



June 2, 2009

Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo  
120 Broadway  
New York, NY 10001  
2 pages by fax- 212-416-8942

Dear Attorney General Cuomo,

The official plan for the World Trade Center has failed in every respect. Now that it is clear nothing will be built at Ground Zero without another massive transfusion of public funds, officials do not have the authority to ignore an alternative plan that would save billions of dollars, years of effort, and reward the public with what it has asked for all along.

Officials have demonstrated how *not* to rebuild the Trade Center; now it is time for them to evaluate “Twin Towers II,” a plan that has impressed everyone who has looked into it, including some of the most eminent skyscraper authorities in the world. A copy of the letter we sent to Mayor Bloomberg last Friday is attached.

Officials do not have the luxury of using public funds and then doing everything in their power to evade the public's will. Now that they are looking into the additional expense of a redesign that would permanently deform the site, the least they can do is look into an existing design that could be built without delay and would *transform the site*. There is a transition plan that could convert much of the work done to date and would result in a first-rate inspiration, instead of a third-rate embarrassment.

As the chief legal officer for the people of New York, you have the moral authority to call on the Summit participants to give “Twin Towers II” the hearing it merits. And, you have the statutory authority to uphold the public's right to closely monitor the decision-making process, instead of being locked out. We need urgent action to call a halt to those secret meetings until they are open to public scrutiny. The consequences are sure to be too far-reaching to get this wrong. Who is benefitting from keeping the public in the dark and why?

We are counting on you to protect the public's best interests.

Sincerely,

Margaret Donovan and Richard Hughes  
for The Twin Towers Alliance

cc: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Gov. David A. Paterson, Gov. Jon S. Corzine,  
Speaker Sheldon Silver, Chairman Anthony R. Coscia, Executive Director  
Christopher O. Ward, Mr. Larry A. Silverstein



# THE TWIN TOWERS ALLIANCE

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT — WHAT NEW YORK NEEDS — WHAT AMERICA DESERVES

May 29, 2009

The Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg  
New York City Hall  
1 page by fax- 212-788-8123

Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

The future of the WTC is at an impasse. The current plan is not only broken, it was misconceived from the start. It needs to be thrown out. There is a plan that can replace it with very little disruption, that will save billions of dollars, can be finished years ahead of the current timetable, and is immensely popular.

We are writing to you on behalf of the millions of Metro New Yorkers and Americans who care deeply about the future of the World Trade Center. Please respect the public's right to be heard and to closely monitor the decision-making process.

Kenneth Gardner, the plan's designer, would appreciate the chance to make a presentation with the model and blueprints to you and your committee and answer any questions you may have before you make any decision on June 11th about the future of the World Trade Center. This alternative certainly deserves your attention.

We guarantee that it can convert a lose-lose into a win-win for everyone concerned. The "Twin Towers II" plan would promote the mixed use, 24-7 residential environment you have wanted to see in Lower Manhattan from the start. It can outperform the current plan by every measure.

No one who is currently involved in trying to find a solution created this situation. You all inherited it. Unless there is something that is not being shared with the public, there is no reason for you to insist on forcing a plan on the rest of us that has failed by every standard, when there is such a promising alternative waiting for your attention.

There is no responsible way to dismiss what it offers, especially given the tremendous public funding already invested and still required. A recent MSNBC poll found over 90% support for scrapping the current project in favor of "Twin Towers II."

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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