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6th Street Embankment Jersey City NJ 07302 Case AB 167 1189X

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Greetings Jeffrey,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the decision regarding above referenced case AB 167 1189 X for the 6th Street Embankment in Jersey City NJ 07302.

I disagree as an Environmental Scientist, Urban activist, and Economist (B.S Env Science University of Delaware, MBA Finance of the same, and resident for 8 years) that demolition of said structure would not cause undue harm to the 2 historic neighborhoods of Hamilton Park and Harsimus Cove.

The thin section which the Embankment encompasses was not designed as a residential section of the area and given the present density of the surrounding areas would certainly cause undue harm in terms of increased parking, traffic, and lack of proper planning given current development trends.

Aside from urban residential impact, it would certainly negatively impact environmental preservation, rainwater capture, native plant and tree species, as well as heating mitigation in the form of open green space. Several studies have been done on the benefits of green roofs and increasing green canopy towards reduction of air pollution and climate change which impact health in urban areas.

Please see article from US Environmental Protection Agency <https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/reduce-urban-heat-island-effect>

At a time when we are trying to promote responsible sustainable practices especially in areas traditionally consisting of heat absorbing materials, the demolition of a massive green structure seems like a regressive approach where Government should be leading rather than encouraging continued traditional development.

I will further research the benefits of green practices in urban areas and encourage others to voice their opposition to said ruling. There is a very active community in this area that is extremely opposed to development of the historic 6th Street Embankment structure and I guarantee you will be hearing more regarding this issue.

Please feel free to contact me regarding the reasoning for supporting demolition of this structure and I will be glad to have an open discourse if at all possible to prevent this event from occurring. It is very much in the interest of the community to promote preservation of historic structures especially ones with environmental and positive health benefits to the local residents.

Regards,
Jeffrey Sepp