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Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: David Michael Harper

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to recommend David Harper to a fellowship of the American Institute of Architects.

David Harper is the paradigm of a community-minded professional. He has served both the City and the County with distinction.

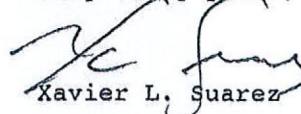
In the City, he has served as Chairman of the Flagler Street Redevelopment Committee, an ambitious effort to improve the commercial environment of what is the largest shopping center of the Americas.

For the County, Mr. Harper has been the single most important voice in reforming the way homes are built - and thus hopefully averting future tragedies like the ones experienced when Hurricane Andrew hit South Dade.

As chairman of the Dade's Building Code Committee, David did not limit himself to the worn out, perfunctory responses of the past. He didn't just propose more governmental spending or more materials to be incorporated into construction. To the contrary, David showed his ingenuity by proposing a true-to-life laboratory where our homes can be tested against the force of realistic wind forces expected in this hurricane-plagued area.

As a proponent of wind-tunnel testing, it was particularly gratifying to see Mr. Harper take the lead in bringing a hemispheric wind-testing facility to this area. I endorse that idea and look forward to working with him in that endeavor.

Very truly yours,



Xavier L. Suarez