

remedy that omission by doing some serious thinking about what kind of development is appropriate at the Atlantic Yards. The Pacific Plan should be an important part of that investigation.

We should not let isolated issues, however important they may be, obscure our view of the big picture; that is: "What kind of city do we want to live in?" Great cities don't just happen. They require good planning. *NOW*, is our opportunity. Design *matters!*

We do not have to give up affordable housing, . . .

We do not have to give up job creation, . . .

We do not even have to give up hoops, . . .

We *should* give up this ill-conceived and half-baked plan proposed by Forest City Ratner!

Please give the Pacific Plan - and other alternatives - the attention they deserve.

Thank you.

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