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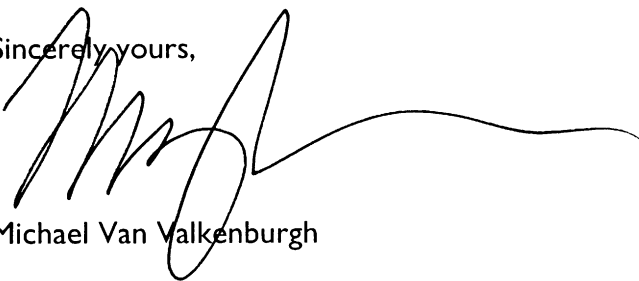
Re: LaGasse Medal Letter of Endorsement
Steve Livingston

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

I had the pleasure for a number of years of working with Steve Livingston while we were designing a park in Charleston, South Carolina. Every great park system has a man or woman like Steve, whose sense of responsibility about the public realm and their dedication to park design making and maintenance means that they are almost 24/7 servants to their job. Steve is one of those people...also a landscape architect himself, a man who has seen the design and construction and then the caring for of a number of parks in his city, he was a landscape architect's dream to work with.

Steve has a fine sense of design, an extraordinary ability to make decisions about maintenance and frugality that reflect positively on the park design itself. Despite the hardship of being a public servant, he maintains a high standard of excellence and is just a delight to work with and for. Mr. Livingston makes an especially fine candidate for the LaGasse Medal and I give his nomination my highest endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Van Valkenburgh', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Van Valkenburgh

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