

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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DEVELOP DON'T DESTROY BROOKLYN, et al., : Index No. 100686/06  
 : IAS Part 35  
 Petitioners, : Justice Edmead

For a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78 of the CPLR and :  
Declaratory Judgment :

EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION :  
and FOREST CITY RATNER COMPANIES, :

Respondents. : **AFFIDAVIT**

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 : ss.:  
COUNTY OF KINGS )

CARL ANDREWS, being sworn, states:

1. I am a Member of the Senate of the State of New York, and represent the 20<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District in Brooklyn. While my district does not include the site of the proposed Atlantic Yards Arena and Redevelopment Project (the "Project"), my district and indeed all of Brooklyn will reap the benefits of the Project.

2. I make this affidavit to express to this Court my support for the Project and my concern about the litigation that now is pending about the Project. I understand that a number of elected officials from Brooklyn have submitted papers to this Court that support a motion for a preliminary injunction. I think that it is important that the Court be aware of the fact that there are elected officials, including but far from limited to me, who are enthusiastically in favor of the Project. I also know that there is substantial support for the Project among residents of Brooklyn.

3. If approved and built, the Project will be a powerful source of badly needed economic development in Brooklyn. It will revitalize downtown Brooklyn by redeveloping an underutilized area, filling in a large open cut over the Vanderbilt Yards, thus connecting four neighborhoods, creating thousands of jobs, attracting new businesses and visitors, and generating billions of dollars of tax revenues.

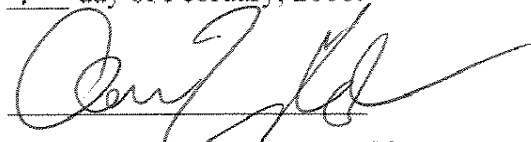
4. A delay in the approval and construction of the Project will hurt Brooklyn's poorest residents. Forest City Ratner Companies has entered into a pioneering Community Benefits Agreement that provides a wide array of benefits to some of the most disadvantaged people in Brooklyn through commitments to, among many other things, job training and hiring preferences, relocation support for residents who now live at the Project's site, and other forms of meaningful support for senior citizens, women, members of minorities and persons of low- and moderate-income. A delay in the review of this Project by the responsible public agencies therefore would be extremely unfortunate.



CARL ANDREWS

Sworn to before me this

9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.



**ANDREW ZLOTNICK, ESQ**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 4986043  
Qualified in New York County  
Term Expires September 5, 1993

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