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Guess Who's Coming to Brooklyn with Bruce Ratner? Tyco Crook Dennis Kozlowski, City Planning Insider Dolly Williams

What other dirty secrets are hidden inside Nets shadow syndicate?

BROOKLYN – Develop Don't Destroy today demanded to know who else is part of Bruce Ratner's Nets shadow ownership group after learning this weekend that one of the nation's most infamous corporate criminals and a city planning commissioner are part of Team Ratner.

Daily News Columnist Mike Lupica gave taxpayers their first look at some of Ratner's partners on Sunday, noting that former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski and New York City Planning Commissioner Dolly Williams are among a list of new Nets co-owners that Lupica said, "goes on for about as long as 'Ulysses.'"

"It sounds like a real rat pack – now we know why Bruce Ratner has been working so hard to keep these names hidden," said Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn (DDDB) spokesperson Daniel Goldstein.

"Not only is he in business with the King of Sweetheart Deals, but with a public official who is in an ideal position to help make Ratner's own sweetheart deal a reality. What's Ratner going to do next – try to pay off the referees working the Nets games?"

Goldstein called this potential conflict of interest deeply troubling, noting that Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz -- an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Ratner's arena development proposal -- appointed Dolly Williams as a commissioner to the Planning Commission in 2002.

"It makes me wonder – and I hope all New York taxpayers – what other corporate crooks, inside dealers, and shady characters belong to the Nets Rat Pack? Are these the kind of people we want to be handing over hundreds of millions of dollars in public funds? It's time for Mr. Ratner to come clean about these dirty secrets."

For Mike Lupica's column, go to:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/222350p-190883c.html>

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