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**Re: LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT for the Nomination of Jane Silverstein Ries for the 2004 ASLA Medal**

Dear Mr. Swink and Selection Committee Members:

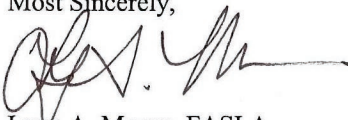
I take great pleasure in providing this heartfelt endorsement of Jane Silverstein Ries for the 2004 ASLA Medal. On behalf of the JSR (Jane Silverstein Ries) Foundation, I offer my complete support of her nomination. I also want to share my personal thoughts about the important role she has played as the first woman Landscape Architect in the State of Colorado and our most vocal advocate for land stewardship.

While Jane has unquestionably established a strong professional legacy in our region, it is her global promotion of land use values that has most impressed me and had the most significant impact on our region. Passionately committed to the profession of landscape architecture, she has been a tireless advocate for land stewardship and responsible development for over seven decades. Her philosophy that each of us must take personal responsibility for the health and livability of our planet has been vocalized through public forums, civic leaders and to anyone who would listen. In the Rocky Mountain region where the environment is especially sensitive and where drought is a household word, Jane's message has been particularly poignant. The JSR Foundation was established in 1997 to recognize Jane's dedication and influence in promoting awareness and stewardship to land use values.

As a woman in landscape architecture, I have always looked to Jane as a mentor and role model. Her personal integrity and commitment to her beliefs guides both my professional and personal life and her self-confidence and willingness to take risks continues to be an inspiration and motivation to me. When challenged about her beliefs, I will forever remember her standing tall and loudly proclaiming "I give not up!" This was a very impressive sight indeed, considering her less than five foot stature!

The professional influence of Jane Silverstein Ries remains a strong undercurrent in our region today, enhancing our awareness of our precious natural resources and actively promoting a reasonable balance between development and conservation. Her many decades of service to our profession have resulted in a lasting positive impact on the welfare of the public and the environment. I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of this important recognition and honor, and I am pleased to endorse Jane for the 2004 ASLA Medal.

Most Sincerely,



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Vice President, JSR Foundation