



History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely, once they have exhausted all the other alternatives. – Abba Eban

A Federal judge recently ordered that a long-overdue settlement for ailing 9/11 heroes be renegotiated, because he believes it would shortchange Ground Zero workers. Although the delay is a hardship, one long-suffering firefighter seemed to speak for the many when he said he would rather die waiting for what is right than, after all this time, accept what is wrong.

In much the same way, we are all being shortchanged at the World Trade Center site and we need to be just as uncompromising, because the consequences are so far-reaching. Winston Churchill observed that “we shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us.” One of the most recent comments of the thousands left on the Twin Towers Alliance site came from overseas and warned: “Any other building than the two towers of the WTC will be a shame. Rebuild now!” Millions of people at home and abroad can see how much this really matters.

The unfortunate Freedom Tower, whose shape is so common to cemeteries around the world, is an appalling substitute for the two spectacular landmarks that were taken from us. Rebuilding better-than-ever Twin Towers is what most of us have always wanted. Just last year, an MSNBC poll found that 90% of the people supported making the transition from the current plan to a fully designed plan for re-engineered Twin Towers. As another comment left on the TTA website asks, “How is it allowed that so few people can be so dismissive of what so many want?” That question deserves an answer.

Anyone who is satisfied with the future that is unfolding at Ground Zero is standing up too close. The World Trade Center is being built on the sands of false assumptions. You are receiving a copy of this booklet, containing our organization’s recent submissions to Attorney General Cuomo, the Port Authority’s General Counsel, and the WTC Arbitration Panel, either because you are one of the individuals copied in on the documents, or else because you are a prominent citizen who can be trusted to fairly judge what is presented.

Anyone who really wants to understand what is sabotaging the future of the World Trade Center – and to learn what it is we can do about it – will find the answers within.

This is less a call to action than a call to question. **It is still *not too late* to do the right thing.**



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