



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

CITY OF NEW YORK

Proclamation

Whereas, Brooklyn's cherished traditions of fairness and respect for all are deemed moot and quaint, and are at odds with the contemporary and fashionable notions of wealth, arrogance, unethicality and exploitation, it is most fitting that we join in the celebration of an undertaking that both increases the wealth and power of those from other boroughs, cities and nations, AND disempower Brooklynites more than ever before; and

Whereas, Bruce Ratner, Forest City Ratner Companies, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Governors Pataki, Spitzer and Paterson, Senator Charles Schumer, Bertha Lewis, the Reverend Herbert Daughtry, Barclays Bank, Michael Ratner, Esq., the Empire State Development Corporation under the stewardship of too many to mention, the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Brooklyn Brewery, Shawn Carter a.k.a. Jay-Z a.k.a. Hova a.k.a. "99 Problems and a bitch ain't one of them," Frank Gehry, Ellerbe Becket, sHop, Mikhail Prokhorov and the Borough President of the Great City of Brooklyn, the last without whom none of this would have been possible, have come together to exploit peoples' fears regarding employment and housing, ignite racial tinder, lie, prevaricate, obfuscate, and destroy the cornerstones of democracy, community and dignity; and

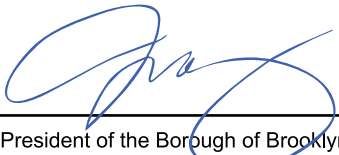
Whereas, on behalf of all Brooklynites, I salute and commend first and foremost myself, and all the others who have created the Atlantic Yards/Barclays Center Luxury Condominium-Towers and Arena and its myriad Brigadoonian falacies of jobs, affordable housing and self-aggrandizing greatness and the very real conditions of eminent-domain abuse, environmental destruction, the gutting of urban utopia and the loss of life, heart and soul;

Now, therefore, I, Marty Markowitz, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 11, 2010

The Destruction of Brooklyn's Soul Day in Brooklyn, USA

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Brooklyn to be affixed under the auspices of Forest City Ratner Companies, Bruce Ratner, Chairman and CEO, this 11th day of March, 2010




President of the Borough of Brooklyn