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## Gary Barnett Scores Another All-Star as ‘Melo Moves West

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Donald Trump may want to buy the Mets, but the developer with a real feel for the game—as well as basketball, it turns out—is Extell’s Gary Barnett. Scoring the extra point is the fact that he famously beat Trump out at Riverside South, where many of the city’s top athletes are now moving.

Alex Rodriguez took a full-floor five-bedroom at the Rushmore in February, and he will now

have a neighbor in Carmelo Anthony. The *Daily News* hears that the Russian-baiting Knicks superstar has grabbed four homes in two Extell developments, the recently completed Aldyn next-door to the Rushmore and the nearby Ashley, at 63rd Street and West End Avenue. All that space is for family and assistants, but it may be temporary:

“We looked for apartments with similar qualities as Carmelo’s other homes in Denver in Los Angeles,” said [Douglas Elliman’s Prince] Dockery, whose Prince Group specializes in high-end lower Manhattan properties.

“The key thing is the family wanted to be in New York and didn’t opt for a 10,000-square-foot home in Westchester or New Jersey.”

So even athletes are into gentrification! How long before Eli Manning abandons Hoboken for the Flatiron?

Speaking of, Curbed reports that Mets third baseman David Wright is selling his bachelor pad at Infinite Flats. The reason is—what else—Barnett threw him uptown into a \$12,000-a-month rental at the Upper East Side’s Lucida.