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Sirs and Madam:

The Council of Brooklyn Neighborhoods respectfully urges the Board of the Empire State Development Agency not to approve the Final Environmental Impact Statement of the proposed Atlantic Yards development.

The FEIS is simply not ready to be approved

- The General Project Plan does not conform to ATURA design specifications
- There are serious unresolved questions regarding the space apportionment under ATURA regulations.
- There are still comments and contributors missing from the FEIS, a flaw that was attempted to be corrected after the first submission for approval.
- The paraphrased Comments frequently distort the original comment and thus do not accurately Respond.
- The Responses offered in the FEIS are frequently inaccurate and suffer from self-referential

circular logic that will not be defensible to legal challenge.

- The FEIS indefensibly and unrealistically characterizes a study of terrorism as not being a consideration worthy of worst case scenario analysis.

Given the many, many flaws in this EIS we recommend that the Board not waste money, time and opportunity by approving an unsatisfactory document that is bound to result in lengthy delays in any development of the Vanderbilt Yards.

Respectfully,

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(www.cbrooklynneighborhoods.homestead.com) is a coalition of recognized diverse community groups active in Community Boards 2, 3, 6, and 8. CBN is comprised of 40 community organizations that have joined together to ensure meaningful community participation in the environmental review of the proposed Atlantic Yards development in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn.

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