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To: 2020 Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1835 New York avenue, N.W.
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Dear 2020 National Jury Fellowship Committee Member,

I have known architect Fani Danadjieva Hansen since 1970, when as young architects, we both were driven by our love for architecture and our passion to create a better world. Our quest, inspired by design excellence, was to help create a better environment by bringing light, energy and life to communities. We both, spent many hours volunteering as active members in promoting that goal. This work inspired many talented women to contribute through the power of architecture.

Fani makes notable contributions to the public through her unique approach. Transcending many categories of work from inspiring people to become active in the improvement of their environment through a holistic and engaging process, design, funding, construction. Her work in the US, and many other countries, demonstrates the unique value of being an Architect and AIA member. Her architectural practice recognizes the interdependence of many services that the architect provides as elements of an integrated whole. It raises the public knowledge of the architect's powerful role in improvement of the environment.

To bring life into depressed urban areas, she started Urban Art International with the first poster called "The World's Most Memorable Poster." Through her volunteering efforts as a Vice President of International Union of Women Architects, President of Design International, and President of Urban Art International, Fani globally promotes architects' innovative work and its positive effect on, not only on the people's lives who inhabit the buildings, but also on the lives of the people that work and play around them.

Knowing Fani's exemplary work for almost 50 years, elevating Fani to Fellowship of American Institute of Architects supports the AIA's efforts in making visible our values and our environmental contributions in social, economic and political value. I strongly recommend her.

Respectfully,



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