher whose studies have broadened the range of landscape architecture practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He is world-renowned for his findings in the importance of vegetation in hospital and elderly care environments. Roger Ulrich's examinations of the interactions of people and plants have become the foundation for all of the therapeutic and healing garden design being done today. Indeed, today's therapeutic garden designs owe their very existence to his creative inquiries and the insights they have made available to landscape architects throughout the U.S. and beyond.

I have known Roger Ulrich for over 15 years dating from the time I began research into therapeutic gardens and therapeutic landscapes. In 1990, he was acknowledged for his expertise and research into the impact of vegetation on healing in healthcare environments. Since that time his research and his influence has expanded to establish an international reputation in this area. Today he is the Director of the Center for Health Systems and Design which is housed in the Colleges of Architecture and of Medicine at Texas A&M University. He is without question a seminal influence on the professional planning and design of therapeutic gardens of all sizes in landscape architecture design offices today.

His research validates the significance of visual and physical access to plant materials in healthcare settings. Furthermore, it is primarily due to Roger Ulrich's research and his contributions to the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JAHCO) new Environmental Quality Criteria that future JAHCO hospital accreditation will include a mandate to provide facilities including gardens and landscapes that exploit the "restorative powers of

nature." The design and renovation of these gardens will offer new and expanded opportunities for landscape architects in the coming decades.

As a researcher in the field of therapeutic gardens and landscapes, my profound respect and gratitude are extended to Roger S. Ulrich. As a landscape architect, I honor his importance to the founding and development of the relatively new practice area of therapeutic gardens. As a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, I recognize the exceptional contributions to the profession of Landscape Architecture that Roger Ulrich has made. As the incoming president of the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, I am pleased that I can write this letter of support as one of my first official duties in support of landscape architecture in Texas. As a fellow Texan, I am proud to encourage the Board of Trustees to select Roger S. Ulrich, Ph.D. as an Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Sincerely,

Jean S. Kavanagh, FASLA  
Associate Professor  
Landscape Architecture  
President-Elect  
Texas Chapter FASLA



*Environmental Solutions*

August 1, 2006

Re: Dr. Roger Ulrich – ASLA Honorary Membership

To: The ASLA Board of Trustees:

I am writing to support the candidacy of Dr. Roger Ulrich as an honorary member of ASLA. It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Ulrich most highly for this honor.

Dr. Ulrich's academic and professional accomplishments are broad and distinguished. I'm certain others will speak to Roger's authority in the design research field, particularly in evidence-based health care design, however I would like to focus on the great contributions Roger has provided to the landscape architecture profession.

Dr. Ulrich has published widely in both scientific and design journals; he is likely the most frequently cited researcher internationally in evidence-based healthcare design. His research is the first to document scientifically the health-related benefits for patients of viewing nature, which greatly influenced the healthcare community to consider what was happening outside their buildings and how nature could improve human adjustment to illness. Dr. Ulrich's work changed the paradigm of hospital grounds, from pure utilitarian or aesthetic functions to a model where the landscape should support the healing process.

His writings on the influences of passive experiences with plants on individual well-being and health provided the theoretical basis for the ASLA Therapeutic Garden Design Professional Practice Network (TGD PPN), which formed in 1999. Over the past seven years, Dr. Ulrich has provided direct support to the TGD PPN through speaking engagements, presentations, and writings that feature the work of ASLA members. He has consistently publicized the virtues of using knowledgeable landscape architects for restorative site design.

I served on the Advisory Board and taught at the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden with Dr. Ulrich, and I've witnessed Roger's interpersonal style with colleagues, students, and conference attendees. In both formal and informal situations Roger is always welcoming. He brings passion, empathy and consideration to his interactions with others. Roger is an exemplary spokesman for the issues at the heart of landscape architecture.

In summary, Dr. Ulrich has been a valuable advocate for the landscape architecture profession. His work has greatly advanced knowledge in our field and allied professions. It's a great idea to grant him honorary membership, and I unconditionally endorse Dr. Ulrich's nomination without hesitation.

Sincerely,

Mark Epstein, ASLA  
Chair, Therapeutic Garden Design PPN





Dr. Ulrich's thirty-plus years of scholarly research in the area of health care facility design, community health and wellness, and the role of plants in the healing of human illness has implications that reach far beyond hospital walls. Other researchers have built on his work to create their own research that quantifies the value of plants and landscapes in improving health and wellness and quality of living community-wide.

In summary, Dr. Roger Ulrich's work is of great service to landscape architecture and the many realms that the profession touches. No one is more deserving of the honor, and I am pleased to write in support of his election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Buley". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Nancy Callister Buley, Honorary ASLA  
Marketing & Communications Director  
J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.