

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 26, 1973

Mr. Robert J. Nash, FAIA 5113 Georgia Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011

Dear Mr. Nash:

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Jury of Fellows advanced you to fellowship effective February 16, 1973, for your notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture. With this action, you are also admitted to the College of Fellows.

Those who have been advanced to fellowship will receive their medals, with appropriate ceremony, at the Investiture of Fellows to be held on May 7, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, San Francisco, California. Further details about this event will be sent at a later date.

The Officers of the Institute and the Jury of Fellows join with me in the hope that you will be present to receive this honor. Please send your reply to me at the address given below at your early convenience.

Permit me to add my personal congratulations and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA Secretary

cc: Mr. David N. Yerkes, FAIA, Sponsor

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Robert Nash graduated from Howard University in 1952, a recipient of the Gold Medal in design, a student award from A.I.A. He made the decision to go to Lagos, Nigeria not only to pursue his career but also to offer his technological know-how. Offering his talents to the pro-tem Nigerian government, he developed plans and concerns for low-cost housing and schools, traveling throughout the western region and talking to the people. He offered and performed these services without charge. Along with a Nigerian Geologist, he researched and developed a lateritic clay unit for use in building construction. 400 schools were built in the region from a prototype plan that Nash developed using indigenous labor and materials. He trained four young Nigerians as draftsmen using and "O.J.T." technique.

He returned home to serve in the army for two years after which he joined the D.C. architectural firm of Johnson and Boutin where he climbed to chief designer.

In 1959, Nash started private practice in Washington. At about this time, he became increasingly involved in responsible activity in his community through Neighborhood Commons, a self-help program for inner/city residents. He has often said that this experience taught him the beauty of people and the need for them to participate in the planning process, whether building a small park or an entire neighborhood.

In 1968, he was challenged more dramatically and permanently by the riots. Through his own example, he articulated the necessity for professional/laymen partnerships in order to solve the crises that afflict our cities and society. As he became more active in this community, he spearheaded the idea of more social responsibility for the Institute, and became a prime mover in making social responsibility a major thrust of the A.I.A.

He, in effect, became the spokesman and advocate for those whose voice was unheard by the power structure. This has been evidenced by his leadership in: the Human Resources Council, A.I.A./Ford Minority Scholarship Program, The National Urban League/A.I.A. Black Executive Exchange Program, The O.J.T. Programs, C.D.C.'s, and other equal opportunity programs.

He became an officer of the Institute, the first Black in the Institute's history in order that the minority voice could be heard at the decision-making level.

He was recently lauded for his achievements in social responsibility as the first recipient of the "Whitney Young, Jr. citation".

Robert Nash has consistently and forcefully served the profession and the public thus providing new impetus to the Institute's progress as well as influencing and giving insight to the public.

(b) References

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2.	Nominee is a 🖾 natural 🗀 naturalized citizen of the United States.			
3.	Nominee's legal residence address: 1601 Buchanan Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011			
4.	Nominee's firm name: Robert J. Nash, A.I.A. & Associates			
5.	Nominee's principal place of business address:			
Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by:state boards				
7.	(name of state board, NCARB, as case may be) Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states of: District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee			
8.	Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: Principal of his own firm			
9.	Nominee's date of birth: 21 January 1929 Place of birth: Memphis, Tennessee			
10.	Nominee's education: (a) High School, College, University, Post Graduate, etc. (chronological order) Location No. of Years Year of Graduation Degree			
	Memphis, Tenn. Four 1946 High School Certificate Washington, D.C. Six 1952 Bachelor Architecture			

(b) Scholarships held by nominee:

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