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TESTIMONY TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE

RE: EAST 125TH ST. PROJECT

DEAR CITY COUNCIL,

PLEASE EXCUSE THIS HANDWRITTEN TESTIMONY BUT I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION WE WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

I MUST SAY THAT IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAS COME THIS FAR. WE KNOW THAT THIS PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY PRESENTED TO YOU. IT GOT THIS FAR IN WHAT WE BELIEVE A FRAUDULENT MANNER. YOU ARE ASKED TO VOTE FOR A PROJECT THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY IS AGAINST FOR A LOT OF REASONS.

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IF THERE IS A VOTE FOR THIS DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN, WE THE BUSINESSES WILL BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF FIGHTING AGAINST EMINENT DOMAIN UNFAIRLY, JUST BECAUSE THE CITY OWNS A LARGE PORTION OF THE PARCEL INVOLVED. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. HAS NOT ADEQUATELY REACHED OUT TO THE BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY. THIS PROJECT IS NOT THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF CITY PROPERTY.

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THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HAS NOT COMPETENTLY THOUGHT THIS THROUGH AS THEIR TRACK RECORD

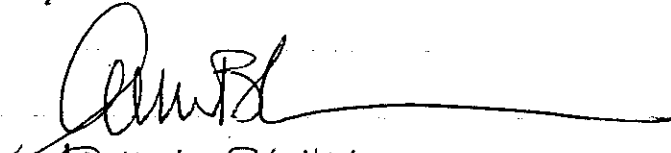
SHOWS THE HUMMER DEALERSHIP THAT THEY PUT IN WILL NOT HAVE A PLACE TO FILL THEIR TANKS AS THIS PROJECT INTENDS TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN AGAINST THE GAS STATION. THAT DEVELOPMENT IS FAILING MISERABLY. IF THE CITY WANTS HOUSING, WHY CAN'T THEY PUT IT ON TOP OF THE LARGER LOT ACROSS THE STREET ABOVE THE ONE STORY PATHMARK THAT THEY BUILT? THEY WILL WIPE OUT THE SMALL BUSINESSES OF LONG GOOD STANDING FOR CHAIN STORES OF DISCOUNT NATURE. THAT DOES NOT ADD TO OUR COMMUNITY THE WAY WE WANT.

THE EDC FAILED WITH THE VANDERBILT ARMORY IN BROOKLYN, SOUTH STREET SEAPORT AND POTAMKIN AUTO DEALERSHIP AND MUCH MORE INCLUDING THE CORN EXCHANGE BANK DOWN THE STREET.

YOU AS COUNCIL MEMBERS CANNOT PROPERLY ANALYZE THIS IN THE SHORT TIME YOU WERE GIVEN IN ADDITION TO THE MISLEADING INFORMATION THAT WAS HANDED TO YOU TO DECIDE UPON.

WE ALL ASK YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING BY HARD WORKING TAXPAYERS TO PUT OFF THIS VOTE UNTIL YOU HAVE A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT.

YOURS TRULY,


EVAN BLUM