

11 March 2005

ASLA Board of Trustees  
c/o Mr. David Lycke, ASLA  
HLA, Inc.  
29 Leinbach Drive  
Building A  
Charleston, SC 29407

**Re: The LaGasse Medal  
Steven D. Livingston, ASLA**

Dear ASLA Board of Trustees:

It is an honor to recommend Steven D. Livingston, ASLA, for the coveted LaGasse Medal. I have known Steve for over 25 years, as a colleague, a friend, and a contributor to his community.

As Charleston, South Carolina's Director of Parks and Recreation, Steve Livingston has been instrumental in creating new civic award-winning landscapes, and in leading the restoration of several historic parks and places. He has also been extremely successful in securing funds for the maintenance of Charleston's magnificent open spaces. He is relentless in his pursuit of built excellence and perpetual stewardship. While I can think of many examples of Steve's remarkable ability to do things well, one stands out in particular. He personally oversaw the design and construction of Charleston's new Aquarium building, including the adjacent park and National Park Service's new facility for Fort Sumter Tours. He was able to manage the completion of an outstanding public park and signature building on an extremely difficult site.

In over four decades of planning and design experience in the public realm, I can think of no one more deserving of the LaGasse Medal than Steven D. Livingston, ASLA.

Sincerely yours,



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