Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2022



Brooklyn Community District

17

# 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.

#### Disclaimer

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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.

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

# **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

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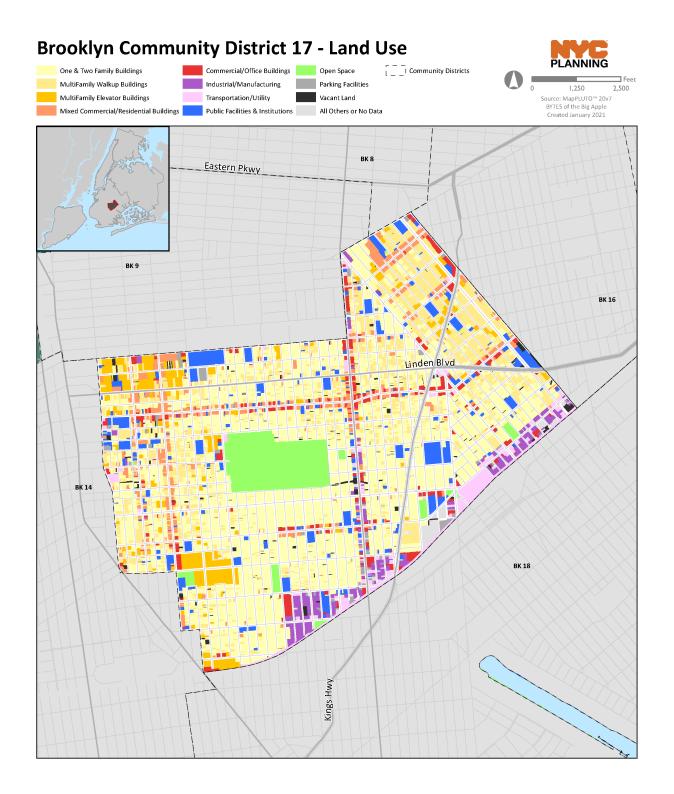
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# 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at <a href="mailto:communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov">communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov</a>.



# 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 17 is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Remsen Village, Farragut, Rugby, East Flatbush. 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 Avneue 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 2000 and 2010 there was a -6% change in total population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate, 2013 the population in East Flatbush is approximately 156,151. with 89% Black, 7% Hispanic, 1%Asian, 1% White, 2% Other. The population by age varies: 22% - 0-17, 10%-18-24, 27%-25-44, 28%-45-64 and 14% - 65+. The census also noted, 53% of the population are foreign born and 9% have limited English proficiency. We believe, the East Flatbush community have many undocumented residents who, if counted, would probably increase the total population in the District.

# 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Economic development and recovery**

NYC has already made a commitment to opening 100 miles of streets to allow for greater social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis. Nearly eight months to the day it announced its first coronavirus case in New York City, the Empire State has now topped a half-million confirmed COVID cases, the fourth-highest total in the nation With COVID rates spiking yet again, it is important that we do everything we can to help our city flatten the curve. Opening up the streets provides not only more resources for people and cyclists, but it also allows for more space for restaurants and small businesses in the district to have outdoor dining which is now here to stay in NYC. There are various corridors around the district that would benefit from Open Streets, and we should make every effort to continue to aid our small business owners as well as keeping our community at large safe by practicing as much social distancing as possible. Open Streets are usually available daily, 8 am to 8 pm for pedestrians and cyclists to use the roadbed of the street while maintaining social distancing. However, opening hours may vary by location due to NYPD staffing.

### Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)

The critical need to address the existing gaps in: infrastructure, services, open space, education and housing; as well as preserving and promoting Black homeownership is more important now than ever. The current City Planning strategies, focused almost exclusively on densification, are in conflict with the realities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Densification within each home drastically increases the risk of spreading COVID-19 and related viruses. It is important to note that as we see more foreclosures and displacement of renters in the district, we see more households doubling or tripling up under one roof. The Community District's density rate in 2010 (before the marked increase in residential construction) was already over 68 people per acre, which was 13.6% higher than Brooklyn's 8 rate and 26.6% higher than the overall New York City's density rate. Density in communities that lack resources leads to disaster. It is not wise to increase the risks of COVID-19 spread in Community District 17 as our District is home to a large share of essential healthcare workers in this City. The Comptroller's March 2020 report on New York City's Frontline Workers reports that East Flatbush is one of five Brooklyn neighborhoods with the largest share of frontline workers. East Flatbush is home to over 24,000 frontline workers. The disparate health outcomes in communities of color like CB17 in this pandemic are symptoms of the underlying disease of structural racism. CB17's initial rezoning and community investments proposals give NYC agencies an opportunity to take a step to address the inequality in this community and build a district where residents from underrepresented groups (especially Black residents, who make up an overwhelming portion of the population) can thrive for generations to come. It is an opportunity to engage the community in grassroots solutions informed by community wisdom.

#### Schools

Education is one of the keys to social mobility. Therefore, as a result of the onslaught of COVID19, many vouths within CB17 were put at an increased disadvantage as a result of the technological gap. According to the Pew Research Center "Students whose parents graduated from college are more likely to use the internet. Some 62% of these students use the internet at home for homework, compared with smaller shares of students whose parents have some post-high school education (53%), have only a high school education (52%), or have no high school education (48%). Based on the correlation between college degrees and rates of paid internet services in the homes, as well as knowing that 30% of East Flatbush residents have college degrees, we know that many of our constituents youths do not have internet access at home. If we are going to increase the graduation and College readiness rates and decrease the dropout rates, we have to ensure that all students have access to the internet. After all, universities are virtual, and much of the resources that they will need to are found online. Additionally, as a result of COVID-19, it has become significantly harder for families to make ends meet and cover some of their most basic expenses. And the internet is one of the bills that families may consider cutting, because in comparison to other needs, the internet may rank as lest essential. This leaves many children and youths void of internet access at homes, ultimately hindering them from engaging properly in the remote space. So, providing access or funding to help youths acquire adequate technology such as laptops and tablets is

essential. Residents in CB 17 may not have adequate devices in their homes to sustain them in this new digital world. Ultimately, it is incumbent on the City to invest in providing internet and technology to youths so they could stay engaged in the remote space.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

#### **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

### Health facilities (existing conditions, capacity, new facilities, etc.)

Access to Health Care and Prevention Screening are two health related issues that affect 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. The leading causes of death for residents in East Flatbush are heart disease and cancer. In addition, hospitals serving East Flatbush have some of the highest maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, premature birth and infant mortality rates forcing residents to seek care outside their neighborhood. Prevention and Screening programs for cardiovascular disease, cancers of the breast, colon and prostate are essential as early detection saves lives. NYC Standards for respectful care at birth through Birth Justice lends human right to respectful, safe and quality care during birthing experience. Continued screening and contact tracing for COVID-19 must be maintained to detect a resurgence with CB17. Continued funding of NYC Care health access program that guarantees low cost and no cost services for those who do not qualify or cannot afford health insurance is warranted during this pandemic. 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. The pandemic has put an insurmountable amount of pressure on persons who are forced to navigate a world that is riddled with anxiety, isolation and coping with grief and loss. Increased services could help individuals cope with stressful situations.

### Community District Needs Related to Health Care 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 throughout the district as we are currently only served by one (1) senior center at this time. 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 evictions into homelessness due to the pandemic. Extension of the eviction moratorium is in effect to keep families afloat during the crisis and stably housed. 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 the affordable units. We believe the income range is a disadvantage to a large number of residents in our district.

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

Other Work Experience Program Requests: With the phasing out of the Work Experience Program, it is imperative that participants seeking independence and self-support are provided with the alternatives that continue to improve the skills they already possess and allow them opportunities to develop new abilities that increases their chances of employment. Support the maintenance of resources for those who may be unemployed due to the unprecedented impact of the COVIP-19 on the NYC workforce.

# **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/40	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	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.	Community Ditrict 17
22/40	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior Center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. Having a kitchen on site will greatly enhance the quality of food service to the seniors and eliminate the daily hassle of transporting meals to the center.	3304 Clarendon Road
23/40	HRA	Other capital budget request for HRA	Provide more access and reliability in the HRA system for community residents who depends on the services.	District Wide
28/40	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as we are currently served by only one (1) Center in the District.	
32/40	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Installation of a commercial kitchen at Remsen Senior Center to provide hot meal preparation for seniors who attend the center.	3304 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY

# **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/55	HRA	Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid	Retirees receiving SSI or a pension do not have disposable income to afford the medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as more HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage.	District Wide
9/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	There needs to be an expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors to assist renters and homeowners remain in their housing.	District Wide

11/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Significant number of elderly individuals and individuals living with multiple health problems, shut-ins who depend on the Meals on Wheels program.	District Wide
12/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	Many socio - economic factors (cost of living/lack of affordable housing, employment, cost of childcare, medical health problems, etc) underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorder and maladaptive behavior. In order to treat mental illness, the root cause needs to be identified and resources provided to helping individuals cope with stressful situations. 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 hospitalizations.	District Wide
21/55	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.	
27/55	DFTA	Enhance home care services	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	
31/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Funding for early mammogram testing. Early mammogram testing means treatment starts earlier.	District Wide
35/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	Mental health continues to plague our community. Too many, trauma is a reality. There is a need for Increased funding for trained professionals in this field, to provide the service needed to address this long standing issue in our community.	
36/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	There are many socio-economic factors (i.e. Cost of living/lack of affordable housing, unemployment, cost of childcare, medical health problems etc.) that are underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorders and maladaptive behavior. By identifying the root cause and providing adequate resources will help individuals cope.	

37/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	The Board continue to advocate for programs that provide opportunities for community residents to engage in healthy eating and physical activities. The community is saturated with Chinese and Caribbean food stores whose menus are not calorie controlled.
41/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	The impact of COVID-19 and the closing of the Senior Centers has caused an increased demand for Meals on Wheels service to the many seniors and shut-in.  DFTA was able to establish emergence procurement contracts that provided meals directly to the seniors. We request continued funding for this needed program. Additionally, we request screening of the applicants applying for the contracts. CB17 received numerous reports of food being delivered on some steps and porches unknown to the seniors. Many were unable to use the food after squirrels and cats tore the bags and scattered most of the food. Continued Funding for DFTA's HDM is necessary during this pandemic.
42/55	DFTA	Enhance home care services	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 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.

48/55	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti- eviction legal services	Many African-American Individuals particularly the elderly, are at risk of losing their homes due to predatory lending, reverse mortgage, loss of income leading to defaulting mortgages, signing documents, and unscrupulous real estate agents that pressure individuals to sell their houses for a fraction of the true cost. Difficulties paying property taxes and utilities which could lead to liens and eventually to auctioning off the home, are all issues that impacts homeowners. An expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors would be helpful in assisting tenants and homeowners remain in their housing.
49/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	CB17 is in need of an ongoing fund to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes. Funding would cover emergency expenses including: legal bills, lien payments, emergency repairs and other one-tie emergency costs during a crisis. Funding through community organizations such as NHS would greatly assist homeowners who are most at risk of loosing their homes.
50/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	The leading cause of death for residents in East Flatbush are heart disease and cancer Exercise is one way to maintain a healthy weight.CB17 advocatex to protect and expand government programs that provide meals to children and help families purchase food, such as SNAP/Food Stamps and emergency food programs.
51/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Expand inspections to include Grocery stores that sell spoiled products/produce to customers.
52/55	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	We request the enhancement of educational programs and recreational activities for seniors.

53/55

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests Many retired elderly receiving SSI or pension are living with multiple comorbidities and receive limited homecare because they do not quality fore Medicaid. The lack of disposable income prevents these seniors from affording medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as additional HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage. National rhetoric around immigration leaves many who are undocumented reluctant to seek care and only do so in emergency situations where it is most expensive to individuals and taxpayers.

# YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### Remote learning and technology

NYC schools are dealing with the ability to educate our kids during an unprecedented pandemic, which has derailed the "norm" of physical learning. It has forced us to create a systemic technological bridge to educate our kids. Schools are dealing with limited devices and inadequate data plans. Education cannot be a fundamental right when some communities disproportionately do not have the necessary funding to access adequate learning equipment. As the City begins to open, and parents are going back to work, children are doing a blended learning mixture. CB17 must have funding to support non-profits that are Learning Bridges sites and initiate financing to increase the community's number of locations to support parent/family needs. As the City deals with safely opening schools in our communities, our schools must have an adequate supply of Personal Protection Equipment and other items. These items consist of masks, gloves, thermometers, hand sanitizers, soap, and cleaning supplies to maintain our children's sanitary conditions and health.

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

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

We request expanded fundings for CAMBA and Sesame Flyers programs. CAMBA provides thousands of low income youth from pre-school through high school with academic assistance, counseling, tutoring, art, drama, music, sports, SAT and Regents help, opportunities to serve their community, internships and employment. CAMBA encourages older youth who are disconnected from either school or work to further their education and employment opportunities and serve their community Sesame Flyers offer tutoring, safe and nurturing spaces for children to play during the summer, youth-led community service activities, job readiness programs, case management and counseling for families in crisis, GED and computer technology programs, along with celebrations of the rich traditions of Caribbean culture. Implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board strongly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services. Our schools must also be equipped with the tools needed to provide adequate service to faculty and pupils.

#### **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.

# Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/40	SCA	Renovate interior building component	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.	4105 Farragut Rd
34/40	SCA	Renovate other site component	Allocate funding to install a Bell System that coordinates with the Clock. School remains without a Bell System and a programmable clock.	Please search for a facility or park in your borough or enter an address manually

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/55	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide
15/55	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	Funding for Computer literacy classes.	District Wide
22/55	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board stronly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services.	
30/55	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Crime prevention programs**

The Board believes that crime prevention programs are most effective when they operate within the community and involve community residents actively working with their local government agencies to address issues contributing to crime, delinquency, and disorder in their communities. Increased funding for vandalism prevention, domestic violence prevention, youth crime prevention, and other crime prevention programs must continue. The implementation of the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO) an initiative that engages community members and officers has garnered applause by most community residents. This form of community policing, or community-oriented policing is a proven evidence based model of police building ties and working closely with members of the communities. The Board supports the Advocates Intervene Mentor (AIM) program and requests the program be expanded and hire more mentors and resource specialists to work with youth facing a violation of probation due to chronic absenteeism and/or chronic unresponsiveness to interventions and engagement strategies.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

### **Needs for Public Safety**

No comments

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

Community Board 17 is overly concerned about the on-going vague response to issues of concerns to the community. As noted in our Expense Request, it is imperative that funding be allocated for the NYPD Parking Facility. Several new apartment buildings that were erected around the precinct present a challenge for parking of emergency vehicles, which has had a negative effect on the emergency response time. In times when COVID19 has ravaged our community and there have been reports city wide of increased crime, we must ensure that response times do not increase, but are decreased. CB17 also reiterates the importance of prioritizing for funding for additional Precinct Outposts, Fire Prevention Inspection Team, Juvenile FireSetter Intervention program, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and other residents unable to afford the purchase.

# **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking around the 67th Precinct remains a priority. Several new apartment units were erected around the precinct which presents a challenge for parking service vehicles and could hinder response time when cars are blocked in. CB17 request a feasibility study be conducted to lease the vacant lots across from the precinct house, 2915 - 2917 Snyder Avenue.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi family buildings throughout the community the population is slated to increase by 25%. An added Precinct would enhance the safety of our community.	District Wide
6/40	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Renovation of the 67th Precinct Men and Women's bathroom on the second floor becomes hazardous due to traffic, especially when special events are held at the precinct and during the monthly community meetings. The women's bathroom floor becomes wet and slippery, paper towel holders are left open, running faucets, dirty sink toilet seats etc. The urinal in the mens bathroom floods and presently, there's a leaky pipe in the wall. A complete renovation is needed for both bathrooms.	2820 Snyder Avenue
38/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	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.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/55	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Emergency Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of eletricity during a power outage. We support the allocation of funding for emergency generators at Engine 248, BN41 and Engine 310, Ladder 174, BN 58.	

3/55	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/55	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers illegally parked through out the community.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
7/55	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Needed to combat the illegally parked commercial vehicles since ticketing has not been a viable deterrent	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
14/55	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	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.	
16/55	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	The Precinct must update it's technology to keep up with the 21st century. We advocate for updated mobile technology and Wi-Fi service in the Precinct.	2820 Snyder Avenue
40/55	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	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	
45/55	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	We continue to request the expansion of the NCO allotment of police officers in our district. The areas mentioned are one of many that harbor sometimes violent crowds. We need to ensure these areas remain safe and other residents feel safe to traverse.	East 95 Street Rutland Road East New York Avenue

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

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

#### Cleanliness/trash collection

Littering has been an ongoing problem in the community. Also with the reduction of street cleaning throughout the community and Brooklyn, our scorecard rating has been negatively impacted. An increase in garbage receptacles will add to the cleanliness of the community and thus improve our scorecard rating.

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

# **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**No comments

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

The New York City Department of Sanitation, via My Neighborhood Statistics recorded an average of 2.4 pounds of garbage and recycling collected per person each day in CD17. The Distict's average of 12.8% of recycling and 87.2% garbage is equivalent to approximately 174 Tons of garbage and recycling collected per day for disposal. The District needs all the necessary tools to ensure the cleanliness of our neighborhood on a daily basis.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	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	Church, New York Ave, Nostrand,
30/40	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	Request DEP include the top ten (10) frequent flooding area in CB17 for Green infrastructure. We were informed in 2020 that DEP is building the maximum number of bioswale to manage storm water runoff and improve water quality in local waterways. CB17 welcome the extension of this project to include District 17.	
39/40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Lessening the response time for snow removal in our district, streets and roadways.	161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
40/40	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Leaking roof for the past two years.	161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/55	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Decrease in Alternate Side Parking from Four (4) Days to Two (2) Days. The Community District has exceeded the Cleanliness Threshold for more than Ten (10) consecutive years and therefore is eligible for a review.	District Wide
26/55	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Request for an increased cleanliness of these areas. Unhealthy amount of garbage throughout the areas.	Utica Avenue Church Avenue Church Avenue

32/55	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning.	
33/55	DEP	Clean catch basins	Prevents flooding	District Wide
39/55	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Funding to include an additional vehicle for the Sanitation Superintendent to move around the community and acquaint his/herself with the community and the issues that most affect the residents.	10502 Dsny Garage Brooklyn South 18, Brooklyn, New York, NY
43/55	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Garbage receptacle discourages littering, the placement of household materials in receptacle and increases the likelihood of an improved quality of live in communities. We would want to place these new receptacles District Wide all corners where there is currently a garbage bin in addition to high traffic areas where there aren't receptacles.	

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

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

#### **Neighborhood preservation**

As a majority Black (87% of the total population) district, CB17 is one of the few places left in New York City where a community of Black residents are building wealth through homeownership. A spatial analysis conducted by WXY Studio found that CB17 has some of the highest rates of Black homeownership in the City, but it is beginning to see the rate drop, as development and gentrification pressures mount, just like in surrounding Brooklyn districts. As the City's recent "Where We Live" plan highlighted, the racial wealth gap in New York is directly tied to homeownership rates. In New York, 28% of Black residents are homeowners, compared to 41% of White residents. Even more troubling, only 9% of new home loans in 2017 were issued to Black borrowers, compared to White borrowers, who accounted for 48%. For reference. Black residents make up 22% of New York City's population, and White residents are 32% of the population. The rates of Black Homeownership are dropping specifically in the areas of CB17 that are zoned R6 and R7 and allow higher density, as-of-right, development. CB17 needs a system setup wherein homeowners are protected from speculative developers who we have seen access properties illegally and mount unreasonable pressures upon local property owners ultimately leading to the loss of Black homeownership in CB17. CB17 is exploring a contextual rezoning as one way we might be able to quell the negative development pressures in R6 and R7 areas while balancing a potential rezoning with carefully planned areas for density to allow for deeply affordable housing. As discussed in CB17's meetings with DCP, Bedford-Stuyvesant's rezonings are examples which complicate an argument for drawing a 1:1 connection between preserving neighborhood character through zoning and preserving and promoting Black homeownership. Like CB17's proposal, the Bedford-Stuyvesant South rezoning in 2007 and the Bedford-Stuyvesant North rezoning in 2012 converted the zoning maps to largely contextual districts with limited upzoning in public transit corridors. In Brooklyn CB 3 (Bed-Stuy) Black homeownership decreased. However, one case study cannot predict what will happen in another neighborhood at a different time and under different conditions. Certainly, contextual rezoning is just one tool to address the issue of predatory developers. The Land Use Committee is also working to address the issue through education and legal resources regarding deed theft and advocating reform through legislation. But contextual rezoning remains a critical piece of the puzzle to achieve CB17's vision for preserving and encouraging new Black homeownership as well as preventing displacement of Black renters in its district. Any rezoning must be done in coordination with a Racial Impact Study to ensure rezoning outcomes do not cause further displacement of people of color.

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

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

#### Flooding and sustainable infrastructure

East Flatbush experiences chronic flooding during heavy rain events at several locations. This results in ponds of water that make pedestrian and vehicular movement difficult at particular locations while also collecting and depositing debris around the neighborhood. One factor that contributes to this is a preponderance of catch basins that are in disrepair and therefore clogged; the City's irregular schedule for cleaning them out exacerbates this challenge.

Brooklyn Community District 17 experiences several flooding episodes a year. According to 311 data, there have been almost 1,500 flood-related complaints over the last ten years (which is 6.7% of total flood-related complaints in Brooklyn). This includes catch basins that are clogged/flooded, street flooding, and rain garden flooding. The median number of complaints per year is 151, and they have increased significantly in the last three years. From 2017 to 2018, the number of flood-related complaints increased by over 45% to 180 complaints—and this number even rose a little in 2019.

From 2010 to 2019, three intersections in CD 17 had the highest concentration of flood-related complaints: (1) Avenue D and Rogers Avenue, (2) East 34th Street between Avenue D and Newkirk Avenue, and (3) Avenue B and Ralph Avenue. These areas could be potential locations for green infrastructure

interventions that would mitigate the flooding and its impacts. Investment in the following green infrastructure such as rain gardens, bioswales, rain barrels, blue and green roofs, green streets, permeable sidewalk paving, and other sustainable interventions.

Economic Development Rooted in Small Business Support

There is a need to implement more small business supportive services in CB 17 to strengthen commercial corridors with majority small, Black owned businesses in areas such as, but not limited to, Utica and East New York Avenue, going south bound on Utica Avenue to Clarendon Road and Utica Avenue and Church Avenue east bound on Church Avenue to Remsen Avenue.

### Green Infrastructure for Resiliency and Food Security

Living in high-poverty neighborhoods limits healthy options and makes it difficult to access quality health care and resources that promote health. East Flatbush is no exception to this reality. According to the Health Department's Community Health Profile, 19 percent of East Flatbush residents live in poverty. Over 50 percent of residents are rent burdened, paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing (NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2018). This lack of access to affordable housing, combined with the area's lack of employment

opportunities with fair wages and benefits, can greatly impact residents' ability to afford fresh foods and maintain good health.

Financial stress can affect health. The obesity rate of adults living in East Flatbush is 34 percent, which is higher than the rest of the city. 15 percent of adults have been diagnosed with diabetes, and 36 percent have been told they have hypertension. While the rate of diabetes in this community is similar to the NYC average, the rate of hypertension is higher (NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2018). This trend is also prominent among

children living in East Flatbush: one in five children in grades K through eight has obesity (NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2018). One reason to explain this trend is the high consumption of sugary drinks a day. In East Flatbush, one-third of adults drink at least one sugary a drink a day—that's nine percent more than that of the citywide rate. Another reason is the limited fresh food options in East Flatbush. For one supermarket in the neighborhood, there are 21 bodegas. In comparison, the lowest ratio of supermarkets to bodegas among NYC community districts is one supermarket to three bodegas (healthier) and the highest is one supermarket for every 57 bodegas (less healthy) (NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 2018).

These challenges have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Health Department, East Flatbush's 11210 ZIP code has been among the hardest hit by COVID-19. Food pantries in East Flatbush run by organizations such as Mount Calvary Baptist Church as well as Elite Learners are in high demand and over-capacitated. It is clear that we need to focus on hyper-locally grown food in order to protect the community against future pandemics or disasters that threaten the global food supply and distribution chain.

There are several underutilized City owned lots and other areas in the district where urban farming and small farmers markets could be developed including lots on: Lott and Tilden, Albelmare (between Bedford and Veronica), Snyder between E 28th and E 29th, Utica and Tilden (see attached map marking underutilized City lots). Other open areas available for hyper-local food production include large amounts of backyards space where, through public and private partnership, could be activated for critical food growing outdoor space. CB17 is already home to an active gardening and micro farming community including residents who garden in their backyard to grow culturally relevant foods as well as Wyckoff Farmhouse that serves the local community. CB17 needs funding to support its micro farming initiatives described below.

CB17 Micro Farms: City Owned Lot and Backyard Revitalization for healthy foods, pest control, and outdoor enjoyment. CB17 would partner with Wyckoff Farmhouse to run a backyard/empty lot gardening and revitalization program for seniors and other community members. The funding for the program would flow through Wyckoff Farmhouse to convert backyards and open lots in CB17 to food gardens. The gardens would grow culturally relevant foods to the carribean immigrant population in East Flatbush and also serve as a seed preservation/propagation program. The goals of this initiative include: 1. Increase

usable outdoor space for community members to social distance (CB17 has only one park) 2. Increase locally grown food for community members (fresh veggies can be sold at Wyckoff Farmers Market or given to community members in need). 3. Backyard revitalization would mitigate serious mosquito issues in CB17 where Aedes Aegypti and Culex Mosquitos are frequently seen. The backyard revitalization would eliminate major causes of standing water. DOH could also partner with the CB and Wyckoff to install mosquito monitoring traps in backyards and overgrown lots. This initiative would address three major issues that COVID19 brought to light: 1. We need increased local food access 2. We need increased open space 3. We need to work diligently to prevent pandemics while we have the chance (ie prevent a major outbreak of mosquito borne diseases). Backyard and empty lot revitalization would also create more permeable surfaces to help mitigate the flooding and dirty water runoff issues widespread in New York City.

#### **Needs for Housing**

The top three pressing housing issues in CB7 are the need for more foreclosure prevention services for CB17 homeowners, more deeply affordable housing (30% AMI - 50% AMI) in City and State subsidized developments, more affordable homeownership opportunities in CB17.

In 2019 the Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development (ANHD) found that CB17 was in the top 10 community boards overall across New York City where the affordable housing stock, and by extension, its residents, are most at risk. And among 4 individual risk factors, CB17 was in the top 10 for the rate of serious housing code violations, the number of housing litigations, the share of non-bank purchase loans for 1-4 unit residences, the number of evictions performed by marshals, and the notice of foreclosure rate for 1-4 unit residences. Given that this report relies on data largely from 2017 and 2018, CB17 anticipates that the current figures for these and other housing issues are much worse than before. The significant increase in construction projects in the Community District since 2018 and the feedback that the Housing and Land Use Committees consistently receive from community members/residents indicate significant elevation and frustration. Financial and health pressures from the Coronavirus shutdown, including outsized unemployment and shuttered small businesses, will undoubtedly further exacerbate these issues.

Community Board 17 recommends funding for non-for-profit organizations engaged in Foreclosure Prevention, Financial Literacy and Mortgage Modification. It is imperative that funding be provided for the current calendar year and beyond. Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc. must be funded for Foreclosure Prevention through HPD's Neighborhood Preservation Consultant Contract. Also, such contracts should be awarded to organizations with the most experience and record of actual accomplishments that are engaged in the communities where their needs are. CB 17 supports Flatbush East Community Development Corporation, Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc. and Erasmus Neighborhood Federation in their request for funding to implement some much needed programs in our district. Annual funding is necessary to support all housing programs in District 17. With the present state of the economy, these programs are necessary to assist homeowners who are experiencing financial difficulties.

#### **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 south bound on Utica Avenue to Clarendon Road and Utica Avenue and Church Avenue east bound on Church Avenue to Remsen Avenue. The implementation of a BID would promote goodwill between the association members and the residents of the immediate 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.

Futhermore, The non access to working capital during Covid-19 and after has put the small business community at a severe disadvantage. Quite a few of the small businesses will need to close their doors for good because they can no longer afford to stay open. One of the biggest expenses for a small business is

the continuing rise of commercial rents. Small businesses can no longer afford to stay open because of the increase in price of commercial rents. Also, small businesses could use some drastic increases in their overall annual revenues. Increasing the revenues of small businesses would also help their bottom line.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/40	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	CB17 supports the allocation of funding for the expansion of housing for special needs housing, such as seniors or the formerly homeless.	
17/40	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	Increase availability of tech resources for use by community along the business strip	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue
18/40	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Cafes are seen as a place for innovation and a place where people gather to work on business ideas, socialize etc. A place where youths can come together and create the next big tech business event or social change project	Rutland Road Utica Avenue Utica Avenue

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
23/55	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	Create a sense of community and promote the businesses in the area.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue Nostrand Avenue
44/55	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	We ask SBS to encourage and finance businesses that display calorie controlled menu and focuses on serving calorie controlled food to their customers.  Incentives should be given to those businesses that promotes and serve calorie controlled food that focuses on healthy eating, such ads Juice and Salad Bars.	

46/55	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	Commercial districts serve 95% of the population in CB17. They also include majority of the Mom and Pop shops in the district. Therefore we request that SBS fund programs that assist business that have been impacted by COVID. We also push for the expansion of some business corridors. On Utica Ave (from East NY to Ave D), on Ave D (from East 46 to East 51), Bedford Ave to Utica Ave (from Utica to east 98)
47/55	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	Helping businesses along the route of Rutland Road between East 93rd and East 98 to become welcoming vibrant community shopping area. Improve the image of the area and ensure its upkeep
55/55	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Commercial district serve 95% of the population. They als house mom and pops stores. We request that SBS assist business that have been negatively impacted by COVID. As well as expand the business corridors on Utica Ave (bet East NY to Ave D), On Ave D (from East 46 - East 51), On Church Ave (from Bedford Ave to Utica Ave)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

### Bus service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

The Board continues to receive complaints regarding congestion on Utica Avenue, double parked cars, blocked businesses and cars parked on the sidewalk has become the norm in the district. The installation of the bus lanes has not remedied the situation. Also the idea for a potential subway extension will only increase the volume of traffic along this corridor, causing more double parking and will negatively impact businesses along this corridor. Additionally, there is a need for increased bus services throughout the district and bus sheds and benches. For example Albany Ave and Glenwood Rd and Rutland Rd and East 98th St, a heavily traveled area in the district, where many seniors utilize the bus services.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

**Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**No comments

Needs for Transit Services
No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	This is a long standing request We request this location be added to the next Capital Project slated for District 17.	Kings Highway Clarendon Road Clarendon Road
7/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sidewalk reconstruction requested at this location	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn AVenue Brooklyn AVenue
8/40	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Heavily Traffic intersection with a bus stop. Block is poorly lit.	East 53 Street Kings Highway Kings Highway
10/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funding for Trench Restoration in front of 3402 Farragut Road between East 34th and East 35th Streets. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	3402 Farragut Rd
11/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Under the Overpass, the street not in satisfactory condition to be driven on, needs to be resurfaced	Glenwood Raod EAst 45 EAst 45
12/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	There is no sidewalk at this location. Needs to be prioritize for sidewalk installation.	Farragut Road Utica Avenue Utica Avenue
13/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Trench restoration in front of 3801 Farragut Road. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	3801 Farragut Rd
14/40	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Provide internet to lower income residents lacking digital access	Church Avenue East 52nd Street East 52nd Street

16/40	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	MTA - Transit Authority - The construction of a shed at the train station will accommodate our seniors commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Nostrand Avenue Newkirk Avenue Newkirk Avenue
20/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate our senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding. Arrival time must be included.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue Nostrand Avenue
25/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Utica Avenue B46 Corridor
26/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Ponding Condition exists at the location. Existing grades taken by DOT Tech Admin determined a Capital Reconstruction project is warranted at this location	1286-1314 Schenectady Ave Brooklyn, NY 11203
29/40	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request for LinkNYC Towers at the locations in District 17. This installation will provide internet to lower income New Yorkers lacking digital access. East 98th Street (Rutland to Kings HWY, Rutland Road (92nd – 98th), Utica Ave (Empire - Snyder), Church Ave, (45th – 98th) Rockaway Pkwy (East NY – Linden Blvd), Clarkson (NY Ave – Utica), Winthrop (NY Ave – Utica, Rutland (NY Ave – Utica)	
33/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Excessive Speed on the block. Speed hump deters speeding and	East 91 Street Ditmas Avenue Avenue B
35/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Increased Agency Funding for Trench restoration at the following locations E 40th Street/Farragut/ Ave D	
37/40	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share	Citi Bikes provide an alternative route for residents to commute. It also provides resident a means to exercise. We request the following locations be inspected and be considered Rutland Road, Utica Avenue, Snyder Avenue, Wilmore, Church Avenue/.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/55	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	For years, residents have complained about the unreliable services delivered by the B8 bus line.	District Wide
17/55	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	There is a noticeable lack of truck enforcement signage in our district. Many resident complain of commercial trucks illegally driving and parking on roads in the community.	District Wide
18/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.	East 40th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road
20/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tercery streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 38th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road
28/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 39th Street Farragut Road Farragut Road
29/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructing full view	East 35 Street Farragut Road Farragut Road
54/55	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Subway lines cover a small percentage of the district and bus service is not optimal which impacts access to care and travel. Buses are more crowded, secondary to social distancing and are running less frequent.	

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### **Brooklyn Community Board 17**

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

#### Quality of parks and park facilities

Park maintenance is essential to the cleanliness of our parks and requires the hiring of additional gardeners and other skilled non-managerial personnel. The Board requests the expansion of athletic programs 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 a swimming pool, a recreational need that would benefit the community as a whole.

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

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#### **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, Internet/Email Classes among other.

#### **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.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/40	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	DCAS owned vacant site at the location: Our district and surrounding districts lack arts and cultural attractions. A center representative of the shared culture in our community would increase comradery and pride within residents.	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue
21/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	This request will be a positive addition for the many pet owners in the district. Construct dog run Fencing/Signage) and animal fountain	One District Park
24/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	There is no swimming pool in the district. This request meets the recreational need vocalized by the youths and seniors in the community. A pool will benefit the district as a whole.	District Wide
27/40	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	The potential of this park is endless, however there remains many safety issues at the location. Funding for the installation of lights, pruning of the trees hanging over the basketball court, in addition to the changing of the rims of the hoops to the correct size and reconstruction of the flooring will increase overall utilization of the basketball court at the park.	Ditmas Avenue East 91 Street East 92 Street
31/40	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	There are already a handful of successful aquaponics farms and markets in Brooklyn, which can be used as resources and models for a similar aquaponics, in East Flatbush. If provided Capital, CB17 could partner with Brooklyn based OKo Farms and Wyckoff Farm to build out small aquaponics farms and markets at the sites listed, at select locations 2834 Church Ave, 3500 Snyder Ave, Paerdegat Park	East 40 Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY

36/40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	There are many backyards and courtyards, especially in this community that are underused. In fact many of them become overgrown with grass or become garbage dumps. If these spaces are developed and
			either paved or grassed, residents would have access to enjoy summer activities on the outdoor without venturing to the front of the yards or street, to enjoy the nice weather. This is important for CB 17 since there's only one park in our district. Therefore using available space that are in the homes where residents rent or live is a smart use of space.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/55	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Hire additional personnel to trim the grass and maintain the garden at Paerdegat Park.	East 40th St and Albany Avenue
6/55	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Funding for Tree Pruning and Maintenance must be enhanced to reduce the seven year pruning cycle.	
19/55	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Equipment that satisfies the workout requirement of beginners as well as experienced fitness buffs.	District Wide
24/55	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes	East 43 Street Dead End Dead End
25/55	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Tree guards will enhance the beauty of the district.	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Brooklyn Avenue
34/55	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Funding tree guards allows would protect street tree beds and the less likelihood of garbage dumps	
38/55	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes. Trees need to be inspected for pruning and other tree maintenance measures.	

# 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**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking around the 67th Precinct remains a priority. Several new apartment units were erected around the precinct which presents a challenge for parking service vehicles and could hinder response time when cars are blocked in. CB17 request a feasibility study be conducted to lease the vacant lots across from the precinct house, 2915 - 2917 Snyder Avenue.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
2/40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	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	Church, New York Ave, Nostrand,
3/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi family buildings throughout the community the population is slated to increase by 25%. An added Precinct would enhance the safety of our community.	District Wide
4/40	SCA	Renovate interior building component	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.	4105 Farragut Rd
5/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	This is a long standing request We request this location be added to the next Capital Project slated for District 17.	Kings Highway Clarendon Road Clarendon Road
6/40	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Renovation of the 67th Precinct Men and Women's bathroom on the second floor becomes hazardous due to traffic, especially when special events are held at the precinct and during the monthly community meetings. The women's bathroom floor becomes wet and slippery, paper towel holders are left open, running faucets, dirty sink toilet seats etc. The urinal in the mens bathroom floods and presently, there's a leaky pipe in the wall. A complete renovation is needed for both bathrooms.	2820 Snyder Avenue

7/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sidewalk reconstruction requested at this location	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn AVenue Brooklyn AVenue
8/40	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Heavily Traffic intersection with a bus stop. Block is poorly lit.	East 53 Street Kings Highway Kings Highway
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14/40	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Provide internet to lower income residents lacking digital access	Church Avenue East 52nd Street East 52nd Street

15/40	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	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.	Community Ditrict 17
16/40	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	MTA - Transit Authority - The construction of a shed at the train station will accommodate our seniors commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Nostrand Avenue Newkirk Avenue Newkirk Avenue
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19/40	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	DCAS owned vacant site at the location: Our district and surrounding districts lack arts and cultural attractions. A center representative of the shared culture in our community would increase comradery and pride within residents.	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue
20/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate our senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding. Arrival time must be included.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue Nostrand Avenue
21/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	This request will be a positive addition for the many pet owners in the district. Construct dog run Fencing/Signage) and animal fountain	One District Park
22/40	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior Center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. Having a kitchen on site will greatly enhance the quality of food service to the seniors and eliminate the daily hassle of transporting meals to the center.	3304 Clarendon Road

23/40	HRA	Other capital budget request for HRA	Provide more access and reliability in the HRA system for community residents who depends on the services.	District Wide
24/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	There is no swimming pool in the district. This request meets the recreational need vocalized by the youths and seniors in the community. A pool will benefit the district as a whole.	District Wide
25/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Utica Avenue B46 Corridor
26/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Ponding Condition exists at the location. Existing grades taken by DOT Tech Admin determined a Capital Reconstruction project is warranted at this location	1286-1314 Schenectady Ave Brooklyn, NY 11203
27/40	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	The potential of this park is endless, however there remains many safety issues at the location. Funding for the installation of lights, pruning of the trees hanging over the basketball court, in addition to the changing of the rims of the hoops to the correct size and reconstruction of the flooring will increase overall utilization of the basketball court at the park.	Ditmas Avenue East 91 Street East 92 Street
28/40	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as we are currently served by only one (1) Center in the District.	
29/40	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request for LinkNYC Towers at the locations in District 17. This installation will provide internet to lower income New Yorkers lacking digital access. East 98th Street (Rutland to Kings HWY, Rutland Road (92nd – 98th), Utica Ave (Empire - Snyder), Church Ave, (45th – 98th) Rockaway Pkwy (East NY – Linden Blvd), Clarkson (NY Ave – Utica), Winthrop (NY Ave – Utica, Rutland (NY Ave – Utica)	
30/40	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	Request DEP include the top ten (10) frequent flooding area in CB17 for Green infrastructure. We were informed in 2020 that DEP is building the maximum number of bioswale to manage storm water runoff and improve water quality in local waterways. CB17 welcome the extension of this project to include District 17.	

31/40	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	There are already a handful of successful aquaponics farms and markets in Brooklyn, which can be used as resources and models for a similar aquaponics, in East Flatbush. If provided Capital, CB17 could partner with Brooklyn based OKo Farms and Wyckoff Farm to build out small aquaponics farms and markets at the sites listed, at select locations 2834 Church Ave, 3500 Snyder Ave, Paerdegat Park	East 40 Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
32/40	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Installation of a commercial kitchen at Remsen Senior Center to provide hot meal preparation for seniors who attend the center.	3304 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY
33/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Excessive Speed on the block. Speed hump deters speeding and	East 91 Street Ditmas Avenue Avenue B
34/40	SCA	Renovate other site component	Allocate funding to install a Bell System that coordinates with the Clock. School remains without a Bell System and a programmable clock.	Please search for a facility or park in your borough or enter an address manually
35/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Increased Agency Funding for Trench restoration at the following locations E 40th Street/Farragut/ Ave D	
36/40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	There are many backyards and courtyards, especially in this community that are underused. In fact many of them become overgrown with grass or become garbage dumps. If these spaces are developed and either paved or grassed, residents would have access to enjoy summer activities on the outdoor without venturing to the front of the yards or street, to enjoy the nice weather. This is important for CB 17 since there's only one park in our district. Therefore using available space that are in the homes where residents rent or live is a smart use of space.	

37/40	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share	Citi Bikes provide an alternative route for residents to commute. It also provides resident a means to exercise. We request the following locations be inspected and be considered Rutland Road, Utica Avenue, Snyder Avenue, Wilmore, Church Avenue/.	
38/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	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.	
39/40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Lessening the response time for snow removal in our district, streets and roadways.	161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
40/40	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Leaking roof for the past two years.	161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

## **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/55	HRA	Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid	Retirees receiving SSI or a pension do not have disposable income to afford the medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as more HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage.	District Wide
2/55	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Emergency Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of eletricity during a power outage. We support the allocation of funding for emergency generators at Engine 248, BN41 and Engine 310, Ladder 174, BN 58.	
3/55	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/55	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers illegally parked through out the community.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
5/55	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Hire additional personnel to trim the grass and maintain the garden at Paerdegat Park.	East 40th St and Albany Avenue
6/55	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Funding for Tree Pruning and Maintenance must be enhanced to reduce the seven year pruning cycle.	
7/55	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Needed to combat the illegally parked commercial vehicles since ticketing has not been a viable deterrent	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/55	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide

9/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	There needs to be an expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors to assist renters and homeowners remain in their housing.	District Wide
10/55	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Decrease in Alternate Side Parking from Four (4) Days to Two (2) Days. The Community District has exceeded the Cleanliness Threshold for more than Ten (10) consecutive years and therefore is eligible for a review.	District Wide
11/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Significant number of elderly individuals and individuals living with multiple health problems, shut-ins who depend on the Meals on Wheels program.	District Wide
12/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	Many socio - economic factors (cost of living/lack of affordable housing, employment, cost of childcare, medical health problems, etc) underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorder and maladaptive behavior. In order to treat mental illness, the root cause needs to be identified and resources provided to helping individuals cope with stressful situations. 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 hospitalizations.	District Wide
13/55	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	For years, residents have complained about the unreliable services delivered by the B8 bus line.	District Wide
14/55	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	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.	
15/55	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	Funding for Computer literacy classes.	District Wide
16/55	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	The Precinct must update it's technology to keep up with the 21st century. We advocate for updated mobile technology and Wi-Fi service in the Precinct.	2820 Snyder Avenue

17/55	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	There is a noticeable lack of truck enforcement signage in our district. Many resident complain of commercial trucks illegally driving and parking on roads in the community.	District Wide
18/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.	East 40th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road
19/55	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Equipment that satisfies the workout requirement of beginners as well as experienced fitness buffs.	District Wide
20/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tercery streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 38th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road
21/55	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.	
22/55	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board stronly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services.	
23/55	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	Create a sense of community and promote the businesses in the area.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue Nostrand Avenue
24/55	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes	East 43 Street Dead End Dead End

25/55	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Tree guards will enhance the beauty of the district.	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Brooklyn Avenue
26/55	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Request for an increased cleanliness of these areas. Unhealthy amount of garbage throughout the areas.	Utica Avenue Church Avenue Church Avenue
27/55	DFTA	Enhance home care services	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	
28/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 39th Street Farragut Road Farragut Road
29/55	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructing full view	East 35 Street Farragut Road Farragut Road
30/55	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide
31/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Funding for early mammogram testing. Early mammogram testing means treatment starts earlier.	District Wide
32/55	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning.	
33/55	DEP	Clean catch basins	Prevents flooding	District Wide

34/55	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Funding tree guards allows would protect street tree beds and the less likelihood of garbage dumps	
35/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	Mental health continues to plague our community. Too many, trauma is a reality. There is a need for Increased funding for trained professionals in this field, to provide the service needed to address this long standing issue in our community.	
36/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	There are many socio-economic factors (i.e. Cost of living/lack of affordable housing, unemployment, cost of childcare, medical health problems etc.) that are underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorders and maladaptive behavior. By identifying the root cause and providing adequate resources will help individuals cope.	
37/55	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	The Board continue to advocate for programs that provide opportunities for community residents to engage in healthy eating and physical activities. The community is saturated with Chinese and Caribbean food stores whose menus are not calorie controlled.	
38/55	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes. Trees need to be inspected for pruning and other tree maintenance measures.	
39/55	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Funding to include an additional vehicle for the Sanitation Superintendent to move around the community and acquaint his/herself with the community and the issues that most affect the residents.	10502 Dsny Garage Brooklyn South 18, Brooklyn, New York, NY
40/55	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	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	

41/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	The impact of COVID-19 and the closing of the Senior Centers has caused an increased demand for Meals on Wheels service to the many seniors and shut-in.  DFTA was able to establish emergence procurement contracts that provided meals directly to the seniors. We request continued funding for this needed program. Additionally, we request screening of the applicants applying for the contracts. CB17 received numerous reports of food being delivered on some steps and porches unknown to the seniors. Many were unable to use the food after squirrels and cats tore the bags and scattered most of the food. Continued Funding for DFTA's HDM is necessary during this pandemic.
42/55	DFTA	Enhance home care services	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 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.
43/55	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Garbage receptacle discourages littering, the placement of household materials in receptacle and increases the likelihood of an improved quality of live in communities. We would want to place these new receptacles District Wide all corners where there is currently a garbage bin in addition to high traffic areas where there aren't receptacles.
44/55	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	We ask SBS to encourage and finance businesses that display calorie controlled menu and focuses on serving calorie controlled food to their customers. Incentives should be given to those businesses that promotes and serve calorie controlled food that focuses on healthy eating, such ads Juice and Salad Bars.

45/55	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	We continue to request the expansion of the NCO allotment of police officers in our district. The areas mentioned are one of many that harbor sometimes violent crowds. We need to ensure these areas remain safe and other residents feel safe to traverse.	East 95 Street Rutland Road East New York Avenue
46/55	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	Commercial districts serve 95% of the population in CB17. They also include majority of the Mom and Pop shops in the district. Therefore we request that SBS fund programs that assist business that have been impacted by COVID. We also push for the expansion of some business corridors. On Utica Ave (from East NY to Ave D), on Ave D (from East 46 to East 51), Bedford Ave to Utica Ave (from Utica to east 98)	
47/55	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	Helping businesses along the route of Rutland Road between East 93rd and East 98 to become welcoming vibrant community shopping area. Improve the image of the area and ensure its upkeep	
48/55	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	Many African-American Individuals particularly the elderly, are at risk of losing their homes due to predatory lending, reverse mortgage, loss of income leading to defaulting mortgages, signing documents, and unscrupulous real estate agents that pressure individuals to sell their houses for a fraction of the true cost. Difficulties paying property taxes and utilities which could lead to liens and eventually to auctioning off the home, are all issues that impacts homeowners. An expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors would be helpful in assisting tenants and homeowners remain in their housing.	
49/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	CB17 is in need of an ongoing fund to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes. Funding would cover emergency expenses including: legal bills, lien payments, emergency repairs and other one-tie emergency costs during a crisis. Funding through community organizations such as NHS would greatly assist homeowners who are most at risk of loosing their homes.	

50/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	The leading cause of death for residents in East Flatbush are heart disease and cancer Exercise is one way to maintain a healthy weight.CB17 advocatex to protect and expand government programs that provide meals to children and help families purchase food, such as SNAP/Food Stamps and emergency food programs.
51/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Expand inspections to include Grocery stores that sell spoiled products/produce to customers.
52/55	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	We request the enhancement of educational programs and recreational activities for seniors.
53/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Many retired elderly receiving SSI or pension are living with multiple comorbidities and receive limited homecare because they do not quality fore Medicaid. The lack of disposable income prevents these seniors from affording medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as additional HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage. National rhetoric around immigration leaves many who are undocumented reluctant to seek care and only do so in emergency situations where it is most expensive to individuals and taxpayers.
54/55	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Subway lines cover a small percentage of the district and bus service is not optimal which impacts access to care and travel. Buses are more crowded, secondary to social distancing and are running less frequent.
55/55	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Commercial district serve 95% of the population. They als house mom and pops stores. We request that SBS assist business that have been negatively impacted by COVID. As well as expand the business corridors on Utica Ave (bet East NY to Ave D), On Ave D (from East 46 - East 51), On Church Ave (from Bedford Ave to Utica Ave)