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**Brooklyn Minister and “Caring” Bruce Ratner  
to Pursue “Community Benefits Agreement”  
*Ratner Trying to Divide Community Over  
Who Gets Crumb from His Table***

BROOKLYN—In a surprise press conference held today at Brooklyn’s House of the Lord Church, Reverend Herbert A. Daughtry and Mega-Developer “Caring” Bruce Ratner announced that Reverend Daughtry has formed a group, the Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance, to negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with Forest City Ratner.

Reverend Daughtry did not elaborate on the makeup of his Alliance.

“This is the third group that has said it is negotiating a CBA with Ratner,” said Develop Don’t Destroy Spokesperson Daniel Goldstein. “He sure knows how to divide the community! And one thing is clear: None of these negotiating groups represent Prospect Heights, where the project would be located.”

“Reverend Daughtry said at today’s press conference that Bruce Ratner is honorable, caring, trustworthy and generous. Pardon us if we don’t think that’s a tough negotiating stance.”

Goldstein also cited today’s Daily News, which quotes Reverend Dennis Dillon of the Brooklyn Christian Center as saying, "Mr. Ratner has a very troubled history with the black community throughout New York, and there's absolutely no evidence that he will negotiate with this community in good faith."

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