

JULY 23RD, 1983

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I'M WRITING IN SUPPORT OF BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH'S APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY

IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, I HAVE WORKED WITH EXOTIC TROPICAL PLANTS AND UNUSUAL FLOWERS IN BOTH THE RETAIL AND WHOLESALE MARKETS OF HIGHLY COMPETITIVE NEW YORK CITY,

ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO I BECAME FAMILIAR WITH THE WRITINGS OF BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH. THIS PEAKED MY INTEREST ENOUGH TO GO TO OREGON AND VISIT HIS CITY OF RAJNEESHPURAM. DURING THE FIRST FESTIVAL OF 1982, I WAS AMAZED TO SEE HOW THE COUNTRYSIDE IN THE CITY WAS BEING TRANSFORMED. THE OURSKIRTS OF RAJNEESHPURAM WERE BARREN WITH NO VISIBLE GREENERY. RAJNEESHPURAM, ITSELF, WITH ITS FARM AREAS AND LANDSCAPING WAS CHANGING DRAMATICALLY.

UPON VISITING THE CITY AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE THE PROGRESS AND BEAUTIFICATION THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN ONE YEAR. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT AN OASIS OF GREEN IS BEING CREATED THERE THROUGH THE INSPIRATION OF BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH. THERE IS A SPECIAL FEELING IF

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RAJNEESH PU. AM; ONE WHERE EVERYONE BELIEVES THAT THE "IMPOSSIBLE" CAN HAPPEN, AND IT DOES.

I INQUIRED ABOUT A HUGE LOGO OF BIRDS THAT WERE CREATED ON THE FACE OF THE DAM WALL WITH PLANT AND FLOWERS. ACCORDING TO MY KNOWLEDGE OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS, THIS PROJECT COULD EASILY HAVE TAKEN MONTHS, BUT ACTUALLY WAS COMPLETED WITHIN ONE MONTH. IT IS A SPECTACULAR CREATION THAT SHOWS THE LOVE AND INSPIRATION THROUGH WHICH IT WAS DONE.

ALL OF THE BUILDINGS ARE BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED. THE INTERIORS ARE DECORATED WITH PLANTS FROM THEIR GREENHOUSE AND HOME GROWN FLOWERS. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT A MAN OF GREAT VISION IS PRESENT IN ORDER FOR THESE THINGS TO TAKE PLACE WITH SUCH BEAUTY, LOVE AND TASTE.

MY OWN WORK HAS BEEN TREMENDOUSLY CHANGED. I HAVE BEEN INSPIRED TO CREATE INTERIOR SPACE WITH PLANTS AND FLOWERS THAT PREVIOUSLY I HAD NOT BEEN CAPABLE OF. SOMEHOW, EXPERIENCING THE LOVE THAT IS PUT INTO EVERYTHING THE PEOPLE OF RAJNEESH PURA DO, HELPED ME TO PUT MORE LOVE INTO MY WORK TO LOOK AT THINGS WITH A NEW PERSPECTIVE. MY CLIENTS HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND MANY HAVE REMARKED ON THE MANNER IN WHICH I AM NOW BEAUTIFYING THEIR HOMES AND OFFICES, THEY FEEL IT IS MORE LIVELY AND SOFT AND BEAUTIFUL AT THE SAME TIME,

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I FEEL THROUGH MY OBSERVATIONS OF LIFE AT
RAJNEESHOPURAM, THAT BHAGWAN SHREE
RAJNEESH IS AN EXCEPTIONAL HUMAN BEING
WHOSE VERY PRESENCE IS MAKING INCREDIBLE
THINGS HAPPEN.

Sincerely,

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