

American Society of Landscape Architects c/o Carolyn Mitchell, Honors & Awards Coordinator 636 Eye St. NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Trustees:

The Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects is proud to support the nomination of Frederick R. "Fritz" Steiner for the ASLA Community Service Award. He has a history of community service that begins long before his move to Texas.

TEXAS CHAPTER Fritz is known throughout the landscape architecture community for his singularly generous service activities but here in Texas his efforts are particularly appreciated. He has served each of the universities and communities in which he has lived. He has equally well served each of the organizations he has joined – CELA, LAF, most especially ASLA and others

Fritz joined the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects when he became the Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin in 2001. In the six years since moving to Austin, Fritz has shared his professionalism, expertise, theoretical understanding, and recognition of landscape architecture with many city, regional, state and national organizations in a carefully considered and professional way. He has chaired and participated in numerous boards and committees in Austin, in Dallas, and in the Texas Hill Country. His conservancy work and his many efforts on behalf of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center organization and administration have been noted and warmly welcomed.

Volunteerism and public service is a part of the Texas culture. Our children learn to participate in community efforts at an early age. Proud though we are to be native and "near-native" Texans, this Texas newcomer has become a role model for sharing landscape architecture with the communities of Texas. We can't imagine a more substantive history of continual community service than that of Fritz Steiner.

The Texas Chapter of the ASLA wholeheartedly endorses Frederick R. 'Fritz' Steiner's qualifications for the ASLA Community Service Award.

Sincerely,

Jean S. Kavanagh, FASLA President, Texas Chapter

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Support for Frederick R. Steiner, FASLA, for Service Medal

Dear Trustees.

Fritz Steiner has had a energetic career of being a advocate for ecologically healthy human environments and communities. He has practiced and taught the fine art of ecological planning in a high-profile manner that has helped many students and practitioners to become highly accomplished ecologically-sensitive community planners and designers. His efforts have synthesized the skills and disciplinary perspectives of planners, landscape architects, public policy analysts, environmental scientists, artists and community organizers in such a way that it was often difficult to determine where one of those disciplines left off and the next began. He becomes the model for transdisciplinary practice.

Although much of his work has been part of the core duties of his professional (paid) responsibilities, Fritz has given countless hours and invested significant vision and energy into voluntarily assisting civic groups and committees with promoting programs that advance the quality of life and the health of communities. He has been recognized by organizations like the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (now the NCRS) for his advocacy in agricultural land planning and by regional and national conservation groups for his service in advocacy for the environment. His prolific output and talent as a scholarly writer has lead to his voluntary service on a number of editorial boards and as a voluntary advisor to numerous writers and editors. His mentorship has been a direct contributor to the advancement of scholarship in landscape architecture. He has also serviced as a volunteer juror or reviewer for a number of community arts committees, conducting project, proposal and program review.

Fritz Steiner is a role model that inspires us all. He is visionary, he is effective and he is gracious. His service gives dignity and professionalism to landscape architecture and quality of life to the communities he serves.

Cordially,

Kenneth R. Brooks, ASLA, APA, RLA Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Professor of Landscape Architecture

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Dear Trustees:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Frederick R. "Fritz" Steiner, FASLA for the ASLA Community Service Award.

In addition to being the Dean of the School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin, he finds time to serve on several boards of directors, including the Hill Country Conservancy. We are pleased and honored to have his expertise on our board both as an expert in his field and well-respected community collaborator.

Fritz has provided strong, forward-thinking leadership in many venues in Central Texas. He has been a panelist and keynote speaker on conservation development; regional trails systems and compatible land use. He is a friend, and a good soul.

By honoring Fritz with the ASLA Community Service Award, you will be honoring an individual who will serve as an inspiration to landscape architecture professionals and conservationists blessed to know and work with him in Austin, and around the world.

Thank you for considering Fritz for the Community Service Award.

Sincerely,

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Board Members:



I am pleased and proud to offer this letter of support and recommendation for Frederick R. "Fritz" Steiner, FASLA to be recognized for your ASLA Community Service Award.

As a member of the board of Directors of the Heritage Society of Austin, Dean Steiner has consistently, tirelessly, and effectively engaged the community, the City of Austin, and many stakeholder groups in saving our cultural heritage through historic architecture and landscape preservation. His pro bono service to the community has demonstrated sound principles and values of landscape architecture as they relate to the preservation of our heritage.

Through the Heritage Society he has fought for and achieved City of Austin designation and recognition of Local Historic Districts & Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts. As you probably know, LHDs and NCCDs are the principal planning and preservation tools used by neighborhoods, preservationists, architects and landscape architects to retain our "as developed" cultural heritage.

Dean Steiner's years of dedicated service to The Heritage Society of Austin, our community and our state are deserving of recognition and acclaim. It is with utmost pleasure and conviction that I recommend this tireless worker for your ASLA Community Service Award.

Thank you, Dennis McDaniel

Dennis McDaniel Board President

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