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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to attest to the exceptional abilities of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and to the contribution that his teachings and presence provide to me and to the entire community of Rajneeshpuram.

I am the Director of Community Development for the City of Rajneeshpuram. I graduated from Harvard University in 1973 with a Master's degree in Planning. I have worked as a planner for the cities of San Mateo and San Luis Obispo in California before coming to Rajneeshpuram.

I became a disciple of Bhagwan in 1977 and since then have become increasingly creative and proficient as a planner. Through his lectures and books, his tremendous insight into humankind has given me a greater understanding of people and how to plan cities for them. Bhagwan has also given me appreciation for the protection of the environment as he has talked extensively on the importance of mankind living in harmony with nature. For example, Bhagwan has said:

"The modern mind has been too aggressive against nature, and it has created the ecological crises. Our whole approach is wrong, it is destructive. We only take from the earth, and we never give anything back. We only exploit nature; we only go on taking, and all the resources are being spent.

"But things have now gone to the extreme. Either man has to drop his aggressive attitude or man has to get ready to say goodbye to this planet."

Bhagwan has given the community of Rajneeshpuram a vision to build a community, a beautiful oasis, both material and spiritual, living in love with each other and in harmony with nature. This vision is presently being realized on a very large scale in a remarkably short time.

Bhagwan's presence within the community is important, as he reminds the citizens of Rajneeshpuram of his vision through direct contact on occasional visits to different temples (work departments) throughout the city. In addition, Bhagwan's silent communion with everyone during darshans (religious ceremonies) and his daily drive inspire each member of the community to exceptional creative ability.

An example of the community's outstanding abilities is the Rajneeshpuram Comprehensive Plan. The State of Oregon requires extensive comprehensive

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planning and the community of Rajneeshpuram developed a comprehensive plan which is being hailed as one of the best plans in the state. The plan was written in just three months, whereas other cities in the state usually take from one to three years. The following quotes about the plan confirm its excellence:

"We commend the city for the comprehensive approach to water resource concerns." State Water Resources Department

"We would like to commend the city on its very thorough and innovative plan." State Department of Commerce, Housing Division

"These documents are well written and demonstrate a recognition of the needs of the area's fish and wildlife resources."  
U.S. Dep't of Interior, Fish & Wildlife

"As a planner and environmental officer, I was impressed with your analysis of the results of the 'mining mentality' and your plans to restore the area and prevent further desertification. Your awareness of the inter-relationship between natural factors and human activities is reflected in your analyses and plans."  
U.S. Dep't of Housing & Urban Development

"I commend your staff's abilities to utilize our recommendations so rapidly." State Department of Energy

Rajneeshpuram is quickly being recognized as a model community. 65,000 people from all over the world are expected to visit the city this year. These people are coming to see the exciting, creative and exceptional project underway.

With love,



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