

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

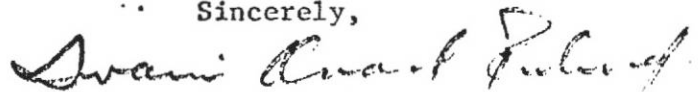
I am a tax paying citizen of the United States with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida, Class of 1967.

For the past 15 years I have been a successful, self-employed home builder and land developer, specializing in energy-efficient housing and ecologically sound land development.

I met Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1979 and found Him to be such a remarkable human being that I stayed in India for two years to experience His religious teachings. In 1981 I joined a group of architects, builders, and developers from among His disciples who had decided to create a self-sufficient community on arid, marginally useful agricultural land in central Oregon. Working together with the inspiration of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, this beautifully planned and executed community has bloomed, a green oasis in the desert, and is rapidly becoming a model of modern community development.

I feel that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a valuable asset to America. His presence would continue to inspire the growth of America's finest self sufficient community, one that is fast becoming an internationally known and respected model for the future.

Sincerely,



Swami Anand Richard