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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- _____

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of professional activities

Signed Michael D. Reynolds F.A.A.

Remarks:

Roger Lee is a very competent architect. I have never seen even one poor project come from his office. He studied all the problems to complete solution.

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I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of friend; editor,
publishing much of his work.

Signed *Howard Wright* *RAIA*
m.g.

Remarks:

Excellent

Roger Lee has maintained a consistently excellent approach to design over the years I have been following his work. He has matured, and his architecture has moved with the times, but in a good sense, not an opportunistic one -- in the sense of a greater understanding of the way people live, and a greater understanding of the proper use of materials and the technology of building.
Of people associated with the "Bay Region Style" -- that warm, humanistic approach to architecture, he is an outstanding example.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for ten years in the relationship of working on Chapter affairs and visiting his projects.

Signed Donald Beach Kirby

DONALD BEACH KIRBY
ARCHITECT

Remarks:

Mr. Lee is one of the most talented designers in this area and does a consistently high quality of work. He has excellent taste and great imagination.

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I have known the nominee for 8 years in the relationship of colleague

Signed John Lymp Reid

Remarks: I have known Mr. Lee for eight years and I regard him as one of the most sensitive and talented architects of the Northern California area in the practice of residential architecture. I am personally acquainted with the home he has designed for himself in Berkeley and with the Wilkerson home in Orinda, both of which I consider to be distinguished examples of architecture. It is a pleasure to recommend him most sincerely for advancement to Fellowship.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 15 years in the relationship of friend, professional and critical observer

Signed

Shirah K. Thompson, A.I.A.
Senior Editor, Architectural Record

Remarks: Mr. Lee's design, which I have been privileged to observe over the past 15 years, is of a consistently high standard, contributing significantly to the quality of the communities in which examples of it are located. His use of wood, as framing and as finish material, has been particularly successful in residential work where he has achieved not only the traditional warmth which the material imparts but a straight-forward simplicity which is never without distinction. He was one of the first designers in the Bay Area to revive the simple post and beam frame. As an editor I have had the opportunity to observe and consider critically

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of fellow architect

Signed Walter Kwoon F.A.S.A.
Walter Kwoon

Remarks: Mrs. Lee has won many awards in the field of small frame residential design. Her work is always inventive, structurally sound & disciplined and consistent in quality.

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The nominee has a good reputation.

The nominee's character is satisfactory.

I have known the nominee for 7 years in the relationship of close cooperation in many civic projects and in zoning review of his Berkeley projects

Signed James A Barnes Asst. City Manager - Plans & Programs Berkeley, California

Remarks:

Roger Lee is an untiring worker on civic projects whose high ideals and integrity have influenced community development in a fine manner

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- The nominee is a person of ^{outstanding} integrity.
- The nominee has a good reputation.
- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- _____

I have known the nominee for 8 years in the relationship of (see below)

Signed Donald Canty
Donald Canty - Senior Editor,
Architectural Forum

Remarks:

I became closely acquainted with Roger Lee and his work while editor of two regional professional magazines, Book of Homes and Western Architect and Engineer. It always seemed to me that he exemplified the best qualities of Bay Area architecture--a responsiveness to peculiarities of climate and terrain, a craftsmanlike use of local materials--without falling prey to a limiting local "style." His houses have shown continual development while maintaining consistent excellence in design. Equally important, his unusual talent is matched by a high degree of professional responsibility.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of architect

Signed

Margery Carpenter
Social Worker

Remarks: Roger Lee was the architect for my own home and for a group of five houses all of which were designed to be occupied by one or two persons only.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 12 years in the relationship of Friend and

Colleague on University faculty
Signed Norman Dickerson

Remarks:

Roger Lee has managed to produce a number of examples of consistently well designed and detailed residences of modest cost in spite of rising costs generally!

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Signed Mrs. John Zair Dinwiddie

Remarks:

My late husband was for many years a Bay Area Architect, then Dean of the School of Architecture at Indiana University. I therefore know Mr. Lee well because of the professional association and friendships of Mrs. Dinwiddie with him.

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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- _____

I have known the nominee for 9 years in the relationship of his activity in
AIA at state and local level.

Signed Melan Ferris
Executive Director
California Council, AIA

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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- _____

I have known the nominee for two years in the relationship of active member of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce who has served on various committees.

Signed

W. E. Haigwood

William E. Haigwood
Executive Vice President
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce

Remarks:

Mr. Lee is a highly respected member of his profession in this community and a valued member of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. To my personal knowledge, Mr. Lee's character and reputation are above reproach. His personal contributions to the various committees of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce are a credit to his profession and demonstrate a commendable sense of personal civic responsibility.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 12 years in the relationship of architect for our own & friends' homes.

Signed Lo Lark Lee

Remarks:

Excellent design, good citizen, helpful to University.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 2 years in the relationship of Roger Lee - Architect - representative - local Chapter
Chairman, Civic Art Commission, Berkeley -
 Signed Mrs. Wm. Deless Love
Chairman

Remarks:



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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- _____

I have known the nominee for 12 years in the relationship of editorial reporter of residential architecture

Signed Proctor Mellquist
Proctor Mellquist, Editor
SUNSET MAGAZINE

Remarks:

During the last decade, especially, Roger Lee has made an outstanding record for himself in residential architecture. We have been pleased to publish a number of his houses in SUNSET Magazine. Mr. Lee has also won awards in the Western Home Awards program, which the American Institute of Architects and SUNSET sponsor jointly.

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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- _____

I have known the nominee for 10 years in the relationship of Editor of House + Home

Signed P. H. [Signature]

Remarks:

ARCHITECT
A fine architect and a fine person.
Many of his houses have been premiated in the
AIA - House + Home design competitions

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- The nominee's character is satisfactory.
- Has dignity of self assurance, tempered with constructive humility.

I have known the nominee for 16 years in the relationship of client, friend,
and confidant.

Signed Roger Stortevant

(Roger Stortevant)
(recipient of first A.I.A. Photography Medal)

Remarks:

Beside the excellence of Roger Lee's design, he and his charming wife have contributed greatly to the general good of architecture and civic duties. The Lees are respected citizens and leaders.

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- _____

I have known the nominee for 16 years in the relationship of CONSULTANT AND PERSONAL FRIEND.

Signed Hedore Commins

Remarks: Roger Lee has consistently exhibited a high degree of talent and integrity in the quality of his residential wood design since the opening of his practice circa 1946. His reputation in this category is widely recognized in Berkeley and throughout the Bay Area.

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