

A Petition to the ASLA Executive Committee for the Establishment of an Environmental Justice Professional Practice Network (PPN)

To: ASLA Executive Committee

Re: Petition for the Establishment of an Environmental Justice Professional Practice Network (PPN)

301.1 Define the specialized area of landscape architecture practice and professional goals to be served by the proposed PPN

Environmental justice addresses issues of (1) Unequal distribution of resources such as clean air and water, healthy food, homes, parks, places to walk and sit in public, etc.; (2) Inaccessibility to public goods and resources because of transportation, cost or discrimination; and (3) Exclusion from facilities and full participation in decisions about one's community largely because of poverty, prejudice, race, income, recent immigration, or other marginal status. Landscape architects increase or diminish environmental justices by nearly every act of planning and design, either knowingly or unwittingly.

The mission of an Environmental Justice PPN is to address the needs and concerns of landscape architects involved in environmental justice and support the profession of landscape architecture by pursuing the following goals:

Goals:

- 1) Create a network of knowledgeable landscape architects involved in, inspired by, and interested in pursuing environmental justice through research and practice.
- 2) Collect, compile, advance, and disseminate state-of-the-art information and research related to environmental justice practices.
- 3) Provide assistance to the ASLA Board of Trustees on policy issues relating to environmental justice.
- 4) Increase and support diversity among student and professional populations of landscape architects.
- 5) Raise awareness of environmental justice issues through publications, awards, and other means.
- 6) Create an Educational track on Environmental Justice at the ASLA Annual Meeting
- 7) Work to provide opportunities for training in environmental justice and community engagement.
- 8) Work with the Landscape Architecture Foundation to develop metrics for Environmental Justice through the LAF Case Studies Initiative.
- 9) Work with CLARB to incorporate Issues of Environmental Justice Into Licensure.
- 10) Work with the ASLA Diversity Summit to create a more diverse profession.

301.2 Pledge to maintain minimum strength of seventy-five members and meets the Standards of Member Service described in Section 306.

The xx members of ASLA listed on Attachment A to this letter pledge to maintain a minimum strength of seventy-five members and meet the Standards of Member Service as described in Section 306.

301.3 A statement of opinion on the establishment of the proposed new PPN by the Council chair.

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[Insert statement of Opinion to be written by Julie]