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Dear Committee members,

It is my distinct honor to recommend Anthony Sblendorio to receive the "Person of the Year Award". Dynamic, articulate, perceptive, innovative, dedication; just some of the words that describe Anthony Sblendorio. When he designed the Willow School in Bedminster, New Jersey, which is a private elementary school that obtained gold and platinum LEAD ratings it was the first of its kind in the region. Its success in restoring ecological systems and minimizing the impact of development on the land has blazed the trail for holistic and regenerative design in this country. In 1994, Anthony fulfilled a dream of building ecological and sustainable projects when he founded the company back to nature it has since grown in to a multifaceted operation leading the way in responsible development.

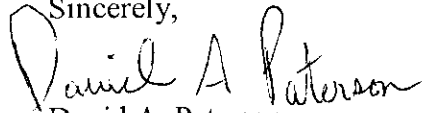
He is currently the Co- founder and CEO of Ecological development, a company that monitors, rates, and retrofits constructions to comply with the highest standards of sustainability. Ecological is also taking the first step down a new road of eco, agro, residential community development. With Anthony at the helm the company is raising a fund to incorporate residential housing from the ground up with the principles of holistic and regenerative design. The goal is to cross an astonishing threshold where by the land where has better water quality and soil health after development than it did before. Though this may challenge previous principles of development it will revolutionize the concepts of going green and sustainability. The new understanding of what is possible for environmental projects has not escaped the eyes of former UBS chairman Joe Grano and former New York State Governor George Pataki who partnered with him on the endeavor in 2008. It was the most interesting concept that I heard during my service as governor that ended in 2011 when I came to Ecological to assist Anthony in building the investment fund; a prelude, I hope, to a national awakening regarding our treatment of nature when we build.

This past year has been mostly a learning experience for me yet it has enhanced my belief that I am working on a project that will have historic implications. What I find unique about Anthony is his steadfast desire to educate society about the importance of ecology. For example, at the aforementioned Willow School he incorporated the site as an intergraded teaching school for the students. On the proposed residential communities he has instituted the plan to educate and train succeeding owners of property on the values

of ground water recharge and soil health. His presentations to perspective investors are educational within themselves viewers are stunned by his superior knowledge of ecological development and his passion for preservation.

It has been a great honor to work alongside such a creative and effective leader. Some people think out of the box; Anthony Sblendorio thinks out of the land.

Sincerely,



David A. Paterson