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Mr. Shavasp Hanesian
631 Main Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14301

Dear Mr. Hanesian:

Please find enclosed the deed and relating materials for St. Sarkis Armenian Church; a copy of the Diocesan By-Laws and copies of letters sent to Governor Mario Cummo and the Honorable Jack Kemp.

A memo has been forwarded to all churches in the Diocese requesting they sign the petition to SAVE OUR CHURCH and mail the completed forms directly to the Church.

If there is anything else we may assist you with, please contact us immediately.

Yours truly,

Sylvia Terzibashian
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Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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February 7, 1985

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
New York, N.Y. 10016-4885

Attn: Mr. Michael M. Kermian

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of November 20, 1984
in regard to St. Sarkis Armeian Church of Niagara Falls, N.Y.
the following are copies of documents you requested:

- 1) Certificate of Incorporation
- 2) Authorization of Transfer of Title to the Diocese.

The Deed for all real estate owned was transferred to the Diocese in 1956. The church property per se is exempt from local real estate taxes.

The name of our attorney is:

Mr. Shavasp Hanesian
1606 - 8th St.
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305
Tel: (716) 282 -6179

St. Sarkis Armenian Church

Arsen Avdoian

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REV. VASKEN TATOYAN Pastor



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I consent to the transfer of title to all real property owned by the church corporation "Armenian Apostolic Church, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York" to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America and authorize the officers of the corporation to execute the necessary instruments to effect such transfer in accordance with the By-Laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Dated at Niagara Falls, New York
July 6, 1956

Shahen Bedrosian
Paul H. Kachmanian
Arsen Ardoian
Dexan Lanesian
P. Kartalian
Vahan Gazegian
Paul H. Ghengazian

CERTIFICATE OF CHANGE OF NAME OF NON-STOCK CORPORATION EXECUTED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS.

Certificate of Change of Name of Armenian Apostolic Church, Inc.,
Niagara Falls, New York, of the American Diocese, to Armenian Apostolic
Church, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York, pursuant to § 40 of the general cor-
poration law.

We, Edward J. Mooradian and Kerrigan D. Sarkissian, being
respectively the President and Secretary of Armenian Apostolic Church, Inc.,
Niagara Falls, New York, of the American Diocese, certify:

1. The name of this corporation is Armenian Apostolic Church,
Inc., Niagara Falls, New York of the American Diocese. The certificate of
incorporation was filed in the County Clerk's Office of Niagara County on
the 19th day of July 1951. The name to be assumed by this corporation is the
Armenian Apostolic Church, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York.

This organization is a parish of the Diocese of the Armenian
Church of America, Inc., having its headquarters at 630 Second Avenue,
New York 16 New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made and executed this
certificate in triplicate this 30 day of March,
1952.

/s/ Edward J. Mooradian, President

/s/ Kerrigan D. Sarkissian, Secretary

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF NIAGARA)

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 30th day of March, 1952, before me the



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

June 29, 1990

The Honorable Jack Kemp
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary,

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May God inspire your leadership with wisdom and grace and may He guide us all to accomplishments in His name.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

June 20, 1990

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We were greatly disturbed to hear the recent news that the City of Niagara Falls is planning to confiscate and demolish St. Sarkis Armenian Church in order to use the land for a large development. The parishioners of the church have also complained that certain local politicians have made inappropriate implications that the Armenian Church is not a "real" church and have raised questions about the religion of the Armenian people.

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As a resident of the Empire State, we are acquainted with your sense of justice and your love for the common people. We have always respected you as a great champion for human rights and as one who understands the plight of persecuted peoples. We would appreciate your intervention on behalf of our parishioners in Niagara Falls. If they lose their church, they will be deprived of a site they consider sacred and will probably be without a sanctuary, since the community in Niagara Falls is not affluent enough to rebuild.

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May 18, 1990

The Honorable Jack Kemp
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Re: Niagara Falls Factory Outlet Mega Mall and
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
300 Ninth Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Note: This is a Freedom of Information Law request.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing you this letter to obtain information regarding the Niagara Falls Factory Outlet Mega Mall Project, so-called. I oppose the project and some of my reasons follow.

On March 7, 1990, I wrote a letter to William K. Clark, the City of Niagara Falls Director for Community Development, and Larry Krizan, the City Coordinator for Development Services, who is also the Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, seeking information about the project. Mr. Clark has never responded. Mr. Krizan sent me some data, including the developer's statement, a copy of which is enclosed for your ready reference, but pointedly edited from it the essential data about the developers — "Benderson Niagara Associates". Schedules A and B, which are clearly referred to in this public document, have been apparently suppressed.

I wrote to Mr. Krizan on April 13 and again on April 24, which letters are enclosed. The latter date was the day of commemoration for the 75th anniversary of the Armenian holocaust, which the great poet, Toumanian, described in 1916 as "the great fire that consumed Armenia". But to no avail. The significance of that date was lost on him, as was the beauty of our historic church about which I am writing. I am informed that Mr. Krizan sat in the hallowed confines of a church, the history of which goes back to the remotest times — the Armenian Patriarch was one of the 318 bishops at the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 A.D. — and without consideration for the sensitivity of parishioners, with whom he was meeting, belittled the church as if it were mere brick and mortar — "all it is is four walls with some curved windows". I now understand the callous disregard of our rights.

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On April 27, 1990, Mr. Krizan's secretary called me and apologized for there being no response to my April 13th letter because, as she said, her boss was on vacation that week and she had never put the letter on his desk. She promised to bring it to his attention on his return (April 30) but said that they don't usually give out the information of the sort contained in Schedules "A" and "B" because that information is "privileged". I replied that information in a public document cannot be privileged. I have not heard from Mr. Krizan. I still do not know who "Benderson Niagara Associates" are. If Mr. Krizan, and the City of Niagara Falls, and those persons that comprise that group have a passion for anonymity then they should keep their development deals strictly on a private level and not seek public funding. Why can't I have access to information that is an integral part of a developer's statement (HUD 6004)?

Furthermore, I have asked that we be informed of "who it is contemplated will be the ultimate owner of the land". (See my letter of April 13, 1990). The revelation of that data is also being evaded by a temporizing neglect, which is anything but benign. Since writing that letter I have learned through a local realtor that the City plans to condemn private properties, including our church, raze the buildings, and lease the property to "Benderson Niagara Associates", whoever they may be, for the grand sum of \$1.00 per year. Harebrained schemes such as this are easy to promote when the risk funds for acquisition of the lands are public, not private. If "Benderson Niagara Associates" wish to remain "private" they should acquire the lands privately. The City of Niagara Falls should not act as their agent. Whatever happened to free enterprise?

All of the churches in the project area are being spared but the Armenian churches. On behalf of St. Sarkis I protest the murky blanket that is being thrown over the operations. We have a right to a disclosure of the full statement of the developers. This is precisely what the Freedom of Information Law is about. This is precisely what information we are being denied. It is religious discrimination of the gravest sort. We are entitled to know who these private persons are that will benefit at the expense of the spiritual needs of the Armenian community, a community that encompasses and covers a wide area. St. Sarkis was the first Armenian church in Niagara Falls and in Western New York. It has great historic value. In addition to Niagara Falls it serves Buffalo and Rochester, which cities have no Armenian churches.

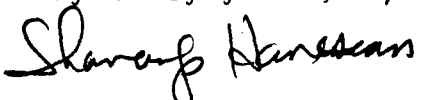
If this Mega Mall, so-called, is put together behind a shroud, with a veil of pretense that it will be a public project, sweeping aside a church built by the survivors of the first genocide of this century, which has been consecrated with the tears of those forgotten victims of history, then once again an

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Armenian church will have been desecrated. In Armenia, the Ottoman Turk, who looked upon themselves as the "warrior people", and Armenians and Greeks as dogs, not infrequently profaned Christian churches by using them as stables. Here the profanation is to be more modern. The proposed project looks to our church lands for "additional parking". Our church, which is on the periphery of the project, will become a stable, as it were, for mechanical steeds. In our eyes, and in the eyes of many Americans — certainly every American of Armenian ancestry — this mall will have an evil connotation. Its cover of blacktop and stone will always have on it a shadow of the little church built by tears, in which sad faced Armenian men, and softy weeping Armenian women, prayed as the priest offered a requiem for the souls of their hapless people. That shadow will forever scar the mall and henceforth it will only be known to many as Mammon's Mall.

This is a Freedom of Information Law request. Time is of the essence. The City has improperly scheduled a public scoping meeting for May 23, 1990, after having denied us vital information. In the **Notice of Intent to File a Federal Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting**, the City abrasively slides over the concept of a church as a "community facility". Nowhere is the word "church", or words indicating a house of worship used. Is this an admission that it will use its discretion arbitrarily and capriciously in deciding which churches are to be spared, and which are not? Does this mean that some churches are only to be rough handled as "community facilities" and discarded unfeelingly into the rubbish heaps and dust bins of the project? We submit so. Our 1st Amendment rights are being denied, as well as our 14th Amendment rights to due process and equal protection of the laws.

Who are "Benderson Niagara Associates"? Who are the persons that want to build Mammon's Mall and have our sacred church lands serve as an adjunct stable for their vehicles? We deserve to know.

Very truly yours, ,

SHAVASP HANESIAN

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Enclosures

Cc: St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
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Editor, Niagara Gazette
Editor, The Buffalo News
Govenor Mario Cuomo
Larry Krizan, City Director and Coordinator
Dave Brooks, City Director of Environmental Service



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With prayers,

Fr. K. Barsamian

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

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NIAGARA FALLS VISIT

June 29, 1990

(arrangements for accommodation made by Miss Mary Mukhtarian)

Leave La Guardia	June 29 at 4:29 pm on USAIR flight 388
Pick up from Buffalo airport	5:41 pm Drive to Niagara Falls
Dinner meeting with parish Council and Shavasp Hanesian	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Drive Back to Marriott Hotel in Buffalo	around 9:00 pm
HOTEL:	Marriott Hotel 1340 Millersport Highway Amherst, NY 14221
Shuttle from Hotel to airport in Buffalo	June 30, 1990 - morning
Flight	USAIR flight 1425 leaving Buffalo at 10:45 am arriving La Guardia at 11:48 am

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Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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June 5, 1990

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Your Eminence:

We at the St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Niagara Falls, New York, request your assistance in preventing our beloved church from being razed for "extra frontage" for the parking lot of a proposed factory outlet mega mall in Niagara Falls.

Over the last few months, the City of Niagara Falls and the Urban Renewal Agency have indicated their unwavering intention to demolish the two Armenian churches on Ninth Street in Niagara Falls. They have based their decision on historical, architectural and financial values, not on religious ones. It has been difficult for the Armenians to accept this decision, given the historical and religious values our churches have always had throughout the centuries.

We have no intention of seeing our church demolished.

We humbly request your assistance in the following areas:

1. Financial aid for legal, advertising and letter mailing purposes.
2. Legal assistance from counsel representing the Diocese.
3. Public Relations assistance from Diocesan contacts.
- x 4. Letter to Governor Mario Cuomo protesting the proposed demolitions, and requesting that no state funds be made available for this commercial venture.
- x 5. Letter to HUD protesting the same and asking for help.
6. Visit to Niagara Falls to meet with members of the Armenian Community and officials of the City, preferably during the proposed Rally in late June.

Enclosed are articles and communication regarding this matter. Please feel free to contact the Parish Council members at any time to ask any questions. We await your instructions.

Very Truly Yours,

Mary M. Mukhtarian for the
St. Sarkis Parish Council

Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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June 8, 1990

Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Very Reverend Father:

Thank you for the support you showed St. Sarkis in our meeting of June 6, 1990. We are grateful for your interest, and are looking forward to your continued support in the difficult months ahead. As requested, enclosed is the letter bearing Father Zakarian's signature.

I have had the privilege of informing the St. Sarkis Parish Council of your interest in helping the church, especially in the following areas:

1. Obtaining the approval of the Diocesan Council for financial, legal and public relations aid.
2. Circulating the petition to all Diocesan churches for collection of signatures.
3. Visiting with the Parish Council and other people in Niagara Falls for informational, encouragement and decision making purposes.
4. Writing to Governor Mario Cuomo and other representatives of State and Federal governments to protest the proposed demolition of all the Armenian churches in Western New York.

Since plans for the proposed mall are expected to proceed forward in the next few weeks, we request your assistance in expediting decisions by the Diocesan Council so St. Sarkis can be saved.

Thank you from all of us in Niagara Falls. We will remain in contact to act on your recommendations.

K. Zakarian

Approved by:
Very Rev. Fr. K. Zakarian

Very truly yours,

M. Mukhtarian
Mary M. Mukhtarian for the
St. Sarkis Parish Council

Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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June 8, 1990

Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Very Reverend Father:

We at the St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Niagara Falls, New York, request your assistance in preventing our beloved church from being razed for "extra frontage" for the parking lot of a proposed factory outlet mega mall in Niagara Falls.

Over the last few months, the City of Niagara Falls and the Urban Renewal Agency have indicated their unwavering intention to demolish the two Armenian churches on Ninth Street in Niagara Falls. They have based their decision on historical, architectural and financial values, not on religious ones. It has been difficult for the Armenians to accept this decision, given the historical and religious values our churches have always had throughout the centuries.

We have no intention of seeing our church demolished.

We humbly request your assistance in the following areas:

1. Financial aid for legal, advertising and letter mailing purposes.
2. Legal assistance from counsel representing the Diocese.
3. Public Relations assistance from Diocesan contacts.
4. Letter to Governor Mario Cuomo protesting the proposed demolitions, and requesting that no state funds be made available for this commercial venture.
5. Letter to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) protesting the same and asking for help.
6. Visit to Niagara Falls to meet with members of the Armenian Community and officials of the City, preferably during the proposed Rally in late June.

Articles and communication regarding this matter have already been sent to you. Please feel free to contact the Parish Council members at any time to ask any questions. We await your instructions.

Approved by Very Rev. Fr.
Kegham Zakarian

Very Truly Yours,

James Barbato for the
St. Sarkis Parish Council

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June 8 1990

Very Rev. Father Khajag Barsamian
Primate, Eastern Diocese and
President, Diocesan Council

Dear FATHER Barsamian

This is to inform you that due to the serious situation of the St. Sarkis Church of Niagara Falls, NY vis-a-vis its acquisition and demolition by the Urban Renewal for the mall, letters sent to the Diocesan Council signed by Jim Barbato (Chairman of Parish Council), will bear full authorization and endorsement by me.

Because I reside in Rochester and because of the urgency of the matter, I will not always be present to sign these letters.

I hope that the Diocese and the Council will take immediate measures to save this Church

Sincerely Yours

Father Kegham Zakarian
Pastor

cc: Jim Barbato
Judge Vincent Gurahian

SHAVASP HANESIAN

Attorney at Law

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May 18, 1990

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Governor of New York
Executive Chambers
State Capital
Albany, N.Y. 12224

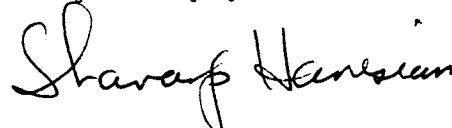
Re: Niagara Falls Factory Outlet Mega Mall and
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
300 Nineth Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

My dear Governor Cuomo:

The enclosed letters refer to the Niagara Falls Factory Outlet Mega Mall Project and its planned condemnation of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church. Armenian churches are invidiously not being spared by this project while all other churches are.

The project has already developed an aura of stealth and secrecy. In my judgment the public funds of the State of New York should not be used for the private shopkeeping needs of private persons. Please read the enclosed letters and deny the so-called Mega Mall the support of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,



SHAVASP HANESIAN

SH/lah

Enclosures

Cc: St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
Diocese, Armenian Apostolic Church, New York

PART I - REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ¹

A. REDEVELOPER AND LAND

1. a. Name of Redeveloper: BENDERSON NIAGARA ASSOCIATES

b. Address and ZIP Code of Redeveloper: 570 DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14202

c. IRS Number of Redeveloper: Applied for

2. The land on which the Redeveloper proposes to enter into a contract for, or understanding with respect to, the purchase or lease of land from

Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency*(Name of Local Public Agency)*in East Falls Street Redevelopment Area N.Y. A-204*(Name of Urban Renewal or Redevelopment Project Area)*in the City of Niagara Falls, State of New York,is described as follows ²

That tract of land approximately bounded on the north by Niagara Street, on the east by Portage Road on the south by Buffalo Avenue and on the west by Quay Street.

3. If the Redeveloper is not an individual doing business under his own name, the Redeveloper has the status indicated below and is organized or operating under the laws of The State of New York : A corporation. A nonprofit or charitable institution or corporation. A partnership known as Benderson Niagara Associates. A business association or a joint venture known as A Federal, State, or local government or instrumentality thereof. Other (explain)4. If the Redeveloper is not an individual or a government agency or instrumentality, give date of organization:
As of July 1, 1989

5. Names, addresses, title of position (if any), and nature and extent of the interest of the officers and principal members, shareholders, and investors of the Redeveloper, other than a government agency or instrumentality, are set forth as follows:

See Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

¹If space on this form is inadequate for any requested information, it should be furnished on an attached page which is referred to under the appropriate numbered item on the form.²Any convenient means of identifying the land (such as block and lot numbers or street boundaries) is sufficient. A description by metes and bounds or other technical description is acceptable, but not required.

PART I - REDEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (Continued)

- a. If the Redeveloper is a corporation, the officers, directors or trustees, and each stockholder owning more than 10% of any class of stock¹.
- b. If the Redeveloper is a nonprofit or charitable institution or corporation, the members who constitute the board of trustees or board of directors or similar governing body.
- c. If the Redeveloper is a partnership, each partner, whether a general or limited partner, and either the percent of interest or a description of the character and extent of interest.
- d. If the Redeveloper is a business association or a joint venture, each participant and either the percent of interest or a description of the character and extent of interest.
- e. If the Redeveloper is some other entity, the officers, the members of the governing body, and each person having an interest of more than 10%.

<u>NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE</u>	<u>POSITION TITLE (if any) AND PERCENT OF INTEREST OR DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF INTEREST</u>
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See Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 6. Name, address, and nature and extent of interest of each person or entity (not named in response to Item 5) who has a beneficial interest in any of the shareholders or investors named in response to Item 5 which gives such person or entity more than a computed 10% interest in the Redeveloper (for example, more than 20% of the stock in a corporation which holds 50% of the stock of the Redeveloper; or more than 50% of the stock in a corporation which holds 20% of the stock of the Redeveloper):

<u>NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF INTEREST</u>
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All relevant information set forth in Schedules A and B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 7. Names (if not given above) of officers and directors or trustees of any corporation or firm listed under Item 5 or Item 6 above:

All relevant information set forth in Schedules A and B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION - Not Applicable.

(The Redeveloper is to furnish the following information, but only if land is to be redeveloped or rehabilitated in whole or in part for residential purposes.)

¹ If a corporation is required to file periodic reports with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, so state under this Item 5. In such case, the information referred to in this Item 5 and in Items 6 and 7 is not required to be furnished.

DEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (Continued)

Form Approved OMB No. 63R-0867

1. State the Redeveloper's estimates, exclusive of payment for the land, for:

- a. Total cost of any residential redevelopment. \$
- b. Cost per dwelling unit of any residential redevelopment. \$
- c. Total cost of any residential rehabilitation \$
- d. Cost per dwelling unit of any residential rehabilitation \$

2. a. State the Redeveloper's estimate of the average monthly rental (if to be rented) or average sale price (if to be sold) for each type and size of dwelling unit involved in such redevelopment or rehabilitation:

<u>TYPE AND SIZE OF DWELLING UNIT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AVERAGE MONTHLY RENTAL</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AVERAGE SALE PRICE</u>
	\$	\$

b. State the utilities and parking facilities, if any, included in the foregoing estimates of rentals:

c. State equipment, such as refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, if any, included in the foregoing estimates of sales prices:

CERTIFICATION

I (We) Benderson Niagara Associates certify that this Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.²

Dated: July 25, 1989

Dated: _____

Benderson Niagara Associates

Signature

Signature

By: David H. Baldauf

Title

David H. Baldauf, as Attorney

570 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202
Address and ZIP Code

Address and ZIP Code

¹ If the Redeveloper is an individual, this statement should be signed by such individual; if a partnership, by one of the partners; if a corporation or other entity, by one of its chief officers having knowledge of the facts required by this statement.

² Penalty for False Certification: Section 1001, Title 18, of the U.S. Code, provides a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, for knowingly and willfully making or using any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry in a matter within the jurisdiction of any Department of the United States.

Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency

CITY HALL - 745 MAIN STREET
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK 14302

(716) 286-4377
FAX (716) 286-4318

April 12, 1990

Shavasp Hanesian, Esq.
631 Main Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

Dear Mr. Hanesian:

RE: Niagara Falls Factory Outlet Mega Mall Project

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 1990 requesting information on this project.

The Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency will acquire approximately 95 acres of land in connection with this project. Where it is necessary to acquire properties through condemnation, the Agency will do so pursuant to the Eminent Domain Procedure Law (EDPL). In addition to the numerous public hearings which have already been held to both inform and obtain input from the citizens of Niagara Falls, a public hearing will be held pursuant to Article 2 of the EDPL. Section 203 of the EDPL provides,

"at the public hearing the condemnor shall outline the purpose, proposed location or alternative locations of the public project and any other information it considers pertinent, including maps and property descriptions of the property to be acquired and adjacent parcels."

It is important that we strictly adhere to the procedural requirements of the EDPL, and I do not believe it would be advisable to informally articulate in letter for the complex public purpose served by this major project.

Thank you for your interest in the project and if you require any additional information, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



LARRY KRIZAN
Director

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Enclosures

SHAVASP HANESIAN

Attorney at Law

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March 7, 1990

William K. Clark
City Director of Community Development
City Hall
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302-0069

Larry Krizan
City Coordinator for Development Services
City Hall
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302-0069

Re: St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
300 Ninth Street, Niagara Falls, N.y.

Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that I am a parish member of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church.

I understand from newspaper articles that the City of Niagara Falls is contemplating the acquisition of 300 Ninth Street, as well as other properties, as agent for the Benderson Development Corporation. The proposed development is another shopping mall.

Please send to me all data, bulletins, brochures, pamphlet copies of laws, federal, state and local, that you may have which authorizes this acquisition. If the City is proceeding pursuant to the Eminent Domain Procedure Law please articulate the public use, benefit, or purpose by virtue of which the power of eminent domain is being exercised.

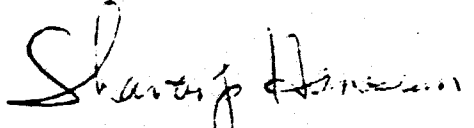
If federal or state enabling authority is involved please state the purpose of their involvement as well as the names of the agencies, the addresses, and the directors with whom contact may be made in these circumstances. Also inform me if federal or state funding has been applied for, if a commitment has been made, and whether funds have been received, stating the amount in this event. Please set forth a copy of any of these papers.

Finally, I would appreciate the number of houses of worship embraced by the project area, identifying them by name, religious denomination, and address. Please submit this data with a map of the proposed

project area, and the location of each church, temple, synagogue, mosque, or other religious house thereon.

Thank you both for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,


SHAVASP HANESIAN

SH/lah

Bc: Shahan Bedrosian

SHAVASP HANESIAN

Attorney at Law

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April 13, 1990

Larry Krizan, Director
Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency
City Hall
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302

Re: Niagara Falls Factory Outlet Mega Mall Project

Dear Mr. Krizan:

Thank you for your letter of April 12, 1990, together with contents.

In time I will, of course, peruse all the data that you sent and respond if necessary. Cursory examination, however, reveals that Schedules A & B which are supposed to be attached and were made a part of the redeveloper's statement for public disclosure [Form OMB No. 63R-0867] dated July 25, 1989, are lacking. Could you please send me the full statement?

At this time could you please state who it is contemplated will be the ultimate owner of the land?

Very truly yours,

SHAVASP HANESIAN

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April 24, 1990

Larry Krizan
Director
Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency
City Hall
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302-0069

Re: St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
300 Ninth Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Krizan:

On March 7, 1990, I wrote you and Mr. Clark, the City Director of Community Development, a letter making certain basic requests for information regarding the so-called mega mall. One month and five days later you sent me a package, lacking in essentials, together with your letter of April 12, 1990. Mr. Clark has never answered my letter.

On April 13, 1990, the day that I received your April 12th letter, I wrote you another letter and pointed out that the redevelopers' statement was deficient. I made a special request for Schedules A & B which is the data identifying the principal members of the redevelopment, and the extent of their interest, and which was supposed to be attached to the application. The Schedules should have been provided to me on request as a matter of course, and courtesy. The special request should not have been necessary.

That was 11 days ago. I have not received these Schedules. In a day and age when reproduction responds instantly to the soft touch of a secretarial or clerical finger, I find it difficult to believe the response to my request should take so long. Are you purposely avoiding the giving of information that lies at the very core of the project? These individuals are the prime movers of the project are they not? It is essential that I be able to determine if these individuals are acting in a private capacity, and the extent of their very private interest.

In your letter of April 12, 1990, you evaded an articulation of the nature of the public purpose for the project. I had asked you to state "the public use, benefit, or purpose by virtue of which the power of eminent domain is being exercised". You referred (or perhaps deferred) to your obligations under §203 of the EDPL. I understand this obligation, but that obligation is not mutually exclusive with any reasonable request that is made by any person or organization that has standing, even though the rubric of the Freedom of Information Law is not invoked by name.

Larry Krizan
April 24, 1990
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I must have a response now. It seems to me that since you have embarked on this so-called public project that the concepts and ideational structure of that project are in place. You must reveal these concepts now as they have been conceived. Such an articulation does not limit or deprive you of your duties under §203 of the EDPL.

Because you have attempted to sidestep my request I must now specifically ask you if it will be claimed that the City of Niagara Falls, and the Urban Renewal Agency, will be exempt from the provisions of Article 2 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law by virtue of §206 thereof.

You also haven't answered the last request of my April 13 letter, viz., "could you please state who it is contemplated will be the ultimate owner of the land?"

It is vital that you respond to the above noted requests now. Time is of the essence. Unless the main purpose of the project is public, it is doomed to failure and you will have wasted much of the City's time and money. (Including counsel fees for the attorney of the condemnee pursuant to §702 of the EDPL, where it is shown that the condemnor has exceeded its authority.) From the information that I have now the main purpose of the project is a typical free enterprise type mall for the benefit of private persons. That the City will incidentally benefit by transferring tax exempt property over to a tax basis, or for the purposes of collecting sales taxes, is not only a misconception of the power of eminent domain, but, under the circumstances of the invidious distinctions being made between churches, amounts to the rankest kind of religious discrimination.

It is for these reasons and more that someone must rip away the mask that veils the "Benderson Niagara Associates". Who are they? Why do they want the church that our fathers and mothers struggled to build after their ancestral lands, ancient churches and monasteries, were pillaged and plundered by the savage Turk?

Because I believe in full disclosure I am sending a copy of this letter to Mayor O'Laughlin and the Editors of the Niagara Gazette (as well as our previous communications), and entreat them to assist members of this community in keeping their church lands inviolate. We don't need another onslaught from Anti-Armenian elements. The bestial ravages of the morally insensitive Turk, which continues to this day, have been enough.

Larry Krizan
April 24, 1990
Page 2.

A copy of this letter is also being sent to others noted at the foot of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Shavasp Hanesian
SHAVASP HANESIAN

SH/lah

Cc: Mayor O'Laughlin
Editors, Niagara Gazette
Shahen Bedrosian
Mary Mukhtarian
Maggie Abdo
James Barbato
Margaret Avdoian
Helen Flinchum



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY
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September 15, 1953

Mr. K. D. Sarkissian, Secretary
Board of Trustees
St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
Corner of Ninth and East Falls Street
Niagara Falls, New York

Dear Mr. Sarkissian:

I am delighted to congratulate the congregation of St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church most heartily upon the consecration of their house of worship.

The devotion and piety evinced in the sacrifices they have made to erect this holy building will surely be rewarded. It is good news to everybody that St. Sarkis will stand as a new beacon of Christian culture in Niagara Falls. It will surely be of great benefit and a blessing to the entire community.

May St. Sarkis long stand as a center of divine inspiration and good deeds.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dewey".

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MEMO

Sylvia Terzibashian

To:

EXTRACT OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES DATED JUNE 1, 1990

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Niagara Falls Parish:

The Primate plans to meet with Mary Mikhtari
Mukhtarian to discuss the Urban Renewal
Agency's interest in their property.

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Occidental Chemical Corporation - 716-286-3382

ATTACHED ARE CONFIRMATION SHEETS FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS. AGENDA FOR VISIT IS AS FOLLOWS:

FRIDAY JUNE 29 5:41 pm - PICK UP AT AIRPORT, DRIVE TO NIAGARA FALLS.

7:00-9:00 pm - DINNER MEETING WITH PARISH COUNCIL AND SHAVASP HANESIAN, ESQ.

9:00 pm DRIVE BACK TO MARRIOTT

SATURDAY JUNE 30 - SHUTTLE VAN FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE ON FRIDAY.

M. Mukhtarian

FAX1/ejr

Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

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 630 Second Avenue
 New York, N.Y. 10016

Very Reverend Father:

Thank you for the support you showed St. Sarkis in our meeting of June 6, 1990. We are grateful for your interest, and are looking forward to your continued support in the difficult months ahead. As requested, enclosed is the letter bearing Father Zakarian's signature.

I have had the privilege of informing the St. Sarkis Parish Council of your interest in helping the church, especially in the following areas:

1. Obtaining the approval of the Diocesan Council for financial, legal and public relations aid.
2. Circulating the petition to all Diocesan churches for collection of signatures.
3. Visiting with the Parish Council and other people in Niagara Falls for informational, encouragement and decision making purposes.
4. Writing to Governor Mario Cuomo and other representatives of State and Federal governments to protest the proposed demolition of all the Armenian churches in Western New York.

Since plans for the proposed mall are expected to proceed forward in the next few weeks, we request your assistance in expediting decisions by the Diocesan Council so St. Sarkis can be saved.

Thank you from all of us in Niagara Falls. We will remain in contact to act on your recommendations.

Khajag Barsamian

Approved by:
 Very Rev. Fr. K. Zakarian

Very truly yours,

M. Mukhtarian
 Mary M. Mukhtarian for the
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