

Letter to the City Councilmembers, and the press, and THE MAYOR...

WAKE UP, NEIGHBORS!
YOU ARE BEING USED AS RACIST TOOLS!

Black Philadelphians are being used as pawns by rich white Philadelphians, and our Mayor is a bought and paid for dupe, SELLING lies and misinformation to help rich white men USE good Black folks as RACIST TOOLS to harm their beloved Chinese American neighbors.

A new stadium has MANY possible sites, the most logical by far the airspace above the tracks at 30th Street Station.

The owners of the Sixers created a LIE, and said there would be a large percentage of Black owned businesses in the new stadium if we agree to the ruinous Chinatown stadium, and a huge number of Black jobs.

What they did not say is, THAT PROMISE IS NOT SITE SPECIFIC. This is the new reality ANYWHERE the stadium gets built, to finally make a public effort to improve the economics of the Black community with this fresh opportunity.

What the Mayor said was "well, I will go out to the neighborhoods (read Black neighborhoods) and ask them what THEY think about a stadium in Chinatown.

SHE DID NOT DO THAT. Did not "ask them" anything.

She went out to Black neighborhoods and SOLD THE LIES. Over and over.

Instead of celebrating the breakthrough of Black business ownership and employment, she SOLD the lie that ONLY IF we approve the stadium WHERE NO ONE WANTS IT, will there be all that benefit to the Black community.

The Black community is being used as dupes in a disgraceful manner.

Every Councilperson in every neighborhood she has worked to sell the destruction of Chinatown for the benefit of the Black community, has also been 'courted' with whatever the Mayor has been handed by the Sixers and the owners of the mall site to bribe them with. IF they vote yes, against their consciences, for the promised PERSONAL BENEFITS, they are showing their willingness to be racist asses, and cheap human beings.

UNIONS.

I speak as a former member of the Laborers Union. The rank and file are being used as dupes. The union bosses are being paid to endorse the stadium at that site. That money being paid does NOT benefit rank and file, yet they are being used to act as if they support it THERE.

That is SUCH BS as to be skin crawlingly embarrassing, and I am ashamed of my Union brothers participating. As every one of you know, AS EVERY UNION MEMBER KNOWS, a new stadium at 30th Street will be 100% union. Same with ANY other location. Same with Chinatown / East Market if we are all so stupid and irresponsible as to allow it. It is blatant BULL, and the union bosses who have been paid for their endorsement know it, and are willing to sell themselves and the good name of our unions in a union town in a way that makes all unions look bad... because IT IS SO TRANSPARENT!

BLACK CLERGYMEN

BLACK CLERGYMEN is an organization that does not represent all Black clergy, by far. They were 'courted' for an endorsement, in the face of the lies presented above. They, too, were bought and paid for for something they KNOW is wrong, with whatever form the 'courting' took. That is pathetic on a Biblical scale. Jesus, please stop by and hurl them ALL into the street!

COUNCILMEMBERS, this is a DO RIGHT or DO WRONG moment. If you 'do wrong' you will be scrutinized unmercifully by all to divine what your 30 pieces of silver were, and that hung around your neck like a rotting albatross, forever.

Please, look in the mirror. WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU?

Please, in this moment, DO RIGHT.

DO RIGHT.

Todd Kimmell

Local citizen, nothing more.