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TO  
SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH REIVER  
IN SUPPORT OF AMENDED VERIFIED PETITION

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a successful entrepreneur, business owner, guest lecturer at FIT and other community activities based in New York City who has been featured in numerous magazine articles, newspapers and television here in New York. I have been lucky enough to live a few blocks from the Elizabeth St Garden for the last 16 years.

I cant tell you how much this space means to me, the community, New Yorkers , other Boroughs and international visitors. It is a prime attraction listed in guidebooks along side the Met, Central Park and the Highline and has been a described as a "treasure" which it is.

I have volunteered there for years and spent many a day where over a 100 people come in and out. Knowing how hard it is to attract people in our extremely consumer driven society the pull of this garden never ceases to amaze me. It has everything the city should be PROTECTING not DESTROYING.

- Its a local attraction bringing people to a neighborhood where small business are struggling and desperately need foot traffic
- It provides a diverse and free range of activities for children and parents to enjoy creating much needed human interaction in an increasingly isolated city and in neighborhood where there is very little green space
- It is a safe space managed, looked over and run by a not for profit keeping it open to all
- It is a place for all generations regardless of race, gender or socio economics to spend quality time and regenerate so that all of us can be better citizens and better humans.
- It is a magnet for Instagram activities meaning it promotes itself in a way that the city would have to spend a fortune doing and its doing to for free

Why tear down a space that is already operating as a heart and soul for a neighborhood who has nowhere to sit unless they buy something? Affordable Housing is a good cause but in this case this is not simply an unused lot, this is a very loved, needed and precious part of downtown New York City known to pull more

people in one day than most businesses in this area ever could and known to bring so much joy.

Given there is another location that has been identified as space to build this same housing project slated for this spot I implore you not to do this.

It will bring only more depression and darkness to a world that needs the opposite and has a jewel in its midst that will forever serve the community in a way that nothing could replace or attract as the Elizabeth St Garden does.

Yours sincerely,

Poppy King

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When I first moved into the NoLita almost 20 years ago, I was intrigued by the neighborhood with a sculpture garden in the middle. At that time, the garden was the most beautiful spot in the area, and without a doubt was a main catalyst to draw in the thriving businesses that now surround it and the garden still continues to contribute to the popularity of the neighborhood.

This was a key part of the allure of the neighborhood, and therefore influenced my decision to move to the neighborhood.

I am now raising a family in the neighborhood and without the garden, my children

would not have any day to day exposure to green space, unless we left the city, which we seldom do. Through the garden's active year round activity program, my kids have the opportunity to plant seeds, grow fruits and vegetables, release insects, play with nature, as well as participate in garden maintenance... raking leaves, weeding, etc. Over the years there have even been workshops on subjects like composting and worming.

These are critical experiences for kids growing up in the city. I also recently read of scientific studies validating that exposure to green space is essential for the brain development in children:

<https://www.kcet.org/shows/socal-connected/long-term-exposure-to-green-spaces-affects-childrens-cognitive-development>

As a volunteer at the garden and a local fashion stylist, I have collaborated with the small businesses in the neighborhood to put on events, one example was a fashion show during fashion week. The local stores rallied to help out when they heard I was working on an event in the garden to help raise funds for the garden to help keep it around.

The stores and restaurants that donated either items or services included, Ritual Vintage, Warm, Wendy Nichols, Odin, Eddie Borgo, Only Hearts, Oroboro, Westerlind, Josie Natori, Creatures Of Comfort, Ulla Johnson, Piccolini, Yarnz,

Proenza Schouler, M.Martin, Inkerman, Rachel Comey, Hillesheimer Corp, A Per Se, Seamores, Crosby Hotel, Margherita, and Jack's Wife Frieda. They donated items that were resold, and there were volunteer models walking the garden path (red carpet) displaying the fashions from the stores. It was a magical event which drew in visitors to the garden. It was also mutually beneficial for the stores and restaurants as new customers were exposed to their locations and brought new business to them. Elizabeth street Garden is the heart of this neighborhood, an essential break in this concrete jungle, and a tourists delight.

Thank you,  
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