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**Majority of Brooklyn Elected Officials and Major City Unions Leaders
Come Out in Support of Atlantic Yards Project**

(Brooklyn, NY) – August 23, 2006 – A cross-section of elected officials from communities throughout Brooklyn joined major union leaders, affordable housing advocates and representatives of Forest City Ratner Companies today at a press conference prior to a state public hearing to express their support for the Atlantic Yards Project (see attached list).

“From Cobble Hill to Coney Island, from Greenpoint to Gravesend and all places in between, Brooklyn’s elected officials, community leaders and working families have come out to support quality affordable housing, good jobs and the return of professional sports to Brooklyn,” said Bruce Ratner, President and CEO of Forest City Ratner Companies. “The encouragement from these leaders really sends a message that these are important issues across Brooklyn, and that Atlantic Yards will be an important step forward for this great and growing borough.”

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(please see next page for list of confirmed/scheduled to attend)

1. **Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz**
2. **Senator John Sampson** - *Canarsie, East Flatbush, parts of Brownsville, Crown Heights, East New York, portions of Old Mill Basin, Spring Creek Towers, and parts of Midwood and Kensington*
3. **Senator Carl Andrews** - *Flatbush, Crown Heights, Park Slope, Windsor Terrace and Prospect Heights, and Prospect Lefferts Garden*
4. **Senator Kevin Parker** - *Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington and Boro Park*
5. **Senator Marty Golden** - *Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst, Marine Park, Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend and parts of Sheepshead Bay, Borough Park and Midwood*
6. **Senator Martin Malave-Dilan** - *Bushwick, Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Cypress Hills, City-Line, East New York, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and Brownsville*
7. **Senator Carl Kruger** - *Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Bergan Beach, and Flatbush*
8. **Senator Diane Savino** - *Bath Beach, Bensonhurst, Borough Park, Coney Island, Fort Hamilton, Gravesend, Seagate, Sunset Park, and North Shore of Staten Island*
9. **Assembly Member Karim Camara** - *Crown Heights, Flatbush*
10. **Assembly Member Steve Cymbrowitz** - *Brighton Beach, Gerritsen Beach, Flatbush, Manhattan Beach, Midwood, Plum Beach and Sheepshead Bay*
11. **Assembly Member Joe Lentol** - *Greenpoint, Williamsburg and Fort Greene*
12. **Assembly Member Darryl Towns** - *Williamsburg, Bushwick, Bedford, Stuyvesant, East New York, Cypress Hills, City Line*
13. **Assembly Member William Boyland** - *Brownsville, East New York, Flatbush, Bedford Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill and Crown Heights*
14. **Assembly Member Roger Green** - *parts of the neighborhoods of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights, Park Slope and Bedford-Stuyvesant*
15. **Assembly Member Nick Perry** - *parts of Flatbush, Brownsville, Canarsie*
16. **Council Member Mike Nelson** - *Midwood, Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach*
17. **Council Member Erik Dilan** - *East New York, Bushwick, Cypress Hills, City Line, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, Wyckoff Heights*
18. **Council Member Sara Gonzalez** - *Bay Ridge Towers, Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Waterfront, Gowanus Houses, Park Slope, Red Hook, Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace, Wyckoff Gardens*
19. **Council Member Diana Reyna** - *Williamsburg and Bushwick, Brooklyn; Ridgewood, Queens*
20. **Council Member Kendall Stewart** - *Flatbush, East Flatbush, Flatlands*
21. **Council Member Lew Fidler** - *Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Georgetowne, Starrett City, Flatlands, Futurama, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Gerritsen Beach*
22. **Council Member Dominic Recchia** - *Coney Island, Gravesend, Bensonhurst*
23. **United Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten**
24. **SEIU Local 32BJ President Michael Fishman**
25. **New York Building Congress President Richard T. Anderson**
26. **Partnership for NYC President and CEO Kathryn S. Wylde**
27. **New York Executive Director of ACORN Bertha Lewis, Rev. Herbert Daughtry, CBA Chair Delia Hunley-Adossa and other Community Benefits Agreement partners**

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