

ASLA Honors Nominations
C/O Carolyn Mitchell
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Dear Carolyn:

It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination Rep. Earl Blumenauer, Hon. ASLA, for the ASLA's Olmsted Medal. For his entire public life Rep. Earl Blumenauer has championed issues that resonate with landscape architects. From bicycle and pedestrian paths to sustainable storm-water management, Rep. Blumenauer has long stood with ASLA on issues of importance in creating sustainable, livable communities.

A lifelong resident of Portland, Oregon, Blumenauer has devoted his career to public service, beginning in 1972 when he was first elected to the Oregon Legislature. After serving three terms, Rep. Blumenauer went on to be a Multnomah County Commissioner and spent ten years on the Portland City Council as Commissioner of Public Works where he consistently championed causes that contributed to the enhanced livability and quality of life in Oregon. In each of these elected positions, Rep. Blumenauer's reforms and innovative accomplishments helped his hometown gain an international reputation as a livable community.

First elected to the U.S. Congress in 1996, Congressman Blumenauer proudly represents Oregon's 3rd Congressional district which encompasses large parts of the city of Portland and extends east to scenic Mount Hood. A leading environmental advocate both in Oregon and Congress, Congressman Blumenauer has authored and co-sponsored legislation to preserve and protect public lands, shift the nation's energy policy towards renewable energy and energy efficiency, curb global warming, and clean our nation's water bodies. He currently serves on the House Budget Committee, and has a senior position on the House Ways and Means Committee. In the past he has served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee, but he is perhaps best known in Congress as a champion of supporting stronger, more sustainable and livable communities. He leads the Congressional Livable Communities Task Force, and chairs the bi-partisan Congressional Bike Caucus and is often seen, in both Washington and in Portland, practicing what he preaches, on the seat of his bicycle. Congressman Blumenauer knows that bicycling and walking are important not only as basic

transportation modes, but for individual health, our environment, safe streets, and increasingly for the economic vitality of our communities.

During his tenure Rep. Blumenauer has been an author on dozens of pieces of legislation that support a range of public policies that align with ASLA's mission. Some specific examples include:

- The Active Community Transportation Act, introduced in 2010, which provides grants to communities to encourage the use of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- The Higher Education Sustainability Act, which authorizes a \$50 million competitive grant program to universities and institutions of higher education to develop, implement and evaluate sustainability curriculums, practices and academic programs, was incorporated as an amendment to Title VII of the Higher Education Act of 2007.
- The Water Protection and Reinvestment Act which provides a deficit-neutral source of revenue dedicated to replacing, repairing, and rehabilitating drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities as well as protecting users from rate spikes that will result if nothing is done to address the water infrastructure crisis.
- The "Fast Starts Act" which provides grant-funding to jumpstart streetcar projects around the country.
- "Safe Routes to High Schools" which extends the successful Safe Routes to Schools program to include high schools.

During the current debate over the Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation bill Rep. Blumenauer has forcefully advocated on behalf of the Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program, working to ensure that the largest federal funding source for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is not eliminated. He has also worked to ensure the continuation of the Federal Safe Routes to School partnership, which provides grants to communities to improve pedestrian infrastructure to ensure that students and families who walk to and from school do so safely. Finally he is working with leaders in the House and Senate to ensure that the Reauthorization proposals include Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) provisions that allow investments in bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Rep. Blumenauer efforts were recognized in 2005 with a Global Sustainability Award from the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy and in 2006 with a Public Official's Award from the Water

Environment Federation. He is an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (2004), the American Institute of Architects (2008), and the American Society of Consulting Engineers (2008). In 2005 Congressman Blumenauer was named one of “The Top 25 Change Agents in Bicycling History,” by the League of American Bicyclists.

Over the years Rep. Blumenauer has maintained close ties with ASLA leadership to discuss ways to work together and advance common agendas. He has supported ASLA’s legislative goals and advocated these issues to many of his colleagues in the House and Senate. He has invited ASLA to participate in events and has made a point to introduce ASLA representatives to key House leaders and members in attendance. In honor of his many efforts on behalf of the Society and his lifelong commitment to environmental advocacy, it is with great pride that I nominate Rep. Earl Blumenauer for the Olmsted Medal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary B Kesler", written in a cursive style.

Gary B Kesler, PLA, FASLA



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Dear Colleagues,

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that I offer this letter supporting Rep. Earl Blumenauer for the Olmsted Medal. At each level of Rep. Blumenauer's public service he has championed human health and livability for all members of the community. His personal efforts toward these objectives have generated measurable improvements in the quality of life at city, regional, and national scales.

Leading by example, Rep. Blumenauer has challenged us to reduce our dependency on the automobile and embrace forms of transportation that sustain community resources, enrich social capital, and improve human health. He built on his successes in Portland Oregon and is moving that model to the national stage. Beyond innovative policies for transportation Rep. Blumenauer has worked steadfastly to preserve water, air, and scenic resources. His participation in the stewardship of our nation's natural resources makes him a kindred spirit with the profession of Landscape Architecture and all of those who put these values into practice. The heavy lifting that Rep. Blumenauer does to champion our shared agenda opens up new opportunities for the profession and eases our individual burdens to enlighten and educate.

Because of his vision for and tireless efforts toward a nation that values its resources and uses them to nurture human and environmental health, I strongly endorse Rep. Earl Blumenauer as the recipient of the Olmsted Medal.

Sincerely,

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Dear Colleagues:

I have been aware of Representative Earl Blumenauer's numerous contributions to the field and interests of landscape architecture for a number of years and would passionately support his nomination for the Olmsted Medal. From the beginnings of his political career, he has been a champion of issues dear to our hearts such as being an advocate for the bicycling community in Oregon as well as other forms of responsible transportation and his hard work as a member of the House of Representatives Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition

Please let me know if you should have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of Representative Blumenauer.

Sincerely,
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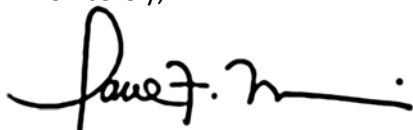
It is an honor and pleasure to submit this letter of support for the nomination of Congressman Earl Blumenauer as recipient of the ASLA Olmsted Medal.

I have known and worked with Representative Blumenauer since the early 1980's. During our time together in Oregon and in the many years since, I have watched with wonder as he gracefully navigated a lifetime of successful public service at the city, county, state and national levels. He rose to prominence in public policy at a young age and he has been steadfast in his efforts to make all our communities and our county a healthier and more prosperous place to live. He has demonstrated a unique passion for the ambitions of sustainable and livable communities in all their forms, and for that he has become a respected thought leader, consensus builder and trendsetter.

We live in turbulent times. To achieve progress at the local level is difficult; at the national level daunting. Representative Blumenauer enthusiastically embraces this challenge and successfully works to set policy and support those who seek genuine progress all across the nation – progress in protecting our heritage, bringing civil discourse to the social issues of the day, and reaching consensus on issues that matter most to our profession – the nurturing stewardship of the landscapes we live in and love.

Representative Blumenauer may be from Oregon – but his devotion is to all of America. And it shows, through the numerous members of Congress who call upon him daily to help in their home districts. It does not matter where I go, I am amazed by all the people I meet who know him, revere him, seek his counsel and emulate his aims. In a period of polarizing politics, where partisanship keeps most elected officials from standing tall for the common good, Earl Blumenauer is just such a person. And for this reason, and out of genuine admiration for his many accomplishments, I respectfully ask the Board of Trustees to elect him recipient of the ASLA Olmsted Medal.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Morris, FASLA
ASLA Past President