

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of permanent admittance to the United States of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I am a community and environmental planner and have worked eight years for the Federal government. For background, my resume is attached.

My knowledge of Rajneesh derives from listening to lecture tapes and reading the transcripts of those talks in book form. In addition, as a planner, I have followed with great interest developments regarding the establishment of Rajneeshpuram. I am not a sanyassin and have no connection to any Rajneesh organization..

Rajneesh appears to be exceptional in his grasp of philosophy, religion, and psychology. More remarkable is his ability to clearly communicate formerly esoteric concepts in a humorous and irreverent way. His positive approach which stresses the freedom and responsibility of the individual has inspired many people. An understanding of some of his ideas has helped me more effectively communicate with people, thereby enabling me to better perform my job.

The Rajneeshpuram project is much needed as we go through the transitional 1980's. It combines advanced technology with ecological sensitivity. Without Rajneesh, the project might flounder.

New community projects are quite scarce in this country and we could learn much from this experiment. It seems that great efforts are being made to integrate Rajneeshpuram into the existing

institutional structure, so that the problems of isolation from the larger community never develop.

While I certainly don't approve of everything Rajneesh and his organization is doing, I appreciate their courage in persevering despite the opposition. Innovators and social critics have long played an important role in advancing the culture.

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EMPLOYMENT:

1982 - Present: NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND, San Bruno, California
COMMUNITY PLANNER - Coordinated review of Navy projects with state coastal agencies.
Designed studies and selected consultants for archeological resources and encroachment studies. Advised Naval Bases on environmental and historical preservation issues. Reviewed Master Plans. Planned and conducted encroachment studies of a Marine desert combat center in Southern California and Hamilton Air Force Base properties in Marin County.

1976-1982: U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, San Francisco, California
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER - Managed water quality programs and lake restoration programs for California. Completed environmental review process for regional wastewater treatment plans for Marin County and Carmel area. Advised on Tahoe Basin environmental threshold and mitigation programs.

1976: COMARC DESIGN SYSTEMS, San Francisco, California
PLANNER - Prepared computer data bases for use in land use and watershed planning. Used cut and fill calculation program. Operated digitizer and computer.

1975: U.S. DEPT. OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Philadelphia, PA
ARCHITECT - Assisted Section Chief with environmental and legal issues. Coordinated with other units of agency.

1972-1974: U.S. DEPT. OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Pittsburgh, PA
ARCHITECT/PLANNER - Worked with architects and builders throughout the design and construction process, completing several hundred units of multifamily housing. Inspected construction. Assessed site feasibility and environmental constraints. Managed disaster assistance program for several counties, inspecting damages, interviewing applicants and setting up temporary housing.

EDUCATION:

1975: Master of City Planning and Master of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania: Urban Design Program

1972: Bachelor of Architecture, Pennsylvania State University

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

1979: Marin Solar Village, California
Served as research coordinator and participated in election campaign.

1973: Arcosanti Workshop, Arizona
Helped construct city designed by Paolo Soleri.

1971: Term Abroad Program in Architecture, London
Studied urban design and housing in urban settings.

1969: Community Planning Assistance Program, Philadelphia
Provided planning assistance to community group.
Prepared proposals for neighborhood rehabilitation.