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To: Hoboken City Council

After watching the meeting last night, especially after listening to Ron Hine, I realized why I felt so compelled to reach out yesterday about the art on Pier C. It's because it is so personal.

Ron spoke of so many of the people involved in the fight and ultimate design of the waterfront. So many, including myself and my family, fought for years to make that waterfront accessible and the view unobstructed. Years of meetings, rallies, workshops, elections, lawsuits and even many festivals. All for the express purpose of bringing that waterfront and the views to everyone. Residents from every corner of Hoboken participated because it belongs to them. I find it hard to believe that now, after all that, we would be willingly place a large structure in that space that will interfere with that view!

The sculpture may be beautiful, but it doesn't belong there. No one person or Comm should decide what can come between all of us, and the thousands of tourists, and that iconic view of the river and the skyline.

Some spoke last night of public art enhancing a space, drawing tourists and revenue. I can't honestly think of any location on the planet that is less in need of any enhancement or further draw of tourists. The area is itself a work of art. The view iconic worldwide.

I'm sure it's lovely. Please consider it on another location and/or use the funds for a few smaller projects in other areas of the City that can use some love and additional attention. This is not it.

Sincerely

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