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Subject: Structural Responses to Tania Marione's e-mail dated January 25<sup>TH</sup> 2022 at 238 Academy Street, Jersey City, NJ.

Following are our responses to the questions raised by Tania Marione :

2. There is a 10-inch brick wall on all four sides for both of the buildings from foundations to the second floor. The brick wall is also common between the two properties. This wall cannot be removed.

**We are going to keep the common wall the same. We are not going to demolish the common wall.**

3. There is a common 2x4 stud wall between the two properties that support the floors from each property from the second floor to the roof. This wall cannot be removed.

**We are going to keep the common 2x4 stud wall as is. We are not going to demolish the common wall. We may put a vinyl siding on top of the existing stud wall that remains.**

4. Based on the above conditions of the common wall between the two properties, it can be safely concluded it has a common foundation that cannot be removed."

**We are going to keep the foundation as is. We are not going to demolish the foundation.**

The buildings are completely connected to each other – it would appear to me negligence on the City's side to approve a demolition for this portion of the building. Your client should try to buy the remaining building or propose a project that merely rehabilitates this portion of the building.

**The way we are going to demolish the property, it will not harm the next door neighbor's property in any way. We will also make it water-tight.**

If you have any questions or concern, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

EXL Engineers appreciates the opportunity to provide its engineering services. If additional information is required, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raj Ekhalikar".

Raj Ekhalikar, P.E.  
NJ Professional Engineer

Date: 01/31/2022