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STATEMENT OF *BROOKLYNSPEAKS.NET* ON STATE APPROVAL OF ATLANTIC YARDS

The sponsors of the *BrooklynSpeaks.net* campaign believe that the Public Authorities Control Board voted on a project today that is deeply flawed. From the beginning, the project has been a public-private partnership in which the public has not been represented. The vote today reflected a process that simply did not allow New Yorkers to shape the project, and the result is a plan that will not work for Brooklyn.

We believe the incoming Spitzer administration must seize the opportunity in the new year to fix the project. The plan, particularly its second phase, must be changed to address its overwhelming scale, superblock design, lack of a transportation plan, and public process that has alienated rather than involved New Yorkers.

Since the *BrooklynSpeaks.net* campaign began, thousands of Brooklynites and New Yorkers have spoken up and joined the call for a plan for the site that works for Brooklyn. Brooklynites deserve no less than to be listened to, and to have a project that enhances, rather than diminishes, their quality of life. The *BrooklynSpeaks.net* campaign will continue to strive for these goals.

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