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December 21, 1956

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

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S. J.

Attention: Miss Florence Gervais, Secretary to the Jury

Gentlemen:

The nomination of Mr. Paul R. Williams for advancement to Fellowship of The American Institute of Architects comes as no surprise to his fellow Architects. Mr. Williams 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. Williams 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. William's advancement to Fellowship.

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

Sincerely yours,


Stewart S. Granger, A.I.A.

SSG:pm

PAUL ROBINSON HUNTER

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January 2, 1957

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 Paul R. Williams for Fellowship in The Institute. Since I first met Mr. Williams in 1932 I have had the highest regard for him as an individual and as an architect. During this period he has served as the architect for many of the most important private and public projects in this area, projects which have been distinguished in design and general concept.

He has been a member of many important community, state and national committees and commissions and has always brought credit to our profession. He has received national recognition for his personal accomplishments.

I commend Mr. Williams for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul Hunter

PRH:bjc

ROBERT KLIEGMAN

MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



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January 3, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasure to endorse the proposal of Fellowship in the Institute for Paul R. Williams of Los Angeles.

I have known Mr. Williams for over 10 years, and it has been my privilege to work for and with him very closely for 7 years. The manner in which he conducted his practice and met with the public, has been a tremendous asset to the architectural profession.

The enclosed statement of achievement does not include any mention of Mr. Williams work completed in South America such as, the Nutibara Hotel in Medellin, Colombia and residences in Caracas, Venezuela, as well as work in many sections of the United States.

In addition to many other civic contributions, Mr. Williams has been the chairman of the Los Angeles Art Commission for the past two years.

Very truly yours

Robert Kliegman
ROBERT KLIEGMAN

RK/hb
encl.

NOMINEE'S FULL NAME - PAUL R. WILLIAMS

NOMINEE'S FIRM NAME - PAUL R. WILLIAMS, ARCHITECT AND CONSULTANT

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

- a. Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
- b. California State Chamber of Commerce
- c. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- d. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity
- e. 33rd ° Mason
- f. Town Hall
- g. University of Southern California Alumni Association

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 7. Women's Architectural League, San Francisco
 8. University of Southern California, Department of Architecture
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National Conference of Christians and Jews; 1951
(Distinguished Citizen Award)
Los Angeles Tribune Award; 1954
(Outstanding Contribution to the Development of the Community)

MAURICE H. FLEISHMAN A.I.A.
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Jan. 3, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I am greatly pleased that Paul R. Williams has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

My personal reason for favoring this nomination is the general good will he has created for the profession through his willingness to appear and lecture for charity groups and any worthy cause he may be called upon to help. I have known Mr. Williams for twenty years and have never heard anything but praise for him by his clients and others.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice H. Fleishman
MAURICE H. FLEISHMAN,
Architect, A.I.A.

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

January 29, 1957

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

Re: Paul Williams

Gentlemen:

Since the year 1930 I have known Paul Williams, and have seen him rise steadily in public esteem and respect inspite of the extreme difficulties caused by racial barriers.

During this period of time he has conducted himself with a dignity which has done credit to the profession. He has not only served the public in many official capacities over a period of years as the records will show, but in my opinion has served the profession and the public to an unusual degree by simply proving our American democratic ideal.

I should like to add my recommendation for his elevation to Fellowship.

Cordially yours,

Robert E. Alexander

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January 17, 1957

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

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Re: Paul R. Williams

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Paul R. Williams A.I.A. of the Southern California Chapter has been nominated for Fellowship.

I have personally known Mr. Williams since we both attended the University of Southern California. I have had the opportunity of working for and with him on many projects, thus enabling me to know his qualifications.

He has given much of his time for the betterment of architecture on a local and national scale. To mention a few of his appointments; he was a member of the City Planning Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, a director of the Board for the YMCA, and was appointed by the President of the United States to serve as President of the Advisory Committee on Government Housing. He is now President of the Los Angeles Art Commission.

~~Mr. Williams is highly regarded in the profession in his native state of California, as well as nationally.~~

I should like to add my endorsement of his election to Fellowship.

Cordially yours,


 Richard R. Stadelman

RRS/ep

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

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

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FACTUAL

Sirs: - In support of the Nomination of
Mr. Paul R. Williams for advancement
to a Fellow of the Institute:

I have known Mr. Williams for
over twenty five years, and has done
some of the fine design work, not only
locally, but throughout the world.

Mr. Williams is a National figure
and is a credit to his race, and is
held in high esteem throughout the
profession.

I heartily recommend the
Nomination of Mr. Williams, for his
advancement to a Fellow of the
Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Alcek Murrey.

PAUL R. WILLIAMS, A.I.A.

ARCHITECT AND CONSULTANT

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January 27, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

The enclosed photographs are to accompany the nomination of Paul R. Williams, as sent in by the California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Yours truly,



Gloria Cesar, Sec'y.

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RISLEY & GOULD ARCHITECTS
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January 7, 1957

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

ack, 1/17/57
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Subject: Application of Paul R. Williams
For Fellowship
For Achievement in Service to the Public

Gentlemen:

In this time when segregation of the colored people is such an issue, it is refreshing to find someone, of that race, who is being considered for the high honor of Fellowship in recognition of his contributions.

His is one of the best known architectural offices in Los Angeles and the city and county officials are quick to see the advantages of having his name included when architectural groups are selected for public work.

His modesty and unassuming demeanor are much to his credit. I would be most happy to see him become a Fellow.

Very truly yours,


Stanley R. Gould, AIA

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January 9, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

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The name of Mr. Paul R. Williams has been submitted as a nominee for Fellowship in the Institute.

To those of us of the Southern California Chapter, of which Mr. Williams is a member, his nomination is long past due.

To list the honors and awards of this outstanding person would make this letter too long. He is noted not only for architectural design but for his lectures and honors as a citizen. Above all he has gained national recognition and stature in his chosen profession in spite of his race handicap.

A few of the honors bestowed on Mr. William are:

- a. Citation of Southern California Chapter, AIA for Music Corporation of American Building, Beverly Hills, - Award of Merit 1939
- b. Los Angeles Examiner Home Competition - First Prize
- c. Four Corners Community Development Competition - First Prize
- d. Los Angeles Brick Company, Home Competition - First Prize

The following represent a few examples of his architectural design:

Frank Sinatra Residence,
interiors and exteriors, Los Angeles, Calif. 1956
County General Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif.
Tennis Club, Palm Springs, Calif.
Imperial - Compton Housing, Los Angeles, Calif. 1954
El Mirador Hotel, Palm Springs, Calif.
Al Jolson Memorial, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Besides the honors listed above, the following were given in recognition of outstanding service:

Doctor of Science - Lincoln University, 1941
Doctor of Architecture - Howard University, 1942
Doctor of Fine Arts - Tuskegee Institute, 1956

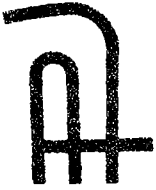
May I request your favorable consideration of Mr. Williams for elevation to Fellowship.

Yours very truly



WM. GLENN BALCH, Architect

WGB/jms



ARTHUR FROEHLICH A. I. A. ARCHITECT
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January 9, 1957

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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Washington, D. C.

SUBJECTS: William Harrison
Charles O. Matcham
Ulysses Floyd Rible
Paul R. Williams

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Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for me to be able to support the nomination of the above-named Chapter members for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

These gentlemen and their achievements have been known to me over a period of many years and, in my opinion, are worthy of this high award.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR FROEHLICH, A. I. A.

Arthur Froehlich

AF/js

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GRAHAM LATTA · ARCHITECT

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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.

ack, 1/17/57
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Gentlemen:

Re: Paul R. Williams

Paul R. Williams holds a unique place in Civic and Architectural affairs in Los Angeles and is a leader who has brought great distinction and credit to the minority group of which he is a member.

While these activities are highly commendable and, in themselves, probably deserving of advancement to fellowship, Paul's achievements in Architectural design should not go unnoticed. Over the many years that I have been familiar with his work, I have become aware that it is consistently good, often with a personal touch that makes it recognizable without seeing his name.

It has pleased me to notice that his executed work has increased in importance from fine residences which I first saw in the twenties, to important hotels, clubs and semi-public buildings in later years and finally to major civic projects of the present time.

Very truly yours,

Graham Latta
GRAHAM LATTA, Architect

GL:lc



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January 14, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that Paul R. Williams of Los Angeles, California has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. This was most welcome news to me, since I have been associated with Mr. Williams for over twenty years in many socially desirable undertakings in which we have had mutual interest.

I recall very pleasantly, in the earlier days of the public housing program, when Paul Williams, in association with Hilyard R. Robinson of Washington, D. C., designed one of the first low rent housing projects in this country in Washington, D. C. It was the Langston Terrace Apartments, and it stands today as one of the most attractive developments of its type in the country. From that date - in the mid 1930s - Mr. Williams has constantly evidenced a great interest in raising the standard of living through better housing for all segments of the population. He has cooperated with programs designed to deal with one of the most difficult aspects of this problem - the provision of decent and desirable shelter for minority groups in our democracy. This interest, and his more general concern for the whole subject of housing, was recognized by his selection as a member of President Eisenhower's Advisory Housing Committee.

I am sure that favorable action upon his nomination will not only represent recognition of his contribution,

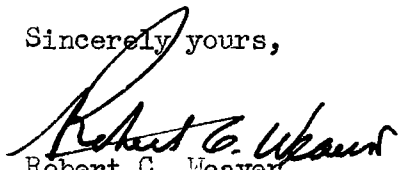
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but also add distinction to the profession which he has so ably pursued during his adult life. It is a privilege to have this opportunity to share with you my high regard for Paul R. Williams.

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Weaver
State Rent Administrator

RCW:ss

KENNETH T. THOMPSON • ARCHITECT • 535 Las Casas Avenue • Pacific Palisades • California

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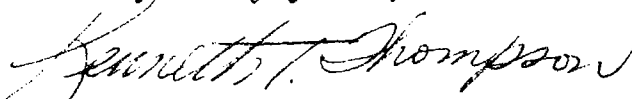
Gentlemen:

I have enclosed a brief summary of the accomplishments of the following members of the American Institute of Architects:

Mr. Charles O. Matcham
Mr. Ulysses Floyd Ribie
Mr. Paul R. Williams

I feel that these men, with whom I am personally acquainted, are qualified to be named as fellows in the A. I. A.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth T. Thompson
A.I.A. Architect and Associate

Office: 9278 Santa Monica Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California

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1957

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NOMINEE'S FIRM NAME - PAUL R. WILLIAMS, ARCHITECT AND CONSULTANT

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January 15, 1957

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Washington, D. C.

*ack, 1/25/57
M/S*

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Paul R. Williams has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. It is a pleasure for Tuskegee Institute to support this nomination, because Mr. Williams is one of the outstanding architects in the United States.

There is much involved in the education of youth, and one aspect of our program at Tuskegee is to have our students meet persons of outstanding ability to inspire them to perform at high levels. Last year, during the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Tuskegee Institute, Mr. Williams was invited to this institution because he is one of the persons in America who are doing outstanding work and who are measuring up fully to the highest traditions of their professions. We knew that Mr. Williams' record of achievement and his personal contacts with our students would be of tremendous value to them. At that time Tuskegee Institute conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts upon Mr. Williams. The citation which was read on the occasion follows:

In the architectural arts, you have won the admiration and praise of co-workers and competitors alike. Especially noteworthy during your distinguished career have been the unwavering excellence of your work and the sustained surge of those creative ideas which have distinctively identified your contributions to architectural design.

Your emergence into the nation's select group of architects followed the determination, as a young man, to apply yourself to diligent study in your chosen profession. Beginning as an arts instructor in your native Los Angeles, you advanced, in 1915, from the position of draftsman to that of certified

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architect. Since that time you have received many commissions to execute designs and plans for widely varied structures. In these responsibilities, a high level of creativeness has been required and monuments to your skill and taste may be found in the many beautiful homes and imposing buildings in which your hands and mind have had a guiding and a loving interest. The homes which you have designed for stars of the theater have been widely acclaimed, as have been the numerous showplaces whose plans you have executed, such as the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel and the Sunset Plaza Apartments in Hollywood, and the Music Corporation of America Building in Beverly Hills.

You rendered outstanding service as an associate architect on government contracts, and in 1940 you received a certificate of merit awarded at the New York World's Fair to one hundred Negroes for their distinguished achievements. On other occasions you have been a winner of three national and of four Western architectural competitions. As a member of the Los Angeles Municipal Housing Committee and of the City Planning Commission, you have assisted in alleviating the serious problems of housing in the nation's fourth largest city.

In recognition of these singularly impressive accomplishments, I take great pleasure in conferring upon you, in behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of Tuskegee Institute, the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts.

Very truly yours,



L. H. Foster
President

LHF:p

AUSTIN FIELD & FRY
*Architects
Engineers*

★ JOHN D. AUSTIN, F.A.I.A.
ROBERT FIELD, JR., A.I.A.
CHARLES E. FRY, A.I.A.

January 17, 1957

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In 1923 I had the pleasure of recommending Mr. Paul R. Williams for membership in the American Institute of Architects. Prior to this recommendation Mr. Williams had worked for me for several years as a draftsman and then he passed the State examination which qualified him as an architect. He then went into business for himself and has designed and supervised the construction of buildings of all types.

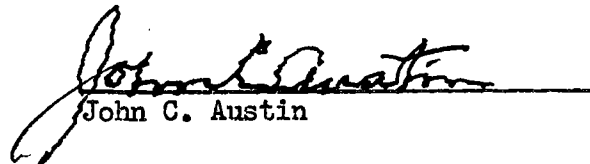
Mr. Williams is a negro, a superb draftsman and at the present time is one of four firms of architects who have been appointed to design and supervise the construction of a building to house the superior courts and the municipal courts. This building will cost something more than \$20,000,000.00, in addition to which the County has authorized the same firms to design not only the above mentioned building, but the County Administration Building which will cost approximately the same amount as the Courts Building, namely, \$20,000,000.00. I mention this to indicate that Mr. Williams not only has the confidence and admiration of his fellow architects, but he has the confidence of the governing bodies of the City and the County of Los Angeles.

He has practiced the profession of architecture for more than thirty years and has designed buildings not only in Southern California, but in one of the South American Republics and in Washington, D.C.

I received my Fellowship in 1914, consequently I have had an opportunity to watch Paul Williams at work, and I can heartily recommend him for a Fellowship in the Institute.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,


John C. Austin

JCA/mc

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GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
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State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO

January 17, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

It is an honor and a privilege for me to recommend Paul R. Williams for the fellowship for which he has been nominated by the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. Williams for many years while in my capacity as a Judge in Los Angeles and later in the Executive Branch of our State government. During that time I have become impressed not only by his ability as an architect but by his keen interest in community and statewide activities.

In 1947, Governor Earl Warren recognized Mr. Williams' character and integrity by appointing him to the State Redevelopment Agency where he served with distinction. Two years later, my predecessor saw fit to appoint him to the Commission of Housing. This Commission had extensive responsibilities in connection with the extremely rapid growth of our State. Mr. Williams' contributions merit the highest commendation.

Because of his outstanding ability, I saw fit in 1955 to call on Mr. Williams for help on our Special Study Commission on Correctional Facilities and Service, a group made up of leaders in various fields of activity. Since his appointment, Mr. Williams has given tirelessly of his efforts to this most important study.

Please be assured that any consideration given to this outstanding Californian will be received with the greatest personal pleasure.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Goodwin J. Knight".

Goodwin J. Knight
Governor of California

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January 18, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

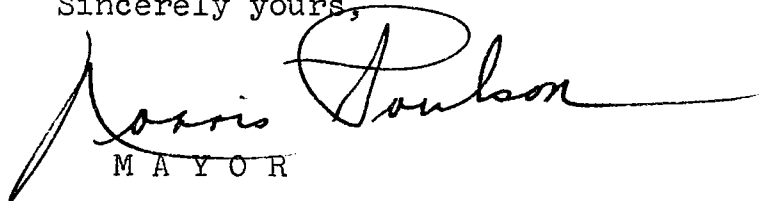
It has come to my attention that Mr. Paul R. Williams of Los Angeles has been nominated to receive a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. To me, this is a mark of recognition that Mr. Williams well deserves.

Not only is he highly regarded in his profession, but he has also gained my personal respect and admiration, along with that of countless of his fellow citizens, for the time and efforts he has put forth through the years on behalf of the progress and welfare of this community.

As a member of the Municipal Arts Commission, Mr. Williams has contributed to the city valuable services and counsel leading to the solution of important problems the Commission is called upon to meet.

It is with the thought in mind of bringing these points to the attention of the American Institute of Architects that I am writing this letter. I sincerely hope that this honor for which Mr. Williams is so richly qualified will be bestowed upon him.

Sincerely yours,


MAYOR

NP:P

C. M. DEASY

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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 Paul R. Williams, A.I.A.
Los Angeles, California

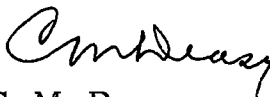
Gentlemen:

Paul Williams holds a unique position of respect in this community. He has not only established a large and active practice including such important local projects as the County Courts Building and the Municipal Airport, but has also become a leading figure in this area.

His efforts on behalf of this city have not been limited to the betterment of his own group, but have been of value to the entire community.

Paul Williams has become one of the leading colored citizens in this county, a fact of which we are very proud, but it is for his services to his own community that we place his name before you.

Very truly yours,



C. M. Deasy

CMD/so

ALBERT CRIZ · A.I.A. · ARCHITECT
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January 24, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to note that the name of Paul R. Williams has been presented in nomination for a Fellowship to the Institute.

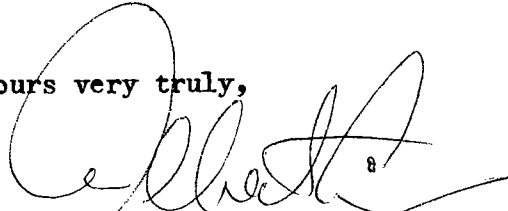
I am highly honored in having known Mr. Paul R. Williams for a number of years and having been in close association with him in the practice of our profession.

I have been particularly interested in the international scope of Mr. Williams' activities wherein he has been a 'one man' ambassador for the people of the United States in furthering the good will both in and out of the profession.

His work and particularly the many excellent personal facets in his character have made many friends in other countries where he has very ably represented our profession.

I am highly honored to recommend Mr. Williams for a Fellowship to the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,


Albert Criz - A.I.A.

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Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
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Washington, D. C.

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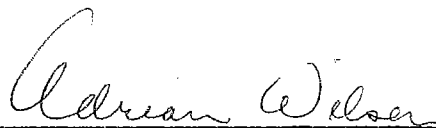
Re: Proposed Fellowship Award
Paul R. Williams

It has been my extreme pleasure to have been associated with Mr. Williams on numerous major projects throughout our Community. I know him to be exceptionally well qualified as a designer, to have outstanding ability in planning and follow-through, and to have wide experience in his professional activities. As an individual he is tactful, courteous, considerate and honest. The quality of his work follows suit.

Mr. Williams has received numerous awards from many parts of the world and is internationally known. Through his political connection he has rendered a genuinely high calibre public relations service to the profession, and unselfishly has conducted himself in a manner which reflects credit to the profession rather than to himself personally.

I consider Mr. Williams to be outstanding in every respect and unhesitatingly recommend him to you as qualified beyond question to receive the award.

Very truly yours


Adrian Wilson

aw/d

ELMO K. LATHROP, AIA, EAI • CONSULTING ARCHITECT

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P. O. Box 2121
Long Beach, California

January 25, 1957

Jury of Fellows
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Washington 6, D. C.

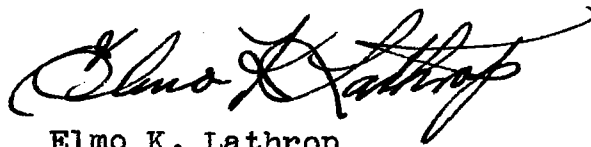
Gentlemen:

The nomination of Mr. Paul R. Williams for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, for Achievement in Service to the Public, is an excellent one, and is an honor which has been well earned by Mr. Williams. However, I feel that Mr. Williams' notable accomplishments in the field of design should not have been overlooked by the nominating committee. Leading architects have for many years commended Mr. Williams for his excellence in design. His winning designs in many competitions, and the character and beauty found in the fine buildings designed by him, provide more than sufficient evidence of his ability and ingenuity as an outstanding designer.

As a member of the Southern California Chapter, I sincerely hope that the Jury of Fellows will see fit to correct this injustice to Mr. Paul R. Williams by amending his Fellowship Certificate to read "For Achievement in Design and Service to the Public", thus more fully recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of the very deserving Mr. Williams.

My comments and judgment are based upon twenty-five years' observation of Mr. Williams' work.

Sincerely yours,



Elmo K. Lathrop

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

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January 25-1957.

Jury of Fellows.

American Institute of Architects
Washington, D.C.

To the Honorable Jury:-

I am enclosing a clipping
from last evening's local paper, which
verifies the high esteem in which
Mr. Paul R. Williams is held, not only
locally, but internationally, and explains
my letter of sponsorship to your
Honorable Body -

Respectfully yours.

J. A. Murrey -



—Herald-Express Photo

NEW CIVIC PROGRAM OUTLINED, LEADERS CITED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 Left to Right, Front: New President Charles E. Ducommun, Arnold O. Beckman and A. M. Roehlen;
 Rear, Welton Becket, Charles Luckman, Gen. Ralph Cousins, Paul Williams and Robert Gross

Achievement Awards Made

C. of C. Raises L. A. Sights for Future

Los Angeles, third largest city in the United States of which it is the airplane capital, set its sights even higher today.

A vital new civic program was outlined by Charles E. Ducommun after he was installed as 1957 president of the Chamber of Commerce to succeed Arnold O. Beckman.

A capacity audience of business and industrial leaders attended the Chamber's 66th annual installation and "go-ahead" banquet last night at the Ambassador Hotel.

Aside from installing new officers, the Chamber gave its first achievement awards to firms and individuals that have played star roles in making Los Angeles a center of international air transport.

1957 PROGRAM

The 1957 program of the Chamber of Commerce, outlined by Ducommun, highlighted:

1. Development and conservation of the basic community natural resources of water and air.
2. Guarantee of industrial and employment opportunities.
3. A sound community transit program.
4. A clean and modern city with preservation of a free and creative society through development of responsible individualism.

The achievement awards went to the Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., the Los Angeles Airport Commission, headed by Ralph Cousins; Civic Leader Charles Detoy, and the architectural firms of Pereira & Luckman; Welton Becket & Associates, and Paul R. Williams.

award for Douglas after Ducommun said:

"For making the letters DC one of the world's standard symbols for air transport, pioneers in building in the basic factors of stability and dependability which have 'sold the public' on air travel, leaders of adaptation of these same factors to the jet age, we are happy to present an award to the Douglas Aircraft Co."

Presenting the award to Chairman Robert Gross of Lockheed, Ducommun said:

"For forward thinking from the Vega and Lodestar to the Super-Constellation and the new turbo-prop Electra, leaders in design for performance and passenger comfort, salesmen who have put this Southern California product in the skies over every continent, we present the award to Lockheed."

CITES ARCHITECTS

Citing Architects Becket, Luckman and Williams who accepted the awards for their firms, Ducommun cited "their vision to see the needs of tomorrow, the courage to find new solutions, and technical competence to translate an idea into sound structures and a practical transportation instrument."

It was past President Detoy, Ducommun said, who "mobilized the community to educate airlines and government in the values of making Los Angeles one of the centers of international air transport."

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January 28, 1957

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

Re: Paul R. Williams
For Achievement to the Public in Service

Gentlemen:

I have known Paul R. Williams for the past 20 years and have watched his work and actions in the profession and community during this time. His reputation as an excellent architect and public servant in Southern California for many years has been of the highest. Personally, I am more acquainted with the very fine design quality reflected in his planning of structures. This high standard has from the very beginning been maintained throughout his years of practice in Southern California.

His work in this community as an educator, public servant and architect is outstanding and has contributed immeasurably toward the growth of this area. In my opinion, and I am sure it reflects the entire profession, Paul R. Williams would be an asset to the Fellows in the American Institute of Architects for his achievements in service to the public.

Sincerely,



HUGH GIBBS, A.I.A.
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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:

Paul R. Williams is an outstanding person and a very fine architect.
I would be very proud to recommend him for Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


Thomas J. Russell

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ROBT. J. MAYER, A. I. A.
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ASHLEY B. PARKER

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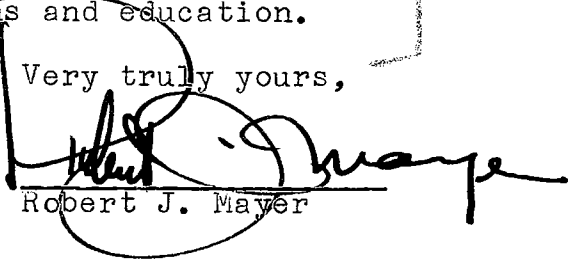
Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to comment on the nomination to
Fellowship for Mr. Paul R. Williams, Architect.

I had the pleasure to be in his employee many
years ago, and theories and ideals learned in his
office were a great help to me in furthering my
architectural career.

I feel he has been a tremendous asset to the
institute in public relations and education.

Very truly yours,


Robert J. Mayer

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The School of Engineering and Architecture

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WASHINGTON 1, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

February 13, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

At this time, when consideration is being given to the matter of promotion of Fellows to the Institute, I should like to give my support to the name of PAUL R. WILLIAMS, AIA, nominee of the Southern California Chapter of the Institute.

Mr. Williams' distinguished career in the practice of architecture is too well known of for me to dwell upon it here. However, beyond his competence and the distinguished results of his labors, there is the fact that for years the name of Paul Williams has stood as a symbol of the possibility of professional attainment in architecture for many a young Negro in the schools of the United States. When on all sides only words of discouragement were spoken regarding architecture as a career there was always, in addition to the inward compulsion, the name of Paul Williams to provide inspiration. He is an outstanding example of how talent and perseverance override racial limitations.

I, therefore, recommend for your consideration the name of Paul R. Williams for advancement to the rank of Fellow.

Respectfully yours,

Granville W. Hurley, AIA
Acting Head
Department of Architecture



ARTHUR J. WILL
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

County of Los Angeles
Board of Supervisors
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February 25, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects nominated Mr. Paul R. Williams for a Fellowship in your organization.

While I suppose this letter will come to you quite late, it is nevertheless of considerable importance, I am sure, that you have it in your files for use when the Jury meets.

The official body of the County of Los Angeles is in the process of developing a principal downtown Civic Center and 26 branch administrative centers scattered around in various cities of the County. Many of these facilities have been completed; some are in the process of being completed; most have come off the drawing boards and are ready to go to contract.

The County of Los Angeles is responsible for the care of the indigent sick and in order to fulfill this function is gradually building a large group of hospitals or additions to already existing hospitals in the form of separate buildings. In one case, we are completely re-developing a hospital of 700 beds. The smallest hospital development that has been built in the last five years was a specialized unit of 120 beds for the care of post-acute polio patients who were in respirators for a period of time. This particular building is a triumph of beauty and science and is functional to the nth degree.

We are now in the process of construction of a 500 bed Osteopathic Hospital, replacing an old unit on the grounds of the Los Angeles County General Hospital. We have recently completed a 250 bed Communicable Diseases Hospital as a separate unit of the Los Angeles County General Hospital and some time previously a new 240 bed Psychiatric Center in the same approximate location.

We are currently in the process of constructing a 700,000 square foot Courthouse and plans are on the drawing boards at the present time for an 800,000 foot County Administration Building, together with an adjoining Hall of Records. In conjunction with this particular work in the Civic Center, we are developing plans for a large mall and it will be surrounded by more public buildings, including Federal, State, City and County, than any other unit of its kind in the United States with the possible exception of Washington, D. C.

In all of this work, Mr. Williams has had either a direct or indirect concern or interest. In those projects which he has developed and planned himself, he has been eminently successful in creating a fine building of good design which at the same time renders the maximum functional use.

All of the buildings I have specified above, including the hospitals and the principal civic center buildings with the exception of the Hall of Records, which is the smallest unit, are buildings on which Mr. Paul Williams has been an active partner in architectural groups which have actually prepared the plans and designs for the buildings. These specific buildings, when complete, will indicate a total cost to us of \$85,000,000. which is a part of the total program of approximately \$300,000,000 which the County, exclusive of State, Federal and City Governments, is undertaking in this area.

It would be useless to rehearse the non-commercial buildings which Mr. Williams has designed in this area or, for that matter, the commercial designs which he has completed for hotels, apartments and other types of structures. I believe that his interest is community-wide, covering the broad scope of problems which present themselves in the entire area of Southern California.

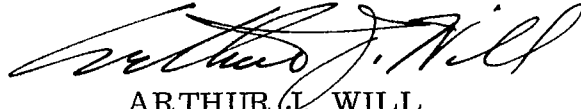
I further believe that his advice, counsel and actual work have made a tremendous impact on the entire local situation and will prove to

have been invaluable in the final and ultimate development of this City as one of great beauty and architectural prominence.

I think a poll of residential owners in the City and County of Los Angeles would develop the fact that there are more people who have been influenced by Paul Williams in the development of their homes and landscaping with a general air of beauty, design and construction, than any other single man in his profession in this area.

An award to him for any purpose whatever is one that should be an honor to give.

Very sincerely yours,



ARTHUR J. WILL
Chief Administrative Officer

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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: Paul R. Williams, 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.

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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 Paul R. Williams, 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 R. Williams 1/11/57

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



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Sincerely yours,

Alek Murrey
Member of the Executive Committee, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.
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Richard Latta

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



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3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes
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Sincerely yours,

Robertson Balch

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



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Art Deasy

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1. He has many friends who speak well of him but cannot vouch for his accomplishments. ✓
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,

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

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