LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Process of Compensating Condemnees

I always appreciate Gideon Kanner's articles in Just Compensation, finding them educational and informative. However, his editorial comments regarding the California Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos in the September/October 2012 issue are inappropriate. He is correct that there have been abuses in the redevelopment process, as there has been in many condemnation actions nationwide. However, I and others have not found it to be an "inherently abusive" process, with many positive results. If in fact there are "under-compensated condemnees," we should look to the various laws that control the compensation as the Feds recently did with Map-21.

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