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**Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver Calls for ULURP Process
for Javits Expansion and West Side Stadium**
Develop Don't Destroy Demands ULURP Equity for Brooklyn

BROOKLYN—Citing the more than \$1B in subsidies that Developer Bruce Ratner has requested for his Nets Arena complex, Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn (DDDB) today demanded that Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver apply his call for a ULURP process to include Ratner's proposal.

In a press release issued yesterday, Silver stated, "Community review and input on development and planning issues have always been vitally important to the Assembly. We would expect no less of this type of open and public process for projects of this magnitude."

DDDB Spokesman Daniel Goldstein said, "Mr. Silver has made it plain that ULURP is a must for major projects. But Mr. Ratner is proposing to build 7.7 million square feet at the Atlantic Yards site in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn with no public oversight whatsoever.

"Like the West Side Stadium," Goldstein continued, "Mr. Ratner's proposal requires hundreds of millions in state and city funding, and an independent study has shown that taxpayers will **lose** half a billion dollars. This project is a sinkhole for public money. It must be subject to City oversight through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

"As Speaker Silver points out, ULURP is the only way to provide community review and input, as well as legislative oversight for the City. If Manhattan deserves ULURP," Goldstein concluded, "Brooklyn deserves have it, too."

Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn has repeatedly called for ULURP review of the Ratner proposal, and, on July 9th, City Councilmember Letitia James hand-delivered letters to Mayor Bloomberg and Council Speaker Gifford Miller asking them to ensure that the Ratner Proposal be subject to ULURP. Her letter to Mayor Bloomberg cited a statement he made last December: "We are not at a time when we can use public funds to support an arena."

Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn has also called on Speaker Silver to use his vote on the Public Authority Control Board (PACB) to reject public financing for Mr. Ratner's private, taxpayer-subsidized sweetheart deal.

For more on Speaker Silver's Convention Center Expansion Bill, go to:

<http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/Press/20040712>

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