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J. A. Murrey - A.I.A. Architect

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Nov. 8, 1956.

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

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FACTUAL

Sirs:-

In support of the Nomination of
Mr. Albert Frey, for advancement
to a Fellow of the Institute.

I do not know Mr. Frey personally,
although his work in Design I do know
and this has been outstanding, in my
opinion.

His designs and the execution of
the work, has certainly helped to create
a better appreciation of Architecture.

I heartily recommend the
advancement of Mr. Frey, to a
Fellow of the Institute.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Alcock Murrey.

STEWART S. GRANGER A.I.A. ARCHITECT

1258 WEST FIRST STREET - LOS ANGELES 26, CALIFORNIA - PHONE MADISON 6-2331

December 17, 1956

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

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A.I.A.*

Attention: Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary to the Jury

Gentlemen:

The nomination of Mr. Albert Frey for advancement to Fellowship of The American Institute of Architects comes as no surprise to his fellow Architects. Mr. Frey has been a devoted member of the Southern California Chapter for many years and has contributed much to enrich the profession of Architecture.

My personal association with Mr. Frey has been that of a valued friend and fellow Architect. I feel as though his unimpeachable devotion to Architecture and his business acumen are prime factors in Mr. Frey's advancement to Fellowship.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I recommend Mr. Frey be advanced to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,


Stewart S. Granger, A.I.A.

SSG:pm

To the Committee of Fellows, and all A.I.A. members concerned: To wit: I give up. IF Mr. Ribble and Mr. Harrison have "achievements in design", so have about fifty or more members of the So. Calif Chapter alone! And I never heard another member comment that either had commendable or above average design ability. Where will this "you pat my back & I'll grab yours" end? December 26, 1956
Richard M. Day

TO ALL CORPORATE MEMBERS:

The following members of this Chapter have been proposed for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects:

ALBERT FREY, for Achievement in Design.

WILLIAM HARRISON, for Achievement in Design.

CHARLES O. MATCHAM, for Achievement in Service to the Institute & Public

ULYSSES FLOYD RIBBLE, for Achievement in Design and Service to the Institute.

PAUL R. WILLIAMS, for Achievement in Service to the Public.

HENRY F. WITHEY, for Achievement in Design, Literature and Public Service.

As you know, the applications of two of our Chapter members are pending in Washington now: ARTHUR B. GALLION, for Achievement in Literature or Education Service, and DOUGLAS HONNOLD, for Achievement in Design.

In order for the Jury of Fellows to act effectively on these nominations, letters are requested from members of the Chapter addressed to the Jury of Fellows, The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

These letters should be factual and should cite specific ways in which nominee has advanced the profession. It should be borne in mind what the nominees have notably achieved in his special field or fields. For your information and assistance in writing letters to the Jury of Fellows on the new nominees we enclose statement of achievements of each of the nominees. Additional copies can be obtained at the Chapter Office. Your personal knowledge of any contributions in other fields will be helpful.

Since these letters are, by their nature, privileged communications, any information whatsoever which would be of value to the Jury in appraising the nominee should be included.

Letters must be in the hands of the Jury of Fellows not later than February 1st, 1957.

Sincerely,

Aleck Murrey
Aleck Murrey, Secretary.

PAUL ROBINSON HUNTER

ARCHITECT AIA

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December 31, 1956

Jury of Fellows

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

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Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter has proposed the name of Albert Frey for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute. Mr. Frey has brought distinction to the architectural profession through his studies of materials and methods appropriate to our desert climate. The residences and other buildings which have resulted from these studies are of an outstanding quality, and have received numerous awards for excellence of design.

Mr. Frey is deserving of your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Hunter

Paul Hunter

RISLEY & GOULD ARCHITECTS
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HERBERT T. SEIPEL AIA

January 7, 1957

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

Subject: Application of Albert Frey
For Fellowship
For Achievement in Design

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Albert Frey of Palm Springs, California, who has been nominated for advancement to Fellowship, practices in a field where he is in competition with the best of California architects, yet his work in design is outstanding.

I believe his design talent, as evinced by his exhibit, deserves his advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


Stanley R. Gould, AIA

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**BALCH
BRYAN
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January 9, 1957

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

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Gentlemen:

Albert Frey, a corporate member of the Institute and a member of the Southern California Chapter, has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute.

I would like to support his nomination by reciting some of his achievements.

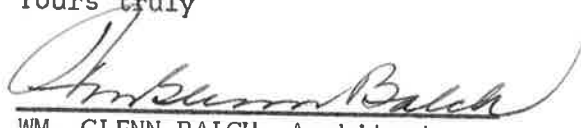
During the years of 1924-26 he traveled and worked in Italy, Belgium and Holland. In 1929 he worked with LeCorbusier in Paris. He has done research work for "Architectural Record" and has worked in New York for Howe and Lescaze and Philip L. Goodwin.

Since entering his own practice in Palm Springs, California, the following includes some of his outstanding design:

Office and Apartment Bldg.	Palm Springs, Calif.	1935
Albert Frey Residence	Palm Springs, Calif.	1941-54
Raymond Hatton Residence	Cathedral City, Calif.	1946
Architects Offices	Palm Springs, Calif.	1948
Katherine Finchy School	Palm Springs, Calif.	1949
San Geronio Pass Memorial Hospital	Beaumont, Calif.	1950
Louis A. Benoist Guest House	Palm Springs, Calif.	1951
Library	Banning, Calif.	1955
Raymond Cree Residence	Palm Springs, Calif.	1956
Palm Springs City Hall	Palm Springs, Calif.	1956

May I request your careful examination of Mr. Frey's qualifications and record of achievement in your consideration of his elevation to Fellowship.

Yours truly



WM. GLENN BALCH, Architect

WGB/jms

GRAHAM LATTA • ARCHITECT

3112 LOS FELIZ BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 39, CALIFORNIA

January 11, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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

Gentlemen:

Re: Albert Frey

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Since Albert Frey's office is more than 100 miles distant from mine, I cannot base my comments on his work and personal character on the long and fairly intimate acquaintance which I have enjoyed with some of the other nominees from the Southern California Chapter. However, some years ago we each were doing a major University building for the University of California at Riverside and did meet several times during this period. I have also seen some of his work in the Palm Springs area and am familiar with more through various publications.

Much of his design work is outstanding and several times he has accomplished results which I felt were years ahead of their time.

I know of nothing whatever derogatory about his character and have received a very favorable impression in the limited meetings which we have had.

Very truly yours,

Graham Latta
GRAHAM LATTA, Architect

GL:lc

CLARK, FREY & CHAMBERS, ARCHITECTS

879 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE 2851 OR 5398

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

January 14, 1957

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter of the Institute has announced that, among others, Albert Frey has been proposed for Fellowship.

The announcement carries a very brief and modest notation of a few of the buildings which he has designed, and does not point out the fact that his work has been a very important factor in the development of contemporary architecture in this country over the past twenty years.

The publication of his designs in numerous architectural magazines and books during this period has influenced many architects toward a direct and simplified thinking in the solution of architectural problems, which is apparent in more of the design of today than it was twenty years ago.

One of the many developments on which Albert Frey has spent a great deal of experimental time has been the use of inexpensive metals as wall surfaces. The results may be seen in the photographs of his own residence, which I believe Architect Paul Thiry of Seattle recently called the "best house in this country" in one of our national architectural magazines.

I hope you will take this statement from his partner of many years as a sincere expression of the abilities of one who certainly is deserving of Fellowship in the Institute.

Respectfully yours,


J. P. Clark AIA



RICHARD J. NEUTRA AND ROBERT E. ALEXANDER
 ARCHITECTS . PLANNING CONSULTANTS . ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS

RICHARD J. NEUTRA, F. A. I. A.
 ROBERT E. ALEXANDER, F. A. I. A.
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 ROBERT R. PIERCE
 C. HOWARD MILLER, A. I. A.
 RICHARD R. STADELMAN, A. I. A.

January 15, 1957

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

Re: Albert Frey

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Gentlemen:

Having known Albert Frey since he first came to this country, and having watched his work with a great deal of interest, I should like to add my support to his elevation to Fellowship. His designs have been influential out of all proportion to the scope and size of his practice. Elevation of this kind of dedicated architect to Fellowship would be a credit to the Institute in the eyes of all architects interested in design, and especially to the younger aspiring members of the profession.

Cordially yours,

Robert E. Alexander
 Robert E. Alexander

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C. M. DEASY

A. I. A.

ARCHITECT

ROBERT D. BOLLING

ASSOCIATE

January 23, 1957

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

Subject: The Fellowship Nomination of Albert Frey, A.I.A.
Palm Springs, California

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Mr. Albert Frey, A.I.A. for Fellowship. It is a pleasure to heartily endorse this nomination.

Mr. Frey, working in a small desert community, has made a genuine contribution to design for such areas, a contribution that has been recognized in other parts of the country. I believe his nomination is worthy of your most careful consideration.

Very truly yours,



C. M. Deasy

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THOMAS J. RUSSELL, A. I. A.
A R C H I T E C T
533 EAST OCEAN BOULEVARD
LONG BEACH 2, CALIFORNIA

January 29, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to recommend Albert Frey for Fellowship.
He is an outstanding designer and a very fine person.

Very truly yours,


Thomas J. Russell

TJR:dc

ARCHITECT MAYNARD LYNDON F.A.I.A. 3460 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES 5

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

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to note that Mr. Albert Frey has been proposed for advancement to Fellow in the Institute. It is a privilege to be able to urge your favorable consideration of a member whom I regard as highly as I do Mr. Frey.

I am familiar with many projects executed by Mr. Frey and hold their considered design, excellent proportions, and sensitive detailing to be unusual and worthy of commendation.

It would, in my opinion, be a credit to the Institute to make Albert Frey a Fellow.

Very truly yours,


Maynard Lyndon

ML/ag
cc to Mr. Frey

Jan. 30, 1957



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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

January 9, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Albert Frey, A.I.A.

To Members of
The Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.

An architect is advanced to Fellowship in recognition of exceptional ability or of exceptional service. The Jury of Fellows always tries to choose wisely and with discrimination, but it is limited in precise knowledge about the nominees.

To complete Nomination this form must be filled and returned before February 1st. Otherwise, no action will be taken at the forthcoming Jury meeting.

It is the opinion of the Jury of Fellows that a designer, however talented, should not be advanced to Fellowship if he possesses deficiencies of character which reflect discredit upon the profession: and that no architect, regardless of outstanding service, should be advanced if the buildings which he has designed are so notably inferior in architectural design as to reflect discredit upon the profession.

To help the Jury learn such aspects, which are not normally completely supplied through regular nomination procedure, fill in the lines below which in your opinion apply to Albert Frey, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.

1. He has many friends who speak well of him but cannot vouch for his accomplishments. Not true
2. His character is beyond reproach. Yes
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes
4. I ^{am happy} ~~prefer not~~ to comment upon his character. _____

Sincerely yours,

Paul Brown Hunter 1-11-57

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.



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Sincerely yours,

Aleck Murray.

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.

Past Secretary



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Sincerely yours,

Isaiah Latta

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.



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1. He has many friends who speak well of him but cannot ^d promptly vouch for his accomplishments. Friends of mine who I consider extremely reliable vouch for his character.
2. His character is beyond reproach. _____
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. _____
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. _____

Sincerely yours,

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*I do not know
Mr. Frey*

Sincerely yours,
*(Received from:
George Vernon Russell)*

Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.

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