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*Presented To Town Board*

On May the 15th, the McKownville Improvement Association met with you and your Board at a public meeting to express our feelings on the release of a stipulated splinter of McKownville water shed land for a specific purpose. The Association went on record as being for the proposal. The McKownville residents present at that Fire House meeting were also wholly agreed to the release for the stated purpose.

At a subsequent meeting of our Association on 1 June, this was reconfirmed by the members. It was further unanimously agreed that the land should not be released for any purpose other than the specific type of plan originally presented since any other planned use could not result in a comparable interest or benefit to the McKownville people. It was also felt that no practical use of the land could be made without jeopardizing the District's water supply. This agreement was reached after welfare, health and economic considerations with other potential future problems.

As the Vice President and Ass'n Representative, may I state the overall effects and benefits taken into account for the recommendation of release to the Styvesant Plaza for use.

The effects, we feel certain, would be none - as sewage facilities, away from the area, are available. Drainage from the stipulated area onto the Styvesant property would be normal and could create no problem. Access to the area is already available and would be no future concern.

As to the benefits - the stipulated monies for release of the land can be used to assist and improve our present water district operations. But, beyond this, we mutually feel that confidence exists with the Styvesant Plaza who now propose a building understood will cost approximately One-half Million Dollars; which will provide added employment, improve shopping conveniences and especially sizeable tax derivations that are considered of the most importance when viewed for a long range period. No comparable revenue can be envisioned.

We trust that any concern which may not have been taken into account will be brought to our attention by the Board.