

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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DEVELOP DON'T DESTROY BROOKLYN, et al., : Index No. 100686/06
 : IAS Part 35
 Petitioners, : Justice Edmead

For a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78 of the CPLR and :
Declaratory Judgment :

EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION :
and FOREST CITY RATNER COMPANIES, :

Respondents. : **AFFIDAVIT**

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF KINGS)

ROGER L. GREEN, being sworn, states:

1. I am a Member of the State Assembly of New York, and represent the 57th Assembly District in Brooklyn. My district includes the site of the proposed Atlantic Yards Arena and Redevelopment Project (the "Project").

2. I make this affidavit to express to this Court my support for the Project and my concern about the litigation that now is pending about the Project. I am not suggesting that the Court do anything other than apply the law correctly to this case. However, I understand that a number of elected officials from Brooklyn have submitted papers to this Court that support a motion for a preliminary injunction. I think that it is important that the Court be aware of the fact that there are elected officials, including but far from limited to me, who are enthusiastically in favor of the Project. These affidavits include Governor Pataki, Mayor Bloomberg, Borough

President Markowitz and United States Senator Charles Schumer, who resides in Park Slope. I also know that there is substantial support for the Project among residents of Brooklyn.

3. If approved and built, the Project will be a powerful source of badly needed economic development in Brooklyn. It will revitalize downtown Brooklyn by redeveloping a derelict area, creating thousands of jobs, attracting new businesses and visitors, and generating billions of dollars of tax revenues.

4. A delay in the approval and construction of the Project will hurt Brooklyn's poorest residents. Forest City Ratner Companies has entered into a pioneering Community Benefits Agreement that provides a wide array of benefits to some of the most disadvantaged people in Brooklyn through commitments to, among many other things, job training and hiring preferences, relocation support for residents who now live at the Project's site, and other forms of meaningful support for senior citizens, women, members of minorities and persons of low- and moderate-income. A delay in the review of this Project by the responsible public agencies therefore would be extremely unfortunate.

5. I have personally walked the streets in and around the Project's area and have visually examined the exteriors of the buildings that the developer intends to demolish. I also have reviewed the expert engineering report that recommends the demolition of these buildings. There is no doubt at all in my mind that these buildings are very dangerous and pose serious threats to the safety of my constituents who live along or use these streets. It horrifies me to think that a court is being asked to halt the demolition of these obviously hazardous structures.


Roger L. Green

Sworn to before me this
4th day of February, 2006.



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