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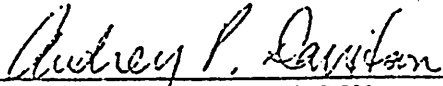
RE: KEA TAWANA vs. CITY OF NEWARK, ET AL.  
AND HUMANITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
242 CAMDEN STREET - ARK DEMOLITION

Reference is being made to the above listed structure which the City intends to demolish on or about April 15, 1987, pursuant to a consent agreement executed by the property owner.

Please be reminded that the City may incur the cost in relocating any party displaced by the demolition. The law allows the City to demolish the unsafe structure on behalf of the Church, however, the cost incurred for such demolition is to be placed as a lien against the property and an action may be filed to collect such cost from the property owner.

If the City does not intend to file an action against the Church, it may seek to recover the demolition cost over a period of time by executing an installment payment agreement with the owner. Otherwise, the City cannot legally use public funds for private use without attempting to recover such funds as indicated above.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

  
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