June 3, 2019

AIA Ohio Honor Awards Jury
AIA Ohio Board of Directors
17 S. High Street, Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Dave Robar, AIA, Nomination
AIA Ohio Public Service Award

Dear members of the Honors Award Jury and AIA Ohio Board of Directors,

I am honored to have been asked by my local chapter, AIA Cleveland, to submit my qualifications for the 2019 AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

Throughout my career as an architect, I have endeavored to serve with “an architect’s brain”. Our profession fosters development of naturally-occurring inquisitiveness and problem-solving capabilities. By coupling intense curiosity with the desire to lead organizations with open ears and empathy toward a common goal, I’ve experienced many successful results that have led to great relationships that carry on to this day.

By spreading my wings though varying public service opportunities, I’ve been able to grow not just as an architect, but as a leader and mentor. I believe that pushing one’s boundaries, through unfamiliar territory, allows one to bring new experiences back into the professional career. It then becomes one’s duty to pass those experiences on to others, in the form of perspective, understanding and meeting people where they are, whether that place is professional development, community involvement, or simply helping where help is needed.

The service opportunities presented here represent my attempts to make a difference throughout a broad spectrum of our community, including the fields of architecture, design, mentorship, charity fund development, real estate, hunger relief and religious service. I respectfully submit these career highlights for your consideration; they are more important to me than any design award that may have come my way.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Robar, AIA
June 1, 2019

AIA Ohio Distinguished Honor Awards Committee
17 S. High Street, Suite 200
Columbus, Ohio 43215

re: Dave Robar, AIA, AIA Ohio Public Service Award

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to endorse David Robar, AIA for the 2019 AIA Ohio Public Service Award. Dave is a model architect, demonstrating community engagement and elevating the public’s perception of the architect. His continuous efforts have impacted his community and established a resonant tone across the region.

David has provided service to the greater public through his leadership in the AIA and his engagement in allied organizations and community institutions. His efforts are diverse and varied and have established a model that should be emulated by all architects. For years, Dave has served the ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland where he has been raised valuable funds and served as a board member. He also served as the Lake Erie Council Eagle Scout Architectural professional mentorship coordinator where he influenced generations of youth interested in design. His service to AIA Cleveland has also demonstrated his ability to engage architects in the community. As the 2014 President of AIA Cleveland, Dave developed the community “sandfest” program and raised public awareness of the role that architects can play to engage communities.

Beyond the profession, Dave has served his church to extend programs which reduce hunger in the Lakewood and Cleveland communities and chaired the Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach program, a hunger relief organization. Additionally, Dave has established public design standards in service to the City of Lakewood as a member of their Architectural Board of Review and served the Northern Ohio NAIDP Chapter as their board president.

I would strongly encourage the committee to recognize the model of public service that has been provided by Dave. His contributions have been consistent, he has demonstrated a passion for public service, and he is a role model for a generation of future architects in Ohio.

Yours very truly

Timothy C. Hawk, FAIA
AIA National At-large Board Member, 2019-2022
01 May 2019

AIA Ohio 2019 Honor Awards Committee
17 South High Street, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: AIA Ohio 2019 Public Service Award
Dave Robar, AIA Nomination

Committee Members,

Dave is one of those people who authentically cares. Architects are well known for their altruistic behavior and generous contributions to society, but Dave eclipses even this high bar. You know that Dave cares when you experience a one-on-one conversation with him. You know that Dave cares when you see him in front of a professional or community meeting. He devoutly speaks to the issues at hand and seeks to generate fair-and-visionary consensus without ego or self-promotion.

Being a servant leader is who Dave is.

We are thankful that AIA Ohio recognizes this type of community leader. AIA Cleveland ardently and eagerly nominates Dave Robar, AIA for the AIA Ohio 2019 Public Service Award. We ask that you recognize David this year.

Dave’s dedication and service contributes to our community in so many ways:

- Dave currently serves as the AIA Cleveland Director on the AIA Ohio Board. He is a past president of AIA Cleveland and has served on the AIA Cleveland Board for many years. He steps up to lead before he is asked. His advice is always thoughtful and welcome.
- With passion, Dave currently serves on both the ACE Cleveland Board and as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America’s Eagle Scout Architectural Professional Mentorship Program, both of which seek to mentor young people into the architectural profession.
- Dave serves as the long-time president of his church board. I enjoy when he shares a lesson learned there for us to consider in our professional setting.
- With commitment, Dave currently chairs the City of Lakewood Architectural Review Board.
- Dave currently serves on the Northern Ohio NAIOP Chapter Board and was its board president, supporting community cross-over.

Please review the rest of this packet for more specifics.
A better person couldn’t win this award.

Sincerely,
Christopher Todd, AIA
AIA Cleveland, President
AIA Ohio Payment Assurance Taskforce, Co-Chair
AIA National Small Firm Exchange (SFX) Member Group, Chair
Accomplishments and Impact
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AIA Cleveland
President Track, 2011-14
Negotiated and implemented new ten-year AIA CLE lease and teamed to design new AIA CLE office in downtown Cleveland. Led restructuring of all standing committees, AIA Cleveland Mission, Vision Statements and public relations interaction. Developed new Membership and Programming Committees to engage architects and allied professionals in expanded Chapter activities.
Board Member, 2011-present
Chapter Advisor, 2016
Development Director, 2017-18
Developed Chapter Sponsor program that led to $65,000.00 raised in new funds, utilizing relationships throughout the NE Ohio community to target AIA member firms, as well as allied professions.
Public Outreach Committee, 2015-present
Development and implementation team for AIA Cleveland Sand Festival, raising funds for ACE Mentor Cleveland Program
Programming Team Leader, 2007-2010
Developed and implemented AIA Cleveland Zoo Day, 2009-10, including CEU development for "Safari Trivia"
Design Lecture Series
Presented, "Repurposing with Purpose", 2017
Public Presentations and Panels
"Working with an Architect" Public Workshop, Kent State's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, 2013
IAIA Professional Advocacy Panel Presentation, 2017
Building Enclosure Council, National Symposium Organization, 2014
Building Enclosure Council, Equity Trust Presentation, 2015

AIA Ohio
Board Member, 2013-14, 2019-present
AIA Ohio Legislative Days, Columbus, OH 2011, 2013-15, 2019
AIA Ohio Valley Regional Convention, Cleveland, 2012
Developed and implemented off-site tours of notable Cleveland landmarks and new, under-construction projects

AIA National
Interiors Knowledge Community, 2019
Leadership team, developing 2019 AIA/UEC Forum at 2019 National Conference
National State Architecture Conference, Providence, RI, 2019
Developed panel discussion and moderating panel featuring Planning Director and City Architect, from hometown Lakewood, OH

Lakewood, Ohio
Architectural Board of Review, Mayor's Commission
Board Member, 2014-18 and Board Chair, 2015-18
Led The Architectural Board of Review through several major projects between 2015 and 2018, including development of a new Family Health Center (Cleveland Clinic) and a major downtown redevelopment project (One Lakewood Place), along with hundreds of private residential and commercial construction projects.
Clean Water Lakewood initiative, EPA Compliance workshops, 2018-19

NAIOP
Northern Ohio NAIOP
President Track, 2009-11
Chapter leadership, National Legislative and Leadership Conference, Washington, DC, 2010-11
NAIOP Ohio Legislative Days, Columbus, OH 2010-14
Board Member, 1999-present
ACE Mentor Cleveland and Real Estate Associate Program (REAP) Liaison, 2014-present
NAIOP Charity Golf Tournament Chair, 2000-10
Led and implemented annual charity golf event, raising over $300,000.00 over a ten-year period, benefitting non-profits who develop safe, high quality homes for individuals with developmental difficulties and architectural- and real-estate based student scholarships at Kent State University’s CUUC and at Cleveland State University’s Levine College of Urban Affairs.
Accomplishments and Impact

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ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland

ACE Mentor’s mission is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering (ACE), and construction through mentoring and supporting their continued advancement in the industry.

- Board Member, 2018-present
  Member of Development Committee
- Strategic Advisory Council Member, 2015-17
  Council liaison to AIA Cleveland Chapter
- High School Mentor, 2015-present
  Cleveland Metropolitan School District, James Ford Rhodes High School
- ACE Mentor Golf Classic, Chair, 2014-present
  Organized and leading team to implement the ACE Annual Charity Golf Classic, raising over $140,000.00 for ACE Mentor Cleveland between 2014 and 2018

Teaching and Speaking Opportunities

PechaKucha Cleveland Volume 27, 2016
“Architography: Be a Tourist in Your Own City”

Boy Scouts of America
Eagle Scout, 1979 and Lake Erie Council,
Eagle Scout Professional Mentorship, 2015-Present
Working with recently-minted Eagle Scouts who are interested in pursuing careers in Architecture.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council President, 2000-10
Council Member 2000-10, 2017-Present
Property Committee, 1993-Present
Led transition team and congregations to discern potential renovation scopes and eventual sale options of existing church property
Muralist, Community Room, 1993-2003
Designed room-wide murals and led congregation is execution of images depicting various facets of TLC
Communications and Graphic Design
Designed and developed (3) different websites for TLC, 2010-present

Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach
TLCO is a volunteer-driven, community hunger relief organization, focused on delivering basic needs such as hot meals, groceries, and fresh produce.
Produce Team Leader: Develop, streamline and execute monthly distribution of 8-12 tons of fresh produce to area families.
Monthly team member for community meals, serving over 100 individuals per month.

Community Garden
Designed and aided in implementation of new Community Garden, which serves to provide additional fresh produce for Community Meals
May 30, 2019

Re: Letter of recommendation for Dave Robar for the AIA Ohio Public Service Award

Dear AIA Ohio Board –

I’m writing today to recommend Dave Robar for the 2019 AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

Dave served as volunteer member of the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) in Lakewood from 2014 – 2018 and served as Chairman of the Board in both 2017 and 2018. In his capacity on the board, he volunteered well over 300 hours of service to the Lakewood community.

Dave’s thoughtful design analysis, poise, and consensus building approach has made a lasting and positive impact on the built environment in Lakewood by way of the review of hundreds of residential and commercial real estate development projects. More importantly, Dave’s general approach as a resource and guide to Lakewood citizens, business owners, and developers has made a direct and lasting impact on the people of our community. He consistently demonstrated an ability to make people feel welcome and comfortable when going through the design review process. For many people, it’s a daunting and at times scary process to go through. Dave is one of the most effective communicators I’ve been around, and his style and approach have led to great projects being built, and people enjoying the process along the way.

I highly recommend Dave for the 2019 AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

Sincerely,

Bryce Sylvester, Director of Planning
City of Lakewood

May 29, 2019

To: AIA Ohio Public Service Award Committee

It is an honor to offer this letter of recommendation and support to Dave Robar.

Dave has been an active participant and leader in the ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland. He has served as a Mentor, engaging, enlightening and exciting high school students about Architecture, Construction and Engineering for 6 years. He has led and energetically organized our annual Golf Outing for 6 years. This annual outing raises the most operational funds for our ACE affiliate (chapter).

Dave served on the ACE Mentor Advisory Board representing AIA Cleveland for 3 and has been on the ACE Mentor Cleveland Board for 2 years.

I’m also aware that Dave finds time to be involved in other community and civic activities in Greater Cleveland.

Dave Robar is truly worthy of recognition for his generous commitments to the ACE Mentor Program.

Sincerely,

Glenn Shumate, Executive Director
ACE Mentor Cleveland Program
May 23, 2019

Re: AIA Ohio Public Service Award

Dear AIA Ohio Board,

On behalf of the NAIOP Northern Ohio Chapter Board of Directors, we respectfully submit our wholehearted recommendation to award Dave Robar with your prestigious AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

Dave has been a member of NAIOP and a Northern Ohio Chapter Board Member for 20 years and he served as the Chapter President in 2011. He was the Charity Golf Outing Chairman for 10 years prior to that. The outing consistently raised $15,000-20,000 annually that was donated to local charities. He has also served on the Awards of Excellence Committee and regularly volunteers his time to serve as a judge. Dave has also participated on the Education Committee. Currently he represents NAIOP on The Ace Mentor Program of Cleveland’s Board where he keeps us apprised of their activities and recruits NAIOP’s assistance in those efforts.

In addition to all of the above positions held, Dave regularly attends Chapter business and social programs, has participated in NAIOP of Ohio Legislative Day at the Capitol and attended NAIOP Legislative and Leadership Conference in Washington DC. His company has also graciously hosted and sponsored Chapter events many times over the years.

Our Chapter has benefited greatly from Dave’s commitment to the industry and generosity of his time. It is for all of these reasons, and that he is also one of the nicest people around, that we submit this recommendation. Dave is a most worthy recipient.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Panzica, Chapter President
Hemingway Development

May 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Dave Robar to receive the AIA Ohio Public Service Award. I write with confidence and believe Dave’s service to our church and community outreach ministry further set him apart as deserving of this award. His dedication and commitment to our church has made an impact in people's lives within the church and greater community.

I have been Dave's pastor for the last two years and have gotten to know him through our time together in worship, church council, and his involvement with our outreach ministry. Dave’s involvement at this church, though, goes back many years before me. He has served on our leadership board for 15+ years including serving as president for 10 of those years. His involvement with our outreach ministry over the last 10 years includes him serving as a community meal team member, serving as the leader of our produce distributions, and being a part of visionary conversations regarding the outreach we do.

Dave is always willing to help in whatever ways he can. He is a leader with a flexible spirit and really meets others where they are. I believe Dave sees the humanity in the people he interacts with, whether they be other volunteers or the guests we serve. He has established many relationships over the years and is a vital part of who we are and what we do.

Dave has also been a key voice in the leadership of this congregation as we chose to sell our building and rent space in a new location. The professional skills he brings from many years as an architect helped us to ask the right questions and to seek the right space for our needs.

Dave is an asset to any organization having served in many capacities, but in each place, he gives it his all. I am grateful for Dave's presence and passion for service and I believe he is deserving of the AIA Ohio Public Service Award. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information. You may reach me at 216-225-8087 or pastorsarecogis@gmail.com

Regards,

The Rev. Sara Cogisil, Pastor

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