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Dear Mr Miller :

I am writing in support of the New York Chapter's nomination of Elizabeth Barlow Rogers to receive the LaGasse Medal.

Betsy is a truly remarkable individual and a true hero for our profession. Starting from her ground-breaking exhibit at the Whitney Museum and accompanying book on Frederick Law Olmsted in 1972 to her leadership of the Central Park Conservancy from its creation she has done more than any other individual to ensure that Olmsted's legacy has been not only recognized but lovingly restored. Central Park is the country's prime example of how the unswerving dedication of a handful of citizens can achieve miracles -- especially when led by someone with the vision and determination of Betsy Rogers. Her recent book "Landscape Design", with its wonderful illustrations, has become the definitive text for the subject.

I have known Betsy for over thirty years. She lectured my class at City College in 1973; together with the late Bruce Kelly we worked with her in 1981 on restoration of the south-eastern quadrant of Central Park; and, more recently, I served with her on the board of the National Association for Olmsted Parks, where she continues to provide advice and support.

She is truly a star in the world of landscape architecture and is absolutely an ideal candidate for this honor.

Sincerely



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