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Cuomo Spars With Some Brooklynites, But Agrees To Go To Bat For Borough

BY TRACY GARRITY

He was met at the door of the Cadman Plaza Supreme Court Building by a brass band and a contingent of young teens and their parents carrying signs. Together they marched into the building, causing one onlooker to remark of Governor Mario Cuomo, "Hey, he's a nice guy, but he's not President yet. Don't you think this is a little much?"

Both the brass band/entourage, and the cynicism forshadowed what was to come in the Governor's annual budget forum in Brooklyn Feb. 13 — an event that was both a love-fest for the man who used to work from a law office at 32 Court Street, and a very pointed exchange with the man who now works in Albany.

First however, it was a day for congratulations. Mets pitcher Ron Darling was given a citation from the Governor for his work on Cuomo's Youth Drug Prevention campaign, and Darling said he was "humbled" by the citation. Audience members who had come to speak with the Governor, and not watch the show, however, loudly urged the public forum to begin. The public was welcomed by Brooklyn State Senator Martin Connor, who also introduced Heights-Carroll Gardens Assemblymember Eileen Dugan, who moderated.

"The annual budget forum is a very special event,"

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Governor Cuomo and the bat he was presented.

Photo: Reginald Pineda

Locals Hold Funeral March For ATURA

BY A.M. BROWN

As the giant ghost of Brooklyn Future loomed over them, a small group of protesters carried a mock coffin around the street last weekend in a march against the \$500 million Rose Associates Atlantic Terminal development project.

Dressed in bi-lingual yellow cardboard signs, "Now showing on 10 screens '1001 Nights In A Shelter'", and chanting "Hey Hey, Ho, Ho, Where will all our neighbors go?", the group was met with a positive response by many on the street who were out to enjoy the Saturday afternoon sunshine on Feb. 15.

"We're trying to let the people in the neighborhood know what's going to happen," said Joan Manes who organized the rally. And perhaps wanting to know, cars pulled over and passersby went out of their way to take the pamphlets offered.

Manes, a member of the Metropolitan Council on Housing which aids and advises tenants, the homeless and/or those who face homelessness, explained, "In a general way, we're about affordable



The march began on Fifth Avenue. (Thuesen/Hosenstock Photo)

housing. Specifically, we see that the Atlantic Terminal project will not provide low income housing." Claiming that, by not only approving but also subsidizing the Rose Associates project, the City of New

York is reneging on its 20-year-old promise to rebuild the low-income housing it tore down as many years ago. Manes and the protestors say they feel that the local poor are be-

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