



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

*"Dream No Small Dreams"*

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The world was robbed of the 21st-century Twin Towers most of us always wanted.

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**david seibel** All Other NY & NJ Residents 2/19/2011

I remember looking at the twin towers when i was a kid, and gazing in awe at what an amazing country we were, and how we could build the greatest buildings that I've ever seen. I was in first grade when 9/11 happened. My most vivid memory was walking out of my front door on September 12, and being hit in the face with a cloud of ash. I asked my dad if they were going to rebuild the twin towers, and he said "I hope they will. And if they do, you can take your kids there, because I was never able to take you there." He had told me that he was going to take me soon. Long live the twin towers.

**Haley Hardy** All Other Americans 2/18/2011

The current design for the new tower is simply ridiculous. The original twins represented power and strength. This angular, glittering piece of trash will only serve as a mockery to the U.S. By not putting back what we have lost, America is admitting defeat to the 2001 attack. Put back the twins, reestablish that once mighty N.Y. skyline, and confirm to the rest of the world that America cannot and will not be debilitated from foreign threats. We are a resilient people - something the Twin Towers undauntedly showcased. This insult of a design is far from reaching the glory that the twins had.

**Angus Chiao** All Other Americans 2/18/2011

The twin towers were an iconic symbol of new york's economic might. The new towers don't even match the floor area of the old towers, bring back the twins!

**Elizabeth Sesma \*** All Other Americans 2/17/2011

The Twin Towers stood for all that America welcomes, world trade and the quest for world peace. I did not lose anyone in 9/11 but my best friend worked in Tower 2 and was fortunately able to escape just as the second tower was hit. Her life was affected greatly as were all the others there and all of America. I will never forget. The Twin Towers deserve to be rebuilt!

**Derek Gonzales \*** All Other Americans 2/17/2011

SAVE THE TWIN TOWERS!! I DONT WANT A FREEDOM TOWER. IT DOESNT LOOK RIGHT. IT JUST SCREAMS COMMERCIAL.

**Artem Chudinov** Citizens of Other Nations 2/16/2011

Starting my early days I am keening on the Twin Towers. I am keening on their beauty and their interesting construction but tragedy. Twin Towers were one of the most honorable places in the world, you know. People all around the world know them. That time had slipped and only North Tower has

**Tanya Mitchell \*** All Other Americans 2/4/2011

Twin Towers deserve to be rebuilt. They were brought down by people who just had absolutely no care in the world at all about those who were within. The now gone children who have no future anymore. Please, lets stand, and rebuild!

**Mark Dushaj** All Other Americans 2/4/2011

My heart was broken on September 11th 2001 and it will not be pieced together untill the Twin Towers are standing tall in the Manhattan skyline once again.

**Eric Bauerfeld** All Other Americans 2/4/2011

**Johnson Larry \*** Lwr. Manhattan Residents & Workers 2/4/2011

The Twin Towers were the very heart of New York City and nothing will ever replace what was lost on 9/11! The new Freedom Tower that is being built at ground zero is an insult to the people who lost families, friends, or loved ones on 9/11! What is happening at ground zero is a rank abuse! The port authority doesn't own anything at ground zero! The people are the ones to decide what they want built at the World Trade Center site!

**Kez Pitt** Citizens of Other Nations 2/2/2011

Ever since the attacks happend that day in september, i believe america has never been the same or will be again and lost so much! The skyline will never look complete again without those two towering towers standing bold and smart! The new freedom tower may be a small effort at building for the fututre but has no connection with the past towers and is no way a replacement to the originals!

In my opinon if any new towers were to be bulit, it would only be fitting to rebuild the orginal towers, identical exterior features but much needed and improved safety and economical features inside!

**Hunter Conley \*** All Other Americans 2/2/2011


On September 11, 2001, I was only in first grade. Even though I may have been young and I am not even from New York, the attacks had a huge impact on me. I couldn't quite understand why somebody would want to kill thousands of innocent people for their religion and "god". The Twin Towers were the highlight of New York and we, along with the rest of America, need them back. This one, single tower does not symbolize America's strength, freedom, or courage whatsoever. I believe that building this tower instead of the Twin Towers is quite frankly an insult to all of New York and America. Rebuild.

**Gerald Ed \*** All Other Americans 1/31/2011

remained.

I do not think that it is good idea to build Ground Zero because I think it is not real replacement of Twin Towers.

Anyway I hope that Twin Towers will be rebuilt. Even if it will take 30 years.

 **diego cortez \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/15/2011

the twin towers must be rebuilt to show the entire world that american people are able to do great things, also the twin towers. Do not let the new ugly fredom tower represent and use the name of World Trade Center because this tower is not worth of it.

 **Hugo Young \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/14/2011

My family and I were in New York for a week to take in three baseball games. I was twelve when we decided to go to the World Trade Center for lunch. I convinced my father to take me to the open observation deck as well, on Saturday the eleventh, 8/11.

We returned to my hometown of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and within weeks, 9/11 was upon us. I was woken up by my parents and told the news. By the time school began the WTC was no more, it was 8:28 MT. I will never forget 9/11. We won't forget 9/11. So why should the government and these developers forget the twin towers? Bring WTC back to NYC.

 **Chris Monson \*** 9/11 Families & Close Friends 2/14/2011

i lost my cousin that fatal day on the 90th floor of the south tower, it would be amazing to see where he stood 10 years ago to be on the 90th floor on that corner office, over looking the waters of the Hudson, it would bean amazing tribute to him and everyone else who died that day.  
forever R.I.P. 9/11 victims.

 **Andrej Kokoc** Citizens of Other Nations 2/14/2011

I was nine when I saw the events on the news on that sad day. I was frightened and shocked as much as a kid could be. Even then I understood what was lost – America has lost its symbol. But this movement can change it all, and I really want it to succeed. Back in the day whenever I thought of the US, I always imagined the Twin Towers. And now since I've saw this movement, I want to take part in it and help America be the way it was, as strong as can be. Do not allow some terrorists change you and break you. Show them your strength!!! Rebuild your icon the way it was! Never give in!

 **Santiago Fernandez \*** Metro New Yorkers 2/12/2011

Rebuild the Twin Towers in honor of those who perished in the 9/11 attacks! The Twin Towers is the only right memorial for the victims and their families! 9/11 will never be forgotten but we must move forward with strength and dignity! Let us rebuild in honor of the past and hope for the future generation!

 **Gabriel Montalvo \*** All Other Americans 2/11/2011

REBUILD THE WTC's TWIN TOWERS. I have no loved one who died on that day. But i think that the twin towers should be taller, safer and stronger.

GIVE BACK THE REAL WTC.

 **Holly Chen \*** Metro New Yorkers 2/11/2011

Rebuilding the Twin Towers would be the only way to respect and keep in memory those we lost while still being able to move forward as a nation and people with strength and dignity.

What is currently being built/planned is too worked, aesthetically confusing, uninspired... weak. I'd rather see nothing then have a permanent eye sore on our beautiful skyline and create emotional longing in our hearts. Twin Towers was a deep rooted universally recognized symbol and positive beacon of New York and of America. Replacing it would be telling the world we have given up and retreated.

 **Jennifer Thorpe-Moscon** Metro New Yorkers 2/10/2011

I participated in the circus that resulted in the current plans for Ground Zero, such as the Listening to the City events in which no one listened to anyone. The officials involved have never cared what the people wanted or what was best for this city. We must rebuild the Twin Towers or else our city will always have a

I wish to see the twin towers standing again-but the freedom tower looks more like a needle that would kill a person than anything amazing, so america should do the RIGHT thing and REBUILD THE TWIN TOWERS!!!!!!

 **Matthew Perry \*** Metro New Yorkers 1/31/2011

Rebuild the Twin Towers! It is the only solution for healing the psychological wounds of 9/11! We need the Twin Towers back! Please rebuild the Twin Towers!

 **Gonzalez Hesar \*** Metro New Yorkers 1/30/2011

The Freedom Tower will never represent what the Twin Towers represented for 30 years of its existence! The Twin Towers were a symbol of who were as Americans! The Twin Towers were a symbol of peace and belief in humanity! We need our towers back! The Twin Towers is the only answer and it will bring healing to this country!

 **Christopher Giannotta \*** Metro New Yorkers 1/30/2011

I was born and raised in Bensonhurst Brooklyn New York, as a child growing up in the early to mid 90s, my father worked in World Trade Tower 1. I would go to work with him and admire my city from 1400ft high. My father sadly passed away from cancer in 2005, I miss him dearly, it would make my dreams come true to relive my greatest memory's with him, and join him once again in spirit on the new Twin Towers. I hope and pray that in the near future I can be on the observation deck with my father once again.


 **kristen macias** All Other Americans 1/29/2011

We need our Towers Back!!!!

 **Adrian Macias** All Other Americans 1/29/2011

Please rebuild the WTC

 **kevin joseph \*** All Other Americans 1/29/2011

 **Julio Taser \*** All Other Americans 1/28/2011

I can't believe that we have failed to rebuild the Twin Towers that once dominated the Manhattan skyline! With the Freedom Tower the skyline will look as though the terrorists have finished what they have started! The Twin Towers represented man's belief in peace! The Twin Towers were a symbol of America! The terrorists will win because we have failed to live up to our standards! Congratulations to Osama Bin Laden! The terrorists have won!

 **Andre Kolb \*** Citizens of Other Nations 1/24/2011

 **Christian Cohn** All Other Americans 1/21/2011

Rebuild the towers as they were or greater. That is how it should be.

 **Johnathen Sweeney \*** All Other Americans 1/20/2011

 **Jens Kosman** All Other Americans 1/17/2011

I agree with a lot of what I see here. The twin towers were a symbol of democratic strength, thought, and leadership. By rebuilding them, we are rejuvenating and improving that icon and bringing back what people who find glee in destruction rather than progress took away. By building a memorial, we are building what someone described here as the stumps of what was. I don't want to look down from the new WTC and be forever reminded of a sick past. I want to look forward and continue to build. Leaders, rethink this decision and don't lose on this opportunity to bring NYC forward.

 **Lukas Hazucha** Citizens of Other Nations 1/17/2011

Hello people who love old, good and beautiful Twins. I was dreaming to come to New York City and see WTC towers. Now is destroyed and Mr. Silverstein wants build one Freedom tower, which in my opinion has a terrible desing.

So please Mr. Silverstein and many others who wants Freedom tower, rebuild old Twin towers and make NYC same as was before 9/11 attacks. You will make a lot of people happy.

Yours sincerely Lukas from Slovakia

 **Jason Behl \*** All Other Americans 1/16/2011

seeing the new design of this wtc is frustrating. they look like towers of 2050. it would be nice to see not one but two towers. not to mention two twin towers.

glaring hole in its skyline, no matter what else might be put there.

 **Jason Hanson** \* Metro New Yorkers 2/9/2011

The new Freedom Tower that is being proposed right now is a sign that we have been defeated! The Twin Towers is the only way to show people that we are strong and will not tolerate terrorism and violence in our nation! The Twin Towers made Lower Manhattan what it is today! The Freedom Tower does not match with the skyline at all! Plus it is smaller than the Twin Towers! The Twin Towers should be rebuilt but stronger than it was!

 **Yvette Owens** \* All Other Americans 2/9/2011

In order for America to shine again, the Twin Towers need to be rebuilt. How is it that New Orleans was rebuilt after a natural disaster, and New York politicians don't see that it is necessary to show the world that we won't allow terrorists to knock us down and keep us down? What happened? After all those who died when attempting to rescue people, to extinguish a fire that was never going to be put out, and those who lost family and friends, how can we not see fit to rebuild these towers as a monument to their memory?

 **Martin Bouffard** All Other Americans 2/9/2011

We cannot [settle] for a second rate World Trade Center. We must cap the so called Freedom Tower and replace the stumps where towers 2 and 3 are planned with new, stronger Twin Towers. We need to restore New York's skyline with a World Trade Center that America and the world can be proud of. Without the Twin Towers, New York is not New York.

 **Gail Grasser** \* All Other Americans 2/9/2011

There could be no greater Memorial to those Americans who perished on on 9/11 then to rebuild the World Trade Center on Ground zero.

It would be great to put all their names on it.

I would feel a sense of Victory and Healing for America.

Oh Yes; Please, Lets do it.

 **Scott Stevenson** All Other Americans 2/9/2011

I lived on Governor's Island from 1987-1990 as a young child. After using Google maps to explore Governor's Island and parts of NYC, I realize that my childhood from ages 5-7 has been desecrated. To know that an event like 9/11 happened so close to where I used to live. Everyday when I am not thinking about anything else, the images of two planes ramming into the buildings haunts my mind.

While I liked the idea of the Freedom Tower, I now feel that rebuilding the Twin Towers would be what needs to happen to best heal the wounds of 9/11.

 **Trevor Sansom** All Other Americans 2/8/2011

The official new trade center is going to be significantly smaller than the original ones. What is that crap? This is America. When someone destroys our buildings, do we say "okay, we will just rebuild it smaller next time"? No, that is not America. That is sad.

Also, the new trade center's appearance does not match the aesthetics of NYC at all.


If we could just rebuild them like they were before, it sets the strongest example — that we can't be broken.

 **Mattias Johanson** \* Citizens of Other Nations 2/8/2011

These buildings were the symbol of New York, they should be rebuilt, nothing else! Nothing can compare to their greatness!

 **Dave Sutcliffe** \* Citizens of Other Nations 2/8/2011

Hello from England, The twin towers were not just two buildings, they were a national symbol of the united states. a very awful thing happened to them on 9/11, and your telling me they are not going to be replaced? ? very sad to think they are gone forever. im not saying make an exact replica, they could be totally different in look! just make sure they are identical to each other. TWIN towers! so when u look from across

 **Lisa Christie** \* Citizens of Other Nations 1/14/2011

New York skyline just isn't the same! Why did they choose this awful awful design of the freedom tower. Id love to see the world trade centre back where they once stood tall and proud. thats what it should be about. Freedom tower sucks!!!!!! BRING BACK WORLD TRADE CENTRE - TWIN TOWERS!!!! PLEEEEEEEEEAAAAAASSSSSSSSSEEEEEEE :(

 **Bruce Kopytek** Architects and Builders 1/13/2011

In the small country of Poland, it was the will of the people to rebuild Warsaw's Royal Castle destroyed by WWII. Today it stands as a monument to people's determination, when their culture and nationhood were threatened. A favorite observation regarding the castle's reconstruction is that it is often considered to be a truthful copy, but "only" a copy of a historic building nonetheless. However, in two hundred years, that it is a copy will be insignificant, because it will be seen that Warsaw was only without its castle for about 35 years. Why not the same for the twin towers?

 **Paul Alen** All Other Americans 1/13/2011

I believe the best way to honor the lives lost on 9/11/2001 and to make the strongest stand against terrorism is to rebuild the twin towers.

 **Bas de Ruig** Citizens of Other Nations 1/12/2011

I can imagine that not only 80% of the American citizens want their towers back, but also 80% of the complete Western civilization. And I am one of them. Rebuild, and add one extra floor in each, to show those terrorists that they can destroy steel and concrete, but that they will never be able to destroy the Western morality: FREEDOM!

May all the 9/11 victims rest in peace.

Greetings from Holland.

 **Nathan Hioe** \* Citizens of Other Nations 1/12/2011

The Twin Towers should definitely be rebuilt. They are my favorite buildings. I have never seen them in reality, and I would really want my dream to come true by seeing them stand tall and mighty in New York City's skyline. According to me, the Twin Towers are what makes New York City the most unique city in the entire universe. The Freedom Tower wouldn't be a proper way of honoring those who lost their lives on 9/11. Rebuild the Twin Towers, and build a proper memorial for the victims of 9/11. God Bless America.

 **Paul Joseph** Metro New Yorkers 1/10/2011

The Freedom Tower will not heal the skyline! There is still a hole in my heart after 9/11! We want the Twin Towers rebuilt but stronger than ever! The people originally wanted to Twin Towers rebuilt! Everybody wants those icons back in the skyline the way they were but stronger! The Twin Towers 2 project will give respect and honor those that have died on September 11, 2001! That is the only memorial we can give to the victims and their families!

the river u see the national symbol once again of 2 bold twin brothers towering above all else!

 [Tyler Humphries](#) All Other Americans 2/7/2011

Ever since I was 3, back in 2000, I dreamed about going to the magnificent towers. When they got destroyed, I had to go to therapy to sort out depression, seeing these towers rebuilt would mean alot to everyone in america.

*TTA Note: Anyone who thinks Tyler is exaggerating should check out the link to his website...*

 [Mackenzie Lodge](#) Citizens of Other Nations 2/5/2011

Hello, my name is Mackenzie. i'm from Canada, and i never knew what 9/11 was until i researched it. and i am mad because those heartless terrorists destroyed one of my dreams. i would love to see those towers stand again. thanks for reading.

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