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

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America.

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Lara Orfei Nones \* Citizens of Other Nations 8/7/2016
I'm signing in the hope WTC's original buildings will replace the current ones, but safer and modern inside and the wonderful fountain' sphere restored. I'm imagining an underground street below the site too. However i lost any hope to see the towers in their place once again but i trust you.

## Walter Orfei Nones Malachikhine Alessandro

I was born on 1997 and i never had a chance to visit the former site. I'm signing in the hope this petition will succeed and the site, especially WTC 1 and 2, restored to the original (or almost) design, externally at least.

## Louis Taylor Lwr. Manhattan Residents & 7/15/2016 Workers

Norman Mailer wrote, I paraphrase here: "...there was nothing like the Manhattan skyline...with its two bucked teeth jutting out so distinctively."

It seemed natural that the powers that be would rebuild our Twin Towers...and not erect a sterile, generic monolith sans "character". We have been let

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The new World Trade Center complex isn't terrible, but really? In my opinion, the only way we could heal from 9/11 is if the WTC be built how it was when it was destroyed.

Al-Qaeda wanted the Twin Towers destroyed, and by wasting time for these new designs, we are giving them what they wanted.

The new World Trade Center is a "giant middle-finger" to the victims and their families; the only way to heal this nation is to rebuild the towers.

## Martin Caspary-Smith \* All Other 6/16/2016

I was born overseas in the year 96 and I was too young to remember 9/11. Heck I wasn't aware of the Twin Towers existing until I saw the 76 remake of King Kong. Upon years later I saw what the new World Trade Center was going to look like and that's when I found this site. I did question why don't they rebuild towers. It left me for some years until I went to New York for the first time. I liked the Freedom Tower when I saw it in person but it would look nicer with the towers next to it. After my trip I saw what the

#### Marcos MartÃn Citizens of Other Nations 1/24/2016

Please build back the Twin Towers. I was 4 when the tragedy we know as 9/11 happened. As I grow older and see less people care and remember what happened it really makes me sick. My biggest dream in life is to see the towers rising above everything else one more time. My life would be complete if I could just see them and all of what they stand for. Thank you for letting me have a voice and God bless

John K. \* 9/11 Families & Close Friends

1/21/2016

Thank you for your blog article. Great.

Franco Finelli Metro New Yorkers 1/18/2016

\*\*\* Thomas Goodman All Other Americans 1/15/2016
We can still rebuild the twin towers where the reflecting pools are. I don't understand why we could not rebuild them in the first place.

Lisandro Ordonez Posse Citizens of Other 1/13/2016

Fig. Lynn Balderas \* All Other Americans 1/4/2016

I strongly believe that the towers should be rebuilt. They are symbolic to our peoples and nation. I want to have the opportunity to see how they were once again.

Eralp Yavuz \* 9/11 Families & Close Friends 1/2/2016

Jordan Ashab \* Citizens of Other Nations 1/2/2016

I have been following the events of 9/11 and the rebuilding effort over the years and it pains me to think that these 2 beautiful towers were not even considered when polling showed over 90% of people not just in America but around the world wanted the Twin Towers rebuilt. Despite the new Trade Center being mostly rebuilt already I still hold out hope that one day I may visit New York and my dream that the twins will be there bigger and better than before can be realised. It is what the American people and the people of all the free world deserve to see, to show those scumbag terrorists that we will not let you have the satisfaction of ruining our livelihoods.

Ryan McKenzie \* All Other Americans 12/30/2015
I was down at the World Trade Center just three days ago.I hated to gaze up where I used to see two shimmering silver towers and instead see a glass gravestone which claims to be the future of architecture. I do like the symbolic height, but they should've rebuilt the Twin Towers with that height.

new design of WTC2 was going to look like and I hated it! That's when my appreciation for the Twin Towers grew! They're my favorite NY landmark second to the Empire State Building and I want to see them back!!!

Mark Garvey \* All Other Americans 6/14/2016
Symbolism is a great thing in America. The twin towers represented symbolism. When you look at them you have an epiphany and realize just how special they were to us. Please rebuild them.

## Clint Gerard Bascon \* Citizens of Other 5/25/2016

i was 13 years old when the Twins got attacked, i saw it on TV, i don't know what to feel and i can hardly remember the exact word that comes in my mind..but it made me sad..i gathered newspaper clips of the WTC, twintowers and the attack certainly..i was aware of such chaos at that time..and now i just turned 28 and i still feel that emptiness everytime i see USA images w/out the Twins..heartbreaking..many Filipino sympathized to what happened and we feel very sorry to the people who died that day..our condolences and RIP..I've watched youtube videos of 9/11 attack..raw videos, videos of..every angle..and watching that plane crash into the twins is really haunting..all the emotions i've felt..i don't know why..but it's really disti

Taro Fukuda Citizens of Other Nations Hi my English is bad but i went to Manhattan when i was 12 with my family and we we're watching many famous thing like empire state, times square and 5th avenue but one thing i think is mystery was I saw the 2 enormous pool close to one world trade center and when my father saw that his face was sad because he lost his best friend in the twin towers and I went to memorial 9.11 and he was right the tragedy happened in 9.11. My father was in the twin towers. He said he was in the Fuji bank in south tower and when he felt the crash to north tower hit with something. Fortunately my father felt danger so he succeed to escape. Now one world trade center is build but this not make satisfied for new york families. So twin towers need be rebuild. I love your project. I will love to see the twin towers again.

Ganon Lingle \* All Other Americans 5/10/2016 I would like to see the Twin Towers rebuilt. I was 2 years old when 9/11 happened and i would like to see it if they rebuild it.

Rado PÃileÅi Citizens of Other Nations 5/9/2016

I want Twin towers back

jonathan sills All Other Americans 5/8/2016

Alejandra Espino \* All Other Americans 4/26/2016

Adam Cunningham \* Citizens of Other 4/23/2016

I never got to see them, I was only a year old when they fell, I really want to see them whenever I visit New York.

## David Silverstein \* 9/11 Families & Close 4/18/2016

The Twin Towers were a symbol of America's freedom, and were the heart of New York City. America wants them back. Freedom Tower is an impressive building, and it should be kept. It would look AMAZING with the twin towers next to it. The buildings around freedom tower are ugly AF! My best friend died in this and I know that he would have wanted this.

KEEP FREEDOM TOWER - DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS AROUND IT (ESPECIALLY THE NEW 2 WTC) - KEEP THE WATERFALL MEMORIALS - REBUILD THE TWIN TOWERS AND RENAME THEM BACK TO 1+2 WTC and MAKE FREEDOM TOWER 3 WTC! IT'S NOT TOO LATE

## Gabriel Mezei All Other Americans 4/13/2016

I'm 15 years old and I was only 7 months old when the twin towers collapsed. I never got a chance to see them in person. The twin towers are the only things that I could think about. Why don't we just rebuild them? It would be nice for the twin towers to rise from the ashes. All that I ever wanted to do was to go to New York and visit the twin towers in person. Please bring back the tallest skyscrapers in NYC. It's too late to do that.

I don't get it. Downtown New York is a terrible place now, with those awful generic skyscrapers.

Alex Terzidis Citizens of Other Nations 12/29/2015 In my opinion, the main reason to rebuilt the Twin Towers is purely ethical. The leaders of 9/11 tragedy are now satisfied, as they think that by destroying them they managed to terrorize Americans. But no. Americans should get over 9/11 (not forget it) and demand from their government to rebuilt them, because in this way they wil show terrorists that they even such a major hit, won't frighten them. The Twin Towers II should look exactly like the previous ones (to show that 9/11 didn't have impacts of fear on the U.S), be built with stronger materials (in order to resist any attack) and become some floors higher (to show that America is now even stronger than before). New York's skyline will be renewed but at the same moment not changed

#### George E.H. \* 9/11 Survivors & Families 12/26/2015

© Cameron Bell \* All Other Americans 12/21/2015
I visited New York in 2012, it is a very different place now. If they rebuilt the twin towers it would have added some character to the skyline again...

Margarita Yerk \* All Other Americans 12/20/2015
Please rebuild the twin towers. The skyline with them was unmistakable and majestic. Nothing can compare.
Those towers were to NYC what the Eiffel Tower is to Paris.

\*\*William Wu \* Citizens of Other Nations 12/20/2015

The Twin Towers at the World Trade Center were some of the most significant and recognized landmarks in the world. They represented way more than just two skyscrapers. They also stranded for the American prosperity and power and American way of living. Those are not something could easily be gone with the buildings. We should bring the buildings back. Along with those, are all of the things above, and stronger.

# Erskine Agee \* Other NYC Responders & 12/18/2015

I was in the WTC the Friday before the attacks setting up a new office and was told by my IT installation department that my PC would not be connected until the 12th. At the time I was working in midtown and living in the Bronx. The move to the WTC would have meant a longer commute, however, I did not mind as this location was exactly where I wanted to be as I had always longed to work there as it was the place to be. The Freedom Tower no way replaces the visual satisfaction of the TWIN TOWERS! I have had a hole in my heart for the longing to see the TWIN TOWERS that never will be replaced by the Freedom Tower. Even now I wonder how the absence of a couple of buildings can weigh so heavily on my life! It does... holding back the tears!

New York is a somber place now. The city of my dreams, ruined 14 years ago. And there still exists, a hole in my heart. The Twin Towers were part of it. I loved the open plaza at the base of the towers. And I would head up this lavender elevator to a subtle, relaxing and exciting view of New York and New lersey

Fourteen years and 3 months ago, the Twin Towers were destroyed, and reduced to nothing, along with 3,000 innocent citizens. Now, what sticks out of the World Trade Center's ground is a concrete rod surrounded in glass. Not to mention, with an antenna on top, half the height of the building.

What we want is a new version, V2.0 of the Twin Towers. Advanced in technology and up-to-date, the towers will once again reclaim the title as New York's most iconic buildings.

Frank Hernandez All Other Americans 11/23/2015

I was in NY last week, I lived there part of my adolescence back in 1986 and going back to one of the greatest cities of the world without the WTC ... it didn't feel same ... NEW York is not the same ... Those iconic towers need to be built again ... to show our power and not give the victory to those who destroyed them!! Please build them back!

Jackson Kelly \* All Other Americans 4/1/2016

Bring the Towers back please!!

Felipe Meza \* Citizens of Other Nations 3/25/2016

We need the Twin Towers. The new tower, One World Trade Center, just does not do it justice. I can't even express the amount of sadness I have that those buildings aren't there anymore, and what's in their place is an eyesore, a modern contemporary-design skyscraper that completely ignores what made the Twin Towers unique. Nothing like them has ever existed, they were a tribute to the time period in which they were built, and a symbol of America. New York, and America itself needs the Twin Towers back.

## Guillermo Carnero \* Citizens of Other 3/16/2016

The world needs that symbol back to show them we are stronger and that we are not afraid.

Wilgot NorÃ⊚n \* Citizens of Other Nations 3/13/2016

I do not think that the freedom tower is an ugly building but it doesn't match in the ny skyline for me it looks more it belongs in a city like Toronto. But i absolutely hate the other new buildings in the area like the proposed 2 WTC ugh. For a long time i have wanted to visit the twins but i never got the chance. So i want the towers to be rebuilt tho it's beginning to get late now... But maybe we should build the Twin Towers 2 in another area in New York??

Jason Lowe All Other Americans 3/3/20

● Bernard Cushing \* All Other Americans 2/20/2016
Please bring back one of America's most powerful symbols.

Francesco Biondi Citizens of Other Nations 2/5/2016 I had loved (and still love) the Twin Towers since the first time I saw them, on a poster, when I was a 5 yo child.

I always thought that the view from Brooklyn Bridge, with the towers rising up, was the most powerful, evocative, recognizable urban landscape of the world. Also romantic along with Eiffel Tower from Trocadero and the city of Florence from Belvedere. A TRADEMARK.

I was obviously shocked on 9/11 but equally disappointed when Bloomberg, Pataki, PA and Silverstein Properties decided to not consider at least the "idea of a twin".

NY always changes but in this case the decision of changing was wrong as we needed something that would have shown REBIRTH: new TWIN TOWERS.

PS- Charging people for paying tribute is also disgusting.

# Paul Richardson \* All Other NY & NJ 1/29/2016 Residents

I think i was around three years of age when the towers went down. I had no idea about them when i was young, but when we had the 9/11 memorials at my school and on tv, i got to see the towers for their true beauty and what we lost. I am a firm believer/supporter of the rebuilding of the world trade center.

Thiago Henrique \* Citizens of Other 11/22/2015

I want see this towers because they are very important to me. Are a symbol of the NY II.

# Lewis Macdonald Citizens of Other 11/19/2015

For many years now, I have known about the Twin Towers. For a good portion of that, I have wished that somehow, I could get to see them, go inside them.

The new 1WTC and 2WTC are alright, but it isn't New York without those Towers, standing tall.

If there is one thing I and Mr Trump can agree on, it's that the US is admitting defeat by not rebuilding the Twins

We NEED to REBUILD WTC TOWERS II, GET BACK THE FORMER EXTERIOR DESIGN OF THE ORIGINAL TOWERS! Build them taller and better(use larger core, staircases with the triangular rest area as in 1 WTC). Hollow steel sq. tubing with triangular support system inside concrete with re-bar, finish with shiny steel metal facade. Build a tower with upgrades in Canada, then RC one of the largest airplanes, bigger than a 777/A380, maybe a Beluga(?) into it to see if that knocks it down; notes NOE explosive assistance.

# Sophie Hargreaves Citizens of Other 11/17/2015 Nations

#### Claire B \* All Other Americans 11/11/201

Bigger, Stronger, Thicker, Taller than before. As I remembered, and millions of others has remembered, as the two giants stood next to one another. For the future generations of our American society to remember what we were, and what we will be. Please, rebuild the towers the way it should be, for the American people. Let us show the world we still stand strong and tall, and now we stand stronger and taller than before

# Dwiguna Surabhi Citizens of Other 10/29/2015

I want America to stand again by building the twin towers back in the same place where they were fallen by the terrorists.

James Freyermuth All Other Americans 10/26/2015
Please put them back for all the people like me that so badly want to see them. What better way to come back than to show we were not defeated and we can come back stronger.

Bee Shewell \* Citizens of Other Nations 10/19/2015
I've never been to NYC but I remember seeing the towers in many movies from my childhood in the 80s/90s, I always wanted to visit them if I was in New York. I was stunned and saddened by 9/11. I would love to see them rebuilt, if not then a twin of freedom tower, the skyline has never looked the same to me, it looks empty without the twins.

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