

# The Arena is NOT a Done Deal!

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Bruce Ratner – talk about connections!

Ratner went to Law School with Governor Pataki, worked under the Koch administration, taught at NYU Law School, and is a board member at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, BAM, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the NYC Partnership. He may have started out doing good, but he's gotten greedy and wants to turn Brooklyn into his own vision of commercial success, ignoring the needs and desires of the community.

Back-room deals – having trouble finding out exactly when the arena plans start? That's because "they" don't want us to know. That's because "they" are going ahead with "their" plans without our input, even though we're the taxpayers who will foot the bill. It is undemocratic, and it is unfair. We will hold them accountable for changing our neighborhoods. Our unity and strength can beat their greed and corrupt power.

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All Residents of Prospect Heights, Park Slope, Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Boerum Hill, and all of Brooklyn - Whether you own your home, rent an apartment, own a business or work in a business, we think you should be able to decide what your neighborhood looks like when you leave for work in the morning.

**All local businesses and restaurants** – we love your products, we love your atmosphere and we love your service! We do not want to see you pushed out by chain stores.

**All car owners weary of increased traffic** – we know that traffic is inevitable, especially in New York City and the five boroughs, but we don't think that traffic on side streets need be increased. And we strongly question how a plan this large can move forward without intensive and serious traffic and transit studies. Where will you park?

**All parents of children with asthma** – construction and arenas bring extra traffic and pollution. Think emergency room waits are long now? Just wait until the proposed 5500 new households are brought into the area around the arena. This isn't just a sports complex we're fighting, it is also a plan for 17 new commercial and residential highrises. How will local hospitals \*and schools\*, police and fire departments, handle the increased volume?

**All people needing sustainable and dignified jobs** – without a promise and proof that Ratner will employ local people with sustainable jobs for the construction phase AND the post construction phase, can he really expect us to welcome him with open arms??

**We know you're frustrated, and we know you have questions. Please call us!**

Please reach out to us! We are fighting for you and we want you to be heard. And we want to stay united in our fight. Attend our open community meeting on May 20th, 7pm, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 88 Hanson Place, and/or call 718-362-4784, or visit [www.developdontdestroy.org](http://www.developdontdestroy.org). You can leave a message on this answering machine and be sure that you will be called back, or that your concern will be addressed at the meeting.

**Join us in saying NO to the Arena and NO to unwanted over-development by outsiders.  
We know our neighborhood best, and we must fight NOW to save it!**

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