

Ten Broeck Condominium Association
151-2 Third Street
Albany, New York 12210-2526

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To Commissioner Erin M. Crotty:

I am Minnie L. Wylie, and I live at 137-2 Third Albany, NY 12210

With the demolition of the Arbor Hill Community Center and construction of the New Covenant Charter School, the members of the Ten Broeck Condominium Association have suffered a variety of problems with the deterioration of the structure of our homes and the deterioration of our health.

Our street is cracking with the traffic of heavy trucks that arrive as early as 4:00 AM making very loud noises that wake us up daily. Most of us have had to receive medical attention for symptoms like those described as a result of the inhalation of particulate matter at the World Trade Center. Our homes have shifted resulting in doors no longer being able to close and cracks in the ceilings.

Since the summer of 2001, we have written Mayor Jennings and attended several Common Council Meetings requesting air and soil samples to be taken as we understand that there was asbestos in the demolished building. We saw no precautions being taken to contain asbestos during the demolition process. While the city did replace some locks and come to look at our homes, they have not sent an engineer or completed the air and soil samples as requested.

Below are the problems I have encountered personally that began with the demolition and construction project:

1. My husband, Granddaughter and Myself, has been suffering from respiratory problems.
2. My windows slides down when I pull them up
3. The ceiling has cracked
4. The smoke detector fell off the ceiling
5. The doors does not close properly
6. Stairs has gotten wobbly
7. Lost time from work, wating for someone to come who never came
8. Question about whether the foundation has been damaged
9. No one ever did a soil sample for asbestos
10. The driveway was torn up by the large trucks while the construction was going on.

I appreciate your taking the time to hear our shared difficulties due to the lack of environmental justice on the parts of the City of Albany and the Edison Project.

Sincerely,

Minnie L. Wylie