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**WTC Survivors Call for Preservation of “Survivors’ Stairway” and Release Position Statement on WTC Memorial and Site Redevelopment**

New York, NY November 28, 2005: The World Trade Center Survivors’ Network, one of the few organizations founded by and for the survivors of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, today requested that the master site plan be amended to recognize the significance of the Survivors’ Stairway, and that measures be immediately taken to preserve this historic artifact.

The Survivors’ Stairway was the final means of escape for many survivors on September 11, 2001 and is the only remnant of the former WTC complex remaining above ground. The Survivors’ Network maintains that its preservation is essential to the process of accurately recording the story of the attacks for future generations. As of today, no decision has been made about the final disposition of the stairway, located on the north side of the site near the intersection of Vesey Street and West Broadway.

In conjunction with this press release, the Survivors’ Network also released a position statement advancing the survivor perspective on the World Trade Center site redevelopment plan. The Network seeks greater survivor involvement in the redevelopment process, adoption of the latest safety measures for all new buildings on the site and construction of an appropriate mix of commercial and memorial structures.

The Survivors’ Network also agrees with Governor George E. Pataki's directive that the World Trade Center Memorial Quadrant be reserved for 9/11-related buildings and programming only. It also joins in the Governor’s plea that all stakeholders in the redevelopment process join together and reclaim the spirit of unity shown in the days and weeks after September 11, 2001.

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**About the WTC Survivors’ Network ([www.survivorsnet.org](http://www.survivorsnet.org))**

Formed in 2003, the World Trade Center Survivors’ Network is a community of evacuees, workers, residents and witnesses, united by their common experience of the terrorist attacks in New York City. The Network enables survivors to successfully deal with the impact of the attacks, empowers them to find renewed purpose in their personal and professional lives and assists victims of other disasters. WTC SN is a non-profit organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, depending upon private donations to cover operational expenses.