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Leading Elected Officials, Olympic Expert Brian Hatch and DDDDB Blast “Land Grab Wrapped in Olympic Rings”

*DDDB unveils watchdog report exposing
fatal flaws, false claims in NYC2012 bid*

BROOKLYN—Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn (DDDB) today unveiled a new watchdog report that exposes the flaws and falsehoods surrounding NYC2012's bid for the 2012 Olympics. The report, *A Land Grab Wrapped in the Olympic Rings: How NYC2012's Real Estate Ambitions Have Perverted and Doomed New York City's Olympic Bid*, refutes claims that a proposed Nets arena complex in Brooklyn would help NYC win the Games.

For the full Watchdog Report, go to www.dddb.net/olympics/watchdog.pdf

“Mayor Bloomberg, Dan Doctoroff and Bruce Ratner's other political cronies must be desperate, to link his arena plan to the Olympics,” said DDDDB's Goldstein. “Ratner's plan will actually hurt our Olympic bid—which is right in keeping with how much harm it will do to the communities of Brooklyn and the taxpayers of New York.”

In their remarks at today's press conference, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried (Manhattan) and State Senator Velmanette Montgomery (Brooklyn) condemned using the Olympics to rush through development projects without City oversight, over community objections.

“It's lunacy,” said Gottfried, who has authored a bill that would require such oversight. “I don't think the International Olympic Committee wants to put the Olympics at a stadium that's going to be tied up in litigation.” Montgomery decried “this abominable process, where the citizens who are going to be impacted by this development have nothing to say about it.”

Other elected speakers were City Councilperson Charles Barron (Brooklyn), who warned people, “Don't be fooled by promises of jobs. This project will hurt our community far more than it will help,” and 57th Assembly District Committeeman Francis Byrd, who said, “You've heard of the Olympic ‘agony of defeat’? How about the agony of deceit this city will suffer if we're forced to take billions of dollars away from schools, firehouses and other municipal needs?”

Highlights from the Watchdog Report—including the “*Top Ten Ways to Tell that the Olympics are NYC2012's #2 Priority*”—were presented by Brian Hatch, who was Deputy Mayor of Salt Lake

City during its preparations for the 2002 Olympics stated, “No city has ever tried to fix their controversial venues by jamming them through before getting the Olympic nod, but that’s not the case with the proposed Jets stadium and Nets arena. NYC2012 is wrapping a couple of real estate deals in the Olympic rings.”

“This completely undermines our Olympic chances,” continued Hatch, who maintains the NewYorkGames.org information site. “What we need to do is unite our city around a plan that New Yorkers can support, and get rid of the divisiveness that is dooming our bid to certain defeat.”

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fighting for development that will unite our communities
instead of dividing and destroying them.***