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REBUILD THE TWIN TOWERS! Nothing has rewarded the jihadists more than the ongoing sight of a world landmark wiped off the face of the earth.

— Dan Taylor / Citizen of Other Nations

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

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**Joshua Gardella** All Other Americans 3/20/2012  
The Twin Towers must be rebuilt. It's the right thing to do.

**James Thurlow** All Other NY & NJ Residents 3/19/2012  
*TTA Note: The following comment is similar to what we have been asked so often by idealistic, young people. We may never understand what motivated a few officials and civic leaders to sell our country short with a recovery that doesn't measure up in any way to what we lost — when restoring the cherished skyline, in fact instead of fiction, would have inspired the world. Now, after spending seven years working to get to the bottom of it, we don't know "why" — but what we know for sure is "who", "what", "how", and "why not". It is a convincing case of wrongdoing that will be presented on the site asap.*

I was not old enough to see the towers, they were destroyed when i was in kindergarden. I always wondered what happened to the two huge towers in lower manhattan. Since then i have always seen pictures and videos of what it used to be like in NYC. There was this undeniable vibe to NYC that i could not get over. From what ive seen and heard, manhattan was a different world before 9/11. It's hard to describe and this may sound crazy but it was like new york was like a magical place to be, and it represented what america's true motives represented. From a far view the towers looked like the center of the world as they touched the skyline of manhattan. I would do everything in my power to get mayor bloomberg to rebuild them, but honestly i dont know what as citizens what we are supposed to do to help the campaign and rebuild. I would do everything in my power to have those towers rebuilt, but the memorial has already been placed and they are already creating the new world trade center along with the museum. I do not like the freedom tower at all. I think it insults the people of new york and lower manhattan and what the world used to look up to. Instead of the real world trade center, which new yorkers and nj citizens want, they built some "modern" crap in my opinion. I still dont understand why mayor bloomberg wanted to not rebuild the towers. From what i've seen 9/11 families would like to see them in the skyline again. Help me understand.

**Marc Bannon** All Other Americans 3/15/2012  
They are needed. Raise them up again.

**Alex Jason \*** Citizens of Other Nations 3/15/2012  
I would like will return the world trade center, because New York lost great bulding.

**Alexey Bobrov** Citizens of Other Nations 2/19/2012  
It should be restored – it's one of the most well known american symbols.

**Dmitry Permyakov** Citizens of Other Nations 2/19/2012  
Its just need make.

**Sam Matthews** All Other NY & NJ Residents 2/19/2012  
As much as I loved the original Twin Towers and despise the current "rebuilding" plan, there's not much we can do at this point. Towers 1 & 4 are on their way to completion with 2 & 3 slowly following. Even if we were somehow able to stop the current plan, which is highly unlikely, there would be no place to build new twins because the layout doesn't fit it considering the memorial is finished. We would then have to demolish the site and start from scratch, taking another 10+ years to build. The Twin Towers were icons and symbols of New York City and I know I will miss them terribly. It's always great to be optimistic but sometimes we have to be realistic and accept the fact that we can't always change everything. It's sad, but true.


*TTA Note: This is a petition, not a bulletin board, for those who agree with the petition's purpose. But we will not remove the signature or comment since he loved the Twin Towers and despises the current plan. The fact that he has been misinformed makes him one of millions who are drawing faulty conclusions about what is and isn't feasible and would love to be proved wrong. Anyone who spends time on this site should be able to see that we are not fools and only a fool would continue, if the scenario he presents above were true. It is not. That will become explicitly clear.*

**Meghan Huddleston** Other NYC Responders & Families 2/18/2012  
Hell yeah rebuild the Twin Towers I wasn't old enough to understand what was going on but now I'm old enough SO REBUILD THE TWIN TOWERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Noah Waters** All Other Americans 2/16/2012  
I personally think the towers would be a sign that we won and can stand back up after a loss, and would be the greatest memorial!


**Irina Sevrjukova** Citizens of Other Nations 2/14/2012


**Marie Davis \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/13/2012  
I guess it's too late since the construction has already begun, but I believe the original twin towers should be rebuilt. Return the New York skyline to the way it was, and show the terrorists that America gets right back up when you knock it down. The 2,753 people cannot be replaced, but the towers can. There will always be

 **Martyn Willis \*** Citizens of Other Nations 3/14/2012

i think it would be amazing to see the towers rebuilt stronger and better, i dont see why they didnt choose this option as 80% of people wanted this, so building a different building only 20% want isnt good. Twin Towers II all the way it would help people more to Rebuild them stronger and better

 **kyle regier** All Other Americans 3/12/2012

 **Abigail Landon \*** Citizens of Other Nations 3/11/2012  
The Twin Towers are unreplacable. Those towers were like the most famous buildings ever. It would be nice to make the twins look a little bit newer, and taller, but to replace them just because they got knocked down? Not a good idea. Some things just aren't suppose to change no matter how old they are, especially not the Twin Towers. I know it would take alot of work to rebuild them, but it's more than worth it. Building the Twin Towers is a big goal that America can and has to accomplish. Team Rebuild!

 **Saad Mirza** NYC's Finest & Families 3/10/2012  
Rebuild-stronger-higher-the best.  
Make America America again.

 **Alex H.** All Other NY & NJ Residents 3/9/2012

It would be really nice to rebuild the towers, if only to show America's resilience. I think that the new World Trade Center 1 ("Freedom Tower") is a beautiful building in its own right and we should be proud of the work that construction crews are doing on it now. It is certainly a proud achievement. But rebuilding the towers would send a message to the world that America is resilient and will not back down when others try to push it down. They say you "can't go home again" and no one should feel we are bringing back the Towers. We can no more do that than to bring back the nearly three thousand innocent souls who perished that tragic day. But what we can, and I believe must, do is to show to the world that we are intrepid people.

*TTA Note: We make it clear that we are not advocating for 40-year-old towers, but for a 236-year-old system of self-government. More important than showing the world that we are an intrepid people is showing ourselves that we honor our country's values. The problem with the "Freedom Tower" is that it is an affront to the democratic process. It was conceived and hatched with no regard for the will of the people and is only visible because for ten years, every step of the way, the public has been lied to. And construction workers were lied to. Buildings are built every day. Building a building that represents the polar opposite of what it claims to stand for is not noble — it is a terrible disservice — not on the part of idealistic and dedicated workers, but on the part of the agency and officials who subverted the recovery most of the country wanted and deserved — and was paying for. What good is it to be intrepid if we are deluded?*

 **Alex Zalud** All Other Americans 3/7/2012

I miss the towers. I live in chicago and yet i loved those two towers more than any other. What is happening with the trade center just isn't right. I'm 14 and i know this better than the governments. Makes me sick. Build them back for the sake of those lost and those who never got to see the trade center themselves, it's the right thing to do.

 **Branden Pratt** All Other Americans 3/5/2012

*TTA Note: The following comment was originally left yesterday, but was cut off because it was so much longer than the 750-character limit. It is easily the longest comment we've ever input manually, but the message is so heartfelt and thoughtful that it would be wrong not to include it here. Even the controversial statements seem to come from frustration with how wrong the process has been for our country.*

I thought it was a no doubter about getting the twin towers rebuilt at first. Building a new tower after 9-11 never crossed my mind since I never thought some egg headed architect would plan something different because of some terrorists who decided to ruin them. At the time, I was eight years old and never actually saw those towers before. The only thing I saw was

a difference in the skyline from 2001 to now, which to the terrorists is a great victory.

 **P'D°D½Ñ□ D"ÑfD' D, D½** Citizens of Other Nations 2/10/2012

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 **Sergey Dudin** Citizens of Other Nations 2/10/2012

I want to see Twins Towers!

 **Chris Wester** All Other Americans 2/10/2012

Please Rebuild the Twin Towers!!!

 **K Jani** All Other NY & NJ Residents 2/8/2012

Down with the "George Pataki" Tower, although it is almost done. He is the prick that put this hunk of junk here in the first place with this BS design contest, which the result was also BS. He picked the planner as the planner was a friend with Pataki's friend. Corruption written all over. Now we are being asked to fund this joke. Ridiculous. Cap this joke building already and build new Twins already.

 **Anna Lorenz** Architects and Builders 2/8/2012


 **Alisha Trela \*** All Other Americans 2/7/2012

 **Drew Mesa** 9/11 Families & Close Friends 2/5/2012

Even though I didn't have anybody that died in the towers my family still lost friends and family. My uncle was a passenger on American Airlines flight 77 which hit the Pentagon. I have dealt with all the theories and blatant lies some people produce. My family also lost a friend. I support rebuilding at Ground Zero, I don't support the Freedom Tower. I wish and want to experience the majestic New York with those twin towers in the distance, not just one.

 **Bleu-grannell-billington \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/5/2012

I think the twin towers should be rebuilt because it will show that america is stronger if we build them taller and stronger.and it will heal america but the freedom tower is nearly finished.

 **Aarron Honaker \*** 9/11 Survivors & Families 2/5/2012

 **Robert Palladino** All Other Americans 2/3/2012

Bring back the towers!

 **haley jones \*** Our Armed Forces & Families 2/3/2012

my dad is a fireman and i was 1 when this happened but i still care do what we want the power should belong to the people!!!! we deserve the right to have one of the greatest landmarks and to have the honor to say that we have our twin towers back!!!! please its one more step to having the best country!! you did something about pearl harbor now do something about the twin towers!!! please for a girls sake i dont care if i was 1 im still heart broken that you wont take care of it when people walk in new york and look at those lights they would probably want to see the towers!!please i want them back!!!! want to be able to say that we have the twin towers back!!

 **Emily Smith \*** All Other NY & NJ Residents 2/2/2012

 **Allan Jensen** Citizens of Other Nations 1/28/2012

I was deeply affected by the atosities of 9/11. The world will never be the same again for the generations that witnessed this horror. It cannot be undone but in my view, to heal the wounds best possible, we should have a rebuild of the original, beautiful towers. Anything less will be a perpetual reminder of the horrors that went down that day and I prefer to put that behind me. I want to honor the innocent victims but I don't want such a visible reminder, that the terrorists were "succesful" in their horrible endeavor. Bring back the twins! I don't mind that it's in an improved, and safer version, but there should be a set of twin towers at ground zero.

 **jon evans \*** Citizens of Other Nations 1/27/2012

Guys i did sign here a long time ago, but i think its time now to let it go, give up. One thing i dispise about the american government, it is they dont give a crap about their people. You are on par with the taliban, and your government is just beyond corrupt. Ten years since 3000 people died and only now do we

black smoke floating over the Empire State Building on September 14 of 2001. I never knew how much power a group of aliens, from Al Qaeda, could have over the USA until THE FREEDOM TOWER PLAN was decided. 93% of the people do not choose to pay tax fair dollars for the freedom tower to get built; they chose to pay tax fair dollars for the less expensive Twins. I'm one of the 93% who will no longer respect the New York's skyline if I don't see the Twin towers back. Since the terrorist found the Twins worth destroying, that makes it more obvious that they're more than worth rebuilding. And since when do people who are no longer alive get looked up at the spot they've been killed at? That's highly disrespectful. Not only is that memorial taking up too much space on that small island, but it also keeps people living in the past of 9-11. If they really wanted to move on, the architect designer would have restored New York's icon at ground zero where they were originally built. That memorial idea is dejecting enough so metaphorically speaking, why build a giant glass obelisk tomb stone as the replacement of two beautiful buildings that symbolized a peaceful message? The Freedom tower is an embarrassment to New York and I'd bet most of America would agree with me on that. Why? Because it's basically just a large piece of glass that represents a huge middle finger to what New York wants. It resembles a big shiny obelisk and at that, it's being built right next to that inaccurate memorial. When you put it all together, it looks miserable, depressing, and stupid! The Freedom Tower would be like a giant terrorist trophy being built because they will be victorious if we don't get our twin towers back. The people who say "The Twin towers would just get hit again" are not using their brains. 1st of all, Terrorists would hit any building they want. It's not like they have some kind of vendetta against Twin sky scrapers. They went after the twin towers because they meant, and were, a lot to us. 2nd of all, everyone is well aware of possible terrorism, and is prepared for any attack. 3rd, no airline is going to allow that to ever happen again in many ways, nobody on the airplane will allow any imposture pilots to control the planes, and we have more advanced technology than before. Even if they did get hit again, I bet they wouldn't collapse. The Twin towers were being made in 1966. I'm sure what they'd use, in this century, will have them much more fortified than before, and with heavier steel. Just check out the emergency plan made if there were new Twin towers. These reasons are why the people who are going through with the freedom tower plan should really stop building it. It really sucks when the person, who is in charge of our decisions, has a different idea than the high quantity of us, who isn't in charge. If it truly was the terrorist who planned the attack, and 93% of America would rather the twin towers built, they would have started building The Twin Towers a long time ago. Just like how the majority of America decides on who becomes our president. Thank you for reading.

 **Nicholas Hetherman \*** Architects and Builders 3/4/2012

I think rebuilding the world trade center is the best way to make america, america again. With its buildings, structures and towers the twin towers beat all of the towers in the world. The freedom tower is just stupid because why just freedom tower? We all need the freedom towers. All the people lost on 9/11 need something back and that is to rebuild the Twin Towers. New York is New York because of its towers, but it's not New York now. Why? Because there's a huge hole in it. It's not New York with a hole in it.

 **francis tremblay \*** Citizens of Other Nations 3/4/2012

I could never go to see and visit the twin towers :( R.I.P.  
REBUILD THE TWIN TOWERS !!!

 **Kevin Benson \*** All Other Americans 3/3/2012

The Freedom Tower is a sign that we as Americans have been defeated because of terrorism. Some people say that it is not a good idea to rebuild the Twin Towers because so many people died on 9/11 but that is no excuse for building the Freedom Tower. The Twin Towers are the only true recovery for this

see any memorial and a building which is a middle finger to the american people. The towers should have been rebuilt bigger and stronger as a tribute to the people who died, but instead we wait ten years to see a random glass building emerge from that memorial ground, makes me sick. My friends across the pond it is time to come to terms with the fact that the terrorist has won... They destroyed the new york skyline for good. Pathetic.

*TTA Note: We looked for an earlier message that we could merge with this one, but couldn't find one. As for the negative outlook, we will address it in a bulletin, because it is based on an assumption that is widespread, but not as logical as it seems to be.*

 **Alexander Anderson** All Other Americans 1/26/2012

I feel that the rebirth of the World Trade Center will not only restore the NYC skyline to what it was once before, but restore the American spirit, for we stay strong as a nation, but the rebuilding of the Twin Towers would completely mend the American pride way more than the Freedom Tower (One World Trade) ever would. PLEASE REBUILD THESE TOWERS!!!

 **John Wells** Citizens of Other Nations 1/23/2012

 **Gavin Ramirez \*** All Other Americans 1/23/2012

I Was Born In 1999 And On that Horrific Day on 9/11 I Remember The Towers Getting Hit by the planes And them also collapsing I am intristed in The Twin Towers I Do as Much Research on The world Trade Center i ask My parents and My grandparents and my friend from New York About The Twin Towers sometimes I wish that I could of seen the Twin Towers But Now all I see is The Freedom tower under construction


Plese Bring Back The TWIN TOWERS


 **Charles Roeder** All Other NY & NJ Residents 1/22/2012

 **jeffrey haynes \*** Metro New Yorkers 1/20/2012


I'm proud to be in America. And I hope the towers are rebuilt.


country. We are letting the terrorists win by not rebuilding the Twin Towers.


 **Ronda Martin \*** All Other Americans 3/2/2012  
Please rebuild the towers.

 **Gary Sheridan** Citizens of Other Nations 3/2/2012  
I first commented back in Dec 2010, now I have just returned to Sydney after spending the 10th anniversary of 9/11 in the Big Apple. I'm sorry, but the new Freedom Tower left me cold and wondering – how much more pride would those fine Iron Workers feel, if they were re-building the Twin Towers instead?. Like I said before, that freedom building is okay, but it does not have ICON potential and could be from any other city on earth. To us here in Sydney, the Twin Towers were not only an icon of New York, they were an icon of the United States of America..... and the free world.

*TTA Note: Thank you. It would be hard to imagine a more positive testimony. The system will catch duplicate comments when the second one from the same email address is validated, but it moves the new one to the original date — and we want to keep this where it will be seen — so we removed the earlier one manually. It read: "The freedom tower is great... but it could be from ANY city in the world. The Twin Towers were one of the icons of New York City. If terrorists knocked down the Statue of Liberty, would you replace it with a giant Mickey Mouse? of course not. Then why is the freedom tower even a consideration? REBUILD THE TWIN TOWERS and return this missing symbol of NYC to the people of the FREE WORLD."*

 **Ekaterina Sokolova \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/29/2012  
I believe that restoring Twin Towers will raise the spirits, will help people to believe in freedom, believe in our ability to fight against terrorists and people who try to persuade us that our life doesnt belong to us and that they can tell us what to do. I believe we are stronger. And i believe restoring twin Towers could be a great symbol of that. They cant crush us, we will always win. Cause we are right!

 **Keisha Orange \*** All Other Americans 2/27/2012  
I would give ANYTHING to see the Twin Towers rebuilt. That in itself would give not only myself great joy, but others around the world who adored those towers great joy to see them standing again, in all of their glory.  
The Twin Towers were a huge part of my life. I witnessed my parents renew their vows on the South Tower's roof. We celebrated my grandmother's 80th birthday in the Windows on the World restaurant. So many memories were made there.  
Please, rebuild the Twin Towers. It would mean a lot to not only myself, but to everyone.  
Thank you, and God bless.


 **Mark Lutter** Citizens of Other Nations 2/20/2012  
Recursion!

 **Yulia Arisova \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/20/2012

 **Yury Katkov \*** All Other Americans 2/20/2012

 **Anton Shishov** Citizens of Other Nations 2/20/2012

 **Alex Rudnik \*** Citizens of Other Nations 2/19/2012

 **Andrey Teplov** Citizens of Other Nations 2/19/2012  
They were the symbol of NY, they should be rebuilt to restore the spirit of the city.

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Important Mention: Those who read back over the comments will find that from time to time we have highlighted excerpts to help those who only have time to skim a page get a sense of what people are thinking and feeling. We rarely do that now and it was never a methodical effort, but just a window on public opinion regarding this monumentally important issue. The important thing to know is that no comment matters more than any other. Each one is valued and helps make the case that the public was sidelined on something that mattered so much.

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