

## EDITORIAL

This is one of a continuing series of WCBS Radio editorials on topics of vital interest to the community. Responsible representatives of opposing viewpoints are given the opportunity to reply on the air. If you missed the broadcast of this editorial, we hope you will read it. Your comments are always most welcome.

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SUBJECT: Anthony Imperiale  
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There is apparently only one kind of justice for Anthony Imperiale -- the kind that's on his side. Any other kind is to be ignored.

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Anthony Imperiale: "I don't much give a damn what the court says because the court has been ruining what's left of decent communities. And we do not have to obey because another human being with a political appointment who wears a black robe makes a very cowardly decision and possibly an emotional and political decision. No, we are not going to obey that."

(TAPE ENDS)

That was Assemblyman Anthony Imperiale of Newark, the day after a Superior Court judge ruled that building of Kawaida Towers could continue in Newark's North Ward.

Mr. Imperiale has tried to stop the project in the courts. On this first time around, he lost. Now he's appealing the decision, as he has every right to do.

But what's disturbing is that Mr. Imperiale says he will reject any court decision that goes against him. He suggests that court decisions he doesn't agree with are something to be disregarded, unworthy of respect.

Would the assemblyman have better things to say about justice had the court ruled in his favor? Would the courts be hailed as noble protectors of the people's rights? Would the judge then become a man of vision instead of the political hack Mr. Imperiale accuses him of being?

It can't work both ways. Last November, Assemblyman Imperiale said he would abide by the court's final decision and, if he lost, would work to minimize the impact of Kawaida Towers and to stabilize the community. That is the course he should be promoting now. Respect for the rule of law is the first thing we expect from a man elected to help write laws.

# EDITORIAL REPLY

WCBS Radio welcomes editorial replies by qualified spokesmen for the purpose of further stimulating public discussion and maintaining fairness and balance in the presentation of public issues. If you missed the broadcast of this reply to a WCBS Radio editorial, we hope you will read it. Your comments are always most welcome.

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SPOKESMAN: Anthony Imperiale  
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(In a recent editorial, WCBS NEWSRADIO criticized statements made by Newark Assemblyman Anthony Imperiale following a court decision that the building of Kawaida Towers could continue. Here with a reply to that editorial is Anthony Imperiale.)

I would like to make my position crystal clear in reference to an editorial that was recently broadcast by WCBS. I do not have to abide by Judge Kimmelman's decision for he does not have the final say. I felt his opinion was discredited by contradiction and reversal of his own court orders. He elaborated in his opinion on certain remarks where he would not permit testimony to be given. We intend to go as far as the United States Supreme Court.

However, I have never agreed to cooperate with Kawaida in any way, shape or form. For Kawaida represents an alien philosophy that is detrimental to the decent Americans regardless of race, color or creed. I will continue to oppose the building of Kawaida Towers and its alien philosophies that are definitely un-American. And, of course, we still have our Federal Court case which is presently pending. Kawaida is not a black and white issue but an issue of decent Americans opposing those working for a pan-African city.

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