

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

Fiscal Year
2026

**Brooklyn
Community District
17**

November 2024



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) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

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 FY24 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

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

Brooklyn

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	2,504,700	100.00	2,736,074	100.00	231,374	9.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	594,378	23.7	595,703	21.8	1,325	0.2	-1.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	2,504,700	100.0	2,736,074	100.0	231,374	9.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	496,285	19.8	516,426	18.9	20,141	4.1	-0.9
White non-Hispanic	893,306	35.7	968,427	35.4	75,121	8.4	-0.3
Black non-Hispanic	799,066	31.9	729,696	26.7	-69,370	-8.7	-5.2
Asian non-Hispanic	260,129	10.4	370,776	13.6	110,647	42.5	3.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	15,904	0.6	37,579	1.4	21,675	136.3	0.8
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	40,010	1.6	113,170	4.1	73,160	182.9	2.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	1,000,293	100.0	1,077,654	100.0	77,361	7.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	916,856	91.7	1,009,804	93.7	92,948	10.1	2.0
Vacant housing units	83,437	8.3	67,850	6.3	-15,587	-18.7	-2.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

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	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	155,252	100.00	162,446	100.00	7,194	4.6	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	35,611	22.9	31,612	19.5	-3,999	-11.2	-3.4
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	155,252	100.0	162,446	100.0	7,194	4.6	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	10,536	6.8	13,313	8.2	2,777	26.4	1.4
White non-Hispanic	2,204	1.4	5,837	3.6	3,633	164.8	2.2
Black non-Hispanic	137,243	88.4	127,289	78.4	-9,954	-7.3	-10.0
Asian non-Hispanic	1,734	1.1	3,036	1.9	1,302	75.1	0.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,057	0.7	2,301	1.4	1,244	117.7	0.7
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,478	1.6	10,670	6.6	8,192	330.6	5.0
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	59,098	100.0	62,636	100.0	3,538	6.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	55,571	94.0	58,768	93.8	3,197	5.8	-0.2
Vacant housing units	3,527	6.0	3,868	6.2	341	9.7	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 17 is comprised of the following neighborhoods: East Flatbush, Northeast East Flatbush, Rugby, Farragut/Hyde Park, Remsen Village, Ditmas Village and Erasmus. The geographic district encompasses East New York Avenue from East 98 Street to Utica Avenue, South on Utica Avenue to Clarkson Avenue, West on Clarkson Avenue to Bedford Avenue, South on Bedford Avenue to the Long Island Railroad/Glenwood Road East along the Long Island Railroad to East 98 Street, then North on East 98 Street to East New York Avenue. Community District 17 is a culturally diverse community. Between 2010 and 2020 there was a 5% increase in our total population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau Population, the 2020 population count in CB 17 was reported to be 162,446: with 78% being Black, 8% Hispanic, 2% Asian, 4% White, 8% Other. The number of residents under 18 is reported to be 31,612, a 19 % decrease from 2010. We believe, the CB 17 community have many undocumented residents who, if counted, would probably increase the total population of the district.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 17

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

For CB17, Affordable Housing remains a critical issue, reflecting the ongoing challenges that residents face in maintaining a good quality of life amidst rising living costs and development pressures. The district has 62,636 housing units, with 58,768 currently occupied, and a higher-than-average homeownership rate of 32.4% compared to 29.8% across the borough. However, the community is increasingly under siege from luxury developments that are pricing out long-term residents and threatening the area's fabric. Since the COVID-19 crisis, CB17 has witnessed a surge in foreclosures—leading Brooklyn with a rate of 10.5 per 1,000 family and condo properties. This reality underscores the need to preserve homeownership and affordable rental units, especially in a district composed predominantly of 1-4 family homes, which are often managed by smaller landlords rather than large developers. The effects of foreclosure and displacement have intensified due to systemic abuses of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which, while beneficial to many, is being misused by some tenants who repeatedly file applications without eligibility. This situation puts small landlords at risk, potentially leading them to sell properties to developers, which could further reduce affordable options and disrupt generational wealth for local families. To address these issues, CB17 continues to advocate for expanded rental assistance programs and legal representation for tenants facing eviction. Additionally, residents have expressed the need for more housing support through HUD, Section 8, and CityFHEPS vouchers to prevent displacement and homelessness. For non-English speakers, the elderly, and those unfamiliar with housing application processes, accessible assistance is crucial. CB17 supports efforts to increase affordable housing stock, urging elected officials to prevent "warehousing" of apartments and regulate short-term rentals, which remove available units from the long-term rental market. Furthermore, identifying vacant lots and buildings for development into affordable units is essential, as is ensuring that new constructions incorporate necessary infrastructure, such as parking garages, given the district's reliance on automobiles. Concerns over gentrification and the social fabric of CB17 underscore the need for responsible development that balances growth with affordability, diversity, and inclusivity. This approach ensures that existing residents and locally owned businesses can remain resilient despite mounting economic and developmental pressures.

Street conditions (roadway maintenance)

Residents frequently highlight problems with inadequate lighting, poor road maintenance, and traffic safety, which impact both daily convenience and neighborhood safety. Community members have expressed a need for enhanced lighting on sidewalks and streets to deter crime and increase visibility, particularly in high-traffic areas. Traffic safety is also a critical concern due to frequent violations such as speeding, which creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians and drivers alike. CB17 sees a high volume of both vehicular and foot traffic, underscoring the need for improvements like speed bumps and stricter enforcement of traffic laws by agencies like the NYPD.

Street maintenance and cleanliness are ongoing concerns, as many residents report issues with litter and debris on streets and sidewalks. These conditions contribute to a reduced quality of life and detract from the neighborhood's appeal and safety. Improving trash removal, street cleaning services, and enforcing cleanliness standards can help make CB17 a safer and more welcoming environment for all. Investing in street conditions and public safety will contribute significantly to enhancing CB17's overall quality of life, reducing crime, and ensuring the community remains a safe place for families, seniors, and children.

Land use trends

The third pressing issue for CB17 is ****Homelessness****, which has become a significant concern affecting both the quality of life and community cohesion. Residents have noted a visible increase in homelessness throughout the district, particularly in public spaces. This rise in homelessness highlights the need for comprehensive solutions that address root causes and provide support for both individuals experiencing homelessness and the community. A lack of affordable housing and

social services is a major contributor to this issue. Many individuals facing homelessness require mental health services, addiction treatment, and employment assistance to reintegrate into stable living conditions. The district would benefit from expanded social services, such as mental health support and job training programs, tailored to assist these individuals. The pandemic exacerbated economic struggles, leading to more people experiencing housing instability. Programs like emergency rental assistance and housing vouchers are vital in helping residents avoid homelessness, but these need to be better funded and more accessible. Additionally, supportive housing initiatives and partnerships with local organizations can provide sustainable, long-term housing solutions for those in need. Addressing homelessness requires a compassionate and multi-faceted approach, combining housing, healthcare, and employment resources. By expanding these services and supporting affordable housing initiatives, CB17 can work toward reducing homelessness and fostering a stronger, healthier community.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Homelessness is one of the most urgent issues in Community Board 17, more critical than many other health care and human services concerns because it directly impacts not only the quality of life and health of individuals facing housing instability but also the broader well-being of the community. As homelessness has visibly increased in CB17, the need for preventative services and sustainable solutions has become increasingly pressing. The presence of homeless individuals in public spaces signals a breakdown in support systems, affecting public health, safety, and social cohesion within the district.

A primary factor driving homelessness in CB17 is the shortage of affordable housing and access to supportive services for vulnerable populations. According to recent data, Brooklyn, including CB17, has seen one of the highest foreclosure rates in New York City, with 10.5 foreclosure filings per 1,000 family properties. Many residents face economic challenges, as the district's median income remains lower than the city average. The lack of affordable housing, combined with financial instability, puts many at risk of homelessness, particularly those already struggling with mental health and substance use disorders, who comprise a significant portion of the homeless population.

Programs specifically targeting homelessness are critical in CB17 as they would address both the immediate need for shelter and long-term solutions such as mental health support, addiction services, and job training. Recent reports indicate that access to mental health and addiction treatment services in CB17 is inadequate, leaving many individuals without the support necessary to stabilize their lives and secure housing. Research has shown that individuals experiencing homelessness who receive mental health and substance abuse treatment are more likely to achieve housing stability, demonstrating that such services are a necessary investment for CB17.

Moreover, homelessness often leads to public health concerns that further impact the district. For instance, individuals without stable housing are at a higher risk of infectious disease due to limited access to healthcare facilities, sanitary conditions, and preventive care. This increased risk affects not only those experiencing homelessness but also the broader community, as infectious diseases can spread more easily in neighborhoods with higher homelessness rates.

To effectively reduce homelessness in CB17, it is essential to invest in and expand accessible and comprehensive support services. Priorities include increasing affordable housing units, providing rental assistance programs, and expanding mental health services. Programs like CityFHEPS, which provide housing vouchers, should be more accessible for residents, with clear, multilingual support to assist applicants. Additionally, partnerships with local non-profits and healthcare providers can offer long-term support tailored to individuals' needs, helping residents transition from homelessness to stable housing.

Addressing homelessness through a multifaceted approach is not only necessary but urgent for CB17. Compared to other health care and human services issues, homelessness uniquely impacts the district by intersecting with public safety, mental health, infectious disease prevention, and economic stability. Tackling homelessness would thus alleviate a range of interlinked community issues, improving the overall quality of life and health for all residents of CB17.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Access to Health Care, and Prevention Screening are two health related issues that affects the East Flatbush district. As noted in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Survey. A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment such as avoidable hospitalizations. Adults in The same can be said for Prevention and Screening of various illnesses, such as Breast Cancer, HPV, Flu and HIV testing. When screening is applied it can be most effective in people living longer, healthier lives. We support the creation and promotion of programs that increase awareness and encourage treatment of mental health. The many components of ThriveNYC, which aims to reduce mental illness stigma and close the gap in behavioral health services by integrating mental health care into primary care practices needs to be expanded to more low-income neighborhoods. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalization. Increased services could help individuals cope with stressful situations.

Needs for Older NYs

We request that the Department For The Aging implement funded programs. There is a need for C2 housing to meet the needs of our aging population, namely: assisted living, independent living, and dependent living. Our population continues to age like the rest of the country; the frail and elderly are growing more numerous. There is a desperate need for additional senior centers and programs throughout the district. In addition, nutritional resources for older adults implemented during the pandemic should be maintained.

Needs for Homeless

Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing. The gap between affordable and unaffordable continues to rise. Families are facing eviction into homelessness due to rent increases and factors such as low-wage work. CB17 requests that programs be implemented to accommodate families and singles who, due to their income range, fall within the borders of unaffordability thus deeming them unable to apply for affordable units. We believe the income range is a disadvantage to many residents in our district.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Other Work Experience Program Requests: With the phasing out of the Work Experience Program, participants seeking independence and self-support must be provided with alternatives that continue to improve the skills they already possess and allow them opportunities to develop new abilities that increase their chances of employment. Support the maintenance of resources for those unemployed due to the current market instability.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 16	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center
12 / 16	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 22	DFTA	Other senior center program requests
7 / 22	HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC
9 / 22	DFTA	Enhance home care services
12 / 22	DFTA	Enhance home care services
15 / 22	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers
18 / 22	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs
20 / 22	DFTA	Start up adult social day-care center
21 / 22	DFTA	Start up adult social day-care center

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Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other - Write In (Required)

In the past six months, New York City has welcomed over 60,000 asylum seekers, with at least 5,500 now enrolled in our schools. These students require substantial support, including bilingual teachers, social workers, and health and mental health services, to help them adjust to their new environments. This growing population highlights the urgent need for additional funding to enhance our school resources.

New York has received \$8.9 billion from the American Rescue Plan and the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief State Plan, with allocations for mental health services and social workers. Despite this, the sustainability of such funding remains a concern. As COVID-19 has exacerbated academic challenges, ongoing financial support from public and private sources is crucial to ensure our students receive the necessary educational and emotional services.

School-based health clinics are particularly vital, offering essential health and emotional support during school hours. Currently, Community Board 17 lacks these clinics, which could significantly benefit our students. Furthermore, social workers are essential in addressing the complexities affecting students' behavior and social interactions. A report from the State Comptroller's office revealed that 95% of school districts do not meet the recommended ratio of one social worker for every 250 students.

Afterschool programs also provide critical opportunities for skill development in areas such as music, art, athletics, and STEM. Ensuring stable funding for these services is essential for our students' success.

Community Board 17 will advocate for sustained funding for these crucial services through federal, state, and city resources, as well as partnerships with community organizations and private entities. Investing in these programs will lead to improved academic outcomes, increased graduation rates, and equitable opportunities for all students in our community.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

We must ensure that funding for School-Based Health clinics, counseling and social worker, and after-school programs must remain a constant staple within our schools. The advantages they provide for the students in our community are essential to the core of their success. Community Board 17 will continue to advocate for these services through Federal, State, and City Funding (elected officials) Community Based-Organizations, and Private entities. The need for growth and development through programs and services in our schools creates positive outcomes through test scores, increased graduation rates, and equitable opportunities for the students in our community.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Many of our young people lack the skills necessary for employment. We request continued funding of programs that offer a broader range of opportunities for youth to explore their career and educational interests. Developmental programs such as "Learn and Earn" and "Train and Earn" that assist participants in overcoming barriers to employment, have proven successful over the years. Community Board 17 also supports the Ladder for leaders program that allows partnering with relevant city agencies and/or community partners to create pathways and opportunities for youth and communities at large, to gain experience in the tech, entrepreneurship and entertainment/media field.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 16	SCA	Renovate interior building component

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 22	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Public Safety and Emergency Services

The increase in crime within our community necessitates immediate action to address its root causes and implement preventive measures. We believe that increasing the number of law enforcement officers within Community Board 17 and the 67th Precinct is essential to creating a safer environment. With the 67th Precinct having the third-highest murder rate in Brooklyn, and a 25% increase in murders from 2021 to 2022, urgent steps must be taken to remove guns from our streets, as they are the primary cause of most homicides.

Additionally, the 67th Precinct must prioritize securing a dedicated tow truck to effectively manage the issue of illegally parked 18-wheelers and other vehicles throughout the community. Currently, the precinct relies on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis, hampering their ability to address this critical issue. This request should be prioritized once the Mayor's freeze is lifted.

The implementation of the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO) initiative, which engages community members alongside law enforcement, has been well-received and is a vital component of community-oriented policing. The Board also supports the Advocates Intervene Mentor (AIM) program and requests its expansion to hire more mentors.

We recognize that crime prevention programs are most effective when they actively involve community residents collaborating with local government agencies to address contributing factors to crime, such as murder and delinquency. Increased funding is needed for vandalism prevention, domestic violence prevention, youth crime prevention, and other crime prevention initiatives. Organizations like the 67th Precinct Council play a crucial role in providing crime prevention programming and should be supported.

Furthermore, creating access to economic opportunities through employment can significantly reduce crime rates. Community Board 17 advocates for more job training programs and employment pipelines within our community. We believe that enhancing outreach efforts to encourage young people to pursue high-paying civil service jobs, such as those in the FDNY and NYPD, as well as other in-demand private sector positions, will provide opportunities for advancement and deter crime.

Ensuring public safety and preserving lives must remain paramount. By addressing these pressing issues and fostering community engagement, we can work together to create a safer, more vibrant community for all residents.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

To enhance public safety in our community, we urgently need more police officers, as current staffing levels often leave them covering entire districts alone. Additionally, the lack of crossing guards poses significant safety risks for our children. The NYPD has indicated that there are not enough crossing guards, so we must work to make these positions more appealing to potential applicants.

Moreover, we recognize the importance of making civil service jobs attractive to our community. By implementing outreach efforts, we can encourage local residents to apply for positions within the FDNY, NYPD, and other essential services. This approach will not only address public safety concerns but also help alleviate unemployment in our neighborhood.

Needs for Emergency Services

Community Board 17 is overly concerned about the ongoing vague response to issues of concern to the community. This is particularly concerning when we are aware that crime is rampant in our community. Therefore, we must ensure that response times do not increase but are decreased. CB17 also reiterates the importance of prioritizing funding for additional Precinct Outposts, a Fire Prevention Inspection Team, Juvenile FireSetter Intervention program, and carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and other residents unable to afford the purchase.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 16	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests
4 / 16	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses
5 / 16	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations
7 / 16	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
14 / 16	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations
16 / 16	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 22	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers
6 / 22	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives
10 / 22	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives
11 / 22	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles
16 / 22	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Sanitation is an ongoing issue in Community Board 17. The COVID-19 Pandemic enunciated the negative health impacts of poor sanitation in the community. There need to be more resources allocated to enforce anti-dumping and vehicle abandonment regulations. Related to public safety, abandoned cars are also an issue in Community Board 17. While the 67th precinct has successfully made efforts to remove some abandoned vehicles, resources such as tow trucks are limited and insufficient to keep up with the rate at which vehicles need to be removed. Catch basins, especially along commercial corridors, are inadequate to control the amount of sewage/overflow accumulating during storms and everyday operations. Currently, the catch basins are being tended to infrequently, leaving residents responsible for catch basin maintenance. Garbage accumulation, both on the street, in garbage bins, and front of many businesses in our business corridors, is also a concern. A suggestion to prevent such actions and catch repeat offenders would be to install cameras at prime hot zones. Notable sites include Rutland Road and 98th Street and surrounding the Holy Cross cemetery. In tandem with the cameras, businesses could be hit with stricter rules and regulations or even incentives to be active in the community and keep the neighborhood clean. On Nostrand Avenue and Church, there is one trash bin. This is a prime commuter area, and residents have expressed the need for more containers in this area and all of our business corridors. Additionally, Business Improvement Districts (BID) in these areas could help keep these areas clean and presentable. Furthermore, we believe that garbage collection times should be reconsidered. Nighttime collection in all areas may curb traffic issues experienced in our districts as a result of garbage trucks blocking roads during the usual morning collections. Furthermore, the nighttime collection will also help keep business corridors clean since garbage is usually left in these areas overnight, leaving a messy and unsanitary appearance for the community during the morning hours.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 16	DEP	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
11 / 16	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 22	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
13 / 22	DSNY	Other enforcement requests

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Affordable housing creation

With rising property values and rents, many residents, especially low- and middle-income families, are finding it increasingly difficult to secure affordable housing. The lack of affordable housing leads to displacement, housing insecurity, and community instability, with families forced to move further away from their jobs, schools, and support networks. In turn, this contributes to longer commutes, reduced quality of life, and economic strain on households.

Addressing this issue involves a combination of developing new affordable housing units, preserving existing affordable housing, and ensuring that any new development meets the needs of the community. Policies like inclusionary zoning, rent stabilization, and affordable housing tax credits are vital to make housing accessible and to maintain community diversity and resilience. In addition, job creation through local economic development initiatives can support affordable housing efforts, enabling residents to live and work within their community.

Ultimately, a comprehensive approach that combines housing policies with economic development and careful land use planning is essential to create sustainable, thriving communities.

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

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Needs for Economic Development

There is a need to implement more BIDs in CB 17 business areas such as, but not limited to, Utica and East New York Avenue, going southbound on Utica Avenue to Clarendon Road and Utica Avenue and Church Avenue eastbound on Church Avenue to Remsen Avenue, Rutland Road, and East 98th St. The implementation of a BID would promote goodwill between the association members and the residents of the immediately adjacent areas. It will also promote businesses, improve shopping in the community through merchants and civic action projects and foster a stronger relationship between merchants, residents, service agencies, and law enforcement for the betterment of the community. Furthermore, The nonaccess to working capital during Covid-19 and after has put the small business community at a severe disadvantage. A few small businesses will need to close their doors for good because they can no longer afford to stay open. One of the most significant expenses for a small business is the continuing rise of commercial rents. Small businesses can no longer afford to remain open because of the increased price of retail rents. Also, small businesses could use some drastic increases in their annual revenues. Increasing the incomes of small businesses would also help their bottom line.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 16	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 22	SBS	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other - Write In (Required)

Some bus lanes within our community negatively impact the economic health of our small businesses. For instance, the small business community relies on easy access to deliveries and consumer traffic for sustainability and profitability within the district. Unfortunately, some bus lanes create congestion during the day due to the clash of schedules, consequently preventing ease of access to deliveries, supplies, and consumer purchases, for instance, on Utica Avenues and Nostrand Avenues. Businesses need to be profitable to remain open. The schedule of these bus lanes needs to be reevaluated to foster a better collaboration with the daily schedules of our small business to improve commerce. Primarily, the schedules in Utica seem to pose top concerns.

Reduction of Street Cameras & Increase in Speed Bumps Historically, we've found that speed cameras are usually located in areas that cause an economic burden to our local community. According to the observation of the transportation committee, speed cameras have no real tangible impact on accidents locally except for being a tax on the poor. For example, these areas were initially designated for creating safety areas within school zones. Unfortunately, the cameras have randomly branched outside non-school zones and into shared spaces throughout our community. Community Board 17 does not support the mayor's position to expand cameras city-wide. We request a project to remove security cameras from non-school zones and relocate them to their designated areas. Also, we are asking to discontinue adding additional cameras within the community. To effectively impact accidents within the district, the board requests that the city implement speed bumps as an alternative to speed cameras within non-school zone locations. Additionally, the board is asking that all of these points be considered in our local community's capital plan.

Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.) The Board continues to receive complaints regarding congestion on Utica Avenue, double parked cars, blocked businesses, and parked on the sidewalk have become the norm in the district. The installation of the bus lanes has yet to remedy the situation. Also, the idea for a potential subway extension will only increase the volume of traffic along this corridor, causing double parking and negatively impacting businesses. Additionally, there is a need for improved bus services throughout the district and bus sheds and benches. For example, Albany Ave, Glenwood Rd, Rutland Rd, and East 98th St, a heavily traveled areas in the district, where many seniors utilize the bus services.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 16	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
10 / 16	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
13 / 16	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 22	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals
19 / 22	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals
22 / 22	DOT	Provide new traffic of pedestrian signals

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Park care and maintenance

The most important park issue is maintenance and upkeep of park facilities to ensure safe, clean, and accessible recreational spaces for all community members.

Community parks serve as vital green spaces where residents gather, exercise, and connect with nature. However, without consistent maintenance, these spaces can deteriorate, leading to broken equipment, litter, overgrown areas, and insufficient lighting—issues that not only reduce the parks' usability but also raise safety concerns. When park facilities are well-maintained, they encourage positive use, attract families, and provide a safe environment for outdoor activities. Conversely, neglected parks can discourage use, limit recreational opportunities, and even become hotspots for unsafe behavior.

By prioritizing regular maintenance, the community can ensure that parks remain welcoming, vibrant spaces that enhance quality of life, support mental and physical well-being, and foster a stronger sense of community.

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Needs for Parks

Park maintenance is essential to the cleanliness of our parks and requires hiring additional gardeners and other skilled non-managerial personnel. The Board requests the expansion of athletic and educational programs in Computer Resource Centers to attract the youth in our district. We also request a feasibility study be conducted at our Parks to determine the installation of swimming pools, a recreational need that would benefit the community. Additionally, we ask that areas where seniors can gather to exercise be implemented in multiple locations within our community.

Needs for Cultural Services

There is a urgent need for collaborative efforts to bring together various private and government funds to support, strengthen and expand arts and cultural nonprofits in Community District 17. The Board believes that cultural facilities and programs will promote and contribute to the culture and economic lives of the community, by creating jobs, cultural tourism, expand access and education in the arts, humanities and sciences, while improving the quality of life for community residents at large.

Needs for Library Services

Community Board 17 supports increased funding for the Brooklyn Public Library to provide the much-needed services, supplies, and equipment for our Branch libraries so that the needs of our students and adult population can be met. The three branches in CD 17, Rugby Branch, Clarendon Branch, and East Flatbush Branch, offer programs such as Homework Help, Tutoring, Computer Classes and Games, and Internet/Email Classes, among others.

Needs for Community Boards

The role of the Community Boards has expanded throughout the years, which requires more staffing to satisfy the needs of the office and assist with the required service delivery needs of the community. Adequate funding is requested to fulfill the Charter-mandated responsibilities of the Board.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 22	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
14 / 22	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
15 / 16	DOITT	Other capital budget request for DOITT

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	1 / 16 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>A recent resurfacing of the street has led to chronic flooding of basement and sewer back up during heavy down pour of rain. The affected homeowner is tasked with trying to mitigate water damage stemming from the street repair. The mitigation should be provided by the City.</i>
Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	2 / 16 NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increased multi family buildings and an increase in population, this request must be given a priority. We have less NYPD officers and more residents. Our crime stats in the far end of the district need to be seriously looked at. The time it takes for NYPD to respond to crimes close to the far end of the District, in the 90's close to Brookdale Hospital, must be reviewed. An added Precinct would aid in the response time and reduce violence.</i>
Provide more housing for seniors	3 / 16 HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>CB 17 has a large senior population. Seniors are on a fixed income and need affordable housing.</i>
Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	4 / 16 NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>installation of new windows in the front, back and side of the precinct is urgently needed to prevent draft during the winter months. CB17 is resubmitting this request and asking that the location be inspected to determine the cost of this project.</i>
Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	5 / 16 FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Leaky roof in the kitchen needs to be permanently fixed to avoid flooding at the station house when it rains</i>
Renovate interior building component	6 / 16 SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>P.S 198 - Request funding be allocated to install a Bell System which ties in with the Clock. Presently, the school do not have a bell system or a programmable clock.</i>

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	7 / 16 FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>This pilot program needs to be expanded to other districts. Fly Cars are equipped with advanced life support equipment and responds faster than other emergency vehicles.</i>
Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	8 / 16 DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	Location: Avenue D - Ralph Ave & Ralph Ave <i>Residents are forced to walk in the street when going to Ralph Ave which is unsafe especially for seniors with the increased vehicular traffic in the area.</i>
Renovate or upgrade a senior center	9 / 16 DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. We have been requesting funding by DFTA for this project and continue to be rejected by the agency.</i>
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	10 / 16 DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Ponding Condition exists at the location. Existing grades taken by DOT Tech Admin determined a Capital Reconstruction project is warranted at this location</i>
Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	11 / 16 DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Location: Church, New York Ave, Nostrand, Utica Avenue <i>There is a need for an additional Basket Truck at BK17 garage to address the overflow of litter on commercial strips. Therefore we ask that DSNY Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipments</i>
Other capital budget request for DFTA	12 / 16 DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	<i>Department For The Aging: Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as the District is currently serviced by only one senior center in the Community .</i>
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	13 / 16 DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Trench restoration in front of 3801 Farragut Road. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i>
Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	14 / 16 FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>The unhealthy kitchen at Engine Company 248 must be considered for repair. CB17 ask that an inspection be prioritized for this location. The Board has made this request previously The men providing emergency service to our community deserves a more healthy</i>

environment away from home. We trust this request will be prioritize for funding.

Other capital budget request for DOITT	15 / 16 DOITT	Other capital request for DOITT	Location: Church Avenue - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue <i>Increase availability of tech resources for use by community, by building hubs along commercial/business strips.</i>
Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	16 / 16 NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>REQUEST: Renovate the shower at the 67 Precinct The shower is currently unhealthy for the men and women at the 67 Precinct. Mold /bacteria needs to be removed immediately This request must be prioritized to protect the safety of the men and women serving our community.</i>

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	1 / 22 SBS	Help minority- and women-owned businesses grow their capacity	<i>Increase MWBE outreach and training opportunities. Many local vendors do not have access to the financing needed to operate competitively in bidding for contracts.</i>
Provide better park maintenance	2 / 22 DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Railroad Playground is an essential gathering place for the neighboring children. The most recent survey conducted shows that improvements should be made to the parks paved surfaces and in tree care. Additionally, the current level of upkeep should be maintained or improved as needed.</i>
Other senior center program requests	3 / 22 DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Provide additional programs such as Silvercore, a free career opportunity program, in addition to computer classes and arts and crafts.</i>
Hire additional uniformed officers	4 / 22 NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>With the increase in our population, there is a need for an increase in manpower to patrol our streets.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	5 / 22 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.</i>

Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	6 / 22 FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>There has been an explosion of new high rise buildings which leads to to an increase in population and an increase in fires. Community Board 17 supports the continuation of funding for the Fire Prevention, Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setters intervention program. Fire safety initiatives and outreach are critical to the prevention of fires</i>
Other expense budget request for HHC	7 / 22 HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC	<i>Location: Avenue D - Albany Avenue & Albany Avenue Health+Wellness pharmacy. All pharmacies are more then a 1/4 mile away from this location. It is difficult for people who have physical limitations to gain access.</i>
Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	8 / 22 DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning. Complaints are numerous.</i>
Enhance home care services	9 / 22 DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>There should be outreach services to homebound older adults n elderly to allow them to age in place. Many cannot afford long term care of independent senior housig/communities</i>
Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	10 / 22 FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>CB17 support full funding for fire Prevention Inspection Program, Fire Prevention Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program, in addition to carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and the other population unable to afford the purchase.</i>
Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	11 / 22 NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers and other vehicles illegally parked through out the community. This request must be prioritized after the Mayor's freeze is lifted.</i>
Enhance home care services	12 / 22 DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>It is often difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions of their patients, especially seniors. Additionally, the restrictions of Medicare vs. Medicaid insurance has negatively impacted home health aide services. Some older adults experience difficulties ambulating, lack</i>

of elevators/working elevators and obtaining door-to-door transportation. Funding is needed for MD's home visits, home physical/occupational therapy, visiting nurse services for medication, review/administration, wound care etc. In addition to outreach services to homebound older adults and elderly to allow the to age in place as many cannot afford long term care or independent senior housing/communities.

Other enforcement requests	13 / 22 DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Location: East 42 Street - Glenwood Road & Glenwood Road <i>There has been an increase in complaints regarding illegal dumping throughout the community. CB17 request the installation of surveillance cameras (WCCTV Cameras PT2 Video) which are well built and has a high quality component and high quality still photographs. These cameras must be installed in strategic areas in the district to combat illegal dumping.</i>
Improve trash removal and cleanliness	14 / 22 DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Dumping in the park. Need more employees to clean the Park.</i>
Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	15 / 22 HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Housing, education, job assistance, health care and other human services are investment in our human resources that have been underfunded because we are so woefully undercounted. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, more access and reliability in the HRA system for services are essential to low income residents in our community.</i>
Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	16 / 22 NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.</i>
Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	17 / 22 DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Location: East 38th Street - Glenwood Road & Glenwood Road <i>It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tertiary streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.</i>
Enhance cash assistance programs	18 / 22 HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	<i>College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.</i>

Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	19 / 22 DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Location: East 39th Street - Farragut Road & Farragut Road <i>Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.</i>
Start up adult social day-care center	20 / 22 DFTA	Funding for a new senior center program	<i>CB17 requests consideration for funding an Older Adult Center that officers classes and activities, such as arts and crafts, music, theater arts, computer classes, and more. Location: 3910 Church Avenue</i>
Start up adult social day-care center	21 / 22 DFTA	Funding for a new senior center program	<i>CB17 requests consideration for funding an Older Adult Center that officers classes and activities, such as arts and crafts, music, theater arts, computer classes, and more. Location 3910 Church Avenue</i>
Provide new traffic of pedestrian signals	22 / 22 DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Location: East 40th Street - Glenwood Road & Glenwood Road <i>It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.</i>