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To the Heritage Community,

We are pleased to provide an update on the salvage efforts related to the 537 King street property. Recognizing the historical and architectural significance of the building, we have worked diligently to preserve key materials that reflect its character and heritage. Below, we outline the materials salvaged to date, our plans for further salvage during demolition, and how these elements will be honored in the new development.

Materials Salvaged to Date

Through the meticulous work of York 1, the following materials have been carefully removed and preserved:

- Rusticated concrete lintels and sills
- Terra cotta elements, including:
 - Panels featuring five unique designs
 - Band courses
 - Half-face headers
 - Aprons
- Semi-circular stained glass window
- The original date stone from 1898
- A decorative wood piece from the top of the turret

Additional Salvage Plans During Demolition

As demolition proceeds, we intend to salvage an estimated two skids of original bricks that remain in good condition. These bricks, along with the materials already secured, will contribute further to maintaining the essence of the original structure.

Integration into the New Development

Our commitment to preserving the history of this site will be realized through the thoughtful integration of these salvaged materials into the new development. Notably, we plan to incorporate them into a feature wall within the lobby, serving as a focal point that honors the building's storied past and connects it to its future. As well, right now the leading name for the new development is "The Rebel on King".

Interim Storage

To ensure the safekeeping of these materials, they will be securely stored in a shipping container at one of our other sites until they are ready to be incorporated into the project.

We value the heritage of this building and remain dedicated to honoring its legacy through respectful preservation and integration. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please feel free to reach out at benjulius@lionheartdevelopemnt.co

Sincerely, Ben Julius CEO/Founder Lionheart Development

