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SUPPORTING LETTER for NOMINATION ECLAS STUDENTS' AWARD

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To whom it may concern!

Diploma architects, according to experiences, even if they finished successfully a landscape architecture education, do remain committed architects inside, and vice versa, though there might be exceptional persons. The two professions are similar in space forming and creation context, but different both in the philosophical approach and the scale and material of planning.

Ivan Juarez Bolanos is a unique person, who arrived in 2014 to Hungary to step in the first year of the new MLA program of the faculty (Corvinus University of Budapest at that time). He came to study landscape design with an architectural background and with a strong openness to landscape. His portfolio introducing his architectural works and installations reflected exciting messages written into the landscape, living dialogues with place and environment.

In the whole MLA program Ivan proved to be fluently committed, and developed his natural openness to landscape on a higher, conscious level. He played a determining role with his strong motivation and creativity. In the second year of his studies he was asked to participate in the education as a guest lecturer. The *Sensory Landscapes* course was offered for the first year MLA students, and was fulfilled with great results and enthusiasm both from the students' and the lecturer part.

His diploma work is an eloquent evidence of his ripe, expert professional knowledge in landscape architecture and a deep understanding of landscape. The „Normafa Sensory Trail” testified an incredible sensitivity and understanding of the wooded landscape of Buda hills, the traditional excursion area of Budapest. The complexity and the approach reflect a true understanding of the landscape. The natural and landscape beauty of the 'Normafa' forest park is not overwritten by him, but is risen to a higher level of communication in his plan.

Ivan has already left Hungary as he moved back to Mexico where he has accepted a university lecturer's position. I am strongly convinced that his education in the Budapest school together with his European practice and context will help him to expand his teaching in build a strong connection between landscape and architecture, between Middle America and Europe.

Dear Jury, let me call your attention on Ivan Juarez landscape architect and his works for the Outstanding Student Award on master level.

Your sincerely

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