

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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MARTHA GREENBERG, et al.

Index No.: 64093/2014

Plaintiffs/Petitioners,
-against-

THE PURCHASE COMMUNITY, INC. et al.,

Defendants/Respondents.
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AFFIDAVIT OF DONALD READ

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW LONDON)

Donald B. Read, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I submit this affidavit to support the legal action by the residents of the Purchase, New York area who are members of The Purchase Community Inc. ("PCI"), the not-for-profit corporation that owns the William A. Read Memorial House (otherwise known as the Purchase Community House), to stop PCI from terminating library services at the Purchase Community House and evicting the local community library, the Purchase Free Library (the "Purchase Library"). I authorize this affidavit to be filed in any court proceeding in support of such efforts, and to make clear to such court that I oppose the removal of the library from the Purchase Community House.

2. The Purchase Community House and the Purchase Library (which has always been located in the House) are legacies of my family to the residents of Purchase. My grandfather is the William A. Read after whom the House is named and the man who had the vision for a community house in Purchase to bring the community together. His wife, and my grandmother, Caroline Seaman Read, was instrumental in creating both the Purchase Community House and the Purchase Library.

3. My father, William A. Read, Jr., also lived in Purchase, and served for some years on the PCI Board of Directors. His sister, and my Aunt, Elizabeth Read Taylor, also served on the Board of the library for a number of years.

4. I lived in Purchase in my very early years, left for schooling, the armed services and my early career, and then returned to Purchase and lived there with my wife, Jean Read, for about 30 years from the late 1950s through the late 1980s or so. I served for a few years on the PCI Board of Directors, and my wife worked for a number of years at the Purchase Library in the

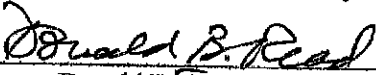
Community House, and served for some time as President of the Purchase Library Board of Trustees.

5. I am well aware through my family and my (and my wife's) civic activities in Purchase of how closely connected the Purchase Library is to the Community House and the mission of the Community House as intended and envisioned by my grandparents, and how indispensably valuable the library is to the Purchase community and its civic and cultural life.

6. Thus, my wife and I were deeply saddened to hear that PCI wanted to evict the library from its historic home in the Community House that bears my grandfather's name. I am quite sure that my grandmother, Caroline Seaman Read, would be very upset too, and view such an action as utterly contrary to the mission she established for the Community House as a condition to gifting the House to PCI and the people of Purchase.

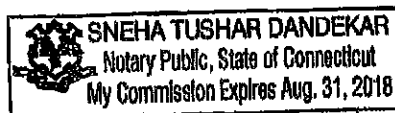
7. I am also quite sure that if my grandmother was alive today she would tell the court, as I am telling the court, that permitting PCI to evict the Purchase Library from the Community House would result in a tremendous and irreplaceable loss to the Purchase community and thoroughly undermine the legacy of my family and so many others who contributed to making the library the wonderful community institution that it has become, especially for our next generation.

8. My wife and I urge any court that hears this matter not to permit the eviction of the Purchase Library from Purchase's William A. Read Memorial Community House.


Donald B. Read

Sworn to before me this
27th day of August 2014


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) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW LONDON)

On the 27th day of August in the year 2014 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Donald B. Read, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his personal capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual executed the instrument.



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