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Press Release

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Bruce Ratner's bringing the Nets to Brooklyn and his Atlantic Yards Development project (inclusive of a new arena for the Nets) represents much needed economic development to Downtown Brooklyn. BUILD is a proponent of this project because Ratner is committed to respecting the existing community as a partner in the economic and community development process.

BUILD is pleased to present a public forum series about the Nets Arena and Atlantic Yards Development project entitled: ***Opportunities with Atlantic Yards Development- "Don't Get Left Behind."*** BUILD's membership consists of over 200 business owners, employment seekers, professionals, homeowners, renters, parents, youth as well as local civic and cultural institutions. Through its committees, BUILD has generated items to be developed into a Community Benefits Agreement with Forest City Ratner Companies, the private developer for the Atlantic Yards Development Project.

Opportunities with Atlantic Yards Development- "Don't Get Left Behind," is aimed at educating members of Brooklyn Communities directly and indirectly by the Atlantic Yards Project as well as Brooklynites at large about economic and community development opportunities possible with this project. To realize the possibilities of this project for Brooklynites especially those living in the central Brooklyn communities of Prospect Heights, Crown Heights, Fort Greene, Brownsville, Flatbush, Weeksville and Bedford-Stuyvesant, it is imperative that a comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement be developed. Consequently, we invite you this public dialogue series so that we can present our initial thoughts to you as well as solicit your input.

Opportunities with Atlantic Yards Development "Don't Get Left Behind"

Topic	Date	Location	Time
Housing & Relocation	3/10	Hope City Empowerment Center 650-656 Washington Avenue (<i>Between Bergen & Dean</i>)	7:00 PM
Public Housing	3/12	TBA	7:00 PM
Finance	3/13	TBA	11:00 AM
Economic Development (Part I)	3/15	Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation 520 Prospect Place (<i>Use Classon Ave Entrance</i>)	7:00 PM
Economic Development (Part II)	3/17	Hope City Empowerment Center 650-656 Washington Avenue (<i>Between Bergen & Dean</i>)	7:00 PM
Education	3/18	TBA	7:00 PM
Technology	3/19	Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation 520 Prospect Place (<i>Use Classon Ave Entrance</i>)	7:00 PM
Entertainment	3/20	TBA	11:00 AM
Community Development	3/22	Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation 520 Prospect Place (<i>Use Classon Ave Entrance</i>)	7:00 PM
Health	3/24	TBA	7:00 PM
Seniors	3/25	Hope City Empowerment Center 650-656 Washington Avenue (<i>Between Bergen & Dean</i>)	7:00 PM
Youth/Child Care	3/26	Community Counseling & Mediation 810 Classon Avenue (<i>Between Lincoln & Sterling</i>)	7:00 PM
Environment	3/27	TBA	11:00 AM