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The Courts have given Temple of Kawaida the right to build housing for the low & middle income families of NewArk. In his decision, Judge Kimmelman stated that Kawaida Towers had complied with all statutes & rules applicable to limited dividend housing corporations, and we are rightly entitled to tax abatement. He went on to say that the Courts could not be responsible for the NewArk City Council's ineptness and change of mind. All charges by the opponents of Kawaida Towers were found to be unsupported.

The bankrupt white leadership have taken their people for a joy ride by misleading them, lying & deceiving them. We hope that Blacks, Puerto Ricans, & forward thinking white people will join us in making Kawaida Towers a reality & create more housing for NewArk.

We see this decision as a major breakthrough for Blacks & Puerto Ricans, and hopefully it will be a source of inspiration to other cities who are sorely in need of better housing. The only way we are going to get better housing for ourselves is to come together in groups such as Temple of Kawaida and work to build & create a better environment for ourselves & our children. Self determination leads to social progress and no one can stand in the way of social progress.

Much has been said about Temple of Kawaida and our Spiritual Leader Imamu Amiri Baraka. Kawaida is a doctrine of tradition &

change, that is, we seek to combine our tradition with the technology of the 20th century to create a more beautiful & beneficial world such as Kawaida Towers. We live by a value system, the base of which is the Seven Principles - Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work & Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. We have been called many names - racists, militants, etc. But this is a myth created by the enemies of progress & development. Judge us by what we have really done in this city. Look at reality. Look at our political involvement & work to elect a Black Mayor - to bring representative government to this city, our efforts in education, housing, in all areas we have been a constant force for change.

As we have state before, we believe no one can deny that low & middle income families in Newark need and deserve decent housing. Kawaida Towers will be a community, and those living there will feel like a community rather than "tenants." Kawaida Towers has the same amenities as any luxury apartment. An electronic security system which flashes the picture of whoever is ringing your doorbell on a screen solves the problem of muggings & thievery. Kawaida Towers will be the only apartment house with cable TV already installed showing the latest movies. There is a theatre with a projection room and a library that will the community's to develop & be involved with. Everyone knows the need for daycare centers, plus there will be rooms for arts & crafts & woodworking rooms. Finally there will be a community room to solve the problem of a place for community meetings.

Indeed, Kawaida Towers will definitely be a positive contribution to the North Ward and the city of Newark.

We know we are on solid legal grounds. We intend to let Director Redden and the Newark police force handle any obstructions that impede construction.

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