

**\*\*\*\*Media Advisory\*\*\*\***

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**Council Member Letitia James and local groups  
announce community-planning session for the  
development of the Atlantic Yards**

*Letitia James, Council Member for the 35<sup>th</sup> District is set to announce plans for a workshop which will enable elected officials, residents, architect and urban planners to discuss an alternative proposal for the Atlantic Yards site.*

New York, NY-At 2:00pm Sunday, March 7, on the steps of City Hall, a growing number of anti-arena groups will join with council member Letitia James in urging the city and state to alter a proposal submitted by mega developer Forrest City Ratner.

During the press conference, Council Member James will discuss plans for a forum with urban planners and architects to bring forth alternative plans for the site. The workshop will be held at Hanson Place Central Methodist Church located on 144 Saint Felix Place (corner of Hanson Place). The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 10am.

Council Member Letitia James has always stated her dissatisfaction with the current design by Frank Gehry's for the Atlantic Yards site. Under the current proposal, approximately 1000 persons would be displaced to accommodate room for an arena and 17 skyscrapers.

**What: Council Members, Architects, Urban Planners, and  
Civic Organizations publicize development plans for  
the Atlantic Yards**

**When: Sunday, March 7, 2004  
2:00 p.m.**

**Where: City Hall Steps**