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December 30, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

I understand that the Washington Chapter has selected Julian Berla as a candidate for advancement to Fellowship.

Julian Berla was in my class in college and was one of a group of us who went to Europe the year following. I have known him for a long time and have the highest opinion of his professional qualifications and achievements. His record of public service is more than commendable.

I believe that his achievements in our profession would thoroughly justify his being advanced to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,



Philip S. Wadsworth

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the office of

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December 30, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:


I am glad to endorse the nomination of Julian Emerson Berla for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Berla for many years, and have had numerous opportunities to observe his devotion to the affairs of the Institute.

His approach to professional practice has been on the highest level, and has been an inspiration to all of the younger members of the profession. The technical and design skill, which he has in abundance, has led to some of the most outstanding work in apartment house design in this country.

His contribution is now being recognized by foreign governments, which has added greatly to his prestige, and to the stature of the entire Architectural Profession in this country.

Very sincerely yours,



DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN

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cc: Mr. Louis Justement

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LEON CHATELAIN, JR., F. A. I. A.
Registered Architect
1632 K STREET, N. W.
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December 30, 1954

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, NW
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Gentlemen:

I understand that the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for advancement to fellowship.

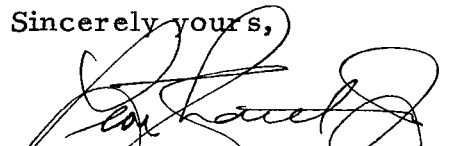
I have known Mr. Berla for about 20 years and have always considered him an excellent designer. His work is always well studied and executed. He is considered an outstanding authority on housing and urban planning and has spent a great deal of time in Denmark at the invitation of that country to assist them in these studies.

I have worked with Mr. Berla in the Washington Building Congress, where he is the current Vice President and on many chapter and civic committees.

He attacks any problem whether it be architectural or civic with zeal and energy that show its results at the final completion.

It is a pleasure to recommend Mr. Berla to you most highly.

Sincerely yours,


Leon Chatelain, Jr., FAIA

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December 30, 1954

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Octagon Building
18th & New York Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Miss Gervais,
Secretary

Gentlemen:

I present to you the name of Julian E. Berla (a corporate member of the Institute) for Fellowship in the Institute.

Solid in Fundamental Education in Architecture enriched over the years;
Distinguished in practice in the broad field of Architectural design, and more particularly as concerns apartment houses - where the quality of the best of his work, built in the region of the Nation's Capital, is not only authoritative in planning but also is an exemplar of the best in contemporary design;

These merits would be sufficient in themselves to qualify Mr. Berla for special distinction in the practice of Architecture. To this identity, however, can be added his many years of outstanding service to the Institute on a chapter, regional and national level.

Further, his numerous endeavors of non-professional public service in the city of Washington from Red Cross activities to the Cosmos Club Art Committee are of notable record.

For these reasons I present and support the name of Julian E. Berla for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute. His works, in my judgement, are the stuff of which Fellows are made.

Sincerely yours,



Hilyard R. Robinson

HRR:meb

cc : Chairman Justement, Washington-Metropolitan Chapter
Committee on Fellows

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HENRY S. CHURCHILL, F. A. I. A., A. I. P.

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December 29, 1954

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Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 K Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to urge the elevation of Julian E. Berla of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, to Fellowship.

I have known Julian Berla well for a great many years. He has always represented the best in the profession: personal integrity, professional meticulousness, high standards of design and of service to the community.

He has contributed a great deal to the improvement of planning apartment houses and to their architectural design. He has been President of his Chapter. He has been consultant to various agencies of our government, and to the Building Ministry of the Kingdom of Denmark.

It is not only for the evidence of his record that I urge his Fellowship, but also for those intangible qualities of character without which a record is merely a list.

Respectfully,



Henry S. Churchill

cc:-
Louis Justement

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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

December 29, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

Julian E. Berla has been known to me for some ten or fifteen years; first as secretary of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter at the time I was president of the Virginia Chapter, and most recently he was a member of the visiting committee of the N.A.A.B. which inspected V.P.I.

He has been very active in service to the profession and the Institute and I believe him to be well qualified for advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Cowgill
C. H. Cowgill, F.A.I.A.

CHC: jr

cc: Louis Justement

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KENNETH REID

East Dorset, Vermont
December 29, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has nominated Mr. Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I am happy to endorse this nomination on the basis of his continuous and consistent devotion to the service of the Institute and of the public throughout his career. He has long been an active leader in undertaking and carrying out the sort of projects that characterize the architect as a responsible and conscientious citizen and which constitute the most effective public relations work for the profession.

I have no detailed, first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter or of Mr. Berla's direct contributions to the success of its undertakings, but I have observed through many years that when anything was being done by the Chapter in the direction of improving living conditions for the people of his city through better planning, housing, or civic amelioration, his name has always been prominent and his part important.

I have known Julian Berla since he was a student at M.I.T., and I believe that he is a fine example of how an architect should maintain and foster the ideal of public service which is among our profession's greatest attributes. I think he has justly earned the recognition for which his confreres have nominated him.

Most sincerely,

Kenneth Reid

December 29, 1954

Committee on Fellows
 Washington-Metropolitan Chapter
 The American Institute of Architects
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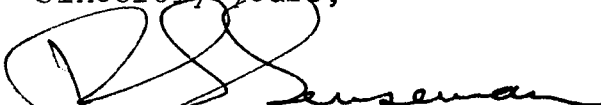
It has been called to my attention that the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has selected Julian E. Berla for the distinction of being advanced to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Berla has distinguished himself for his contributions to his chosen profession both here and abroad. He has in all of his undertakings proved to be a man of outstanding ability and devoted to the profession. His years of service in the Washington Chapter were outstanding in my memory.

He also has distinguished himself in a highly competitive field of architecture which in itself is a real achievement.

I feel that he is a man of principle and worthy of advancement to a Fellow.

Sincerely yours,


 RONALD S. SENSEMAN, A.I.A.

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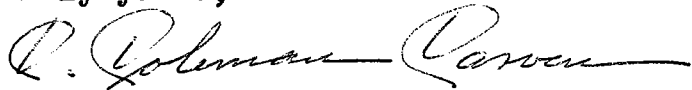
Washington Metropolitan Chapter A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have just been advised that the Executive Committee of your Chapter has approved the action of the Chapter Committee on Fellows in selecting Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship.

As a friend and classmate of Julian's, I am delighted to see this honor given to him and I know that he has and will prove his worthiness of it.

Sincerely yours,



C. Coleman Carven, A.I.A.

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cc: L. Justement

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December 28, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

Julian Emerson Berla is being proposed by the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter for Fellowship. I have known Julian for over 30 years, have followed his professional career with interest and affection, and heartily endorse him for the consideration of the Jury.

When we were fellow students at M.I.T., I found in him a very unusual quality of mind. Highly intelligent and imaginative, he was creative and human in a very unusual sense. His later experience shows the wide versatility that he was fortunate enough to have been given at birth. His early experience in the office of Bertram Goodhue again helped to refine his sense of design and his perspective in architectural practice. These qualities later led to a wide range of service as a consultant to the Public Housing Information Office, the Department of Commerce, the U. S. Housing Authority, the National Youth Administration, and the Foreign Housing Study Survey. More recently he served as consultant to the Building Ministry for the Kingdom of Denmark.

Special lecturer in Architectural History and before such bodies as the Municipal Art League and the Metropolitan Museum, he has been able to disseminate the creative qualities of his thinking beyond the range of the usual practice.

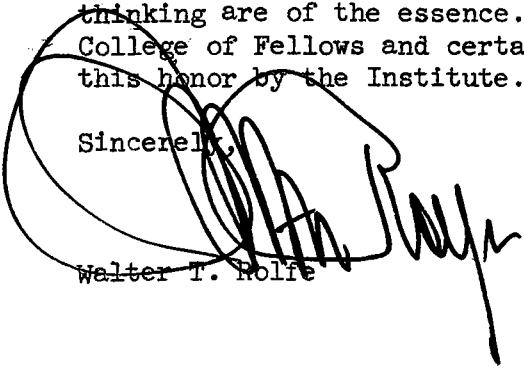
His services to the Institute have been many and varied, ranging from the Chairman of important Institute committees to membership on the committees on Regional Council and Library. He has been through the several chairs of his own chapter officerships, which again testifies to his willingness to serve at the usual as well as the unusual tasks of the profession.

Beyond the services rendered his profession, he has also found time to contribute to the activities of the Red Cross, several important local committees, and the Washington Building Congress.

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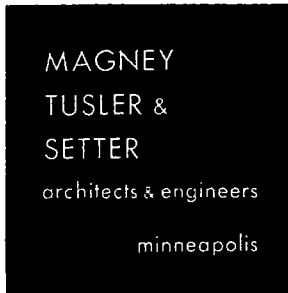
Of the many architects I have known, I find him at the very top of the list where human understanding, intelligence, and distinguished thinking are of the essence. He would be a fine addition to the College of Fellows and certainly is deserving of being elevated to this honor by the Institute.

Sincerely,



Walter T. Rolfe

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December 28, 1954

Jury of Fellows
 American Institute of Architects
 Octagon Building
 Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

As a former employee of Julian Berla, I am delighted to hear that he has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute.

To me, Julian Berla's approach to architecture has been one of modesty, sincerity, and idealism. In his own practice he was never tempted to exploit, for its own sake alone, superficial photo-drama, nor to follow for fashion's sake the latest demi-god of modern architecture. He does not believe in the so called architecture of the pure art form. He has never created a monument to himself. In a sense, his buildings can be called truly organic in that they grow directly and simply from the needs of the job, and his esthetic is simple, direct, and above all warmly human.

I always felt that Julian would have made a fine teacher of architecture because his wide reaching interest in architecture was joined with a liking for people, which made his architectural philosophy warm and living. I think it has been this liking for people which has determined the character of his architecture and his attitude toward it, and which is reflected in the nature of his service to the Institute and of his public service. This philosophy, his teaching ability, and his idealism made his office an excellent place for a young draftsman a year out of architecture school to work, and a place in which to help settle his own architectural creed.

Yours truly,

Sam Mayo
 Sam Mayo

SM:mj

cc: Mr. Louis Justement
 Justement, Elam & Darby
 2011 K Street, N.W.
 Washington 6, D.C.

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JOHN ALEXANDER FRANK A.I.A. ARCHITECT
55 EAST EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

December 28, 1954

Committee on Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave. N. W.
Washington D. C.

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Gentlemen:

The current proposal to make Julian E. Berla a fellow of the Institute has my hearty endorsement. Others can speak with more authority as to his professional achievements. I am informed by the public press, the professional magazines, and the Institute publications of his many activities - that he has done important work, and has done it well, so as to be a credit to himself, to the profession, and to this country.

I admire especially his efforts to promote international good-will and the exchange of useful knowledge with other countries. Nothing can be more important at this time.

I have known Julian Berla for thirty-five years, and can give first hand testimony to his industry, integrity and winning personality. I sincerely hope that your committee will see fit to award to him the honors which he so well deserves.

Very truly yours,

John A. Frank
John A. Frank

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28 DECEMBER 1954

CHAIRMAN, JURY OF FELLOWS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: JULIAN E. BERLA

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DEAR SIR:

I AM MOST HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WASHINGTON-METROPOLITAN CHAPTER HAS APPROVED THE ACTION OF ITS FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IN SELECTING JULIAN BERLA FOR NOMINATION FOR FELLOW OF THE A.I.A.

JULIAN'S PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE BOTH TO THE INSTITUTE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ME OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS. HE HAS SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO A HOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

HIS CLEAN LIMBED DESIGNS HAVE SET A HIGH STANDARD IN THE METROPOLITAN APARTMENT HOUSE FIELD AND HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN THE REAL VALUE OF GOOD PROFESSIONAL ATTENTION IN THIS STRENUOUSLY COMPETITIVE AREA WHEREIN A REAL LIFT IS SO MUCH NEEDED.

JULIAN HAS GIVEN UNSTINTINGLY OF HIS TIME AND TALENTS TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS OF THE A.I.A., AND HIS LEADERSHIP HAS ENCOURAGED MANY OTHERS TOWARD BETTERMENT OF THEIR OWN EFFORTS.

IN MY OPINION HE MOST ASSUREDLY DESERVES ELEVATION TO THE HIGH STATUS OF FELLOWSHIP, AND I HEARTILY COMMEND HIM TO YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,


MARCELLUS WRIGHT, JR.

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BUILDING AND FURNISHINGS SERVICE

December 28, 1954

Jury of Fellows
c/o American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter of the A.I.A. is recommending Mr. Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship, and I take pleasure in writing this letter in his behalf.

I have known Mr. Berla since our college days. He was known at that time for his unusual comprehension and fresh approach to problems of design and he has continued this in his subsequent years of practice.

In view of his good performance in creative design and the record of his further contributions to the Institute, to his Community, and to public service, I take pleasure in recommending favorable consideration of the proposal to advance him to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

John W. Ogg
John W. Ogg, A.I.A.

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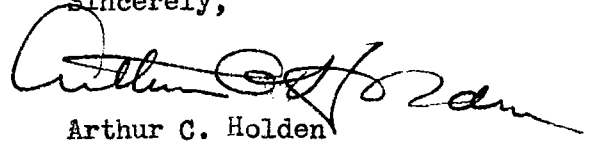
It gives me great pleasure to write in favor of the advancement to Fellowship of Julian E. Berla, of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

I have known Mr. Berla for eight to ten years and have considered him to be one of the fine minds and progressive spirits which we have in the American Institute of Architects.

I know that Julian Berla is a man of the highest ethical standards, generous to his fellow architects and devoted to the interests of the profession. I believe that the committee of his own Chapter is submitting ample evidence of his accomplishments in design.

I am indeed happy to recommend Julian Berla for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely,



Arthur C. Holden

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HOWARD L. CHENEY
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23 EAST JACKSON BOULEVARD
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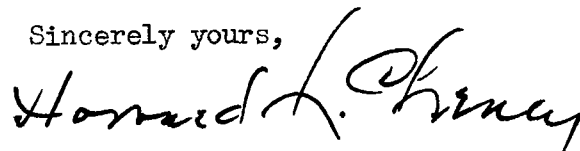
Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that Julian Emerson Berla has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute by the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter.

It is my pleasure, and indeed a privilege, to write you in support of Mr. Berla's nomination. I have known him for nearly twenty years. Our acquaintance began during the period of my residence in Washington (1934-42). Mr. Berla has distinguished himself not only for his many fine buildings in Washington and other cities, but he has contributed much to the advancement of his profession and in his service to the Institute. I have followed his career with great admiration and appreciation. His recent collaborative services in the Scandinavian countries are well known to all of us. As one of our ablest and most friendly representatives, he certainly established himself as a professional "ambassador of good will."

In my opinion Julian Berla is well qualified to receive this Institute honor.

Sincerely yours,



Howard L. Cheney, F.A.I.A.

December 28, 1954

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G. HOLMES PERKINS, Dean

December 27, 1954

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

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Dear Sirs:

Mr. Louis Justament has asked me to write in support of the nomination of Julian E. Berla for advancement to fellowship.

I have known Mr. Berla rather well for over fifteen years and throughout that time I have admired the quality of his architectural design which has produced so many outstanding apartment houses in the Washington area. His tireless contribution to the Institute on its various committees appears to me to have added stature to the Institute. I have worked with him on several committees and in every case he has stimulated sound thinking in the committee and he has always been one of the leaders of every group. His contributions as author, his service to the Institute and his leadership in architectural design make him especially worthy of advancement to fellowship.

I very much hope that his nomination will be considered favorably.

Sincerely yours,



G. Holmes Perkins

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cc - Mr. Justament

O. H. MURRAY, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
RHINEBECK, N. Y.

December 27, 1954

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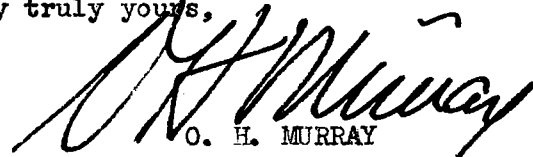
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Gentlemen:

It is a good many years since I have seen anything of Julian Berla, whose name is before the Jury of Fellows for advancement to Fellowship. Of course I have followed his progress, and know that he has steadily risen in the profession. Our associations in the old Goodhue days were very pleasant ones.

I certainly feel that he will add lustre to the roster of Fellows of the Institute.

Very truly yours,


O. H. MURRAY

M:G

Milton L. Grigg, F. A. I. A. ... Architect

27 December 1954

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

I have just learned of the nomination of Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship.

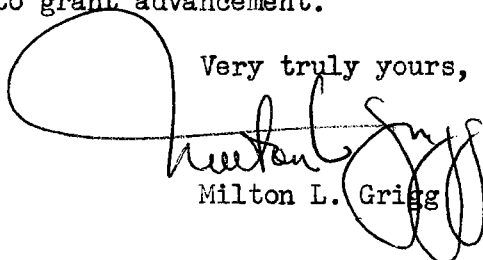
I consider this a somewhat belated acknowledgment of the contribution made to the profession by Mr. Berla in several of the possible classifications for nomination. His technical efficiency and professional competence is of knowledge to me since I had, during World War II, the unique privilege of being his client in that I represented the Army -- the actual client, on a very satisfactorily executed project. As a fellow practitioner in the Washington area I am very conscious of the high standard of design which has long characterized the work of his office.

Mr. Berla has made signal contributions in the field of education and original thought in the field of design philosophy.

His service to the Institute as a Chapter officer, National Committee Chairman, and ambassador of good will during his several foreign services must also be recalled.

I bespeak for favorable consideration of the nomination and trust that you will see fit to grant advancement.

Very truly yours,



Milton L. Grigg

MLG:e

In reply address:

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December 27, 1954

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Re: Nomination of Julian Emerson Berla
for Fellowship

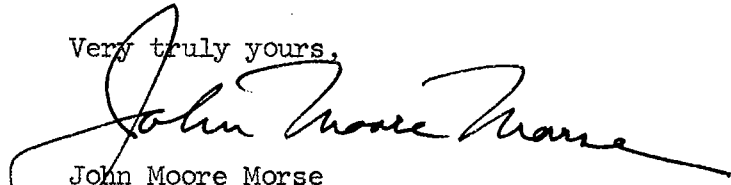
Gentlemen:

I am writing to add my endorsement to the nomination of Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in the Institute.

I first met Mr. Berla in 1941 when he was a new partner of Joseph Abel. I got to know him quite well as we had many mutual friends in his office and that of Kastner & Hibben, by whom I was employed as a draftsman. I always found him very helpful to the new practitioners and most interested in the advancement of the profession. We younger men admired his uncompromising attitude and the apparently high regard his colleagues had for him.

Since leaving Washington, D. C., in 1942, I have often noticed evidence of his leadership in the profession and national recognition in the Institute. I endorse his nomination particularly because of the fine example he has set for others.

Very truly yours,


John Moore Morse
Member, Executive Board
Washington State Chapter A. I. A.

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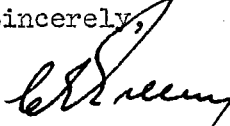
Gentlemen:

I am aware that the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, AIA, has nominated Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in The Institute. This letter is written in support of that nomination.

Mr. Berla's civic responsibility and architectural competence has been recognised by his Chapter where he has served it with distinction in committee work and before national, international and local agencies.

His history and accomplishments have been detailed for you by his Chapter. I am personally acquainted with Mr. Berla, have intimate knowledge of his work for AIA, having shared committee work with him, also called on him to assist me during my incumbency as AIA Director. His interest and enthusiasm for professional betterments is notable.

Mr. Berla is respectfully commended to you for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,

C. E. Silling

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ROBISON HEAP, A. I. A., ASSOC.
JAMES P. CALLMER, ASSOC.

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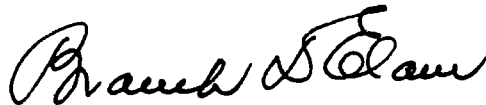
Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity to express my opinion of Julian E. Berla, who has been selected by the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter for consideration for advancement to Fellowship by the Institute.

I have known Mr. Berla professionally and socially for fifteen years, during which time he has always displayed the highest integrity and practiced gentlemanly conduct. His attitude toward his profession has seemed to me to be one of unstinting service to architecture in its contribution to mankind.

In design, civic interest and international understanding of others in the profession his achievements, I sincerely believe, have been outstanding. I am sure adding the name of Julian Berla to the ranks of those who have already attained this great honor will be an inspiration to those of us who hold this to be the ultimate in our professional endeavors.

Respectfully yours,



Branch D. Elam

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MARVIN EICKENROHT, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
MAVERICK BUILDING
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The Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Ave., N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to lend my wholehearted endorsement to the election
of Julian Berla to the College of Fellows.

Frankly, I have not had as much contact with Julian since
our school days at M.I.T. as I would have liked; therefore, I am aware of
his accomplishments as an architect more by hearsay than by actual exposure.
However, I know that his design work has been as outstanding in practice
as it was during his school years in old Rogers Building; and I know that
he has been most diligent in promoting the interests of the Institute and
his fellow architects. I have always known Julian to be a good friend
and a gentleman as well as a person possessing great talent.

I urge your most careful consideration of Julian Berla's
qualifications for Fellowship.

Sincerely yours

Marvin Eickenroht

Marvin Eickenroht

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December 27, 1954

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

It is my understanding that Mr. Julian E. Berla of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has been nominated by our Chapter Committee on Fellows and that his nomination has been approved by the Executive Committee of our Chapter. I am writing to give my enthusiastic support to his nomination.

It has been my privilege to know Mr. Berla for many years and in many capacities: in chapter activities, on A. I. A. committees and in some of his services outside of the profession.

I had many occasions to work with Berla in his various capacities as officer of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter and particularly on the Chapter Committee on Urban Planning.

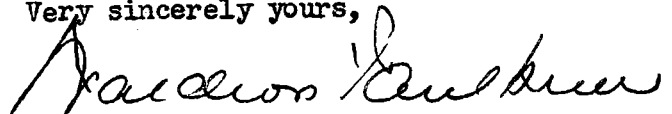
We have been on several A. I. A. Committees together and we are at present both serving on the A. I. A. Library Committee.

During the past few years I have also worked closely with Berla while he was Chairman of the Art and Decoration Committee of the Cosmos Club.

In all these assignments I have been struck by his ability as an architect, by his devotion to the profession and by his unselfish service to the community.

It would give me the greatest pleasure to see Berla advanced to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,



Waldron Faulkner

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Gentlemen:

I understand that the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has selected Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship.

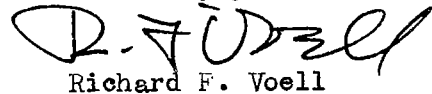
As a Member of the Chapter, may I heartily endorse the committee's action.

In the many years that I have known Julian Berla, he has given generously of his time in service to the Chapter and to the Institute. He has contributed greatly to the stature of the American Architects in his consulting capacity to the Kingdom of Denmark.

I have always admired Mr. Berla's ability as a designer. As an individual, he is greatly loved -- an inspiration to the men in his office, and a real gentleman.

I certainly hope that the Institute will recognize Mr. Berla's fine qualities by advancing him to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


Richard F. Voell

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Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
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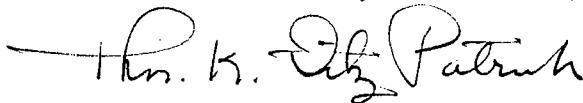
Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Julian E. Berla has been recommended to the Jury of Fellows for advancement to Fellowship in 1955.

It has been my good fortune to know Mr. Berla for several years and to have worked with him in matters involving the Institute as well as in areas of architectural education. He has served with several visiting committee of the National Architectural Accrediting Board and has always performed at his usual high level of competence, giving unstintingly of his time in this regard. In addition to this he has worked directly with student bodies both at Howard University and at Catholic University and has been invaluable in the contributions he has made to these schools. His reputation as an architect is of extremely high order and his service to the Washington Chapter and to the Institute has been outstanding.

I should like, therefore, to urge that the Jury of Fellows look favorably upon the candidacy of Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship.

Cordially yours,



Thomas K. Fitz Patrick
Director
and Secretary of the National Architectural Accrediting Board

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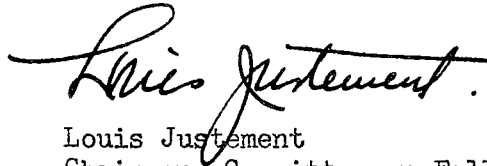
Gentlemen:

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Julian Berla for the past twenty years and have always been impressed by his enthusiasm for his profession and his ability in working on behalf of the Institute. He has always been one of those upon whom the Chapter could rely for devoted work; in addition he has had the ability to make this work count in results for the Chapter and the Institute.

In the field of design the firm of Berla and Abel has done more than any one else to improve the quality of apartment-house design in Washington. On the score, therefore, of ability in design and service to the Institute I believe that Julian Berla fully merits advancement to Fellowship. It is with genuine pleasure that I endorse his nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Louis Justement
Chairman, Committee on Fellows
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter

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FACTUAL

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December 20, 1954

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American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

I have the honor of joining with the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter in recommending the advancement of Mr. Julian Berla to a Fellowship.

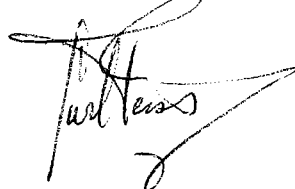
I have personally known Mr. Berla for many years and have admired not only his architectural work but also his very real leadership in the Profession. Mr. Berla has done pioneering and outstanding work in multi-family dwelling design and he stands at the top of the profession in this specialty.

One of Mr. Berla's lesser known activities has been his sponsorship of and hard work for the School of Architecture at Howard University and he has done much also to assist in advising and placing the graduates. This is the kind of public service that is seldom recognized but is so worthy of note in the appraisal of the character of a man.

Further, Mr. Berla in his international activity, in particular in Denmark, has done much to further the friendly interchange of expert opinion and has assisted in the furtherance of international amity. Friends of mine in Denmark have spoken with great enthusiasm for Mr. Berla's work there and there is every evidence of accomplishment of a broad guage nature and of high professional type.

Julian Berla combines an unusual technical ability with an unusual interest in a wide variety of cultural and professional affairs. All too few architects represent so wide a range of interests and activities. It is men of Mr. Berla's character who add to the stature of the Fellowship and I unhesitatingly add my recommendation to the others which you are receiving.

Very truly yours,



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December 15, 1954.

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American Institute of Architects,
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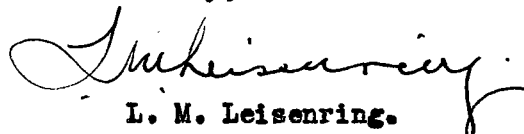
This is to recommend for advancement to Fellowship, Mr. Julien E. Berla and in this I join with the members of the Committee on Fellows of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter and other members of that Chapter.

Mr. Berla has served the National body of the Institute well, as a member of important committees. He also has served his local chapter well and has represented his profession with distinction in local civic organizations.

His outstanding work in the design of apartment and other housing problems is well known and recognized as authoritative. His work as housing consultant for the Government of Denmark has been most favorably and commended in that country.

It is submitted that both in design and service to the Institute he deserves the recommended advancement.

Yours sincerely,


L. M. Leisenring.

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A. HAMILTON WILSON, A. I. A. - WILLIAM N. DENTON, JR., A. I. A.
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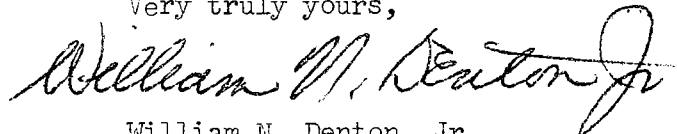
Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Mr. Julian Emerson Berla, A.I.A., for the advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Berla's record, which was filed with his nomination on October 26, 1954, gives a detailed account of his many contributions to the profession of architecture. He is well deserving of this high honor.

Very truly yours,

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William N. Denton, Jr.

GROSVENOR CHAPMAN . ARCHITECT
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December 7, 1954

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Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
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Washington, D. C.

Re: Julian Berla
Nominations for Fellowship

Gentlemen:

I have known Julian Berla ever since 1947 when I first joined the A. I. A. At that time He was serving the first of his two terms as President of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter. I still remember the strong favorable impression which he gave me as the local leader of the Institute. As a result of his great popularity and leadership he was reelected President for a second term, a recognition of leadership which no president has duplicated since.

During the intervening years I have had many pleasant associations with Julian Berla both in and out of Chapter activities. He is one of our most active past presidents in Chapter work and has been most generous in giving his time both as an elder statesman and worker to the officers and committees of the Chapter. The interest he has taken and the encouragement he has given to the younger practitioners has been outstanding.

Julian Berla has taken a lead in interesting the Chapter in Institute affairs both on a regional and national level and he has been a prime mover in strengthening the regional unit.

In the field of design Julian Berla's firm has a highly respected reputation in Washington among his fellow architects and the public.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to add my endorsement of Julian Berla for fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours

Grosvenor Chapman

Grosvenor Chapman

JOSEPH MILLER · AIA · ARCHITECT

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December 7, 1954.

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

In the opinion of this writer, Mr. Julian E. Berla, A.I.A. of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, is eminently well qualified for Fellowship in The Institute.

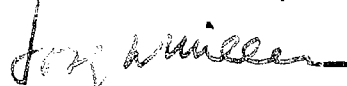
To architects and laymen in the Washington-Metropolitan area Mr. Berla's name is synonymous with excellence in architectural design. His work has been recognized repeatedly by nationally known juries of award who have participated in selecting significant design achievement in the Biennial Awards of the Washington Board of Trade.

The apartment houses developed by his firm are outstanding and have contributed much to raising the standard of speculative building design in this area. The Government of Denmark has twice availed itself of consultation with Mr. Berla on matters related to housing.

Mr. Berla's record of service to The Institute speaks for itself. His willingness to serve as worker and advisor, and the skill and good judgment that he brings to the tasks assigned, continue to be of invaluable help.

It is with considerable pride and respect that the writer commend Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in The Institute.

Very truly yours,



Joseph Miller

LEON BROWN, A.I.A.
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ASSOCIATES

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS

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December 6, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

It is a privilege to recommend Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. Mr. Berla's achievements in architectural design and in service to The Institute have been manifold in the Washington-Metropolitan area. He has served as a great inspiration to many young architects in Washington and has participated in encouraging these men toward a practice of the ethics as established by our professional society.

Further Mr. Berla has participated in many worthwhile civic affairs and has willingly served on committees where his advice and intellectual approach have helped toward the betterment of our city.

With these achievements Mr. Berla is recognized not only as an excellent practitioner but as a forthright and highly respected citizen.

It is with pleasure that I recommend Mr. Berla for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects, and it is my hope that your full consideration will be given to this nomination.

Sincerely yours,


Leon Brown

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

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Gentlemen:

I am anxious to join the many friends of Julian E. Berla to recommend him to you for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Berla since 1923 when we were at M. I. T. I have always held him in high esteem for his integrity. His design work was then and is now a source of inspiration to me and many of our contemporaries. I have seen much of his architectural work and it is always crisp and refreshing, lacking in the cliches so often present in design. The city of Washington is richer for his many outstanding apartment buildings.

Sincerely yours,


Samuel E. Homsey

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JAMES MORRIS McHUGH
A.I.A. ARCHITECT
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31 December 1954.

The Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon,
1735 New York Ave. N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter, A. I. A., I wish to endorse the nomination of Mr. Julian Emerson Berla as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully,



James M. McHugh.

WILLIAM LESCAZE ARCHITECT 211 EAST 48th STREET NEW YORK 17

HENRY A. DUMPER
ASSOCIATE

31 December 1954

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Dear Sirs:

I should like to endorse the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter's proposal to elevate Julian E. Berla to Fellowship in the Institute.

Berla has been especially active in the field of apartment house design.

In addition to his many years of service as an able member of the Institute committees, he has served as consultant to several Government agencies, and has delivered many interesting lectures.

I commend Julian E. Berla for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM LESCAZE

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
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Washington 6, D. C.

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December 31, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects. ^{ack 2/10}

Dear Sirs:

It is my understanding that the nomination of Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in the Institute, may be considered by you in the near future. In reviewing his qualifications may I invite the Jury's attention to some salient facts that appear in this nominee's record:

Professional Education:

Mass. Institute of Technology; degree B.S.

Harvard University:

Studies in Site-Planning.

Professional Activities:

Served for several years in the Office of
Bertram Goodhue and Associates.

Served as Consultant to various agencies

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including Office of Public Housing Information;
Department of Commerce; United States
Housing Authority, etc.

Housing Study Survey of a number of
foreign countries; Consultant to
Building Ministry, Denmark.

Lecturer: New York University.

Municipal Art League

Direct service to A. J. A. in various capacities:

Chairman Joint Committee A. J. A. and N. A. H. B.

Chairman Board of Examiners.

Member, Committee on Regional Council

Member Committee on Library

Washington - Metropolitan Chapter:

Held offices successively of Secretary,

Vice President and President.

Mr. Berl's Public Service includes
working with American Red Cross (Washington
Chapter); Sub Committee on Housing;
Washington Building Congress.

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His activities would, in my opinion,
tend to further the objectives of
the American Institute of Architects
by contributing to "The advancement
of the profession of architecture" - the
over-all objective cited by the Institute
as the prerequisite for the bestowal
of Fellowship.

Sincerely
Louis A. Simon.

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MURPHY & LOCRAFT
ARCHITECTS
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FREDERICK VERNON MURPHY, F. A. I. A.
THOMAS HALL LOCRAFT, F. A. I. A.

PAUL A. GOETTMANN, A. I. A.

December 31, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:


Julian Emerson Berla has been proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, and I take pleasure in endorsing the nomination.

Berla has distinguished the City of Washington by his achievements in the design of apartment structures, in which he has contributed substantially to new developments in plan and space arrangement, and simplicity of expression. And he has been untiring in his services to the profession and to the public welfare. His terms of office in the Washington Chapter, culminating in the Presidency, represent long years of imaginative and active participation in Chapter affairs, and it is noteworthy that he has continued his services, unabated, in the years since his Presidency. Currently he is reaching top office in the Washington Building Congress where he has been a valuable architect member of the Board of Directors and Governors for a number of active years.

One unusual activity, for a practitioner as busy as Julian Berla, has been his keen interest in the problems and developments in the architectural schools. He has been very generous of his time and talents helping us at the Catholic University as juror, as consultant on programs, and as visitor. And he has served as visiting committeeman for the National Architectural Accrediting Board to various schools.

It is my earnest belief that Julian Berla is particularly well qualified for advancement to Fellowship -

Sincerely yours,


Thomas H. Locraft

W. STUART THOMPSON, A. I. A. AND PHELPS BARNUM, A. I. A.

ARCHITECTS
250 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 31, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
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Re: Mr. Julian E. Berla - A.I.A.
Advancement to Fellowship

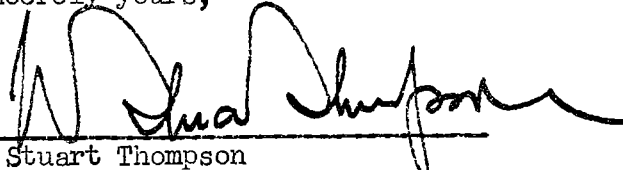
Gentlemen:

I am writing to heartily endorse the Advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A. of Mr. Julian A. Berla A.I.A. of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter.

I have known Mr. Berla well for the past twenty-five years and have followed his executed work with the greatest interest. In my opinion his work shows that he is an Architect of great ability in both design, construction, and the quality of his executed work. His apartment work has been particularly noteworthy and excellent.

Mr. Berla is personally a man of the highest integrity and has great personal charm. I heartily endorse without reservation of any kind his advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A. and sincerely hope your July will make Mr. Berla a Fellow in the A.I.A. I am,

Sincerely yours,


W. Stuart Thompson

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marion i. manley . . aia..architect . . 3356 virginia street . . coconut grove . . florid.
December 31, 1954.

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

It has been called to my attention that Mr. Julian E. Berla has been proposed by the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter for advancement to Fellowship.

I consider it a privilege to add my words of commendation in favor of Mr. Berla's advancement. In the first place, it is always a distinct pleasure to me to see an architect extend his activities into the planning field. It seems to me this is an indication of broadening interest that more architects should display. Mr. Berla's work and connections are so well known throughout the whole profession as to be an inspiration to his contemporaries and to the younger members.

His design work exhibits both freshness and thoughtfulness and again is a matter of admiration throughout the whole country as well as the world. I say this because even in South Florida his work is frequently under discussion among the people who are constantly aware of design trends throughout the country.

In addition to any formal educational work Mr. Berla has undertaken, he has also been willing to leave his office, his home and his work to enter into seminars and panel discussions when requested to do so. His contributions to such discussions are always interesting and provocative.

Mr. Berla's record formally presented is an indication of his broad interests and valuable services to his profession and to society as a whole.

Respectfully,

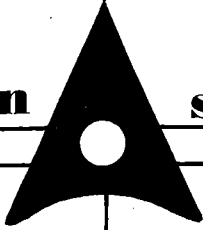
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3 JANUARY 1955

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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GENTLEMEN:

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOMMEND JULIAN E. BERLA FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE. I HAVE PERSONALLY KNOWN MR. BERLA FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND THROUGH HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE PROFESSION AS A WHOLE HAVE BEEN FAMILIAR WITH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS.

IT WAS MY FORTUNATE EXPERIENCE TO MEET MR. BERLA AGAIN IN COPENHAVEN, DENMARK, IN APRIL OF THIS PAST YEAR. DURING THE FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS I HAD A FIRST-HAND OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS THE CONTRIBUTION HE HAS MADE TO A VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF DENMARK, AS WELL AS THE DEEP RESPECT THESE PEOPLE OF THAT FOREIGN LAND HOLD FOR HIS ARCHITECTURAL ABILITY. CERTAINLY NO LIVING AMERICAN ARCHITECT IS HELD IN HIGHER ESTEEM BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT THAN IS MR. BERLA BY THE DANES.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, MR. BERLA HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN HOUSING SURVEYS MADE IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE PAST AS WELL AS HAVING SERVED AS CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U. S. HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION.

IT IS MY SINCERE BELIEF THAT HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF APARTMENT HOUSE DESIGN CATALOGUES HIM AS ONE OF THE LIVING AUTHORITIES IN THIS TYPE OF BUILDING. I HAVE HEARD HIM GIVE LECTURES AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY HIS OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BUILDING AND ECONOMIC PHASES OF APARTMENT HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION.

DURING THE PAST FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS MR. BERLA HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON-METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, A.I.A. SERVING AS SECRETARY, VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT. IN ADDITION, HE HAS SERVED ON MANY OF THE A.I.A. NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

HIS CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE HAS BEEN NOTEWORTHY AND AROUND WASHINGTON HE IS QUITE WELL KNOWN FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN ANY WAY ON RELIEF AND WELFARE AGENCIES.

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I SINCERELY FEEL THAT WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ATTRIBUTES JULIAN BERLA SHOULD RECEIVE DUE RECOGNITION IN THE FORM OF A MEMBERSHIP IN THE FELLOWS OF THE INSTITUTE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS WORK INTERNATIONALLY, AND IT IS MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT SUCH AN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE OF GREAT ADVANTAGE TO THIS AUGUST BODY.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,


JOHN STETSON

JS:BQ

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STANLEY S. SETCHELL, A. I. A.
Architect
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January 3, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Justement, Chairman of the Committee on Fellows, Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, has advised me that Julian E. Berla has been selected for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Julian Berla and I were classmates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where we graduated in 1923. In 1925 Julian and I, together with two other classmates, took a three month's trip to Europe. Subsequent to that time I had not seen Julian until our class reunion in 1948.

Although my knowledge of Julian Berla's personal and architectural career has been extremely limited I am sure, from my memory of our early associations, that he is worthy of any honor his Chapter or the Jury of Fellows elects to bestow upon him.

Very truly yours,

Stanley S. Setchell

Stanley S. Setchell

SSS:cm

c.c. Louis Justement
Chairman, Committee on Fellows
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter

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WILLIAM EMERSON

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BOSTON 15 CO 6-0522

January 3, 1955

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

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Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to write on behalf
of Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellow-
ship in the American Institute of Architects.

He was a former student of mine at
the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and,
as is better known to you than to me, has been
an active and effective member of the Washington-
Metropolitan Chapter for many years past in the
course of which his services to the best interests
of the Institute and to the profession have been
notable. He is, furthermore, a man of the high-
est standards with a keen desire to aid in matters
of education and sound professional advancement.
I most heartily urge upon you favorable consider-
ation of this nomination.

Sincerely yours,



William Emerson

ROLAND ANTHONY WANK
F.A.I.A. A.I.P.
35 HIGHVIEW AVE., NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.

JANUARY 4, 1955

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

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GENTLEMEN:

THIS IS WRITTEN IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF JULIAN A. BERLA
FOR FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE.

I HAVE KNOWN MR. BERLA SINCE THE MID-THIRTIES WHEN HE SERVED AS ONE OF THE CHIEF DESIGNERS ON THE GREENHILLS, OHIO PROJECT OF THE SUBURBAN RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION, PERFORMING THAT JOB WITH GREAT SKILL AND SENSITIVITY. WHEN HE RESIGNED TO ENTER THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE, HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES WATCHED HIS CAREER WITH ADMIRATION. APARTMENT CONSTRUCTION IN WASHINGTON BEGAN EXPANDING AT A GREAT RATE ABOUT THAT TIME, AND NEW PROJECTS CHANGED RADICALLY FROM THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH PREVAILING BEFORE. JULIAN BERLA, AS MUCH AND PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER ARCHITECT, WAS RESPONSIBLE, IN CREATING AND OBTAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR BRAND NEW STANDARDS OF LIVABILITY, LIGHT AND AIR, OPEN AND FRIENDLY EXTERIOR APPEARANCE, COUPLED WITH ECONOMICAL PLANNING AND DESIGN THAT BROUGHT THE NEW AND HIGHER STANDARDS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF NORMAL INVESTMENT AND SPECULATIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

HIS LEADERSHIP IN MAKING GOOD ARCHITECTURE PREVAIL OVER THE SCEPTICISM OF APARTMENT BUILDERS AND MORTGAGE LENDERS IS AN OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT LEFT ITS MARK NOT ONLY UPON WASHINGTON, BUT RESULTED IN A SUBSTANTIAL BOOST IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVED STANDARDS ELSEWHERE IN THE NATION. MAY I EXPRESS MY BELIEF THAT THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT WOULD WELL QUALIFY MR. BERLA FOR FELLOWSHIP.

IN ADDITION, HE HAS GIVEN GENEROUSLY OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, TIME AND ENERGY TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, TEACHING AND LECTURING, AND TO SERVICE ON PUBLIC AND QUASI-PUBLIC COMMITTEES, ALWAYS TO THE CREDIT OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION.

I BELIEVE THAT ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP WOULD BE A FITTING AND WELL-MERITED RECOGNITION FOR MR. BERLA.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Roland A. Wank

ROLAND A. WANK

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January 4, 1955

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Ave., N. W.,
Washington, 6, D. C.

Re: Julian Emerson Berla, A. I. A.,

Gentlemen:

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I am informed that the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has approved the action of the Chapter Committee on Fellows in selecting Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for his achievement in service to the Institute, Design, and Public Service.

I have known Mr. Berla for about 10 years. He became a member of the A. I. A. in 1939. Since that time he has given a great deal of service to the Institute, having served as Chairman of several National Committees, as well as Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter.

The Committee on the Architect and the Government, under Chairmanship of Mr. Berla, functioned in an excellent manner, and served in the interest of his fellow-practioners. I served on the Board of Directors of the Institute, during the period of his Chairmanship, and well remember his conscientious organizational abilities.

Especially noteworthy has been his work in the field of apartment house design.

Serving as Consultant to the Building Industry of the Kingdom of Denmark for two years is international recognition.

Mr. Berla's record of Public Service to his Community has been extremely noteworthy.

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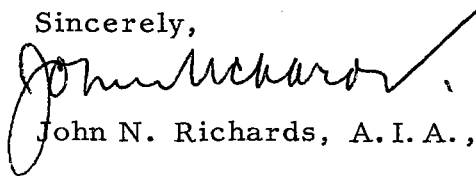
Re: Julian Emerson Berla, A.I.A.,

The Jury of Fellows

Some of his Public Service activities consist of Membership in the American Red Cross, D.C. Chapter, Sub-Committee on Survey, Disaster, Preparedness and Relief Committee. Cosmos Club - Art Committee, United Community Services: Committee on the Aging Sub-Committee on Housing, Washington Building Congress: Numerous committees, Member of the Board of Governors, at present First Vice President.

Realizing the value of this service to his fellow Architects, and to the Public, I am very happy to recommend him for advancement to that high honor in our professional organization.

Sincerely,



John N. Richards, A.I.A.,

JNR:hsp

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January 4, 1954

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, North West
Washington 6, D. C.

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Attention: Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

I am informed that the Committee has nominated for "Fellow of the Institute" Mr. Julian E. Berla. I have been acquainted with Mr. Berla over a long period of time and know him to be a person eminently qualified for this honorary position. He is a man of ability, vision, imagination and dedicated to his profession.

I think the Committee has shown excellent judgment in making this nomination.

Sincerely,



EDELBAUM & WEBSTER

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cc: Mr. Louis Justement
Chairman, Committee on Fellows
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter

Berla & Abel

REGISTERED ARCHITECTS, 1636 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, WASHINGTON 9, D. C., TELEPHONE: ADAMS 4-1375

January 4, 1955

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

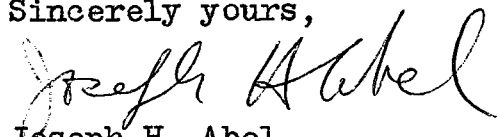
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Gentlemen:

As the partner of Julian E. Berla for almost 14 years, I am naturally thoroughly acquainted with his architectural ability, with the great amount of time and effort he has expended on Institute affairs and in service to the public and with his personal character and integrity.

It gives me great pleasure to endorse his nomination for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute as I am sure that he is fully deserving of this honor.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph H. Abel

JULIAN E. BERLA, A.I.A.

JOSEPH H. ABEL, A.I.A.

GEORGE E. CRONIN, A.I.A.

JESSE WEINSTEIN, A.I.A.

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January 5, 1955

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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 have been notified that the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has approved the action of the Chapter Committee on Fellowship in selecting Julian E. Berla for Fellowship. I would like to add my endorsement for Mr. Berla's nomination to the many others that I know you are receiving.

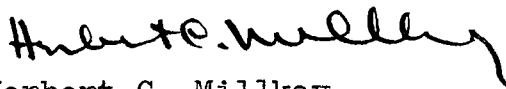
Not only has Mr. Berla in his professional work designed buildings of great merit, particularly in the field of apartment house design, but also has been of great service to the Institute. From 1940 through 1948 he has occupied the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President, respectively, of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter but also has served on many of its committees and Institute committees. These include being Chairman of the Joint Committee A.I.A. and N.A.H.B, Chairman of the Committee on Architect and Government, Chairman of the Board of Examiners and many others.

His work has been not only in this country but also of international scope in that he performed housing study survey for Holland, England, Germany and Austria, and was consultant to the Building Ministry, Kingdom of Denmark. He has been consultant to the Public Housing Information Office, Department of Commerce, U. S. Housing Authority and National Youth Administration.

In education he has been lecturer in Architectural History at New York University and at the Metropolitan Museum of New York. He also has been active in civic work of many kinds.

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to endorse the nomination of Mr. Julian E. Berla for election to Fellowship.

Sincerely,



Herbert C. Millkey

HCM:rh

HARRY BARRETT, A.R.I.B.A., A.I.A.

REGISTERED ARCHITECT

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January 6, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

I wish to add my support to the nomination of Mr. Julian E. Berla for Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Berla for over ten years and am familiar with his fine work, both professionally and in a wide range of matters within the community; his retention by the Danish Government, as consultant in connection with Danish housing and other projects, not only illustrates his standing abroad but reflects to the credit of the entire American fraternity of architects.

I know personally of his devoted activities in the interests of the Institute, of the local Chapter and of the building industry as a whole.

I believe that public recognition by the Institute of Mr. Berla's well-established professional and personal high standing is well deserved.

Yours sincerely,



Harry Barrett

NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL ACCREDITING BOARD

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

6 January 1955

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

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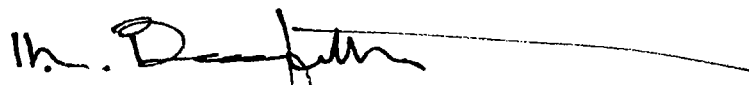
Gentlemen:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Louis Justement I have learned with much pleasure of the action of Washington-Metropolitan Chapter in proposing Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship. As a friend and colleague I hope I may be permitted to make the following comments in support of this action.

Since the time we were in architectural school I have followed with interest his professional achievements. These are well recognized as is his service to the profession. Perhaps less well known is his interest in architectural education. For a number of years he has given generously of his time in evaluation and counseling visits to the architectural schools. It has been stimulating to be associated with him on a number of these occasions and observe, the breadth of his interests, the discrimination shown in his judgments, and the warm friendliness he has for students.

It would appear to me that in terms of both creative effort and significant service to the profession Julian E. Berla may well be considered for the distinction of Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


Herbert L. Beckwith
President

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WHITEHALL 4-2856

January 6, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Julian E. Berla has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter for consideration for advancement to Fellowship.

Mr. Berla has been an outstanding member of the profession for the past twenty-five years. He is a notable member of a notable firm of architects who have designed some especially outstanding buildings in the field of apartment house design, which have brought him into international recognition by the fact that the government of Denmark has used him as a housing consultant. Of course, he has also been a consultant to various departments of our own government.

His service to The Institute over the past ten years, besides being an officer and President of his own Chapter, consists of serving as chairman and a member of many different committees, which he filled with distinction. I know that he has been equally unselfish in the field of public service.

I believe him to be a real credit to our profession and deserving of the honor of Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Loeb
Jerrold Loeb, F.A.I.A.

JL:rc

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January 7, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

I deem it a privilege to extend my endorsement of the name of Julian Emerson Berla whose nomination as a Fellow has been made by the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter.

Mr. Berla's distinguished reputation, international in scope, as a planner and architect well qualifies him, in my opinion, to receive that honor reserved for those reflecting such credit on our profession. Also, as a member of the Executive Committee, I have witnessed his "work-horse" endeavors on the local level -- endeavors which have won him the respect and admiration of his contemporaries.

Your confirmation of this nomination would meet with widespread approbation.

Yours very truly,



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OFFICE OF LUCIUS R. WHITE, JR. 5547
ARCHITECTS

LUCIUS R. WHITE, JR., F. A. I. A.
EDWARD C. WHITE, A. I. A.

7 January 1955

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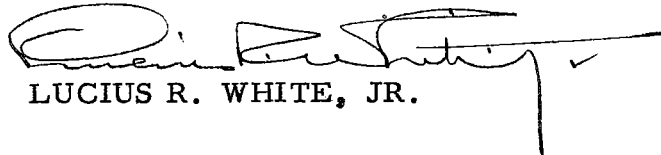
Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Julian Emerson Berla of Washington, D. C., has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects and I would, therefore, like to add my endorsement to that nomination.

Julian is one of my very closest friends, for whom I have the highest regard as to his character, versatility and, in addition, he is considered a man of high architectural attainments both here and abroad.

For many years I have worked with him in the interest of the American Institute of Architects in the national headquarters and at conventions. He has my full endorsement.

Very truly yours,


LUCIUS R. WHITE, JR.

LRW/dmc

ALEXANDER S. COCHRAN ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS

EDWARD YEE WING
RICHARD SCHUBERT

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411 NORTH CHARLES STREET
BALTIMORE 1, MARYLAND
TELEPHONE LEXINGTON 9-6246

January 10, 1955.

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

May I most heartily commend the nomination of Julian E. Berla
for Fellowship in the Institute, as a practitioner eminently
worthy of such distinction.

It appears to me that it is men of his caliber, referring
particularly to the excellence of the products of his design,
who add to the prestige of the College of Fellows,

I appreciate your consideration of my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Alexander S. Cochran
Alexander S. Cochran

E E R O S A A R I N E N A N D A S S O C I A T E S

EERO SAARINEN F.A.I.A.
JOSEPH N. LACY A.I.A.
J. HENDERSON BARR A.I.A.
WARREN PLATNER A.I.A.
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January 10, 1955

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

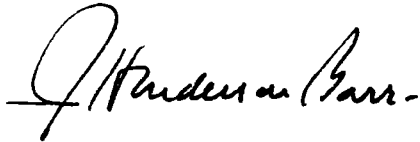
Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has approved the action of the Chapter Committee on Fellows in selecting Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship.

This action is most gratifying to me. I have known Mr. Berla for twenty years and have been closely associated with him on several projects. His mature outlook has always been of tremendous benefit to people associated with him. His devotion to the architectural profession is unsurpassed. I count him as one of my very close personal friends.

Mr. Berla well deserves this great honor.

Sincerely yours,



J. HENDERSON BARR

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10 January 1955

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

Gentlemen:

I have known Julian Berla for several years in connection with my activities in the Institute and served very closely with him when he chaired a committee of the Middle Atlantic Region.

I have known of Julian's work and reputation for many years previous to this time and have only the highest regard for his honesty, integrity and architectural ability. I have known him to bear a good reputation amongst his employees and as a practicing architect in Washington and elsewhere. I commend him to you most sincerely and feel that the Institute would be doing a real service by elevating him to Fellowship.

Sincerely,



BERYL PRICE

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cc: Louis Justement

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Columbia University
in the City of New York

[NEW YORK 27, N. Y.]

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

January 10, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

I have learned with great pleasure that Julian Berla of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has been nominated by his chapter for advancement to the Fellowship. I have known Mr. Berla for many years and always admired his integrity, his brilliance, his vision of the major aims of his art and his profession.

I was associated with him many years ago in a committee that had been formed among architects to emphasize to the profession the necessity and the value of many more architectural competitions than are currently held, and his advice and hard work were among the things which made the New York Chapter pass a strong resolution on the subject.

Since those days I have followed his career with great interest and know that not only as an architect but also as a vital influence in the whole field of Washington architecture and planning he has been outstanding.

Accordingly I heartily concur in the suggestion of the Washington chapter and look forward to the day when his contributions may be recognized by his elevation to the Fellowship.

Faithfully yours,

Talbot Hamlin F.A.I.A.

Talbot Hamlin, F.A.I.A.
Professor Emeritus

to have this honor I have no remembrance
whether he has done since
Secretary of Mrs. Edwards Hewitt

EDWARD S. HEWITT
BROOKBORO
SALISBURY, CONN.

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I am very glad to hear
that Julien & Bertha
has been approved for
advancement to fellowship
by the executive committee
of the Washington - Metropolitan
chapter.

He was in my office as
a junior draftsman about
50 years ago and though I
have the best wishes for her

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T. WORTH JAMISON, JR., A. I. A.
E. RUSSELL MARCKS, A. I. A.

January 13, 1955

LEXINGTON 9-7035

D. N. MANDRIS, A. I. A.
R. H. SIPPEL

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

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Gentlemen:

I take great pleasure in endorsing Julian Emerson Berla for
Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known him for approximately ten years and was a member
of the Board of Examiners of the Institute when he was Chairman. His
careful and efficient operation of this Board was such as to inspire me
when I succeeded him in this post.

Mr. Berla has designed a number of Apartment Houses in both
Washington and Baltimore, all of them excellent in design and indicating
considerable study and freshness of thought.

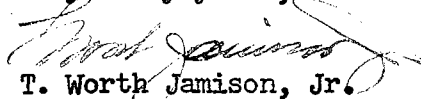
He served as consultant to the Building Ministry of the Kingdom
of Denmark in 1951 and 1954.

His service to the Institute has been considerable. Besides
many other activities I know that he was Chairman of the Joint Committee
of the A.I.A. and the N.A.H.B. - 1946-1947; Chairman of the Committee
on the Architect and Government 1951-53; Chairman of the Board of Exami-
ners 1949-50; Member of the Committee on Regional Council 1951-53;
Member of the Library Committee 1954. He has held the offices of Sec-
retary, Vice-President and then President of the Washington-Metropolitan
Chapter in 1946-48.

Mr. Berla is highly respected by the members of his profession
in Washington, and of all those in Baltimore who are fortunate enough to
know him.

I sincerely trust that Mr. Berla's nomination will receive
favorable action by the Jury of Fellows.

Very truly yours,


T. Worth Jamison, Jr.

TWJ:eh

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THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 14, 1955

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P.A.A. Director for Chapter

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Chairman, Committee on Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Julian Emerson Berla,
Recommendation for Fellowship

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Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter regarding the advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects of Mr. Julian E. Berla. After having been familiar with Mr. Berla's work over a long period of time, I finally had the pleasure of meeting him about four years ago. Since that time, we have become very close friends, and I, more than ever, have had reason to continue my admiration of his work, and to more fully appreciate the wonderful humanitarian qualities of the man.

It is not necessary for me to go into details on account of Mr. Berla's past accomplishments. His considerable record of service to his clients, to the United States Government, to education, commerce, housing, and youth administration, both in America and abroad, is an outstanding one which is available to all persons concerned in his election to Fellowship. In my opinion, Mr. Berla represents the highest type of American individual engaged in public work at the present time. His representation in European countries of all those things for which America is noted must assuredly be a source of wonderful public relations, not only for the architectural profession, but for America as a political entity. Any recognition of Mr. Berla's achievements by his fellow professional men would, in turn, be a recognition throughout the world of his long and selfless period of devotion to American thought and enterprise in the building industry.

Very truly yours,

Edwin T. Reeder, President
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

ETR/sjh

Hardie Phillip. F.A.I.A.
Rancho Santa Fe. California.

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American Institute of Architects.
Washington. D.C.

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Re: Julian E. Beala for advancement to Fellowship.

Dear Sirs.

While Julian Beala was in the office of Mayers Murray and Phillip (Goodhue Associates) he worked closely with me on several important projects. His work was excellent and his thinking, quite inspiring.

During these early years of his career he showed great ability as an architect and I felt quite certain that some day he would be a definite credit to the Profession.

Since he resigned from the Mayers Murray & Phillip office I have followed his work with interest. His contributions to the broad field of Architecture have been of a high order and his sacrifices of time and effort in the interest of the Profession, in my opinion warrant special recognition by the American Institute of Architects.

I whole heartedly recommend that he be advanced to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours

Hardie Phillip

The University Club
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

January 17- 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

This is to express my
approval of the proposal that Julian
Berler be made a Fellow of the
American Institute of Architects,
and to ask your favorable
action upon the proposal which
I believe has already been presented
to you.

Cordially yours

Federick Stigger

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The Jury of Fellows
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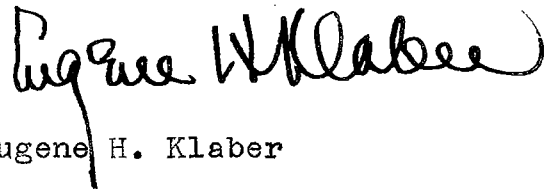
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Gentlemen:

I have received word that the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter is proposing Julian E. Berla for Fellowship. I have known Mr. Berla for nineteen years and while a member of that chapter had frequent opportunities of observing not only the high quality of his work, but also the constant public service which he was performing and his active and important contributions to the work of the American Institute of Architects.

There is no question in my mind that Mr. Berla is fully worthy of the honor of fellowship, and I strongly urge you to act favorably on his nomination.

Very truly yours,



Eugene H. Klaber

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January 21, 1955

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Jury of Fellows
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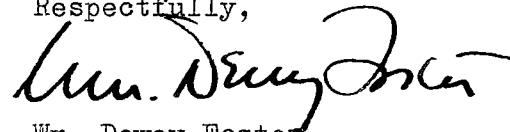
Gentlemen,

As a member of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter Committee on Fellows I am writing to endorse the proposal to elevate Mr. Julian Emerson Berla to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Berla's work in the field of apartment houses and housing developments has been extensive. In the contemporary manner, they are distinguished pieces of design, particularly the several apartment houses built here in Washington. In addition he has given much time and attention to Institute affairs, both in the local chapter and on Institute committees.

I believe that Mr. Berla's service to the Institute and his position in designing qualify him for the honor of Fellowship and I trust the Jury may act favorably on this proposal.

Respectfully,


Wm. Dewey Foster

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January 26, 1955

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

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has nominated Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

As a member of the Chapter Committee on Fellows, I warmly endorse this nomination. To my knowledge there is no one in the Washington area not already so honored who is more deserving of this distinction than Mr. Berla. In the field of design he has consistently contributed quality, originality and logic to both large and small work, particularly in apartment and commercial type buildings as can be seen in the Crestwood Apartment, Boston House, Rosenberg Fur Store and Valley Forge Brewing Company Warehouse. This excellence in design contributes notably to the advancement of the profession.

Mr. Berla has served devotedly and ably in many capacities for the American Institute of Architects, including both local and national committees, as President of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, and as a representative of the profession in Denmark. In addition, he has devoted much time to civic services and has done much to assist the progress of young men in the profession.

I believe the honor of fellowship is justly due Mr. Berla.

Very truly yours,

Arthur H. Keyes Jr.

Arthur H. Keyes, Jr.

AHK/sb
Copy to Mr. Justement

JUSTEMENT, ELAM & DARBY, ARCHITECTS

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January 26, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Julian E. Berla for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

The response among his colleagues to the nomination of Julian E. Berla has been so uniformly favorable that I shall try to be brief.

Julian Berla deserves advancement to Fellowship on two counts: excellence in design and service to the Institute.

As one who, many years ago, had to struggle with the problem of introducing the speculative builder to architectural design, I fully appreciate the achievement of Berla & Abel. The results they have achieved in the planning and design of multi-story apartment houses are noteworthy and deserving of commendation.

It should scarcely be necessary to say anything about Julian Berla's service to the Institute. His work in this respect will be endorsed by all those who know him and I feel confident that the Jury will advance him to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


Louis Justement

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January 28, 1955

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

Gentlemen:

Julian Emerson Berla

Action of the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter in nominating Mr. Berla for advancement to Fellowship is gratifying.

For more than thirty years his career has been a distinguished one. His skill and ability are known throughout our land, as well as abroad.

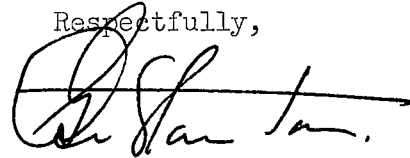
His contribution in the field of apartment house design is especially notable.

His service to the Institute has been constant and generous both in his local Chapter and on important National Committees.

His public service record is also remarkable. The Red Cross, Civilian Defense, and the Washington Building Congress have all benefited from his counsel and support.

I recommend him for your very careful consideration.

Respectfully,



Glenn Stanton

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ROBERT FITCH SMITH - ARCHITECT A. I. A.

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JANUARY 28, 1955

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GENTLEMEN:

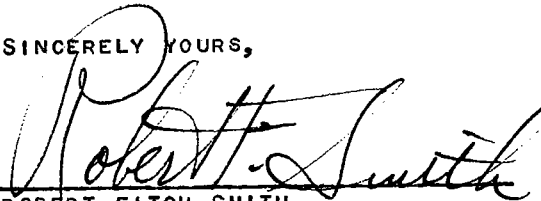
IT GIVES ME REAL PLEASURE TO SUGGEST THE NAME OF MR. JULIAN E. BERLA FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. I HAVE KNOWN MR. BERLA FOR SEVERAL YEARS DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVELY INTERESTED IN SERVING ON COMMITTEES OF THE INSTITUTE. I AM ACQUAINTED WITH THE WORK HE HAS DONE ON URBAN PLANNING ON THAT IMPORTANT COMMITTEE. I HAVE HEARD OF THE GOOD RESULTS THROUGH STUDENTS, OF HIS LECTURE WORK AT THE MUNICIPAL ART LEAGUE, METROPOLITAN MUSEUM, NEW YORK CITY.

I HAVE NOTED MANY TIMES THE EXCELLENT WORK HE HAS DONE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA IN HIS APARTMENT HOUSE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. I HAVE ADMIRER HIM FOR THE STAND HE IS WILLING TO TAKE ON THE SIDE OF GOOD ARCHITECTURE. HE HAS BEEN MOST UNSELFISH WITH HIS TIME AND ABILITY IN SERVING THE PUBLIC ON THE MANY COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE FOUND HIS SERVICES OF GREAT VALUE.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE NAMED WORK HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED AND THE MANY OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY AS AN ARCHITECT THAT I FEEL HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

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SINCERELY YOURS,


ROBERT FITCH SMITH

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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

25 February 1955

JURY OF FELLOWS
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, DC

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AIA FELLOWSHIP -- JULIAN EMERSON BERLA

It is a pleasure to write, gentlemen, in behalf of Julian Emerson Berla, AIA, of Washington, DC.

I have known Mr Berla personally since 1950 & previously by reputation for his work in apartment house design & planning. He has been most active in behalf of the profession, for his chapter & for national committees. He is a gentleman, literate & concerned with matters of culture & taste, as evidenced by his chairmanship of the Art Committee of the Cosmos Club. In my opinion he is well qualified for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Eric Pawley, AIA
Research Secretary

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ROY CHILDS JONES . . . F. A. I. A.
ARCHITECT . . . MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

516 Groveland Ave., Zone 3
March 10th, 1955

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects

Gentlemen:

I take great pleasure in endorsing the Nomination
of Julian Berla for a Fellowship.

From my various contacts with Mr. Berla I have
come to regard him as a man who has been of great
service to our profession, has produced notable
architecture, and has a most attractive and stim-
ulating personality.

During my term as president of the National Arch-
itectural Accrediting Board he served on several
of our committees to visit and appraise schools.
Always, his keen mind and sympathetic understanding
helped mightily to resolve some difficult sit-
uations.

I hope with great sincerity and no reservations,
that his nomination will receive favorable con-
sideration.

Very truly yours,


Roy Childs Jones

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alexander knowlton, A. I. A.
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May 12, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Julian E. Berla has been selected by the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter of the Institute for advancement to fellowship.

This news brings me pleasure in the extreme. Mr. Berla has been known to me since 1936 as an associate, a capable architect and an untiring worker for the Institute. Elevation to fellowship will bring him a reward he has more than earned and richly deserves.

I most earnestly urge that the Jury of Fellows accept the recommendation of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter.

Respectfully yours,

Alexander Knowlton

Alexander Knowlton, A. I. A.

L. M. LEISENRING, *Architect*

Fellow, American Institute of Architects

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January 14, 1956.

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

On December 15, 1954, I wrote to recommend the advancement to Fellowship of Julian Emerson Berla. Now, individually and as a member of the Committee on Fellows of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A. I write to renew my recommendation and to join with the members of this Chapter Committee in proposing him on the basis of excellence in design and his service to the Institute.

Mr. Berla's practice has been in many fields but his outstanding work has been housing developments, particularly in that of large scale apartment houses, three examples recently constructed in this area, the Boston House, the Crestwood, and the Crestview are examples of clear thinking and results not always to be found in such projects.

His position in the field of housing is evidenced by his housing study survey, May 1929-June 1930 in Holland, England, Germany and Austria; in September - December 1951 as Consultant to the Danish Building Ministry; and again, January - June, 1954.

He has served the Institute on many of its important committees and as member and Chairman of its Board of Examiners. He has served this Chapter on its committees, as Secretary, Vice President and President. His public service is on broad lines, the Red Cross, the Building Congress, the United Community Services. His Chapter members and collaborators are happy to propose his name to you.

Respectfully submitted


L. Morris Leisenring.

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ARCHITECTS
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FREDERICK VERNON MURPHY, F. A. I. A.
THOMAS HALL LOCRAFT, F. A. I. A.

PAUL A. GOETTELMAAN, A. I. A.

January 16, 1956

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Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
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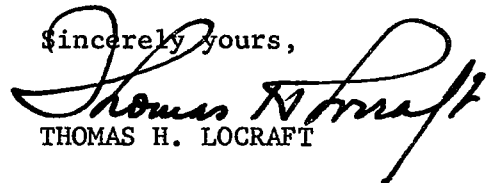
Gentlemen:

Mr. Julian Emerson Berla of Washington, D. C., has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, and I wish to record earnest endorsement of this nomination.

Mr. Berla's work in design, particularly in the field of apartment house planning, is well known and justly esteemed for the sound thinking, logical analysis, and fresh interpretation with which he has achieved such notable examples as Crestwood and Crestview Apartments. My personal contact with Mr. Berla has been chiefly through activities of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter, Committee duties at the Octagon, and in the Board of the Washington Building Congress. In all of these, he has consistently and tirelessly, over a period, to my intimate knowledge, of more than fifteen years, performed service in each assignment which extended far beyond normal fulfillment of duty, contributing to improvement in the profession in his community and building ever wider understanding and respect for architecture in the public mind.

Very particularly I wish to commend Mr. Berla's interest and helpfulness in the problems of education of young architects. Without remuneration, and from a high professional and personal incentive, he has devoted much time and thought to assisting students, counselling them, serving as juror on many occasions, visiting schools as advisor on curriculum development and consulting on teaching methods. In these respects, Mr. Berla's assistance to the Institute's program of concern for the future of the profession has been of real and great value.

Sincerely yours,


THOMAS H. LOCRAFT

THL/d

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ROBERT C DEIGERT
DAVID N YERKES

January 16, 1956

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

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Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter I want to inform you of my enthusiastic support of Julian E. Berla as a candidate for fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Berla's services to the profession have been outstanding both in the field of design and in his varied work for the Institute and other organizations. There is no doubt in my mind that he should be close to the top of the list of candidates for this honor; he has certainly earned it with more outstanding achievements than any other candidate that I can think of from Washington or elsewhere.

I sincerely hope and trust that the Committee will give favorable consideration to Mr. Berla's nomination.

Very truly yours,

David Norton Yerkes

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JUSTEMENT, ELAM & DARBY, ARCHITECTS

LOUIS JUSTEMENT, F. A. I. A. BRANCH D. ELAM, A. I. A. JOS. HALE DARBY, A. I. A.

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January 19, 1956

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

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Gentlemen:

I wrote the Jury of Fellows concerning Julian Berla last year and I am glad to reiterate this year what I had to say then. I hope very much that Mr. Berla will be made a Fellow this year.

Very truly yours,

Louis Justement
Louis Justement

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ALEXANDER RICHTER
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

January 26, 1956

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1612 Eye St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

This is to indorse the Washington Metropolitan Chapter's nomination for Fellowship in the Institute of Julian E. Berla.

His achievements in Design, Public Service and Service to the Institute are matters of public knowledge. Less known, however, and not listed in the memorandum sent to you by the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter are his contributions to education; specifically to the Department of Architecture of Howard University.

He has very frequently served as a visiting lecturer and design critic, and has been consulted on specific questions of program and curricula. He has always generously given of his time when called upon.

Sincerely yours,



Alexander Richter
Assist. Prof.
School of Engineering
and Architecture

AR/dvb

LEON BROWN, A.I.A.
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Jan. 27, 1956

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

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Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mr. Julian Emerson Berla, A.I.A. of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, for Fellowship in The Institute.

Mr. Berla's record and contribution to the field of Architectural Design and Service to the Institute is outstanding. His work in design has received national recognition. Mr. Berla's record of service to the Institute speaks for itself.

As a citizen in the Washington community, Mr. Berla has always fulfilled a very important place in civic work. I should also like to comment on his Berla's interest in the Architectural School of Howard University. For the past ten years Mr. Berla has willingly given of his time as an advisor and bulwark of support to the staff and students of the school.

It is therefore with great pride that I recommend Mr. Berla for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,


Leon Brown

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ARTHUR H. KEYES, JR., AIA
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January 30, 1956

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

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Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter has nominated Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. As a member of the Chapter Committee on Fellows I wish not merely to endorse this nomination but to emphasize that in my opinion there is no other Washington architect not already a Fellow who has done as much for his profession.

In the category of architectural design he has proven by example that talent, perseverance and persuasion can produce an excellent quality of design in the difficult field of commercial and rental construction, which at the same time remains competitive and economically sound. The influence of these designs has been effective and beneficial throughout the metropolitan area.

His service to the profession through the American Institute of Architects both locally and nationally has been continuous and devoted for many years. In addition to the numerous committee assignments and special tasks for the Chapter which he has undertaken, his foresight, initiative and sound approach to problems has contributed greatly to the architectural profession. As a prominent architect his numerous achievements in public service have brought credit to the profession as a whole.

I believe Mr. Berla's architectural design accomplishments and his long years of service to the Institute deserve to be recognized and honored with a Fellowship at this time.

Very truly yours,

Arthur H. Keyes Jr.

Arthur H. Keyes, Jr.

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Jury on Fellows
American Institute of Architects
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Washington, D. C.

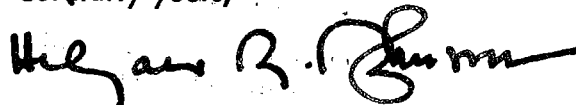
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Gentlemen:

I reply to the request that members of the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter endorse, if they so desire, the Nominees for Fellowship in the Institute as set forth in a memorandum dated January 13, 1956 to Members of the Executive Committee and Members of the Committee on Fellows, presenting the names of Julian Emerson Berla, Irwin Stevens Porter, Slocum Kingsbury and Angelo Robert Clas.

I endorse, without reservation and with pleasure, each of the above named Institute members for Fellowship in the Institute.

Cordially yours,



Hilyard R. Robinson

HRR:meb

The School of Engineering and Architecture



HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

January 30, 1956

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

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Gentlemen:

At this time, when consideration is being given by the Jury to the matter of promotion of Fellows to the Institute, I should like to suggest the name of MR. JULIAN E. BERLA, AIA for serious consideration.

Mr. Berla, for a number of years, has been a distinguished practitioner in the Washington area. He has been active in AIA affairs, serving, at one time, as chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter. These things are well known.

In addition, I should like to say, he has been of great service to the Department of Architecture at Howard University. On several occasions, he has served as juror, on others, he has taken part in our Honors' Night program, and in many ways, through his sincere interest, given moral support to this school.

I feel that Mr. Julian E. Berla well deserves the honor of promotion to the College of Fellows.

Respectfully yours,

Granville W. Hurley, AIA
Acting Head

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GEORGE L. HOWE
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January 31, 1956

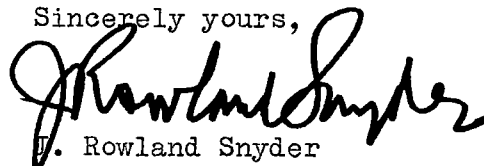
Jury of Fellows
c/o American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is a privilege to endorse for Fellowship in the Institute Julian E. Berla of Washington D. C.

I have known the work and character of this nominee for a number of years and regard him as an outstanding leader in his profession and in the civic community.

Sincerely yours,


J. Rowland Snyder

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January 31, 1956

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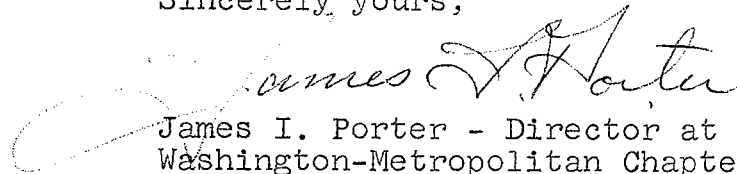
Gentlemen:

I should like to endorse the nomination of Mr. Julien E. Berla for Fellowship in the Institute.

Since I have known Mr. Berla, I have been continually aware of his unusual efforts in furthering the interest of the profession. In his community he has devoted time and energy to many business and civic organizations. Mr. Berla has always been very active in fulfilling all duties required by his community and has received much recognition for his efforts. Although the work mentioned above has been for the community, he has certainly rendered a service to the Institute as an Architect in this capacity.

His activities in the Institute have been numerous as the record will show. As in his community, his performance for his Chapter and the Institute has been equally active. Because of this outstanding service to the profession, it is with pleasure that I write in support of his nomination.

Sincerely yours,


James I. Porter - Director at Large
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter-A.I.A.

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February 1, 1956

Committee on Fellows
American Institute of Architects
the Octagon
Washington DC

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Gentlemen:

As President of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter, I wish to commend to you the excellent qualifications of our nominees for Fellowship in the Institute, as follows:

- Julian Emerson Besla
- Irwin Stevens Porter
- Stroem Kingsburg
- Angelo Robert Clas

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I am proud of the distinguished work in the profession performed by our nominees, and I feel that I speak for the chapter in saying that each one of the above eminent architects has earned the respect and the admiration of his fellow practitioners. Fellowship is an honor richly deserved by each of our nominees. I am confident that the record of achievement in each case will justify election, as an expression of appreciation by the profession from its most distinguished members.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Miller AIA

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Jury of Fellows
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1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Gentlemen:

As a member of the Committee on Fellows of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. Julian Emerson Berla for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Berla has a distinguished record in the fields of architectural design, service to the Institute and public service. His work in apartment house design in Washington has been notable and should be considered as a real contribution to the advancement of the profession. In service to the Institute he has been a leader in activities which have advanced the cause of good architecture and sound professional relations. I consider that he has exerted a very real influence for the good of the profession in our local area.

One of Mr. Berla's activities which I believe to have been outstanding was his work as consultant to the Danish Building Industry during two trips to Denmark. I have had the opportunity of seeing evidence of the great good-will and profound respect for the profession in America which he was able to build up at those times.

I sincerely feel that Mr. Berla is well qualified for this honor within the "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships".

Respectfully,


Wm. Dewey Foster

WDF:b

HARRY E. ORMSTON • AIA • ARCHITECT
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February 13, 1956

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

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Gentlemen:

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, it is with pleasure that I endorse the following Nominees from our Chapter for elevation to Fellowship in The Institute:

Julian Emerson Berla
for Architectural Design & Service to The Institute.

Irwin Stevens Porter
for Architectural Design.

Slocum Kingsbury
for Architectural Design & Service to The Institute.

Angelo Robert Clas
for Architectural Design.

In view of the excellent work and services rendered by these men, I trust that serious consideration will be given to their nomination.

Sincerely,

GROSVENOR CHAPMAN . ARCHITECT
1640 WISCONSIN AVE., NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 15, 1956

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Chairman
Committee on Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1612 I Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I should like to give my support to the nomination of Julian Emerson Berla for Fellowship. Mr. Berla was President of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter at the time I joined, and the friendly helpful attitude which he bestowed on the younger architects has proved characteristic of the man throughout his association with the chapter. Julian Berla's close association with the chapter has continued, and he is now one of its most frequently consulted elderly statesmen.

Mr. Berla is respected not only for the sagacity of his advice to younger architects and Chapter Directors but also for his outstanding work in the apartment house field, of which I believe his Crestview Apartments to be outstanding. The contention can be supported that his is the leading firm in the Washington area in this field of design.

It ^{is} ~~was~~ a great pleasure to support Julian Berla's nomination for a Fellowship.

Very truly yours,



Grosvenor Chapman, A. I. A.

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February 16, 1956

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Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in endorsing the following persons for Fellowships in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Julian Emerson Berla
Mr. Irwin Stevens Porter
Mr. Slocum Kingsbury

Sincerely yours,



J. R. Mims
Member - Executive Committee
Washington-Metropolitan Chapter
American Institute of Architects

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