

# ***Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests***

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## INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY22 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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*Budget Requests:* Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

*Budget Priorities:* Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

*Supporting Materials:* Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

### Brooklyn Community Board 9

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District Manager: Vacant Position

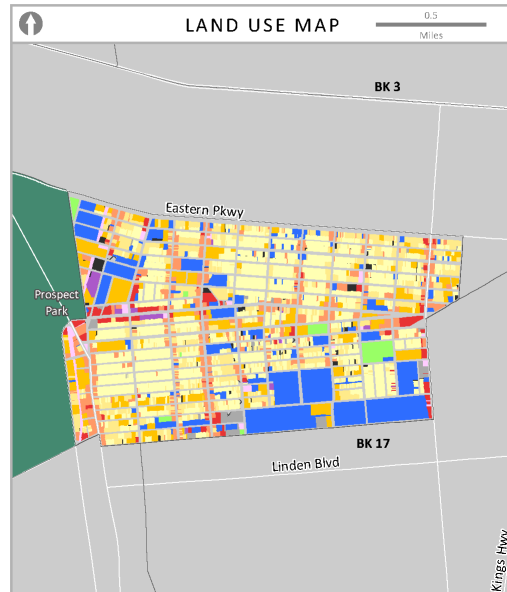
## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

# Brooklyn Community District 9

See BK 9's profile online at  
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>: Crown Heights South, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Wingate

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
104,014	98,429	-5%
2014-2018 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		124,331
Square Miles		1.6
Population Density		61,518/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 9 in 2020:

1. Affordable housing
2. Infrastructure resiliency
3. Youth and children's services

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 9's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	4,193	33%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,266	15%
Multifamily Elevator	203	12%
Mixed Use	803	10%
Commercial	105	3%
Industrial	19	1%
Transportation/Utility	25	2%
Public/Institutional	165	20%
Open Space	8	2%
Parking	49	2%
Vacant	102	1%
Other	27	0%

Map Source: PLUTO 20v8

### A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>		RENT BURDEN <sup>4</sup>		ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>6</sup>	
Public Schools	21	Brooklyn CD 9 <b>49%</b> of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	Brooklyn 45%	Brooklyn CD 9 <b>71%</b> of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	Citywide Target 85%
Public Libraries	2		NYC 44%		
Hospitals and Clinics	21				
Parks	3				
Visit <a href="http://CapitalPlanning.nyc.gov">CapitalPlanning.nyc.gov</a> for more information					
MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4</sup>		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>		CRIME RATE <sup>7</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 9 <b>43</b> minutes	Brooklyn 43* minutes	Brooklyn CD 9 <b>10%</b> of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	Brooklyn 22%	Brooklyn CD 9 <b>8.4</b> major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2019	Brooklyn 10.2
	NYC 41* minutes		NYC 23%		NYC 11
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4</sup>		UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4</sup>		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>8</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 9 <b>31%</b> of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	Brooklyn 37%	Brooklyn CD 9 <b>5.4%</b> of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2014 to 2018	Brooklyn 4.4%	Brooklyn CD 9 <b>21%</b> of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold	Brooklyn 20%*
	NYC 37%		NYC 4.4%		NYC 20%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-Year Estimates, approximated by aggregating data from blocks and block-groups. When comparing CD estimates to Borough and City averages, due to survey sampling error values with an asterisk (\*) are not statistically significant differences. Visit the Community District Profiles tool online to find Margins of Error (MOEs) for all estimates. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2020); <sup>6</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 8 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>7</sup>NYPD Complaint Data (2019); <sup>8</sup>2014-2018 NYCgov Poverty Measure by Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

# Brooklyn Community District 9 - Land Use

- One & Two Family Buildings

MultiFamily Walkup Buildings

MultiFamily Elevator Buildings

Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings

Commercial/Office Buildings

Industrial/Manufacturing

Transportation/Utility

Public Facilities & Institutions

Open Space

Parking Facilities

Vacant Land

All Others or No Data
- Community Districts

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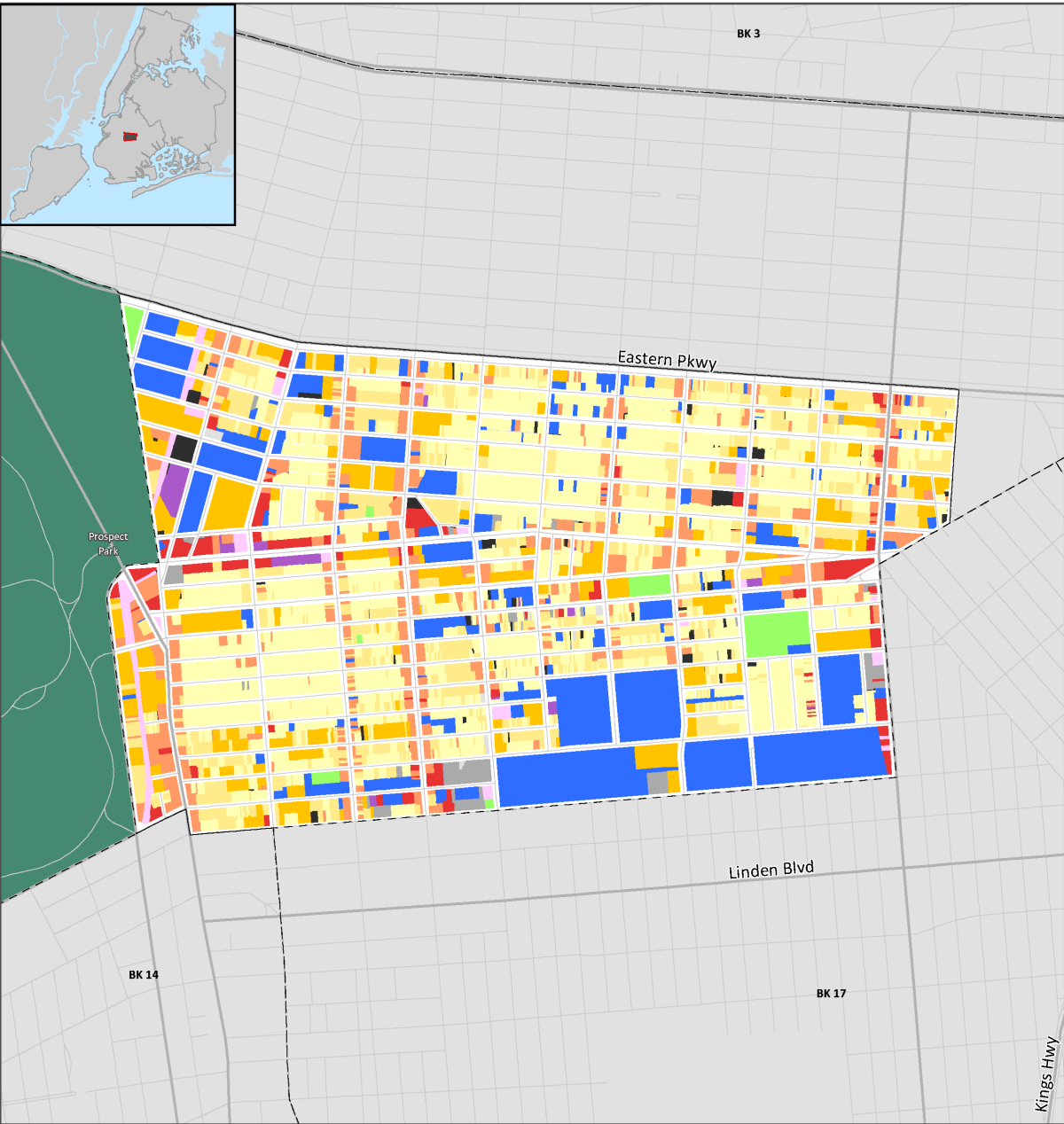
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### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn's Community District 9 is comprised of South Crown Heights, Prospect Lefferts Garden, Wingate and Northern Flatbush. The rate of development within the confines of CB9 is disheartening. Exploitative landlords are pricing out mom and pop businesses by setting unimaginable commercial rents. Long time residents of the community are being pushed out due to the rent burden of crumbling apartments. The increasing population in our area has stretched our municipal resources to the breaking point. Our buses and trains are filled to capacity, garbage cans along our corridors are overflowing, there is an increase in illegal dumping and our health care facilities are inundated.

The aforementioned stressors are the basis for statement of needs for FY22.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 9

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

Affordable housing continues to be a major issue in Community Board 9. Long time residents continue to grapple with ever rising rents and substandard maintenance. Many of the landlords in the area continue to neglect long-term tenants while providing higher end amenities and premier service to newly arriving tenants. Development is now synonymous with alienation and exodus in our community. There are lifelong residents who have contributed to the local economy for decades that simply cannot afford to be here much longer. The continued conversion of one family homes into multi-unit buildings are a byproduct of unscrupulous developers who are besotted with the acquisition of property in the form of buy-outs, weaponizing 311, and intimidation. Unfortunately, homeowners and renters have found little recourse in legal services, HPD, DOHMH and DOB when pushing back to maintain their homes. Homeowners have found themselves embroiled in third party transfer battles and renters are in the revolving door of housing court with attempts to have the court acknowledge and enforce known violations that put many of the families in our community at risk.

#### **Infrastructure resiliency**

Our roadways have become raceways as requests submitted by the community board and by our constituents for speed bumps and additional traffic calming measures around the district have languished in the "study" phase for years. Our constituents are literally afraid to cross the street, with Community Board 9 even losing a senior Board Member in 2018 in a horrible accident. Although we have witnessed the installation of pedestrian ramps, turn signals and speed cameras in the district, there is no coordinated effort to integrate the recommendations of the Community Board. Community Board 9 would like reinvestigate its relationship with the Department of Transportation and provide community input on projects while in their development phase. The infrastructure in CB9 continues to suffer as the requests for the renovation of our local precinct, our aging school buildings and the identification of a larger space for the BK9 sanitation house lingers on for years. As it currently stands, the 71st precinct has outgrown its current space. NYPD vehicles can be found on surrounding residential streets, even with the existence of an onsite lot, dedicated parking on New York Avenue and Malbone Street. Due to the current constraints of the City budget in connection with COVID-19 the majority of capital projects previously approved by the DOE are suspended until further notice. If our children are to return to these buildings in full capacity in the future, it should be to well ventilated spaces with modern amenities and resources conducive to learning. COVID-19 has only shone a light on years of neglect.

#### **Youth and children's services**

The youth of our community are suffering from a lack of resources that address the ever increasing list of issues that plague their demographic, such as bullying, gangs, mental health issues, suicide intervention/prevention, unstable home environment, ostracization based on sexual preference/gender identity. Gun violence has continued to plague our community, especially at known hotspots such as Hawthorne Street/Nostrand Avenue and Union Street/Franklin Avenue. Many of our young adults are unknowingly suffering from PTSD. Our youth need safe spaces to congregate to escape bad influences and receive support services. Agencies such as the NYPD need to reaffirm their role as a community partner and engaging our youth to re-establish trust and respect.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 9

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs**

COVID-19 further accentuated the fact that are our seniors are most vulnerable population that need to be supported. We need an infusion of funding to engage our constituents with programming geared toward healthier eating, health screenings and monitoring.

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Education in healthcare remains the most vital tool in combating chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes and asthma that effect an alarming portion of the population of the district. Funding is needed to enhance the education/outreach efforts that help connect community members to the resources they need to lead healthier lives.

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

Many adults fear losing self-sufficiency as they age, senior centers are a pivotal part of their social live and a home base of sorts to obtain supportive services as they age in place.

We need continued and increased funding of our senior centers to enable them to offer a wide range of services information on health services, tech education, recreational activities, volunteer opportunities and other social interaction. Fostering such environments allows for the preservation of dignity, promotion of independence and the inclusion of a social support system thereby reducing loneliness and depression.

###### **Needs for Homeless**

Shelters have continued to installed in Community Board 9 without funding allocated to provide assisatance to the individuals that reide there. We require more resources to handle the increased needs of this population.

###### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	DFTA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</b>	<i>The Christopher Blenman Senior Center continues to be an antiquated space in complete disrepair. A collaborative effort with NYCHA should be embarked upon to provide this space with a complete renovation.</i>	720 East New York Avenue
11/26	DFTA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</b>	<i>St. Gabriel's Senior Center is need of a furniture upgrade. The facility needs to replace tables, chairs and refrigerator. The center is also in need tech upgrades such as media carts, laptop tables, desks and smart boards.</i>	331 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/35	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>The creation and implementation of community programming geared toward nutrition and preventative measures would have a significant impact on the population our district.</i>	
9/35	DFTA	<b>Increase programmatic funding to Friendly Visiting Programs</b>	<i>COVID-19 has many of our seniors scared to venture into the world. Increased funding for the Friendly Visiting Program is essential is making seniors retain their connection with the outside world.</i>	
10/35	DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request for DFTA</b>	<i>Further promotion of SAGE centers, as there is a significant LGBTQIA population that needs to be informed of resources available to assist them as an aging adult.</i>	

13/35	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Magnify outreach and conduct public education workshops in partnership with CBO's and BIDS. Additionally, the owners of commercial business and owners of large residential buildings should be encouraged to discard garbage in rodent proof containers. There should also be an introduction of an increase in fines for chronic sites.</i>	
20/35	DHS	<b>Improve safety at homeless shelters</b>	<i>We continue receive complaint about the homeless shelter housed in Community District 9 on the border with Community District 17. There are complaints of loitering, drug use and violent behavior. Funding should be allocated to provide access to job training, mental health support services and education offerings.</i>	681 Clarkson Avenue

## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 9**

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **After school programs**

Affordable after school care remains a consistent concern for parents in our district. The need so great that some parents choose schools based on the offering of after school programming rather than academics. The students of Community Board 9 deserve access to after school programs and extracurricular activities.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

The schools in Community Board 9 need to be reinvigorated. There needs to be increased funding of the IDEA, so that students who require early intervention services can be identified and serviced.

Many of our students get lost and left behind in a large classroom setting. We need our class sizes reduced to allow for teacher to truly connect and monitor the progress of their students.

The Department of Education should create incentives to attract and retain personnel, including teachers, related services personnel, special education providers.

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Community Board 9 does not have a space within its confines that is solely dedicated to youth engagement, such as a recreational center. Our youth must rely on afterschool and other community-based programs for arts, entertainment, sports and academic help. These programs are essential to the development of life, learning and social skills of our youngest residents. The City must do more to support our children via an infusion of funding into community-based organizations.

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## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</b>	<i>MS 61 is in dire need of renovation. Renovation of library (including tables, chairs and book shelves). Updated Smartboards, as well as new paint and flooring throughout the building. The auditorium needs air conditioning and new seats. Electrical wiring upgrade is needed throughout the school. The water fountains need replacement/upgrading.</i>	400 Empire Boulevard

## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/35	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>P. S. 161 in CD 9 is in need of after school program such as Beacon.</i>	330 Crown Street
5/35	DOE	<b>Assign more teaching staff</b>	<i>Sufficient staff means smaller class sizes and an environment in which teachers can effectively connect and monitor the progress of their students.</i>	
6/35	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>	<i>PS 221 - Toussaint L-Ouverture is in need of an after school program such as Beacon Program.</i>	
8/35	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>School is a safe haven for many children. It is a place where many receive their first meal of the day, first kind word and feel safe. The availability of a full-time nurse and social worker should be a requirement for all school sites.</i>	
19/35	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>The creation of The Summer Bridge program triggered by the restrictions brought about by COVID-19 was a life saving initiative. The Summer Bridge program should be preserved in some form to provide the alternate of online participation in employment or internship opportunities.</i>	

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 9**

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Police-community relations**

Although there have been strides to positively engage the community via the installation of Neighborhood Coordination Officers. The NYPD needs to double down in establishing themselves as a trusted community partner for our residents. There is a lack of trust that leads to citizens being reluctant to report crimes because they are distrusting of the police. Therefore, we are asking that police officers continue to receive frequent training in community engagement and cultural sensitivity.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

As in previous years, we are calling for an increase in funding for crime prevention programming to quell the gun violence in our neighborhood. We continue to see the number of shootings proliferate and boldly take place in broad daylight. There should be an establishment of a strategic partnership between the local precinct, elected officials, community members and the Kings County District Attorney to effectively combat the escalating violence.

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/26	NYPD	<b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>	<i>The 71st Precinct continues to be in a state of disrepair. Community Board 9 was previously advised that funding could be allocated to the renovation of the precinct in FY21. Since then, there has been no additional action to escalate this request. We are asking that the NYPD revisit the request and provide funding. The lockroom/over night sleep space for the officers should be renovated.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
5/26	NYPD	<b>Add NYPD parking facilities</b>	<i>The lack of parking for 71st precinct compounds an already large parking issue in the district. Having residents compete with NYPD agency vehicles is unacceptable. The 71st precinct needs sufficient space to store their vehicles.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
6/26	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance cameras</b>	<i>This request is usually deferred to the discretion of our City Council Members. We believe that the input of the NYPD is absolutely paramount. The installation of these cameras should be based on input provided by the local precinct, so that chronic hotspots are addressed.</i>	
10/26	FDNY	<b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>	<i>Provide additional vehicles in order for Community Affairs to expand outreach efforts.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/35	NYPD	<b>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</b>	<i>In order to reaffirm a positive relationship with the community, we are requesting that NYPD personnel be mandated to cultural sensitivity trainings.</i>	
17/35	NYPD	<b>Assign additional crossing guards</b>	<i>The number of traffic accidents in the district continue to rise. In order to maintain the safety of seniors and youth, we are asking for assignments to be made with inclusion of traffic incident data.</i>	



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 9

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

##### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

The major corridors of Community Board 9 are suffering from overflowing garbage cans. The recent round of budget cuts has led to increased illegal dumping and dirty streets. The vermin condition continues to worsen, as they feast on overflowing garbage. Our local sanitation house BK9, has been a wonderful community partner, as they respond to all referrals provided by the Community Board and deploy assistance when they are able to do. Restoration of funding is crucial to the cleanliness of our district.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

##### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

The population in Community District 9 is increasing due to the conversions of one and two-family homes into multiple unit apartment dwellings. The sewer system is therefore being overburdened due to increased waste and water volumes.

##### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Sanitation enforcement needs to be more proactive in the issuance of violations when motorists do not adhere to the Alternate Side Parking rules and prevent the mechanical brooms from properly cleaning the streets. Mechanical brooms should also be properly filled with water to prevent leaves and dirt from blowing back onto sidewalks.

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## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/26	DSNY	<b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b>	<i>The request for a new location for the BK9 garage has lingered for years. The intersection of New York Avenue and Winthrop Street is for a lack of better word, littered with DSNY vehicles. These vehicles create blind spots and contribute to the rush hour nightmare of drivers/pedestrians navigating the area. The BK9 sanitation garage needs adequate space to store its vehicles and reduce the inconvenience to the residents in its direct vicinity.</i>	356 Winthrop Street

## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/35	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Ponding is a direct result of clogged catch basins. The basins need to be consistently serviced so that our crosswalks are not regularly flooded and the safety of of pedestrians sacrificed.</i>	
14/35	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>The heavy foot traffic along our corridors contributes to the mounting trash conditions. The addition of trash cans and recycling cans would assist in the reduction of litter.</i>	
15/35	DSNY	<b>Other enforcement requests</b>	<i>Illegal dumping is an escalating issue in our community. Illegal drop offs and dumping at corner baskets, back sides of schools, tree pits, is an ongoing complaint. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to monitor chronic locations could make a significant impact in the public health, safety and appearance of our district.</i>	
24/35	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Community Board 9 has been delayed in the inclusion of in the organics collection program. The residents of our communities have called for the deployment of brown collection bins to assist in quelling the garbage condition in the district. Community Board 9 should be added to the program immediately.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Brooklyn Community Board 9

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

##### **Land use and zoning**

The development that continues to take place in the confines of Community Board 9 is a true disservice to the community. Large sleek buildings now take the place of homes once occupied by a single family. The affordable housing stock in the community continues to be obliterated every time a new project goes up. Our residential streets now look like a mixed bag of buildings that have simply been thrown together. The ongoing displacement of long term tenants is a unfortunate ripple effect of development. Landlords continue to raise rents and provide sub-par repairs in hopes of pushing tenants out. In order to maintain the character of our community, we need to thwart the development that continues handled by the City with kid gloves.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

##### **Needs for Land Use**

The residents of Community Board 9 live in a mix of housing of private homes and apartment buildings. The development in the district has taken place at breakneck speed, yet the pressures for affordable housing are persist. This district is disproportionately rent burdened. Future development within should take this into account, as previous use of the MIH program has been thoroughly abused.

##### **Needs for Housing**

The residents of Community Board 9 need truly affordable housing in order to remain apart of this community. The majority of the residents of Community Board 9 are rent and utility burdened. True legislative changes needs to be championed by our elected officials in order to introduce policy changes that address the over consumption by developers and the ravaging of the affordable housing market in New York City.

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

The major commerical corridors of Utica, Kingston, Nostrand and Flatbush Avenues are a mix of newly opening businesses, struggling mom and pop shops and vacant store fronts. We need a reinvigoration of resources to support these businesses and keep them afloat.

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## Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/26	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</b>	<i>There is a critical need for senior citizen housing as this population is generally excluded from the affordable housing lotteries being offered due to low fixed incomes.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/35	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>Zoning is supposed to organize the way land is used, determine the sizes and building uses; however, the current zoning in Community District 9 encompasses a mixture of different zoning, which we have seen create numerous concerns for residents and home-owners in the district. Community Board 9 would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a study of our district to better utilize land in our district to address the need for housing (to include height and setback controls), open space, commercial revitalization, upgraded/new schools, job creation, transportation access, improved utility services and infrastructure to support an expected population growth</i>	
11/35	NYCHA	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>The poor upkeep of the William Ried Houses is well known. Requests for repairs are usually met with rebuke by the local managing agent. Soot left by a fire last year lingered on the wall for weeks until the intervention of NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie. NYCHA needs to increase funding to complete repairs and increase monitoring to insure that repairs tickets are not simply closed out.</i>	718 East New York Avenue
22/35	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>The residents of our district spend well over 30% of their income on rent. This has led to the sharing of apartments by multiple generations. The development of truly affordable housing should be paramount.</i>	

25/35	DOB	<b>Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings</b>	<i>Community Board 9 regularly receives complaints of unpermitted construction work around the district. The DOB should allocate additional funding to increase the number of inspectors, so that complaints can responded to in a reasonable time.</i>
26/35	EDC	<b>Invest in tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space</b>	<i>The continued and increase in funding for tax incentive programs that enable neighborhood business to remain in place.</i>
27/35	EDC	<b>Invest in access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space</b>	<i>Remaining viable in this current economy means being to accommodate all the guidelines that COVID-19 has triggered. Businesses need to be able to modernize and remain up to code in order to stay in business.</i>
34/35	EDC	<b>Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites</b>	<i>Often times graffiti is equated with poverty and blight. Restoration of the funding for the graffiti removal program should be reinstated immediately. There should be extensive promotion and recruitment of building owners to increase participation and change the face of our commercial corridors.</i>

## TRANSPORTATION

### Brooklyn Community Board 9

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Traffic congestion**

The Board receives frequent complaints regarding traffic congestion and double parking along our commercial strips. Flatbush Avenue and Utica Avenue are two main north/south corridors; Nostrand Avenue is a south corridor; Rogers Avenue and Kingston Avenue are north corridors; and Empire Boulevard is a main east/west corridor. All of these major streets are congested corridors frequently blocked by double parked commercial and regular vehicles during bus lanes hours of operations. Although there are no bus lanes on Empire Boulevard the bike lanes on are oftentimes inaccessible to cyclists due to commercial trucks, ambulettes, and regular vehicles double parking thus obstructing the bike lanes. In addition, double parked vehicles obstructs vision and creates unsafe conditions for motorists and pedestrians alike. Enforcement must be put into effect along our busy thoroughfares, in order to minimize traffic hazards, congestion, and deter double parking.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Proposals for bike lanes, pedestrian islands, and pedestrian plazas are more often than not initiated by DOT without the community and Board's input. And in some instances where the Board's input is solicited and given, it's often not carefully considered and the Board's position is overruled. DOT has also continuously rejected the Board's input/requests both overly and by ceasing communication for years on end. For example, DOT started to develop a capital project in 2012 to reconstruct the historical Clove Road in response to community requests. DOT's plan did not include restoration of the cobblestone. Although there were ongoing conversation between the Board and DOT concerning funding options for the restoration of the cobblestones because the Board did not fully support their plan, DOT ceased further communication about the project in 2014 and it stalled. Then, in August 2020, the Board received notice that DOT had not only approved a Clove Road Plaza proposal submitted by a community organization, but it was also funding the design and construction of the plaza. This was done without further input from the Board, and despite the fact that upon inquiring about the original project in 2018, the Board was informed by DOT that the project was no longer active. Similarly, when the Utica/Empire Reconstruction project faced opposition from the community; particularly when it came to the closure of the triangle at Empire/Franklin/Washington and its conversion into a pedestrian plaza, DOT ceased communication about the project in 2017, and it too stalled. Again during discussions about the project, community residents and the Board offered DOT suggestions for alleviating existing traffic hazards at the location, none of which were taken into consideration. Then, in December 2019, the NYC DDC informed the Board of the scheduled project kick-off and anticipated completion dates for the Utica/Empire Boulevard Reconstruction Project, which was moving forward with the closure of the triangle. DOT has proactively introduced initiatives not requested or supported by the community. While safety is paramount and community amenities are positive proposals, they must be carefully considered and community input must be highly valued. DOT must provide updates as to how these projects were expedited without further input from the Board. All types of ground transportation are important within the 1.7 square miles that comprise the district and where mean travel to work is approximately 45 minutes, nearly 10% of the residents walk or ride bikes to work, 70% take public transit, and 20% drive or carpool. Traffic and road conditions are constant concerns. Of great concern is that there is no way to ascertain an overview of DOT traffic calming measures. There are currently over 100 DOT service delivery requests from our residential areas but no way to understand how implementation of all or any combination of these requests would impact traffic flow in the District. Rather, such requests are considered only insofar as they impact the block for which they are requested. Many of these outstanding requests for speed humps that are normally denied after sometimes two or more years of waiting for DOT to provide an outcome without clear explanations. Community Board 9 has requested that DOT do a traffic calming study of the district but, to date, DOT has not agreed to undertake one.

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

There are six bus lines that operate within District 9, including express buses and select bus service routes. Need live bus timers, bus shelters, and Citybenches at key bus stops on the B41, B43, B44/B44SBS, B46/B46SBS, B48 and B48 bus routes. There are 12 subway stations in District 9. With the exception of the ongoing Handicapped Accessibility renovation work the Brooklyn Museum/Botanical Garden subway station, no other subway station within District 9 has been included the MTA's 2020-2024 Capital Program plans for 70 new ADA-accessible stations. The Board would like to see the adoption in the MTA Capital Plan for elevator services for subway stations within the District.

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32/35	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Given the number of requests for speed hump installations, stop sign, traffic light timing, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation of traffic calming measures is critical. Thus DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested</i>
33/35	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Provide adequate funding to expedite response to streetlight complaints, traffic calming and signage requests. Good street maintenance and expeditious repairs would help ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Bedford, Rogers, Nostrand, Kingston, Utica. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.</i>

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 9**

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**

Tree pruning and tree/branch maintenance continues to be a major issue in Community Board 9. The increasing back log leaves homeowners fearing liability for trip and fall incidents in front of their homes. To many homeowners disbelief - when inspectors do show up, it is to impose fines for broken sidewalks caused by the very trees they reported to the agency. Homeowners have taken on the financial burden of sidewalk maintenance in fear of jeopardizing their homeowners insurance.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Needs for Parks**

As a community we continue to advocate for better parks and playgrounds. Parks are an asset to our community as they aid in child development, community engagement through family events, physical activities, and a resource for our educators and their students.

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Library Services**

The BrooklynPublic Library facilities serving the district continue to need additional funding to meet the demand for its services. I

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

Community Boards are provide to a voice and be a conduit to City government. The current operating budget is insufficient to effectively navigate the rising cost of operation, purchasing technology and maintenance of the aforementioned. If Community Boards are to remain relevant, they need to able have access the latest technology in order to effectively engage their constituency.

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## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/26	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide sorely needed recreational space for the youth in the community.</i>	
7/26	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>The Eastern Parkway Mall is one of the crown jewels of Brooklyn. The pedestrian and bike path are currently in disrepair and are in need of immediate restoration. Protruding stones are hazard to pedestrians traversing the mall. The benches along the mall are missing slates and have chipped/fading paint. The Parks Department should allocate funding to restore this borough treasure.</i>	
26/26	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Due to an ever growing pet population in the district, there is now an increase in the utilization of our park facilities by their owners. We are requesting that funding be allocated to the study of the feasibility of a dog runs/parks in parks around the district. Having clearly defined space with also reduce safety concerns amongst parents patronizing the parks with small children</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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1/35	OMB	<b>Provide more community board staff</b>	<i>Community Boards are essential to the fabric of the community. The offices should be appropriated staffed so that they may service the community and execute their charter mandated duties efficiently.</i>	890 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
2/35	OMB	<b>Provide more community board staff</b>	<i>As City Charter mandates, the community boards are to have access to experts and consultant to assist with issues such as land use. As development continues to skyrocket around the district this resource is essential.</i>	890 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
18/35	BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</b>	<i>Extension of the hours of service, so that our community residents ongoing access to technology and programming.</i>	

23/35	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>The Parks department should increase funding to the Forestry Division, so that regular maintenance may be performed on the trees within our district.</i>	
35/35	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>	<i>Installation of additional lighting to deter illegal activities</i>	Sullivan Place, Brooklyn, New York, NY



## **6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS**

### **Other Capital Requests**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### **Other Expense Requests**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

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1/26	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</b>	<i>MS 61 is in dire need of renovation. Renovation of library (including tables, chairs and book shelves). Updated Smartboards, as well as new paint and flooring throughout the building. The auditorium needs air conditioning and new seats. Electrical wiring upgrade is needed throughout the school. The water fountains need replacement/upgrading.</i>	400 Empire Boulevard
2/26	DFTA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</b>	<i>The Christopher Blenman Senior Center continues to be an antiquated space in complete disrepair. A collaborative effort with NYCHA should be embarked upon to provide this space with a complete renovation.</i>	720 East New York Avenue
3/26	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide sorely needed recreational space for the youth in the community.</i>	
4/26	NYPD	<b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>	<i>The 71st Precinct continues to be in a state of disrepair. Community Board 9 was previously advised that funding could be allocated to the renovation of the precinct in FY21. Since then, there has been no additional action to escalate this request. We are asking that the NYPD revisit the request and provide funding. The lockroom/over night sleep space for the officers should be renovated.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
5/26	NYPD	<b>Add NYPD parking facilities</b>	<i>The lack of parking for 71st precinct compounds an already large parking issue in the district. Having residents compete with NYPD agency vehicles is unacceptable. The 71st precinct needs sufficient space to store their vehicles.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
6/26	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance cameras</b>	<i>This request is usually deferred to the discretion of our City Council Members. We believe that the input of the NYPD is absolutely paramount. The installation of these cameras should be based on input provided by the local precinct, so that chronic hotspots are addressed.</i>	

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8/26	DSNY	<b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b>	<i>The request for a new location for the BK9 garage has lingered for years. The intersection of New York Avenue and Winthrop Street is for a lack of better word, littered with DSNY vehicles. These vehicles create blind spots and contribute to the rush hour nightmare of drivers/pedestrians navigating the area. The BK9 sanitation garage needs adequate space to store its vehicles and reduce the inconvenience to the residents in its direct vicinity.</i>	356 Winthrop Street
9/26	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</b>	<i>There is a critical need for senior citizen housing as this population is generally excluded from the affordable housing lotteries being offered due to low fixed incomes.</i>	
10/26	FDNY	<b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>	<i>Provide additional vehicles in order for Community Affairs to expand outreach efforts.</i>	
11/26	DFTA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</b>	<i>St. Gabriel's Senior Center is need of a furniture upgrade. The facility needs to replace tables, chairs and refrigerator. The center is also in need tech upgrades such as media carts, laptop tables, desks and smart boards.</i>	331 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
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2/35	OMB	<b>Provide more community board staff</b>	<i>As City Charter mandates, the community boards are to have access to experts and consultant to assist with issues such as land use. As development continues to skyrocket around the district this resource is essential.</i>	890 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/35	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>Zoning is supposed to organize the way land is used, determine the sizes and building uses; however, the current zoning in Community District 9 encompasses a mixture of different zoning, which we have seen create numerous concerns for residents and home-owners in the district. Community Board 9 would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a study of our district to better utilize land in our district to address the need for housing (to include height and setback controls), open space, commercial revitalization, upgraded/new schools, job creation, transportation access, improved utility services and infrastructure to support an expected population growth</i>	
4/35	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>P. S. 161 in CD 9 is in need of after school program such as Beacon.</i>	330 Crown Street
5/35	DOE	<b>Assign more teaching staff</b>	<i>Sufficient staff means smaller class sizes and an environment in which teachers can effectively connect and monitor the progress of their students.</i>	
6/35	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>	<i>PS 221 - Toussaint L-Ouverture is in need of an after school program such as Beacon Program.</i>	



7/35	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>The creation and implementation of community programming geared toward nutrition and preventative measures would have a significant impact on the population our district.</i>	
8/35	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>School is a safe haven for many children. It is a place where many receive their first meal of the day, first kind word and feel safe. The availability of a full-time nurse and social worker should be a requirement for all school sites.</i>	
9/35	DFTA	<b>Increase programmatic funding to Friendly Visiting Programs</b>	<i>COVID-19 has many of our seniors scared to venture into the world. Increased funding for the Friendly Visiting Program is essential is making seniors retain their connection with the outside world.</i>	
10/35	DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request for DFTA</b>	<i>Further promotion of SAGE centers, as there is a significant LGBTQIA population that needs to be informed of resources available to assist them as an aging adult.</i>	
11/35	NYCHA	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>The poor upkeep of the William Ried Houses is well known. Requests for repairs are usually met with rebuke by the local managing agent. Soot left by a fire last year lingered on the wall for weeks until the intervention of NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie. NYCHA needs to increase funding to complete repairs and increase monitoring to insure that repairs tickets are not simply closed out.</i>	718 East New York Avenue
12/35	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Ponding is a direct result of clogged catch basins. The basins need to be consistently serviced so that our crosswalks are not regularly flooded and the safety of of pedestrians sacrificed.</i>	
13/35	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Magnify outreach and conduct public education workshops in partnership with CBO's and BIDS. Additionally, the owners of commercial business and owners of large residential buildings should be encouraged to discard garbage in rodent proof containers. There should also be an introduction of an increase in fines for chronic sites.</i>	

14/35	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>The heavy foot traffic along our corridors contributes to the mounting trash conditions. The addition of trash cans and recycling cans would assist in the reduction of litter.</i>	
15/35	DSNY	<b>Other enforcement requests</b>	<i>Illegal dumping is an escalating issue in our community. Illegal drop offs and dumping at corner baskets, back sides of schools, tree pits, is an ongoing complaint. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to monitor chronic locations could make a significant impact in the public health, safety and appearance of our district.</i>	
16/35	NYPD	<b>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</b>	<i>In order to reaffirm a positive relationship with the community, we are requesting that NYPD personnel be mandated to cultural sensitivity trainings.</i>	
17/35	NYPD	<b>Assign additional crossing guards</b>	<i>The number of traffic accidents in the district continue to rise. In order to maintain the safety of seniors and youth, we are asking for assignments to be made with inclusion of traffic incident data.</i>	
18/35	BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</b>	<i>Extension of the hours of service, so that our community residents ongoing access to technology and programming.</i>	
19/35	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>The creation of The Summer Bridge program triggered by the restrictions brought about by COVID-19 was a life saving initiative. The Summer Bridge program should be preserved in some form to provide the alternate of online participation in employment or internship opportunities.</i>	
20/35	DHS	<b>Improve safety at homeless shelters</b>	<i>We continue receive complaint about the homeless shelter housed in Community District 9 on the border with Community District 17. There are complaints of loitering, drug use and violent behavior. Funding should be allocated to provide access to job training, mental health support services and education offerings.</i>	681 Clarkson Avenue
21/35	NYCTA	<b>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</b>	<i>Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.</i>	

22/35	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>The residents of our district spend well over 30% of their income on rent. This has led to the sharing of apartments by multiple generations. The development of truly affordable housing should be paramount.</i>
23/35	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>The Parks department should increase funding to the Forestry Division, so that regular maintenance may be performed on the trees within our district.</i>
24/35	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Community Board 9 has been delayed in the inclusion of in the organics collection program. The residents of our communities have called for the deployment of brown collection bins to assist in quelling the garbage condition in the district. Community Board 9 should be added to the program immediately.</i>
25/35	DOB	<b>Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings</b>	<i>Community Board 9 regularly receives complaints of unpermitted construction work around the district. The DOB should allocate additional funding to increase the number of inspectors, so that complaints can responded to in a reasonable time.</i>
26/35	EDC	<b>Invest in tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space</b>	<i>The continued and increase in funding for tax incentive programs that enable neighborhood business to remain in place.</i>
27/35	EDC	<b>Invest in access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space</b>	<i>Remaining viable in this current economy means being to accommodate all the guidelines that COVID-19 has triggered. Businesses need to be able to modernize and remain up to code in order to stay in business.</i>

28/35	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<p><i>As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be loading zones on the street; otherwise trucks double park and park in crosswalks. Some existing bike lanes need to be changed to protected bike lanes. The current bike lanes on Empire Boulevard are constantly obstructed by double parked vehicles. With the protected bike lanes, parked cars would serve as buffer and the bike lanes would be between the sidewalk and parked cars. There are other locations within the District that should be considered for bike lanes</i></p>	Empire Boulevard
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31/35	NYCTA	<b>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</b>	<i>Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.</i>	
32/35	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Given the number of requests for speed hump installations, stop sign, traffic light timing, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation of traffic calming measures is critical. Thus DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested</i>	
33/35	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Provide adequate funding to expedite response to streetlight complaints, traffic calming and signage requests. Good street maintenance and expeditious repairs would help ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Bedford, Rogers, Nostrand, Kingston, Utica. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.</i>	
34/35	EDC	<b>Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites</b>	<i>Often times graffiti is equated with poverty and blight. Restoration of the funding for the graffiti removal program should be reinstated immediately. There should be extensive promotion and recruitment of building owners to increase participation and change the face of our commercial corridors.</i>	
35/35	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>	<i>Installation of additional lighting to deter illegal activities</i>	Sullivan Place, Brooklyn, New York, NY