

Dated March 1 1942.
Received March 19 1942.
Granted April 11 1942.

MEMBERSHIP NO 1234



In due order
April 11, 1942
J.H. Jones

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant Robert Evans Alexander Chapter SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- B Address of applicant 903 Architects Building - Los Angeles, California
- C Applicant proposed by Eugene Weston, Jr. and David J. Witmer, FAIA
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on March 19 1942.
- E Application returned for correction - another endorser 3/23-Rec'd. April 1 1942.
- F Application in due order on April 1 1942.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Calif.-Mar. 23 1942. Received. April 3 1942.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on 19... on 19 .
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19... on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant and chapter on March 23 1942.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission on March 19 1942.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on April 7 1942 .
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on April 7 1942.
- M Applicant was admitted on April 11 1942.
- N Notice ~~of admission~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on April 11 1942.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

- Robert Evans Alexander -

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Chapter.

Date April 11 19 42

Chas. J. Lyman
Secretary

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1942 APR -1 AM 9:12
WASHINGTON, D. C.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ORIGINAL

1942 MAR 19 AM 10:00
WASHINGTON, D. C.
File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.
File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the Secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is *Robert Evans Alexander*
2. I am a *Natural* citizen of *U. S. A.*
3. My legal residence is in the City of *Pasadena*
County of *Los Angeles* State of *California*
4. My address in The Institute records will be
Street *903 Architects Bldg.*
City *Los Angeles* State *Calif.*
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as *practicing architect*
6. I desire to be a member of the *Southern California* Chapter.
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.
8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.
9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the current annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

8. Receipt required.

Date *March 1 1942*

Robert E. Alexander
Applicant sign full name in ink

PAID
\$10.00 3/23/42

STATISTICS

10. Date of birth **Nov. 23, 1907** Place of birth **Bayonne, New Jersey**

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) *By Examination*

(State or States) *By Exemption*

California - Cert. C-166

(a) I hold a Certificate No. _____ of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Cornell University - B. Arch. 1929.

Traveled in France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Mexico, Canada, U.S.A.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

1928 -	Garrett VanPelt, Pasadena	Designer
1929 -	Corbett, Harrison and McMurray, New York City	Draftsman
1930		Designer and
1932 -	Garrett VanPelt, Pasadena	Supervisor
1932-3-	Reginald D. Johnson, Los Angeles,	Designer & Draftsman
1933 -	Palmer Sabin, Pasadena,	Chief Draftsman and Designer
1932-3-	United Artists Studios, Los Angeles,	Designer and Drftsmn.
1938-9-	Bd. of Design, Metropolitan Housing Project, New York City,	Dept. Head
1940-	Donald B. Parkinson, Los Angeles,	Designer and Supervisor.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

- 1936-40, Wilson, Merrill & Alexander, Architects and Engrs. -partner, Los Angeles, California.
- 1939-41, Alexander, Risley, Witmer and Watson, Assd. Archts. Estrada Courts Housing Project, Partner and Chief Architect. Los Angeles, California.
- 1941 - Witmer, Watson and Alexander, Los Angeles, Architects, Partner.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ 15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
- ✓ 16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
- 17. Associate of So. California Chapter Chapter from 4/41 to present
- 18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
- 19. Member of State Association in California from 1935 to present

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 5 years.

Signed Regentterson J.
Proposer

I have known the applicant for 3 years.

Signed David J. Witmer
Proposer
David J. Witmer, F.A.I.A.

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1235
1942 MAR 19 AM 10:16

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, C.
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
832 WEST FIFTH STREET, LOS ANGELES
MUTUAL 4592

March 11, 1942

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

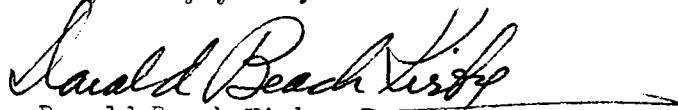
Attention: Mr. Kemper

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I enclose Institute Membership applications from Mr. Robert Alexander, who is now an Associate of this Chapter and also one from Mr. Frank Wynkoop of Bakersfield.

These applications were approved yesterday at the Chapter Executive Committee meeting. We trust they will receive favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,


Donald Beach Kirby, *Secretary*

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Note: Similar letter was sent to Mr. William Flynn Mulloy

April 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you have been admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Southern California Chapter, effective April 11, 1942. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

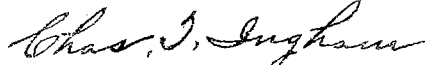
Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary

Mr. Robert Evans Alexander, A.I.A.
903 Architects' Building
Los Angeles, California

CTI:LF
Enclosure

Copies to: Mr. David J. Witmer, Proposer
Mr. Eugene Weston, Jr., Director, Sierra-Nevada District

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Alexander

April 10, 1952

Dear Bob:

At the recent National Conference on International Economic and Social Development held here in Washington in which your project, the City of Pallikarantal in India was exhibited, Miss Frances C. Mattison, Information Service Representative of the Middle East Institute evidenced an interest in the projects located in the Middle East that were on exhibition.

She informed me that the Middle East Institute is in the process of preparing a film on "American Interests in the Middle East" and asked if I would pass her name and that of the Middle East Institute along to some of the architectural firms represented in the exhibition who had done work in the Middle East.

I am forwarding this request to you with the thought that you may wish to write to Miss Mattison, Middle East Institute, 1830 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frederick A. Guthelm
Assistant to Executive Director

Mr. Robert Alexander, A.I.A.
3567 South La Brea Avenue
Los Angeles 16, California

FAG:mw

cc: Miss Mattison, Middle East Institute

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SUITE 9, 3723 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES 5
DUNKIRK 4-1197

October 26, 1954

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C. -6-

Gentlemen:

The Fellowship Committee of the Southern California Chapter of The American Institute of Architects recommended to the Executive Committee that Robert Alexander and Henry Lyman Wright be nominated for Fellowships. Mr. Alexander was nominated on the basis of Achievement in Design and Henry L. Wright on the basis of Achievement in Service to the Institute.

Nomination forms for Mr. Alexander and Mr. Wright are enclosed and their exhibits will be shipped to you direct.

Our Executive Committee unanimously recommends these two members for Fellowships and asks your favorable consideration to the nominations.

Sincerely,

Francis O. Merchant
Francis O. Merchant, Secretary.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 28, 1954
Voted On Mar. 24, 1955
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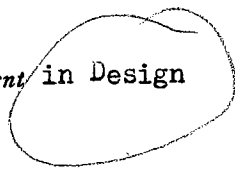
NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Robert Evans Alexander Date of Nomination (Undated) 19 .
2. Address of Nominee 2379 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles 39, California
3. Nominee's firm Richard J. Neutra and Robert E. Alexander
4. Nominee's principal place of business California
5. Nominee's Chapter Southern California
6. Nominee's State Organization California Council of Architects
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1942
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1942 19 to Dec. 31, 1954
9. Nominee's age 47 yrs. Birthplace Bayonne, New Jersey
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.

Ulysses Floyd Ribble	William Woollett
S. Kenneth Johnson	C. M. Deasy
Herman Charles Light	Francis O. Merchant
Kemper Nomland	

11. Achievement in Design



Exhibits Rec'd

NO NF 514

(Nominators leave blank)

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP
BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date 1954

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on 19
nominated* Robert Evans Alexander
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of
the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as
follows:

*Type in full name.

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Robert Evans Alexander
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession because of his achievement in** Design
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "De-
sign," "Science
of Construction,"
"Literature,"
"Education,"
"Service to The
Institute," or
"Public Service,"
as is appro-
priate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† twelve
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡‡ the Southern California Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*
Robert Evans Alexander

‡‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are
authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of
Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

[Handwritten signatures]
Kemper Tomland
Widia Prosser
Secretary

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT
TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name Robert Evans Alexander
2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of U. S. A.
3. Nominee's legal residence 750 Moon Avenue
Los Angeles 65, California
4. Nominee's firm name Richard J. Neutra and Robert E. Alexander
5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 2379 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by
Board of Architectural Examiners
State of California C-166, 1935
7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~
~~member in existence of construction - public officials - retired~~
8. Born Nov. 23, 1907 . Place of birth Bayonne, New Jersey

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Westfield High School Westfield, New Jersey	4	1925	Diploma
Private School				
College or University	Cornell University Ithaca, New York	5	1930	Bach. of Archi- tecture
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Employment in Offices as follows:
Corbett, Harrison & MacMurray, New York City
Board of Design, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City
Reginald D. Johnson, Los Angeles, California
Donald Parkinson, Los Angeles, California

Travel Abroad, as follows:

1930 - France, Spain, Italy - Study
1951 - Japan, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Siam, India, Egypt,
Greece, England - Official Business, United Nations
1952 - Hawaii, Guam, Phillipines, Japan - Personal Business

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City) (State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(d)	University Elementary School			
**	UCLA	Los Angeles, Calif.	1948	
**	Baldwin Hills Village	Los Angeles, Calif.	1940	
(d)	Technology Bldg.			
	Orange Coast College	Costa Mesa, Calif.	1949	
(d)	Beef Feeding Unit			
	Orange Coast College	Costa Mesa, Calif.	1951	
(d)	Baldwin Hills Shops	Los Angeles, Calif.	1950	
*	(d) Business Education Bldg.			
	Orange Coast College	Costa Mesa, Calif.	1953	
*	(c) San Pedro Community Hotel			
		San Pedro, Calif.	1954	
*	(d) Office Building, Amalgamated			
	Clothing Workers	Los Angeles, Calif.	1954	
*	(d) Sacramento Redevelopment			
	Agency	Sacramento, Calif.	1950	
**	In association with Reginald D. Johnson, Wilson, Merrill and Alexander			
*	In association with Richard J. Neutra			

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

- 1946 - Distinguished Chapter Honor Award - Baldwin Hills Village
- 1951 - Distinguished Chapter Honor Award - Univ. Elementary School
- Honorable Mention - Technology Building, Baldwin Hills Shops
- Special Citation - Beef Feeding Unit
- 1954 - National Honor Award - Business Education Building
- 1954 - Progressive Architecture Design Awards:

 - Special Design Award - Sacramento Redevelopment Study
 - Citation, Residential Category - San Pedro Community Hotel
 - Citation, Commercial Category - Office Building for Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America

Publications: "A Community Hotel" Arts & Architecture Sept. 1953; "Baldwin Hills Shopping Center" House and Home June 1952; "Demonstration School" Magazine of Building Nov. 1951; "Baldwin Hills Village" Pencil Points Sept. 1944 and "Built in U.S.A." Museum of Modern Art NYC 1932-44. (See publications listed under Public Service Section also.)

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:

"There is series of landmarks in the replanning of American communities since the end of the First World War... One of the handful of projects that stands out as a fundamental advance in both planning and architecture is Baldwin Hills Village in Los Angeles!"

-LEWIS MUMFORD

"This project (Baldwin Hills Village) was particularly commended for the brilliant site plan which was responsible for the Distinguished Honor Award. A mediocre site sloping to provide good drainage was transformed by skillful planning and landscaping into a distinguished living environment with a fine balance variety and repetition. The plan creates a feeling of spaciousness and repose.

Although the principle of axial planning was extensively used, it was with such skill as to avoid institutional or monumental character. Vision from any one point is limited, enhancing the friendly and hospitable atmosphere.

Walking through the grounds from court to court the charm and variety of the design appears to come from skillful inter-weaving of the site plan and landscaping with the pleasing masses of the structures themselves, rather than from a variety of architectural details. The dwelling units are provided with a patio or a balcony for outdoor living... Here is a living pattern worthy of detailed study in relation to future housing problems, private or public."

-THE JURY OF AWARDS

"A plan which is (Baldwin Hills Shops) both workmanlike and delighting. This pleasant quality is enhanced by the planting and louvers over the sidewalk".

-THE JURY OF AWARDS

"This remarkable structure.. (Technology Building) is one of those rare buildings wherein plan, structure, and systems of control are so inseparably integrated that it is almost impossible to consider one aspect without reference to them all."

-PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE, Feb., 1952

"A superb plan (Technology Building) giving a true reflection of the functions. The out-of-door corridors and the planted courts are successful. All in all the Jury found this building delightful.

-THE JURY OF AWARDS

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN (cont'd):

"The Jury felt this (Beef Feeding Unit) was a distinguished solution of a problem not usually tackled by architects. Because of this feeling, it was thought appropriate to call attention to this, but to give it a special Citation."

-THE JURY OF AWARDS

"Photographs do not capture spirit or color of this building (University Elementary School) and the Judges revised their opinion upon visiting the project.

There is a beautiful use of a site which keeps the quiet beauty of the stream bed. We like to think of children whose imagination should be stirred by the courts and lovely sculpture. The saw-toothed lighting is most successful and the construction is more flowing and less obtrusive than indicated in the photographs. The use of concrete blocks and poured concrete is most skillful. The colors are very beautiful, dark enough to be without glare and not easily soiled, but warm and appealing, particularly the deep pink of the concrete.

The acoustics aspect seemed solved by the materials and more important by the shape which prevents accumulation of sound, but over and above the technical solution is the feeling of the building and the Jury finds this good."

-THE JURY OF AWARDS

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

Visiting Critic, Cornell University College of Architecture, 1953

Design Critic, University of Southern California College of Architecture, 1954

Major Addresses, Conferences, as follows:

- 1953 & 1954 - The School Executive Conference of Architects and Educators
 - 1953 - Bemis Conference on Planning & Housing Abroad
 - 1951 - USC, East LA & Long Beach City College; on City Planning
 - 1950 - Occidental College on Housing
 - 1949 - Claremont on School Planning and the Community
 - 1948 - Town Hall on Housing
 - 1948 - UCLA on City Building and Planning
 - 1948 - Calif. Elementary School Principals Association on School Plans
- Numerous other addresses on schools, planning, housing, etc.

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
"Pallikaranai - the Rural City"	United Nations	Report ST/TAA/K/India/1	1952
* "Plan for 1960 - Sacramento"		Sac. City Plan. Comm.	1950
* "Rebuilding the City"		Haynes Foundation	1949
"Planning Process Behind the Blueprint"		American School and University	1949
"The Modern Home"		Book of Science, Grolier Society	1947
"Design the Space to Fit the Function"		School Executive	Oct., 1952
"How School Plans Serve the Community"		School Executive	Nov., 1952
"Preview of a New Way of Life"		Revere Copper & Brass	1942

* In association with others.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Committee on Urban Planning - 1951-1952

Vice Chairman for Pacific Area Committee on Urban Planning 1947-1948

Member various Chapter committees on Housing, Planning, Public Works, etc. 1941 to date.

As member of the A.I.A. Committee on Urban Planning, the nominee met with four other committee members numerous times and actively assisted in the preparation of formal studies and policy statements later adopted by the successive conventions and presented to committees of Congress by the Chairman. These reports helped develop National legislation in planning and housing.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

Member Planning Commission City of Los Angeles 1945 - 1950
 President, " " " " " " " " 1948 - 1949
 Member American Arbitration Association 1953 to date
 Member Building Research Advisory Board Committee on Tropical Housing and Building 1952 to date
 Member Southern California Housing Research Council 1949 to date
 Consultant to PHA, Washington D. C., 1950; Home Builders Institute, Community Planning: 1948

Sacramento Redevelopment for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento, 1950, awarded Special Design Award in 1954 Progressive Architecture Design Awards Program; published Arch. Forum June 1954 "Sacramento, Small City Redevelopment" and Arch. Design, British publication June 1954 "Sacramento Redevelopment."

Master Planning and Project Development for the Island of Guam, Government of Guam, 1952-54; published Progressive Architecture January 1953 "Guam Planning", Arts & Architecture May 1953 "Guam, a Problem in Progress", and School Executive November 1953 "Schools in the Tropics".

United Nations Technical Assistance Administration Mission to India 1952, to "assist the government of India in the drawing up of a basic plan for community development in order that the fullest possible use may be made of all available resources." (U.N. Contract directive) Report to the Government of India ST/TAA/K/India/1 16 July 1952.

Master Planning and Project Development for Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California, published American School & University 1953-54 "Orange Coast College"; Instituto Technico de la Construccion del Cemento, Spanish publication, Madrid, June 1953; "Orange Coast College" Progressive Architecture February 1952.

Carson Pirie Scott and Company Centennial Competition Jury of Awards, 1954, for Redevelopment of Chicago's Central Business District, "The Loop"

Community and Low Cost Housing Development: Estrada Courts and Elysian Park Heights for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles; Consultant to the Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard, California; Wherry Act Title VIII Housing Development for the Family Housing Group of the U. S. Air Force at Mountain Home, Idaho.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

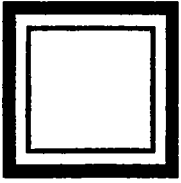
During the Nominee's six years of service on the Planning Commission he served as Vice President from 1946 through 1948 and then President in 1949. He attended or presided over 360 half-day meetings which disposed of 4010 cases including 1416 subdivision designs.

Comprehensive Zoning maps and law covering 350 square miles were passed in 1946.

29 new playgrounds, 2 new golf courses, 57 new school sites, and nine miles of beach acquired during office. New civic center plan, 12 branch administrative centers, and master plans for recreation and schools adopted during office. Community Redevelopment and Housing Programs initiated, based on Planning Commission studies and master plans. Master plan of Highways and 165 miles of Freeways adopted. Offstreet comprehensive car parking plan adopted. Master Plan of Airports adopted.

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THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: ROBERT ALEXANDER

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ROBERT ALEXANDER IS BEING NOMINATED FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ON THE BASIS OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN DESIGN AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

I AM HAPPY TO LEARN OF HIS NOMINATION, AS ALEXANDER IS CERTAINLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS HONOR AND HIS ELEVATION WOULD LEND PRESTIGE TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE NOT BEEN ONE OF THE PRIVILEGED ONES TO COME IN CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ALEXANDER, BUT HIS REPUTATION IN OUR SECTION OF THE COUNTRY FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN DESIGN ARE WELL KNOWN. THIS IS FURTHER ATTESTED TO BY VARIOUS REQUESTS AS A DESIGN CRITIC AT CORNELL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE. HE HAS ALSO AUTHORED OR CO-AUTHORED MANY TREATISES EMBODYING FAR-REACHING DESIGN IDEAS.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT HIS NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF FELLOWS OF THE A.I.A.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

KARL KAMRATH

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**PERKINS
& WILL
ARCHITECTS
ENGINEERS**

Chicago, Illinois
25 March 1955

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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Re: Robert Evans Alexander, A.I.A.
Candidate for Fellowship.

Gentlemen:

Rarely is it my pleasure to write the Jury of Fellows in support of a candidate with such conviction as in the case of Robert Alexander.

I have known Bob ever since we began the study of architecture together at Cornell University in 1925. During our five years together, we enjoyed a friendly rivalry in design and were initiated together into the honorary societies of Gargoyle and Tau Beta Pi. It is therefore possible for me to say that Bob has always occupied a position of leadership and has earned from the beginning the respect and admiration of his fellow professionals.

His professional record since graduation has become increasingly distinguished. Recognition is coming to him in spite of a severe setback that he suffered during World War II. He has always taken his duties as a citizen with utmost seriousness and unlike many of us has translated his principles into action. During a large part of the war he actually abandoned his personal practice to work for one of the large aircraft companies in production planning. His architectural skills were a major factor in developing rapid and efficient production at a time of national emergency.

As further evidence of his public service, I am sure that the Jury has been informed on his many years of service as member and finally President of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. His planning abilities have also been called upon many times for responsible commissions both here and abroad.

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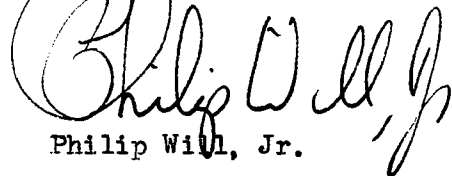
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In design, his honors are too well known to require repetition in this letter. I would say that his design does have certain consistent qualities which distinguish it. He has always shown unusual perceptiveness with regard to the needs of the human spirit. His buildings are generally quiet and simple, yet warm and friendly. They respect geography and inevitably seem to represent highly satisfying concepts. To a degree, it is indicative of his nature that his graduation thesis from Cornell was "A Temple of Contemplation." This was a study of almost pure design and the impact of form, color, texture and movement on the human mind and senses.

Robert E. Alexander is both a thoughtful and an effective man. In my own mind, he represents the architectural profession as I like to see it represented. In this writer's opinion, there are few men as deserving of recognition by the Institute as he.

Sincerely yours,



Philip Will, Jr.

PWJr:gdc

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Chicago, Illinois
March 22, 1955

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Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

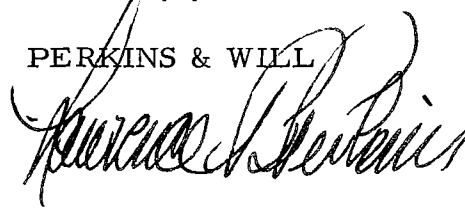
It is my great pleasure to write in support of the nomination of Robert E. Alexander for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known him intimately and cordially since college. I have found him and his architecture to be exhilarating and inspiring. The list of his Honor Awards is evidence of his strength and contributions to architectural design. His civic record is impressive and unselfish. He is a scrupulous and ethical gentleman.

I hope the Jury will consider his application favorably.

Sincerely yours,

PERKINS & WILL



Lawrence B. Perkins
LBP:cg

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 16, 1955

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.


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Gentlemen:

I have heard that Robert E. Alexander has been nominated for Fellowship by the Southern California Chapter of the A.I.A.

I have a great regard for his ability as a designer and am happy to endorse his nomination. I believe he should be elevated to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,



Pietro Belluschi, F.A.I.A.

PB:mb

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14 March 1955

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The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the name of Robert E. Alexander has been proposed for elevation to Fellowship.

This has my hearty endorsement. Robert Alexander has been a pioneer in the broadening of the base of architecture to include all the environmental factors.

With a few others he led the way in group housing always balancing the beauty of physical environment with the necessary social and economic factors.

At the same time he represents an architect who has keen interest and ability in design. As chairman of a jury of award I recall the beautiful elementary school he designed on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles. There are many other structures too numerous to mention.

It will be an honor to our profession as well as to Mr. Alexander that he be elevated.

Respectfully yours,

William W. Wurster.

William W. Wurster, Dean

VICTOR GRUEN *architect a.i.a.*

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Karl Van Leuwen, Jr.

14 March 1955

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Attention: Jury of Fellows

MAR 19 1955

Gentlemen:

I have heard that Robert E. Alexander has been nominated for Fellowship, and I am happy indeed to hear that this has been done.

I have know Robert Alexander for fourteen years. I have always admired him for his sense of civic and social responsibility, so important to architectural expression in our times. His work for the American Institute of Architects, the City of Los Angeles, and beyond that in the interests of humanity at large certainly deserves the honor of being nominated as a Fellow.

Very sincerely yours,


Victor Gruen

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CARL A. METZ • A. S. C. E.
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March 10, 1955

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
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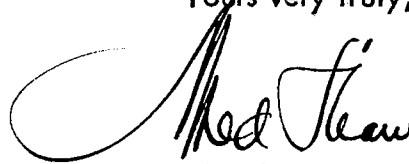
Gentlemen:

My attention has been called to the fact that Mr. Robert E. Alexander has been nominated for Fellowship by the Southern California Chapter.

My friendship with Mr. Alexander has been intermittent over a period of years, meeting him with Institute Committees and on other professional occasions. I recall particularly his sincerity and professional philosophy as exhibited during the Seminar at Princeton which discussed potentials for architectural education. All of these contacts with Mr. Alexander move me to express my high opinion of his professional approach and imaginative contributions to the well-being of my profession.

I hope the Jury will give his candidacy their most favorable consideration.

Yours very truly,



Alfred Shaw

AS:AD

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to state my personal feelings of deep respect for Robert E. Alexander as a person and as an architect, and I would like to go on record with the Jury of Fellows that I strongly recommend his elevation to that honor.

My acquaintance with Bob Alexander dates from our days as classmates at Cornell. I have followed his activities, both professional and civic, over the years; and, therefore, speak with a close personal knowledge in recommending him for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Nathaniel A. Owings

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March 8, 1955

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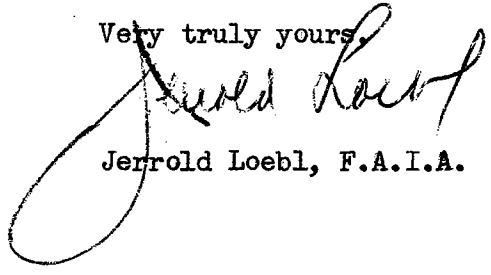
Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Robert E. Alexander of the Southern California Chapter has been nominated for Fellowship in The Institute.

A number of years ago I was privileged to serve on the same Housing and Planning Committee of The Institute that Mr. Alexander was on. During this period, I not only became acquainted with him, but got the opportunity to see and study at close range, examples of his work. I would like to express to the Jury the very highest regard that not only I, but all members of this office, have for the work that Robert Alexander has been identified with. The profession, in our judgment, has been raised by the quality of his work, and will continue, I am sure, in this direction.

I sincerely believe Mr. Alexander is most deserving of the honor of Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


Jerrold Loebel, F.A.I.A.

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March 8, 1955

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American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

Once again may I add my voice to others nominating a splendid member of the profession to Fellowship—Bob Alexander of Los Angeles.

His claim to distinction would be the greatest in two areas: design and city planning. Even before he became associated with his present partner, Neutra, he was himself closely associated with projects such as Baldwin Hills Village, and I believe there is no other housing and community project in the US that could be called better in all around humanism expressed through architecture and planning.

As I recall, a year or two ago Alexander ran away with three or four awards of the Southern California Chapter all in one sweep, and at least one of them I am personally familiar with by direct visit, the UCLA Experimental School which has perhaps less polish than a great many recent school projects but is technically the father of a whole string of other schools (some of them completed before this one was, but based on his preliminary model). Once again the outstanding characteristic in the total performance was the concern for the people using the building. In this instance there was also outstanding use of sculpture and landscaping.

Of later projects done with Neutra, the large-scale Guam development and the plan for Sacramento were both fecund planning concepts, even though political obstacles prevented Sacramento from being executed. In the same way the outstanding Los Angeles public housing project was diverted, but Alexander was among the most capable battlers in behalf of the concept of planning.

He has been a useful contributor to conferences and discussions; for example, some school conferences I have attended with him, and the session at Princeton on the architect's education. He is, in short, an all-around architect who personally makes a good impression on others and has achieved a many-faceted humanism in his work.

Jury of Fellows

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March 8, 1955

So I join with pleasure in the nomination to Fellowship by his Southern California Chapter.

Sincerely,

Douglas Haskell

Douglas Haskell
Editor

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8 March 1955

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American Institute of Architects
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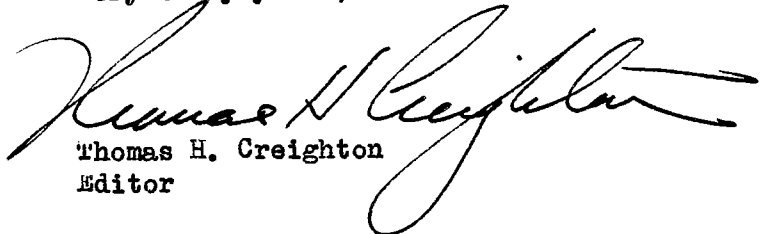
Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Southern California Chapter, A.I.A., is nominating Robert E. Alexander for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I wish to support this nomination heartily. Mr. Alexander, in addition to a distinguished practice of architecture under his own name, and more recently as a partner of Richard Neutra, has devoted a large part of his personal and professional career to the furthering of good city planning principles. He has done this in official (and thankless) capacities, and through personal membership in many civic organizations. His work within the Institute has been long and continuous. In addition to all of this he has also found time to teach and to be an inspiration to many of the younger architects in the Los Angeles area.

Among individual works of architecture that he has designed I cite one -- Orange Coast Junior College -- as a group of buildings which have marked the greatest advance in this new educational type.

I do not know whether Mr. Alexander is being nominated for design, professional service, or civic service. It seems to me that his nomination would be equally valid in any one of the three areas.

Very truly yours,



Thomas H. Creighton
Editor

DONALD BEACH KIRBY & ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

DONALD BEACH KIRBY, A. I. A.
TED MOULTON, A. I. A.
Members, American Institute of Architects
BAIRD HEFFRON, Civil Engineer

7 March 1955

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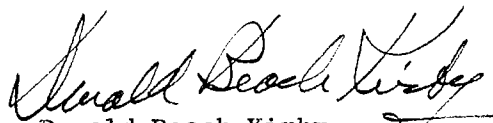
Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Robert E. Alexander, AIA, Architect in Los Angeles has been proposed for the high honor of Fellowship. I would like to support this nomination and to recommend Mr. Alexander to your attention.

I have known Mr. Alexander personally for 25 years and have watched his growth and development with great interest. He is not only a very fine Architect, but he has taken his place in civic affairs in connection with the Los Angeles Planning Commission and also in the field of city planning and town planning. He served as Chairman of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission during one of the most difficult periods in the history of that city. I am sure that his record is before you, and you will see from his many accomplishments that he is well deserving of your consideration.

I feel that the Institute would honor itself in recognizing Robert E. Alexander.

Respectfully yours,


Donald Beach Kirby
Regional Director
Sierra-Nevada District

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March 7, 1955

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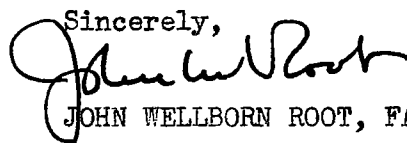
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Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Robert E. Alexander has been proposed
for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I can think of few architects who for ability in design and
for service to the profession deserve more the Fellowship.
I feel sure that the photographs of the work he has done
plus his general record will tell the story.

I sincerely hope his nomination will be approved.

Sincerely,

JOHN WELLBORN ROOT, FAIA

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March 4, 1955

Re: Candidacy of Mr. Robert Alexander
for Fellowship in the American
Institute of Architects

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Gentlemen:

I have known Robert E. Alexander for more than fifteen years and have been associated with him in a number of activities beneficial to the profession.

For the past six years I have been Senior Professor of Design in the School of Architecture at the University of Southern California. During these years the faculty in advanced work has consisted of practicing architects in this area -- not as visiting critics but as prominent members of the staff assuming a full teaching load. I have, therefore, had the opportunity to judge the qualifications of a good many architects in this area on the basis of their integrity, ability and conscientiousness since remuneration and publicity are not involved. Mr. Alexander has been outstanding; he has inspired his students to produce, he has imparted ideals as well as knowledge. Practically all of his students have come to me personally and expressed their appreciation of the time he has taken from his practice and given to them.

I consider this unselfish service as important as any architect can perform today, particularly when he does it as well as Alexander. I have listened to Mr. Alexander explain several of the important projects of which he has been the author to the students and through the observation of this process, have concluded that he is beyond any doubt the complete architect. I can think of no man in this part of the country more worthy of Fellowship.

Sincerely,



W. L. Pereira, A.I.A.

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
Washington 6, D. C.

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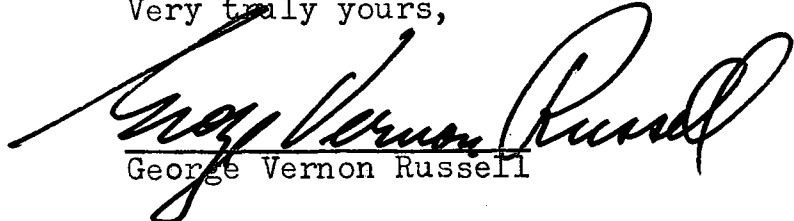
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Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter's list of Robert Alexander's many distinguished contributions to our profession failed to mention the fact that he has been serving for some time on the faculty of the University of Southern California as a critic of Fifth Year Design.

As a fellow critic and as a long time acquaintance of Mr. Alexander, I bring this to your attention and can assure you that his services at the University are executed with the distinction apparent in his other professional activities.

Very truly yours,


George Vernon Russell

GVR:ds

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SAMUEL E. LUNDEN, F.A.I.A.
ROGER HAYWARD, A.I.A.
BEN H. O'CONNOR, A.I.A.

FACTUAL

February 28, 1955

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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Re: Robert Alexander Nomination
Fellowship A.I.A.

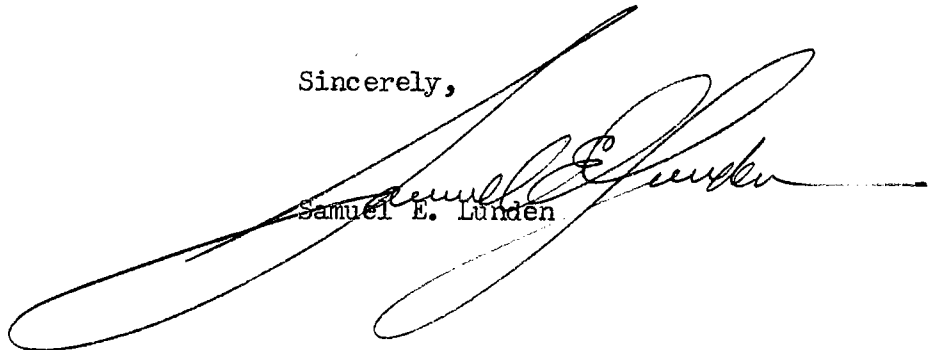
Gentlemen:

I have been advised that Mr. Robert Alexander has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Southern California Chapter. Mr. Alexander is well known in this area for his achievements in the field of housing design and in broad scale planning.

One of the projects with which he was connected was the design of the Baldwin Hills Village which won the distinguished honor award of the Southern California Chapter.

Mr. Alexander has been active in a civic way and was recently President of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. It is a pleasure therefore to have this opportunity to recommend him for Fellowship on achievement in design and service to the public.

Sincerely,



Samuel E. Lunden

SEL:vd

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February 28, 1955

Jury of Fellows, The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the nomination to elevate Mr. Robert Evans Alexander
to Fellowship in the Institute, I would like to offer my support.


Mr. Alexander is personally known to me. He is a member of the
Southern California Chapter.

To attempt to recite all of the many achievements of this man
would be repetitions. His record is in your hands. Mention
should be made, however, of his record in city planning and public
housing. He has been a member and also president of the Los Angeles
City Planning Commission and a consultant to the Federal Public
Housing Administration. He was consultant to the Government of
India in community development.

In architectural design, Mr. Alexander has been the recipient of
many honor awards. In addition, he has produced an impressive
list of writings on architectural subjects.

May I request your earnest and favorable consideration of
Mr. Alexander's nomination.

Yours truly


WM. GLENN BALCH, President

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PAUL ROBINSON HUNTER

ARCHITECT AIA

WEBSTER 3-9161

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February 25, 1955

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter has proposed the name of Robert Alexander for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute. Mr. Alexander has brought great credit to the architectural profession by serving for many years on the Los Angeles City Planning Commission and by being a member of many urban planning committees. In his personal practise he has received numerous awards for excellence of design.

Mr. Alexander is deserving of your careful consideration.

Cordially yours,



Paul Hunter

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LOS ANGELES 39, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE: OLYMPIA 2684

February 21, 1955

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

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The Southern California Chapter has just informed me that Robert E. Alexander has been proposed for Fellowship in the A.I.A. and that a letter supporting such nomination is desired.

I have personally known Mr. Alexander for the past ten years and we joined in partnership in 1950. It might be concluded that my close relationship with him might bias me in his favor--but only in the sense that I have had the opportunity to observe closely his excellent qualities, personal as well as professional. He is an asset to our Institute and vocation.

It gives me great pleasure to support him in this application for fellowship which he so richly deserves.

We enclose information which specifically details his activities and background in our honored profession.

Very sincerely yours,



Richard J. Neutra

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ROBERT E. ALEXANDER, A.I.A., ARCHITECT

Personal: Born November 23, 1907, Bayonne, New Jersey

Education: Bachelor of Architecture, Cornell University,
College of Architecture, 1930

License: C-166, State of California, 1935

Memberships: American Arbitration Association
Building Research Advisory Board, Committee
on Tropical Housing and Building, 1952
American Institute of Architects, National
Committee on Urban Planning, 1951 to 1952
Planning Commission of the City of Los
Angeles, 1945 to 1951; President, 1948 to 1950
American Society of Planning Officials
Pacific Area American Institute of Architects
Committee on Urban Planning, Vice Chairman,
1947 to 1948
American Institute of Architects, Southern
California Chapter
Tau Beta Pi, Honorary Engineering Society
Honorary Member Philippine League of
Architects, 1951

Architectural Practices:

1949 to date, in partnership with Richard J.
Neutra, F.A.I.A., Architects, Planning Consul-
tants and Associated Engineers, in association
with civil, structural, mechanical, electrical,
landscape and foundation analysis engineers
1946 to 1949, architectural practice under the
name of Robert E. Alexander
1942-1946, Assistant to the Works Manager of
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation
1935-1946, architectural practice in partner-
ship with others
1928-1935, architect in various offices in New
York City and Los Angeles, including Corbett,
Harrison and MacMurray, Metropolitan Life Insur-
ance Company's Board of Design, and Donald
Parkinson

Consultant:

Civil Government of Guam, 1951 to 1952
Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard,
California, 1951
Public Housing Administration, Washington,
D.C., 1950
Technical Assistance Administration, United
Nations Mission to India, 1951
Home Builders' Institute, 1948
Chairman of Jury, Honor Awards Competition,
Texas Council of Architects, 1952
Member of Jury, Carson Pirie Scott and Com-
pany Centennial Competition for Redevelop-
ment of "The Loop", Chicago, Illinois, 1954
Member of Faculty, University of Southern
California, Los Angeles, California, 1952 to
date
Visiting Critic, Cornell University, Ithaca,
New York, 1952 and 1953

Awards:

National American Institute of Architects
Awards' Program, 1954, Honor Award for the
Business Education Building, Orange Coast
College, Costa Mesa, California
Southern California Chapter American Institute
of Architects, Honor Awards' Program, 1951
Distinguished Honor Award for the University
Elementary School, University of California
at Los Angeles
Honorable Mention for the Baldwin Hills Shops,
Los Angeles, California
Honorable Mention for the Technology Build-
ing, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa,
California
Special Citation for the Cattle Feeding Shed
and Corrals, Orange Coast College, Costa
Mesa, California
Southern California Chapter American Insti-
tute of Architects Honor Awards' Program,
1946, Distinguished Honor Award in associa-
tion with Reginald D. Johnson and the firm
Wilson, Merrill and Alexander, for the Bald-
win Hills Village, Los Angeles, California
Progressive Architecture Design Awards Pro-
gram, 1954:
Special Design Award for the Sacramento Re-
development Study
Citation, Residential Category for the San
Pedro Community Hotel
Citation, Commercial Category for the Office
Building for Amalgamated Clothing Workers of
America

Publications:

- "ORANGE COAST COLLEGE", American School and University, 1953-54
"SACRAMENTO, SMALL CITY REDEVELOPMENT", Architectural Forum, June 1954
"SACRAMENTO REDEVELOPMENT", Architectural Design, English publication, June 1954
"SCHOOLS IN THE TROPICS", The School Executive, November 1953
"A COMMUNITY HOTEL", Arts and Architecture, September 1953
"ORANGE COAST COLLEGE", Instituto Technico de la Construccion del Cemento, Spanish publication, Madrid, June 1953
"GUAM, A PROBLEM IN PROGRESS", Arts and Architecture, May 1953
"GUAM PLANNING", Progressive Architecture, January 1953
"HOW MAY SCHOOL PLANS MORE EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE COMMUNITY?", The School Executive, November, 1952
"DESIGN THE SPACE TO FIT THE FUNCTION", The School Executive, October 1952
"BALDWIN HILLS SHOPPING CENTER", House and Home, June 1952
"ELYSIAN PARK HEIGHTS", Progressive Architecture, January 1951
"ORANGE COAST COLLEGE", Progressive Architecture, February 1952
"PALLIKARANAI, THE RURAL CITY", United Nations Report to the Government of India, 1951
"PLAN FOR 1960, SACRAMENTO", with Harold F. Wise, for the City of Sacramento, 1951
"REBUILDING THE CITY", with Drayton Bryant for the Haynes Foundation, 1950
"REDEVELOPMENT IDEAS FOR CALIFORNIA'S CAPITOL", for the City of Sacramento 1950
"SUPERMARKET", Progressive Architecture, May 1949
"THE PLANNING PROCESS BEHIND THE BLUEPRINT", American School and University, 1949
"THE MODERN HOME", Book of Science, Grollier Society, Publishers of the Book of Knowledge
"PREVIEW OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE", Revere Copper and Brass, 1942
"BALDWIN HILLS VILLAGE", Pencil Points, September 1944
"BALDWIN HILLS VILLAGE", "Build in U.S.A.", Museum of Modern Art, New York City, 1932-44
Author of numerous papers, articles and addresses on architecture, community planning and related subjects

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ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER
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FACTUAL

February 19, 1955

Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

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Regarding: The Nomination of
R. E. Alexander.

Dear Sirs:

I have personal knowlege of the outstanding achievements of Mr. Robert E. Alexander in the field of multiple housing, community and regional planning. I also have personal knowlege of the work of Mr. Alexander on the Baldwin Hills Village project.

However I have heard Unconfirmed gossip and rumors that Mr. Alexander has been identified with or held membership in organizations that have been claimed by investigating committees as comunist front organizations.

Very truly yours,

Van Lee Schmidt

Van Lee Schmidt.

WILLIAM H. SCHUCHARDT
1110 FALLEN LEAF ROAD
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA

February 1, 1955

Mr. Edmund R. Purves,
Executive Director, A.I.A.
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. Purves:-

As I have forgotten which committee to address in the matter of nomination for Fellowship may I ask you please to place this letter where it should go.

I was just informed that the Southern California Chapter is about to propose Robert E. Alexander for Fellowship and was asked to express to you my opinion thereon.

When I had the temerity to teach at Cornell some twenty eight and more years ago Alexander was enrolled as a student. I remember him as a conscientious worker, keenly interested in his problems and popular among his classmates. He came out to Los Angeles to practice. In the early forties he was made a member of the Los Angeles Planning Commission and served as a commissioner for several years. He succeeded me as president thereof when I resigned in 1948. He did excellent work as a commissioner.

I heartily endorse Mr. Alexander for the honor of Fellowship.

Very truly yours



Wm. H. Schuchardt

*Members
Alexander, Robert E*

May 9, 1955

Mr. Robert Evans Alexander
2379 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1955 Convention of The Institute, to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, starting June 21, 1955, in the Radisson Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, June 23, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present. The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after such announcement has been released by The Institute after the Convention Annual Dinner, and we ask that you, also, hold this information confidential until that time.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

ERP/G

May 12, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Alexander, F.A.I.A.
2379 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Mr. Alexander:

At the recent meeting of The Jury of Fellows you were elected to Fellowship in The Institute and membership in the College of Fellows of the A.I.A., for achievement in Design.

At the Convention there will be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows premiated for Design, and to that end the Jury has had to make as comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under separate cover your entire exhibit has been returned, and those selected are designated and are as follows:

- 1) Orange Coast College, Business Education Building - 1953
Costa Mesa, California
- 2) Baldwin Hills Village - 1942 - Los Angeles, California
- 3) University of California - Elementary School - 1948 - Los Angeles
California

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Mr. Arthur B. Holmes, A.I.A.
Convention Manager, A.I.A.
C/o Radisson Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota

to be delivered between the 14th and 18th of June, 1955.

We should like you to keep this information confidential.

Cordially yours,

William J. Bain, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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Enclosure

ROBERT E. ALEXANDER
american institute of architects
american society of planning officials

May 16, 1955

William J. Bain, Chairman
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bain:

Thank you for your letter of May 12 regarding an exhibit for the Convention. Three examples of work are mentioned. Is it the intention of the Committee that the exhibit should be restricted to three specific photographs, one from each example, or should an exhibit be made for each example, each exhibit to consist of a plan and more than one photograph?

Thank you for your attention to a question, the answer to which must be obvious to you.

Cordially yours,



ROBERT E. ALEXANDER

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August 25, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Alexander, F.A.I.A.
2379 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 39, California

Dear Bob:

I am sure The American Institute of Architects would be most happy to have you represent it formally at the International Conference on Regional Planning and Development to be held at Bedford College, London. I am afraid I will have to advise you, however, that the representation could not be undertaken at A.I.A. expense. From your letter, I would gather that you realize this sad state of affairs so if you undertake it we would be even more grateful to you.

Have you any idea what you would like in the way of credentials? If so, please write or wire Ted Morris.

I am taking off tomorrow for a vacation in New Hampshire. I hope to be here on the 15th - I am scheduled to arrive that morning from Denver.

Many thanks for your thought and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

ERP:hrs
cc: Mr. Morris, Jr. (w/f)

Mr. Morris: Please take care of the details - we may need something over George Cummings' signature.

ERP

September 6, 1955

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The American Institute of Architects hereby designates Mr. Robert E. Alexander, F.A.I.A., of Los Angeles, California, as its official representative at the International Conference on Regional Planning and Development.

Any assistance and courtesies which you may be able to extend to him will be greatly appreciated.

In behalf of The American Institute of Architects I also would like to take this occasion to send greetings to all members and best wishes for a most auspicious and successful conference.

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

PLEASE change your records. I have notified you twice before, and this morning's mail brought again one of your communications mailed to the old Glendale Blvd. address. Thanks! YK.

The office of

ROBERT E. ALEXANDER, F.A.I.A.

and Associates, Architects and Planning Consultants

will occupy their new offices

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612 SOUTH FLOWER STREET, LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA

January first, 1961 telephone *MA*dison 8-1284

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this change)*

Mr. Alexander, Robert E.

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January 8, 1963

Mr. Robert E. Alexander, FAIA
612 South Flower Street
Los Angeles 39, California

com. Profession

Dear Bob:

At the annual meeting of the Board, a decision was made to suspend the work of the Committee on the Profession in 1963, thereby dissolving the Committee for the time being. The Board extends its expression of highest commendation and appreciation to members and corresponding members of the Committee and to its Chairman, James M. Hunter, FAIA for a monumental contribution to the AIA and to the profession.

The reason for this action can be simply explained. With its two reports in 1960 and 1962, the Committee on the Profession has provided the AIA with a far reaching program requiring several years to implement before additional goals are defined.

Happily, the Committee's recommendations are being implemented on many broad fronts in accordance with the challenges of its 1960 report and the specific directions of its 1962 report. As you know, the Institute has undertaken major new programs to make progress toward goals in architectural practice, design, urban design, education, public relations, the structure of the AIA, a new national headquarters, and the provision of revenue for new activities through supplemental dues.

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Mr. Alexander

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January 8, 1963

We are greatly in debt to the members of the Committee for moving the AIA into a new era of accomplishment. When we find ourselves "catching up" with your report we will seek such advice again.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Wright, FAIA,
President

HLV:mg



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Application for Membership Emeritus

TO THE SECRETARY,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

I hereby apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reasons :

(Check the appropriate reason)

I am unable to practice architecture because _____

(state nature of incapacitation)

I am receiving full benefits under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

I have been in good standing in the Institute and the Southern California Chapter for 15 successive years.

If and when elected to Membership Emeritus, I wish to continue to receive AIA mailings and publications Yes No

Date 12/13/77

Name Robert E. Alexander
(written and printed signature)
ROBERT E. ALEXANDER

Information for applicant: The applicant may supplement the above reasons on a blank sheet. In exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, the Secretary of the Institute may lessen the period of good standing but not the other conditions.

Upon election to Membership Emeritus, all rights and privileges of membership, including the use of the title Member Emeritus written in full after the initials "AIA" or "FAIA", as the case may be, remain intact while the member is exempted from further dues payments to the Institute and the member's Chapter and State.

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February 17, 1978

Mr. Robert E. Alexander, Member Emeritus
P. O. Box 241
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Mr. Alexander:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your membership classification has been changed to Member Emeritus.

We are grateful for your many years of support and we hope that your participation and interest will continue, even though you are now relieved of further dues payments.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Lawrence, FAIA
Secretary

cc: Southern California Chapter, AIA
California Council, AIA

ROBERT E. ALEXANDER, FAIA

Los Angeles, California - Alexander studied at Cornell University. ^{after they were} ~~He was~~
~~with~~ various firms in New York and Los Angeles, ^{he ed a} forming partnership firm with
^{he has recently returned to an} Richard Neutra from 1948 to 1958. ~~Now has~~ independent practice. He has been
a member of the Faculty, University of Southern California since 1952 and was
Visiting Critic, Cornell in 1952-53. ~~He has designed many commercial and~~
~~residential structures.~~

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Business Education Building - M '54
Julius Shulman

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IN AMERICA

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Richard J. Neutra and Robert E. Alexander practiced architecture together in Los Angeles from 1948 to 1958. In addition to several Orange Coast College buildings including the Business Education Building, they designed the Gettysburg Visitors Center and Cyclorama Building for the National Park Service, the Embassy- Chancery in Karachi , Pakistan for the State Department , the Francis Scott Key Memorial Auditorium and Music Center and the Mellon Science Laboratory for St John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, the Fine Arts Building for the San Fernando Valley State College, the Art Center for the University of Nevada and many other projects throughout the United States and abroad. They are now practicing independently.



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1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

April 5, 1955

To: Mr. Robert E. Alexander

Please fill out and return to the Department of Public and Professional Relations for use in publicity for the 87th A.I.A. Convention. If available, we also should like a glossy photo. We would appreciate having this information as soon as possible.

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SOME PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL BACKGROUND FACTS

Speaker's Full Name and Title: ROBERT E. ALEXANDER, ARCHITECT,
OF THE FIRM RICHARD J. NEUTRA & ROBERT E. ALEXANDER

Brief Biographical Background: B. ARCH. CORNELL UNIV. 1930, CALIF.
ARCH. SINCE 1930, MEMBER PLANNING COMM. CITY OF LOS ANGELES
1945-50, PRESIDENT 1948-49, UNITED NATIONS MISSION TO INDIA 1951,
ONE OF ARCHITECTS OF BALDWIN HILLS VILLAGE,
AUTHOR "THE RURAL CITY", CO-AUTHOR "REBUILDING A CITY"

Speaker's Current Position and General Responsibilities:

Current Activities, Publications, Education, other Professional Affiliations
and Achievements that might be mentioned as pertinent to this occasion:

→ BORN NOV. 23, 1907 ~~1908~~ BAYONNE, N.J.

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