



June 25, 2013

Honorable Chris Christie  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie:

We are writing to urge your direct intervention with the LG Electronics Corporation, located in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, to halt their proposal to construct a 143-foot high office tower along the Palisades and to develop a better plan for the company's expansion.

For hundreds of years, the residents of your state and ours have enjoyed unspoiled, pristine views of the Palisades, and this proposal threatens to change that forever. The proposal put forward by LG Electronics threatens to alter this view, and negatively impact the enjoyment of the Palisades as a visual and a recreational resource.

The Palisades are a natural treasure. The park is a designated National Natural Landmark and development should respect that context. While the Palisades are physically located in New Jersey, they are of such importance to the people and the cultural institutions of New York City that our own development rules have ensured that their view is not obstructed.

Our constituents are uniformly opposed to this development, with both Bronx Community Board #8 and Manhattan Community Board #12 passing resolutions stating as much. In addition, four of your predecessors—Brendan Byrne, Thomas Kean, James Florio and Christine Todd Whitman—have also joined the growing chorus of disapproval concerning the construction of this office tower. Most recently, the Environmental Protection Agency has withdrawn its partnership with LG to develop the tower – a nearly unprecedented move.

We join them in their opposition, and we urge you to intervene directly with LG Electronics to reach a solution that will preserve the Palisades while also assisting their expansion needs. We are not opposed to LG Electronics, and in fact we congratulate them on their success. But that success cannot come at the cost of the Palisades, a natural resource that looks virtually the same today as it did when the United States was first settled.

We look forward to your response in this matter, and are prepared to assist your office in any way we can on this issue.

Sincerely,



Ruben Diaz Jr.



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