

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

Fiscal Year
2019

**Brooklyn
Community District 06**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 6's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2017.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. Community Board Information

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2. Community District Profile

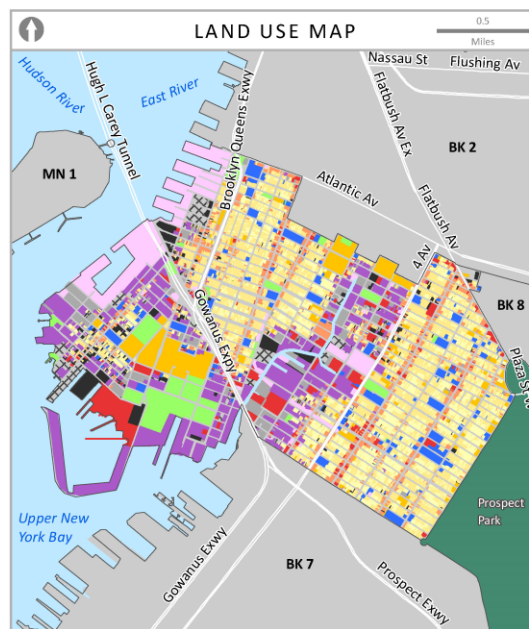
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Brooklyn Community District 6



Neighborhoods¹: Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Columbia St, Gowanus, Park Slope, Red Hook

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
104,054	104,709	+1%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		115,910
Square Miles		3.1
Population Density		33,777/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Brooklyn Community Board 6 did not submit a Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018. However, you can find statements from previous years at:

communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/6

Learn more by contacting Brooklyn CB 6 online:

www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyn/b6/index.page
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	4,479	13%
Multifamily Walk-up	5,653	21%
Multifamily Elevator	119	6%
Mixed Use	1,622	6%
Commercial	230	7%
Industrial	568	19%
Transportation/Utility	51	5%
Public/Institutional	183	5%
Open Space	43	6%
Parking	305	5%
Vacant	437	4%
Other	135	3%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 6](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	45
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	17
Parks	17
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
30%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 6	Citywide Target
92%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
37	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
8%	24%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
9.8	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

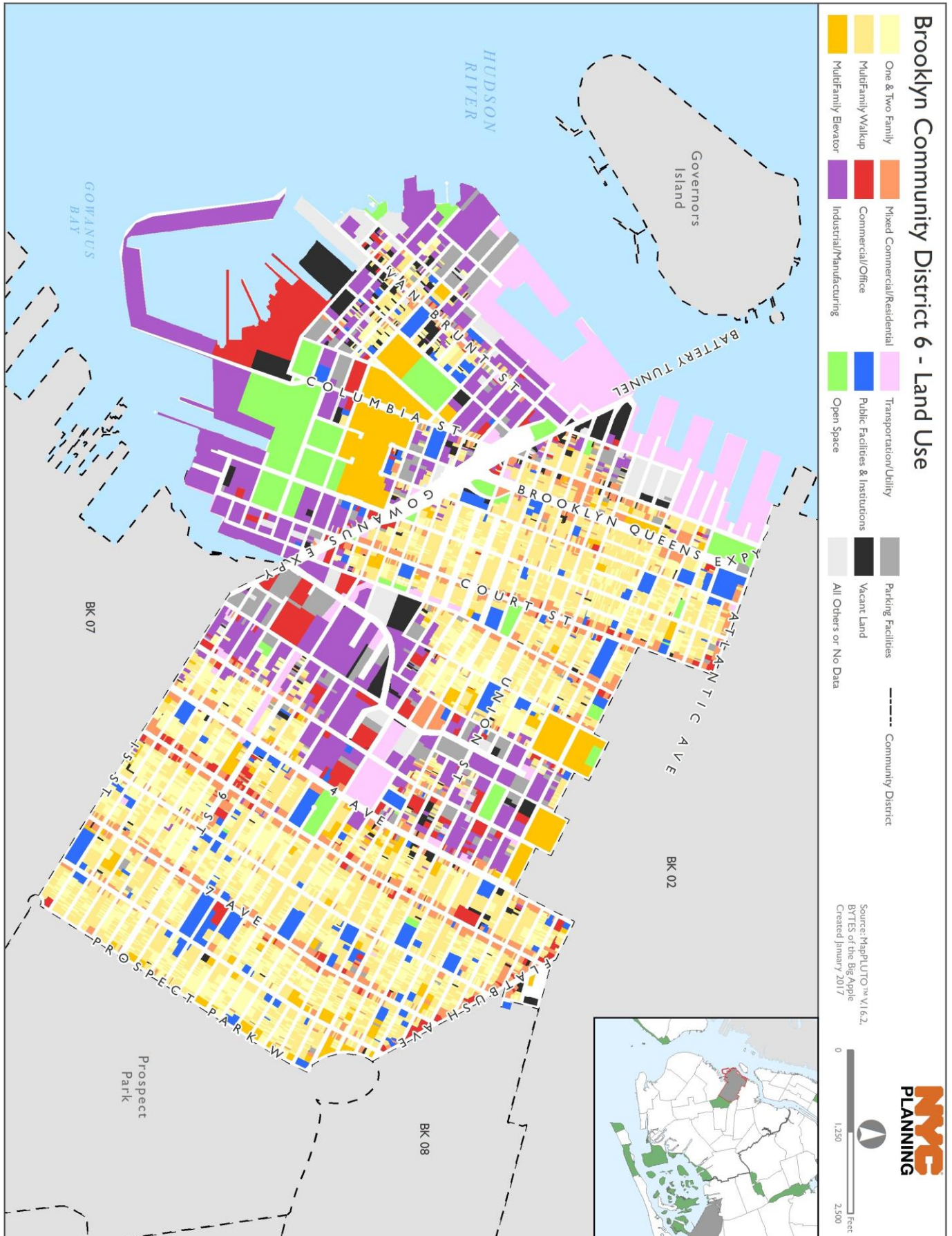
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
70%	33%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
6.5%	10.0%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 6	Brooklyn
9%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Brooklyn Community Board 6 represents the neighborhoods of Carroll Gardens/South Brooklyn, Cobble Hill, Columbia Waterfront, Gowanus, Park Slope and Red Hook. From the Buttermilk Channel to Prospect Park, 104,709 people (2010 Census figure) choose to make our district their home.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 6 are:

- *Neighborhood preservation (development trends)*
- *Resiliency*
- *Other/Commercial Development*

While the ability to narrow down the "most pressing issues" in a community as diverse as BKCB-6 is extremely hard, please allow this space to discuss why we chose the way we did. The fact that 2 of the neighborhoods that make up our Board district are susceptible to extreme weather. Red Hook and Gowanus are within flood zones and we urge the city to determine a means to protect our citizenry, businesses and industrial community. The simple fact that Red Hook a community so negatively affected by SuperStorm Sandy was left out of the DCP Resilient Neighborhoods planning process, is an example of why resiliency not only needs to be recognized as an important piece of our community, but should be listed as a "most pressing issue". Empty storefronts plague our community and we would like to see additional time and energy spent on coming up with a solution that will allow our commercial strips to not only be resilient, but to also be diverse in the wares that they sell. In addition, we have great concern over the preservation of community from a people in places perspective. Market Forces often cause people to have to leave their homes and move farther and farther out. We need to not only plan to keep our community at home, but we need to ensure that the support networks are in place to allow them to prosper in their home neighborhoods.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/25	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Sufficient funding is requested to increase baseline operating budget allocations in existing senior centers. At a minimum, additional funding is sought to help keep pace with cost of living increases which over time take more and more resources away from the base operating budgets from programming and salary monies. Effectively, by not providing for regular, modest increases the senior centers' budgets are being decreased over time as basic costs only go up. This need is especially pressing with an aging population, as more and more "baby boomers" will be placing increasing demands on these facilities, which is anticipated to increase in the near future.	Community Wide
19/25	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the hire of additional Health/Pest Control Inspectors for initial field evaluations and compliance inspections. At least one inspector per Community Board ought to be assigned to eliminate bottlenecks in Pest Control servicing, ensure that annual inspections of Health-Licensed facilities can occur, improve agency's productivity and reduce response times for complaint investigation.	Community Wide
20/25	HRA	Other domestic violence services requests	Additional funding is requested to expand the spectrum of services that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence - from counseling to protection to shelter - in order to ensure that adequate resources exist to help this vulnerable population in need. Outreach and promotional materials are needed to reach the population, provide them with convenient access to services and help educate communities on the importance of these services to remove any fear and stigma that may be attached to these facilities.	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Childcare services

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
39/40	SCA	Renovate other site component	Funds in the amount of at least \$150,000 are requested for the design and construction of a soundproofing project at the PS 39 cafeteria at 417 6th Avenue in Park Slope. The tiny cave-like basement cafeteria is the largest open space in the school. The low tin roof and cement walls do little to absorb the loud whir of giant freezers or the noise of the fans used to cool the space due to the lack of air conditioning and window space. When you add more than 350 students during lunchtime the sounds reverberate around the room. The noise drowns out any conversations happening at the tables. By adding wall & ceiling mounted sound panels, extraneous noise will be lessened to manageable levels.	PS 39 417 6th Avenue
40/40	SCA	Renovate other site component	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a soundproofing project at the PS 321 gymnasium at 180 7th Avenue in Park Slope. The poor acoustics in the gymnasium prevents it from being effectively used a multi-purpose space in a school that is historically crowded and in need of additional space. A relatively small project to soundproof the gymnasium would enhance school space utilization, making it more suitable for a wider variety of uses.	PS 321 180 7th Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	ACS	Expand child care services	Sufficient funds are requested to maintain current levels of day care services provided to the district. ACS had previously suggested that an incredibly disproportionate share of cuts be applied to day care services in the Brooklyn CB6 district. 4 out of the 15 centers citywide slated for closure were specifically targeted to the district. Most of these slots are located in facilities directly adjacent to public housing (Red Hook and Gowanus Houses), whose residents rely on these services to enable them to work and/or attend school. Eliminating day care services removes one of the most important safety nets in the community. ACS had not attempted to renegotiate day care center leases, or otherwise lower their operating costs, before deciding to eliminate the service altogether.	Community Wide
11/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Sufficient funds are requested to ensure that every school in the Brooklyn Community Board 6 community district has anti-bullying program resources available to all of the students, staff and parents.	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
29/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the comprehensive refurbishment of the 78th Precinct Court Room, located on the 4th floor. This space is widely used by the 78th Precinct Community Council, Community Board, and other groups, and provides essential local meeting space which promotes positive interactions between police and the community. A comprehensive refurbishment should include the installation of energy efficient lighting, painting, new floors, repair/refurbishment of auditorium seating, with consideration of a possible redesign to maximize the use of the space. Refurbishment should include restoration of historic features and ornamentation within the existing space.	78th Precinct Court Room 65 6th Avenue
31/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition of radar speed signs to provide advisories to motorists in areas where speeding is suspected or confirmed. Radar Speed Signs can provide a constant monitoring presence to help raise awareness and act as a potential deterrent. Compliance with the City's new 25MPH speed limit relies on an enforcement presence which, at best, can be challenging given limitations of manpower and competing deployment priorities; to some degree these signs can help augment these limitations.	Community Wide
34/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition and deployment of Variable Message Boards (VMBs), at least one per precinct, to be used to advise the public of upcoming street closures, events, alerts and other vital information that would enhance public safety and preparedness. The strategic placement of VMBs can provide important directions, reduce traffic congestion, and otherwise assist NYPD in messaging information to the public. Precinct Commanders should have the flexibility to deploy VMBs as needed and in response to ongoing changing conditions within the precinct.	Community Wide
CS	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Sufficient funds are requested to equip every firehouse with an emergency generator to ensure continuous electrical supply. Firehouses serve as cooling stations during heat emergencies and, in general, serve the public as a critical local public safety facility for emergency and medical services. Maintaining electrical supply is essential both from an operational standpoint and to maintain a high degree of public confidence in the department's ability to provide a safe haven during times of crisis. We lost service to one of our firehouses in Red Hook during Hurricane Sandy, and would suggest that this site become an immediate priority.	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to recruit and restore police patrol strength to safeguard the impressive strides in public safety over the past decade. Historically, as crime decreases and budget pressures increase, police staff suffers which begins the downward spiral of public safety and increasing crime. Maintaining a strong police force is even more necessary in the aftermath of 9/11 to ensure public safety and restore a high degree of confidence in keeping and attracting residents, businesses and tourists to the City - all essential to the City's economy. Over the past few years we have seen a dramatic decrease in the size of the police patrol strength at the precinct level and this has the community most alarmed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
9/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to provide for a substantial increase in dedicated Truck Enforcement Program personnel to meet the overwhelming demand in our community for aggressive truck enforcement. Adherence to Truck Routes is necessary to reduce conflicts with, and impact on residential safety and quality of life. To protect and preserve public safety, effective enforcement is needed to combat pervasive and dangerous violations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
16/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Sufficient resources are requested to restore NYPD bicycle patrols. Bicycle patrols provide a low-cost option for policing that combines the best elements of vehicular access with flexible patrol routes. With increased bicycling, and the call for better enforcement of bicycling rules, it would also provide a more convenient way for police to engage other bicyclists in the proper education and enforcement of the rules of the road. Previous bicycle patrols involved the use of voucher and donated bicycles making this a cost-effective program that should be reinstituted.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Other/Planning & Implementation of remedies for chronic problems and storm surge disaster preparedness

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/40	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to design & construct an environ'al programming site at a City-owned parcel (the Gowanus "Salt Lot") to be developed as a site for environ'al education & programming to promote sustainability in areas such as composting, recycling, stormwater capture and reuse, green infrastructure and environmental stewardship. Having a permanent site in the Gowanus watershed area, proximate to the canal, will go far in ensuring that such practices and values are regularly and widely taught and shared, making them more likely to affect the broader surrounding populations. The site should be able to accomodate both locally-based and visiting groups of all ages, including school children who could use more access to environmental education in our urban environs.</i>	<i>Gowanus "Salt Lot"</i> <i>Block 977, Lot 3</i>
37/40	DSNY	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the relocation of BK2 District Sanitation Garage and Broom Garage into the Community Board 2 district to comply with coterminality requirements of the Charter. In the interim, we encourage the department to explore alternatives at the current garage location at 127 2nd Avenue including the reconstruction of the existing garage (addition of a story?) to fully accommodate all fleet vehicles and equipment off the street and sidewalk and under one roof.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	DEP	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the area wide installation of green infrastructure including, but not limited to, bioswales, offline retention capacities, rain barrels, pervious surface treatments, and other best management practices, to aggressively prevent storm water from entering into the sewer system. Reduction of storm water entry into the system is necessary to reduce the amount of Combined Sewer Overflow events that occur, particularly within the Gowanus watershed area.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/25	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to restore the frequency of litter basket service to a minimum of two collections per day, especially on weekends, along busy commercial corridors such as Van Brunt Street, Columbia Street, Court Street, Smith Street, 5th Avenue, 7th Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Flatbush Avenue. Overflowing litter baskets create additional work for the department in discretionary cleaning, contributes to the clogging of catch basins, and results in the unfair issuance of summonses to victims of the strewn litter. Litter on commercial strips negatively contributes to the consumer's shopping experience, detracts from the residents' quality of life, and forces the businesses to shoulder the burden for the City after the mess.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Other/Combination of Housing support - to include preservation, subsidy, and employment - and small business support.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/40	SBS	Other workforce development requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition (if necessary), design and construction of a Red Hook workforce development center. Red Hook has seen the creation of hundreds of new jobs in the last few years from large-scale retail development, introduction of tourism-related industries, and induced commercial development. Its residential population is in need of a local job center where employment training, recruiting and referral services can be offered in addition to courses that promote local entrepreneurship, and generally support the development of the local workforce preparing them for jobs. Because of its geographic isolation and transportation hurdles, Red Hook residents cannot easily access services in Downtown Brooklyn.	Community Wide
7/40	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of new building entrance systems for all residential buildings within NYCHA's public housing portfolio. New building entrance systems would include vandal-proof, tamper-proof locking mechanisms, reinforced doors and frames, modern intercom systems with closed circuit cameras, and remote monitoring to automatically detect and report security breaches and equipment failures.	Community Wide
8/40	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a solar collection array at Piers 6-12. Such an array should include the pier shed rooftops, other structure rooftops (such as the cruise ship terminal, containerport and PANYNJ office buildings, etc.), and canopy arrays over parking lots at cruise ship terminal, office buildings, etc. A solar collection array would take advantage of the open space/lack of shadow lines from buildings and trees, to harvest solar energy which would be used to defray operating costs as a clean energy sustainability measure, and can be made available to the community as part of a community microgrid under development (Red Hook Community Microgrid) to help power local critical facilities in the event of an electrical grid failure.	Community Wide
9/40	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a complete renovation of the Gowanus Community Center, including an enlargement of the building and interior structural renovations that would maximize the available space for educational and recreational programming and use. Renovation items to include upgrade to HVAC system, installation of motion-sensitive alarm system, security upgrades and window replacements. Once renovated, we would like NYCHA to issue an RFP to identify and select an operator who would engage the community and maintain the site as an active recreation, education and cultural center.	Gowanus Houses

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Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/40	NYCHA	<i>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and rehabilitation of the NYPD PSA1 satellite building at 80 Dwight Street on NYCHA grounds in Red Hook houses. Features of a renovated building would include better signage, lighting, fencing, landscaping and a more inviting entryway so that residents feel welcome and encouraged to use this site for positive interactions with the police. Such a project could also include operational enhancements to assist the police (wireless telecommunications, fiber optics, etc.), and resiliency and flood-proof measures such as redundant electrical systems (photovoltaics and generators), HVAC upgrades, etc.</i>	<i>PSA1 Red Hook Satellite 80 Dwight Street</i>
19/40	NYCHA	<i>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for a redesign and rehabilitation of the existing Wyckoff Gardens Community Center to allow for a more efficient and effective use of the space. Modernization should include but not be limited to such items as improved security system, new lighting/electrical systems, HVAC/plumbing upgrades, painting and masonry. A solar energy system should also be added to the rooftop as a sustainability and resiliency measure to enable the center to remain powered in the event of electrical grid disruption or failure.</i>	<i>Wyckoff Gardens Community Center</i>
23/40	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the planning, site selection/acquisition, development and construction of affordable senior housing in the Carroll Gardens section of our district.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
35/40	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the planning and construction of a cross harbor freight tunnel to link New York and New Jersey by rail to 1) provide for the efficient movement of bulk goods through the region, 2) reduce the amount of truck traffic with its corresponding impacts on traffic volumes, air quality, public safety, etc., and 3) expand opportunities for economic growth in the region. Transportation is one of the most significant obstacles to growth in the region, as our bridges, tunnels and highways experience on a daily basis. Without taking advantage of the area's features - its waterfront and untapped rail potential - further economic growth in the region is threatened. Replacing truck use by rail and barge options should be our top priority. (REQUEST IS FOR PANYNJ!)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a maritime cultural use at the Atlantic Basin, as we previously suggested, discussed and promised by EDC during and since the development of their Piers 6-12 study for the Brooklyn Waterfront. Many years have lapsed since the study, yet there is no cultural use in place despite the agency's commitments to the community. Funds are needed to provide suitable docking facilities, upland connections and necessary infrastructure (electrical, water, sewage, etc.) to support such a use.</i>	<i>Atlantic Basin</i>

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Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	SBS	<i>Other workforce development requests</i>	<i>To combat high levels of unemployment, particularly in our Gowanus and Red Hook neighborhoods, coupled with significant Federal changes in the existing public assistance programs, additional focus must be placed on preparing persons for work and expanding work opportunities. Given the far-reaching impact of unemployment and its undesirable effects on health, education and social welfare, it is imperative that front-end investment in human capital occur to ensure local economic utility.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/25	NYCHA	<i>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for NYCHA to issue an RFP to identify and select an operator for the Gowanus Houses Community Center who would engage the community and maintain the site as an active recreation, education and cultural center.</i>	<i>Gowanus Houses Community Center</i>
15/25	NYCHA	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the expansion of NYCHA Maintenance personnel staff, perhaps through the creation of an in-house training program that would take employable NYCHA residents and train them in the skilled trades in an apprenticeship program and workforce development initiative. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates could be placed in maintenance and construction positions in the private market through the NYCHA-REES program.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
22/25	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition, planning and construction of a district wide tourism center, perhaps located at the Red Hook Cruise Ship Terminal, to provide a focal point for the growing tourism industry in our district. Such features as our historic brownstone residential communities (Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Park Slope), Columbia Street, Gowanus and Red Hook waterfront features, Prospect Park, and other local points-of-attraction, are growing in popularity as tourists are flocking more and more to our district. A tourism center that would highlight the cultural, shopping, restaurants and other features of the district will help ensure that marketing and promotion of the district's amenities were fully leveraged.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
23/25	SBS	<i>Other business regulatory assistance requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to hire additional Waterfront Enforcement Division personnel, currently 6 persons citywide, to ensure that adequate coverage of the City's 578 miles of waterfront will be preserved and protected. Waterfront Enforcement Division personnel are responsible for enforcing the City's building code for waterfront properties, some of the most valuable and sensitive properties in the City. This would be a good way to reverse the trend of neglect suffered by the City's lack of waterfront development policies over the past few decades, and signify a commitment to the renewed importance of the City's waterfront as an asset and resource to draw from.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/25	SBS	Support BID formation planning	Sufficient funds are requested to support existing and enable additional groups to embark on feasibility studies and supportive planning activities to move toward the formation of additional Business Improvement Districts (BID) in appropriate commercial and industrial areas. BIDs are proven to be an asset for the City insofar as they provide needed administrative infrastructure designed to support local commerce at the neighborhood level. Furthermore, the expansion of BIDs from the traditional commercial into the industrial sector will enable the City to better protect the fragile manufacturing sector, which often produces higher wage paying jobs, with specialty skills, and reduces the cost of goods in the City by making us less reliant on imports.	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Other/Street Safety Improvements including accessibility & cycling infrustratucture



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Sufficient funds are requested for the identification, design and construction of handicapped access elements, preferably elevators, for the Smith-9th Street subway station, which happens to be the highest elevated public transit point in the entire world. Despite a recent comprehensive station rehabilitation, escalators at this station are still prone to frequent service disruptions which not only inconveniences riders but makes station access impossible for physically-challenged individuals. This station is also the only subway stop nearest to the Red Hook community, a neighborhood woefully under-served by transportation options.	Smith St 9th St
2/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	In conjunction with the city's infrastructure work being planned under HWK700B, sufficient funds are requested to undertake the design investigation and construction of appropriate amenities and traffic calming devices to facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians and traffic. Such amenities could include, but not be limited to, the reintroduction of cobblestone treatments, historic lighting, granite curbs, etc. The scope of the existing street reconstruction project should be expanded to include a full electrical upgrade for all of Red Hook with the goal of burying the vulnerable, above-ground electrical lines and ensuring that the grid is modern and able to withstand future events like Hurricane Sandy which plunged the area into darkness for months.	Community Wide
3/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of new traffic medians on 4th Avenue between Pacific Street and 8th Streets that would improve pedestrian and vehicular safety along this busy traffic corridor. New medians would include protected pedestrian refuge areas and raised, planted medians with irrigation systems, that would prevent unsafe and unpredictable pedestrian behavior which occurs frequently and is likely a contributing cause to high accident rates along the corridor.	4th Avenue Pacific Street 8th Street
5/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Sufficient funding is requested for the design and construction of handicapped access elements, preferably elevators, for the Grand Army Plaza subway station, which is not only an important intermodal transfer within the transit system but also provides primary access to a number of Brooklyn's most visited cultural institutions--such as the Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, and the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch--and is a gateway to the Flatbush Avenue and Park Slope commercial corridors.	Grand Army Plaza Subway Station



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6/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a comprehensive redesign and reconstruction of this subway station to include a mezzanine arcade that would convert the underutilized underground space as a commercial area offering small shops - ideally tenanted by local entrepreneurs and independent business owners - with goods and services targeted to the patrons who routinely utilize this subway station, specifically, local residents, employees of NY Methodist Hospital, students at John Jay Educational Campus, and other employers/employees and visitors to the neighborhood. The station should also be retrofit with handicapped access points. This project would also provide a new revenue stream for NYC Transit and promote a more active use of this space.	Flatbush Ave Park Pl
12/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Funds in the amount of \$26,300,000 are requested to undertake a reconstruction of the Union Street Bridge (HBK1213), a double-leaf Scherzer Bascule bridge which spans the Gowanus Canal. This bridge received a FAIR rating yet is one of the few east-west connectors that provide access and mobility throughout our district. It is a vital corridor that links our waterfront to inland points. Deferred public investment increases the vulnerability of this structure as unanticipated structural failures may occur, resulting in increased cost and time of repair and unwarranted impacts on the surrounding community. We would also like a modified riding surface for the bicycle lane section of the bridge to make it safer and more comfortable for the cyclists who use this segment of the network.	Union Street Bridge
16/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested for the reconstruction of Court Street from Atlantic to Hamilton Avenues with historic amenities. Preliminary Design Investigation to ascertain the condition of the infrastructure along the project limits. Relocate all utility service boxes below ground, repair/replace missing curb sections, reset curb elevations, repair concrete bus pads and repair defective sidewalk conditions. Use granite curb, bluestone or pigmented concrete sidewalks, historic replica street hardware including street lights, poles-in-ground, fire alarm boxes and hydrants. Also, the inclusion of appropriate traffic calming devices such as, but not limited to, neck downs, bus bulbs, etc. as called for in the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming project.	Court St Atlantic Ave Hamilton Ave
17/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Sufficient funds should be allocated toward the inclusion of special treatment street resurfacing work in the department's development of future contract work to incorporate the restoration, preservation and maintenance of cobblestone streets. This construction material serves as a traffic calming device, is far more durable than commonly used asphalt material, is a signature characteristic of streets in our Red Hook community and enhances the historic integrity of the community.	Community Wide



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18/40	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Sufficient funds are requested for a full rehabilitation of the 3rd Street Bridge (HBKC068), a double-leaf Bascule Bridge spanning the Gowanus Canal, to improve long-term viability of the structure. For the sake of access and mobility through the district, there are only a handful of east-west connectors that span the Gowanus Canal, on which the community is wholly reliant. Deferred investment increases the likelihood of structural failures, more costly repairs, and longer periods of disruption and inconvenience to the community when the bridge is out of service. We would also like a modified riding surface for the bicycle lane section of the bridge to make it safer and more comfortable for the cyclists who use this segment of the network.	3rd Street Bridge
22/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested to remediate the problems associated with the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Trench running through our district parallel to Hicks Street. The BQE Trench inhibits local access and mobility between the Columbia Waterfront, Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill neighborhoods. The concentration of traffic flowing through the trench creates vibrations, noise, odors and other air emissions that impact the residential communities adjacent to the trench. The trench provides opportunities to create new open space and expand resiliency measures (photovoltaics, storm water capture/diversion, etc.). Building on the momentum of a prior study's findings, remedies and opportunities must now be considered, funded and constructed.	Hicks Street Atlantic Avenue Hamilton Avenue
24/40	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the construction of traffic safety median islands in the Furman-Atlantic-Columbia transition area, the approach to Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 public park, and area growing in popularity and increasingly traveled by pedestrians and recreation users. Prior to the opening of Pier 6, this area was generally unused by pedestrians and was almost exclusively a southbound route used by commuters seeking to avoid the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Now, with the opening of Pier 6 and the two-way conversion of Furman Street, vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns have completely altered the use and complexion of this bustling area. Immediate in-house improvements have done a lot to improve safety, at the cost of aesthetics.	Atlantic Ave Furman St Columbia St



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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
25/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and reconstruction of 7th Avenue between Flatbush Avenue and 15th Street in Park Slope, partially in the Park Slope Historic District. Repairs are necessary on this important, busy commercial corridor to address such items as missing curb sections, spalled and cracked bus pads, and numerous defective sidewalks. Additionally, traffic calming devices are requested by the community to enhance public safety. Further amenities which could include such items as tinted concrete sidewalks, historic street lights and fire hydrants, public benches, hanging planters, banners, etc. should be considered as part of the design process, in consultation with the business and residential communities.	7th Ave Flatbush Ave 15th St
27/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the full rehabilitation of the former Fran Brady Under the Tracks Playground at 10th Street and 3rd Avenue in Gowanus, a property which is owned by the MTA.	Under the Tracks Playground
28/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the installation of cellular/Wi-Fi service in subways systems as a way of improving public safety by increasing channels of communication between riders and emergency service providers in the event that emergency assistance is needed.	Community Wide
32/40	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a replacement of the existing standard-issue cobra head street lights with appropriate historic replica street lights in the neighborhoods of Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens. Currently, only Atlantic Avenue, Clinton Street and Smith Street in these neighborhoods have such amenities. The balance of the neighborhood's street lights should be replaced to enhance and restore the historic integrity of these landmark districts and historically-sensitive areas.	Community Wide
33/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	In addition to the regular cement sidewalk replacement activity, we request that the department broaden its scope to include the option of restoring by contract those sidewalks which include special treatments, notably bluestone material. Not only is bluestone a more durable material with significantly longer life expectancy, it also serves to enhance the historic integrity and value of the community. Many property owners are willing to pay the extra cost to have this option, especially given the City's ability to leverage lower cost through bulk contracting.	Community Wide



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36/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition, mapping, design and construction of a new City street which would extend Conover Street northward from Pioneer Street to Hamilton Avenue in Red Hook. This new street will not only provide additional capacity to handle the new traffic volumes destined for the cruise ship terminal under construction at Pier 12, but will also provide an alternative for the relocation of the Van Brunt Street leg of the City's local Truck Route network in Red Hook. It will ensure that the local street grid is not only not negatively impacted by the cruise terminal traffic but that it will benefit from relieving Van Brunt Street of trucks and removing the existing conflict by directing trucks closer to the industrial section of the neighborhood.	Conover St Pioneer St Hamilton Ave
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Sufficient funds are requested to fully fund project #SEK20068 for preliminary design investigations, final design and ultimate repair of the 9th Street and Second Avenue corridors abutting the Gowanus Canal. Issues that need to be addressed include negative and insufficient curbs that have resulted in flooding and drainage problems, defective and missing sidewalks and episodic infrastructure failures on 2nd Ave. Frequent and substantial roadway ponding occurs along 9th Street--a mapped Coastal Evacuation Route--which, coupled with new and growing demands in pedestrian and vehicular traffic, requires that the street be a more reliable emergency traffic conveyor and able to withstand rainfall events without flooding.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/25	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Sufficient funds are requested for restoration of full-time (non-seasonal) work gangs to respond to year-round routine maintenance calls for potholes and street depressions. There has been a noticeable decrease in productivity and increase in response times in this area attributable to significant loss of manpower. There has also been a significant delay in pothole response times during the winter-spring transition which could be remedied by maintaining more year-round personnel to respond to complaints.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Other/Combination of Park Safety & Park Maintenance.



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Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Sufficient funds are requested for a comprehensive facility rehabilitation project for the Red Hook Recreation Center. Scope of work to include at a minimum upgraded programming space for users, office space for department personnel (i.e., painting, electrical, windows, lighting, etc.), perimeter improvements and outfitting with new recreation and office equipment to support both users and staff. It is essential that increasing demands for local recreational opportunities be met within the neighborhood as transportation options available within the neighborhood limit the extent to which local residents can take advantage of facilities in other neighborhoods.	Red Hook Recreation Center 155 Bay Street
11/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	A total of \$6.35M is requested for infrastructure upgrades to the Carroll Gardens branch library, to specifically include exterior renovation and windows (\$1.0M), new boiler (\$750k), interior renovation (\$3.0M), new furniture & equipment (\$750k), and safety and security enhancements (\$250k). The Carroll Gardens branch is an unrenovated, heavily-utilized Carnegie branch. The building's critical infrastructure needs to be upgraded.	BPL - Carroll Gardens Branch 396 Clinton Street
14/40	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Sufficient funds are requested to undertake the construction of an annex to the Old Stone House at Washington Square Park. Scope of work would relocate existing Parks Department operations from Old Stone House, include new public restroom amenities, and provide new space for cultural and community activities in the existing Old Stone House.	Washington Park
20/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	A total of \$10.2M is requested for infrastructure upgrades to the Pacific branch library, to specifically include ADA compliance for the entire branch (\$3.0M), new boiler (\$750k), exterior restoration (\$600k), HVAC (\$1.0M), interior renovation (\$3.0M), new furniture & equipment (\$600k), safety and security enhancement (\$250k), and windows (\$1.0M). The Pacific branch library is an unrenovated, well-utilized Carnegie branch. The building's critical infrastructure needs to be upgraded.	Pacific Branch Library 25 4th Avenue
21/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Funds in the amount of \$3.0M are requested for the design and construction of roof and restoration of skylights (\$1.0M) and exterior renovations (\$2.0M) for the Park Slope branch library. The Park Slope library was recently reopened after an extensive interior renovation. This heavily-utilized branch and beloved community institution is one of the three landmarked Carnegie branches in the BPL system. A total exterior renovation would include brick work, refurbished wrought-iron fencing, stonework/repair of concrete entrance stairs, improved signage, landscaping, and sidewalk repair work.	Park Slope Branch Library 431 6th Avenue



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Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
30/40	DCAS	<i>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a window replacement project for 250 Baltic Street in the Cobble Hill Historic District. This 1936 building still has the original single-paned and uninsulated windows making them highly inefficient energy-wasting devices which negatively contribute to the building tenants' comfort and safety. Modern, energy-efficient windows appropriately designed to area's historic district would go a long way toward reducing heating and cooling costs, improving safety, and creating a vastly improved work environment for the State, City and non-profit entities that occupy the space in this City-owned building. While the City-State have talked about changing ownership status of this building for more than a decade, it continues to crumble.</i>	<i>Community Board District Office 250 Baltic Street</i>
38/40	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a new park--Columbia Waterfront Park--on the City-owned properties along the westside of Columbia Street between Kane and Degraw Streets. These properties are currently in the Department of Transportation's portfolio but they have agreed to release them for the development of a future park to be built there. Much work has already gone into conceptualizing a park use of the space which, with an adequate budget, can be easily adapted into designs and construction plans.</i>	<i>Columbia St Kane St Degraw St</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a series of Capital improvements to Prospect Park including, but not limited to: Lakeside Project (\$9 mil additional), Long Meadow ball fields (\$1.2 mil), lighting at Grand Army Plaza and the arch at Grand Army Plaza, and a continuation of traffic improvements at the Grand Army Plaza circle.</i>	<i>Prospect Park</i>



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Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>Funding in the amount of \$450,000 is requested in order for Community Boards to fulfill their Charter mandated roles to plan and advocate for neighborhood needs. An increase in funds will be used to fund the hiring of a full-time urban planner, to keep pace with cost of living adjustments which have never been applied to Community Boards, to upgrade complaint systems software which was previously supplied and supported by prior Administrations and to expand District Office functionality with the purchase of additional equipment and supplies. Increases to budget due to collective bargaining agreements and maintaining the budget at its current level do not address this request; both are effectively negative responses which should trigger a separate letter explaining the agency's position.</i>	Community Wide
17/25	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to restore Parks Recreation personnel to increase the inventory and range of recreation options available particularly to our teenage youth population. With fewer part-time job opportunities and shrinking afterschool programs we are looking to increase the number of constructive options for this population to keep them engaged in productive, supervised activities.</i>	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/40	DOT	<i>Replace All Historic Street Name Signs</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the full installation of all terracotta street name and historic district maps/narrative signage in the Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Park Slope Historic Districts. New signage is especially needed in Park Slope with the approved expansion of the Park Slope Historic District in 2012.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Other Expense Requests

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6/25	DYCD	<i>Increased Funding for COMPASS NYC Programs.</i>	<i>Youth programs continue to play a vital role in the cognitive, social and physical development of our young. Front-end positive investment in our youth defers avoided costs as preventative measures. Community Boards are the best decentralized mechanisms for recommending allocations to locally sponsored programs designed to meet specific neighborhood needs. Additional programmatic funding is requested to expand services to a broader population of youth.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
8/25	NYPD	<i>Creation of Quality of Life Detail at 78th Precinct</i>	<i>Sufficient funds, personnel and equipment are needed to create a dedicated Quality of Life Detail for the 78th Precinct to address the ongoing issues related to the increases in night-time activities--especially at local bars and restaurants--which have increased tensions between our residential and business communities. Despite having ample personnel available for details related to large-scale events at the Barclays Center, no such details exist to regularly monitor the impacts of a changing commercial environment as a result of new trends in business land uses, especially in the northern Park Slope area. The precinct must have sufficient resources available to ensure that the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood is maintained and improved.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
10/25	DPR	<i>Restoration of Parks Maintenance personnel</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to restore Parks Maintenance personnel to provide for vital maintenance and report of Parks facilities. With the added supervisory role Parks Maintenance workers perform through the departmental use of JTP and other volunteer workers, more staff are needed to continue to fulfill the traditional roles and tasks performed by Parks Maintenance staff.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
13/25	DSNY	<i>Installation of Containerized Garbage Collection System at John Jay Educational Campus</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design, construction and servicing of a Containerized Garbage Collection System for the John Jay Educational Campus at 237 7th Avenue in Park Slope. Current practice involves placing excessive numbers of garbage bags in the street late afternoons, which are sometimes not collected until the next day, which attracts vermin and vectors, creates odors, and has a tendency to attract additional loose litter and debris. Containerized collection would resolve all of these problems and restore neighbor's quality of life.</i>	<i>John Jay Educational Campus 237 7th Avenue</i>

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18/25	DPR	<i>Restoration of Parks Forestry personnel</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to hire additional Parks Forestry personnel to regularly address pruning and stump removal to maintain the health and safety of our communities. While the city allocates sufficient money for the continuous planting of new trees increasing the City's inventory of street trees, particularly with the aggressive Million Trees Initiative, corresponding increases in the Parks Forestry Division are a necessary accompaniment to ensure that sufficient resources are available for ongoing maintenance needs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
21/25	LPC	<i>Expansion of Landmarks Inspection Personnel</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to provide for the hire of additional LPC inspection and enforcement personnel to address complaint investigations, improve upon agency response times to requested inspections, and foster a global atmosphere of increased compliance with landmark regulations. Given the expansion of the role of the agency through the broadening of their enforcement powers to include the issuance of civil penalties, an accompanying increase of personnel is necessary to carry out the agency's additional enforcement mandates.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
25/25	DPR	<i>Replacement Parks Fleet Vehicles</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to ensure the timely replacement of fleet vehicles used in the service of our public parks properties including collection vehicles, repair vehicles, enforcement patrol vehicles, pickup trucks, etc.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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1/40	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the identification, design and construction of handicapped access elements, preferably elevators, for the Smith-9th Street subway station, which happens to be the highest elevated public transit point in the entire world. Despite a recent comprehensive station rehabilitation, escalators at this station are still prone to frequent service disruptions which not only inconveniences riders but makes station access impossible for physically-challenged individuals. This station is also the only subway stop nearest to the Red Hook community, a neighborhood woefully under-served by transportation options.</i>	<i>Smith St 9th St</i>	
2/40	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>In conjunction with the city's infrastructure work being planned under HWK700B, sufficient funds are requested to undertake the design investigation and construction of appropriate amenities and traffic calming devices to facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians and traffic. Such amenities could include, but not be limited to, the reintroduction of cobblestone treatments, historic lighting, granite curbs, etc. The scope of the existing street reconstruction project should be expanded to include a full electrical upgrade for all of Red Hook with the goal of burying the vulnerable, above-ground electrical lines and ensuring that the grid is modern and able to withstand future events like Hurricane Sandy which plunged the area into darkness for months.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
3/40	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of new traffic medians on 4th Avenue between Pacific Street and 8th Streets that would improve pedestrian and vehicular safety along this busy traffic corridor. New medians would include protected pedestrian refuge areas and raised, planted medians with irrigation systems, that would prevent unsafe and unpredictable pedestrian behavior which occurs frequently and is likely a contributing cause to high accident rates along the corridor.</i>	<i>4th Avenue Pacific Street 8th Street</i>	<i>Forth on Forth Avenue</i>

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4/40	SBS	Other workforce development requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition (if necessary), design and construction of a Red Hook workforce development center. Red Hook has seen the creation of hundreds of new jobs in the last few years from large-scale retail development, introduction of tourism-related industries, and induced commercial development. Its residential population is in need of a local job center where employment training, recruiting and referral services can be offered in addition to courses that promote local entrepreneurship, and generally support the development of the local workforce preparing them for jobs. Because of its geographic isolation and transportation hurdles, Red Hook residents cannot easily access services in Downtown Brooklyn.	Community Wide	South Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation; Red Hook Initiative
5/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Sufficient funding is requested for the design and construction of handicapped access elements, preferably elevators, for the Grand Army Plaza subway station, which is not only an important intermodal transfer within the transit system but also provides primary access to a number of Brooklyn's most visited cultural institutions--such as the Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, and the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch--and is a gateway to the Flatbush Avenue and Park Slope commercial corridors.	Grand Army Plaza Subway Station	Park Slope Civic Council
6/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a comprehensive redesign and reconstruction of this subway station to include a mezzanine arcade that would convert the underutilized underground space as a commercial area offering small shops - ideally tenanted by local entrepreneurs and independent business owners - with goods and services targeted to the patrons who routinely utilize this subway station, specifically, local residents, employees of NY Methodist Hospital, students at John Jay Educational Campus, and other employers/employees and visitors to the neighborhood. The station should also be retrofit with handicapped access points. This project would also provide a new revenue stream for NYC Transit and promote a more active use of this space.	Flatbush Ave Park Pl	New York Methodist Hospital; Park Slope Civic Council

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7/40	NYCHA	<i>Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of new building entrance systems for all residential buildings within NYCHA's public housing portfolio. New building entrance systems would include vandal-proof, tamper-proof locking mechanisms, reinforced doors and frames, modern intercom systems with closed circuit cameras, and remote monitoring to automatically detect and report security breaches and equipment failures.</i>	Community Wide	
8/40	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a solar collection array at Piers 6-12. Such an array should include the pier shed rooftops, other structure rooftops (such as the cruise ship terminal, containerport and PANYNJ office buildings, etc.), and canopy arrays over parking lots at cruise ship terminal, office buildings, etc. A solar collection array would take advantage of the open space/lack of shadow lines from buildings and trees, to harvest solar energy which would be used to defray operating costs as a clean energy sustainability measure, and can be made available to the community as part of a community microgrid under development (Red Hook Community Microgrid) to help power local critical facilities in the event of an electrical grid failure.</i>	Community Wide	
9/40	NYCHA	<i>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a complete renovation of the Gowanus Community Center, including an enlargement of the building and interior structural renovations that would maximize the available space for educational and recreational programming and use. Renovation items to include upgrade to HVAC system, installation of motion-sensitive alarm system, security upgrades and window replacements. Once renovated, we would like NYCHA to issue an RFP to identify and select an operator who would engage the community and maintain the site as an active recreation, education and cultural center.</i>	Gowanus Houses	Gowanus Houses Tenants Association

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10/40	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for a comprehensive facility rehabilitation project for the Red Hook Recreation Center. Scope of work to include at a minimum upgraded programming space for users, office space for department personnel (i.e., painting, electrical, windows, lighting, etc.), perimeter improvements and outfitting with new recreation and office equipment to support both users and staff. It is essential that increasing demands for local recreational opportunities be met within the neighborhood as transportation options available within the neighborhood limit the extent to which local residents can take advantage of facilities in other neighborhoods.</i>	<i>Red Hook Recreation Center 155 Bay Street</i>	
11/40	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>A total of \$6.35M is requested for infrastructure upgrades to the Carroll Gardens branch library, to specifically include exterior renovation and windows (\$1.0M), new boiler (\$750k), interior renovation (\$3.0M), new furniture & equipment (\$750k), and safety and security enhancements (\$250k). The Carroll Gardens branch is an unrenovated, heavily-utilized Carnegie branch. The building's critical infrastructure needs to be upgraded.</i>	<i>BPL - Carroll Gardens Branch 396 Clinton Street</i>	<i>Friends of the Carroll Gardens Library</i>
12/40	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Funds in the amount of \$26,300,000 are requested to undertake a reconstruction of the Union Street Bridge (HBK1213), a double-leaf Scherzer Bascule bridge which spans the Gowanus Canal. This bridge received a FAIR rating yet is one of the few east-west connectors that provide access and mobility throughout our district. It is a vital corridor that links our waterfront to inland points. Deferred public investment increases the vulnerability of this structure as unanticipated structural failures may occur, resulting in increased cost and time of repair and unwarranted impacts on the surrounding community. We would also like a modified riding surface for the bicycle lane section of the bridge to make it safer and more comfortable for the cyclists who use this segment of the network.</i>	<i>Union Street Bridge</i>	

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13/40	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Sufficient funds are requested to design & construct an environ'al programming site at a City-owned parcel (the Gowanus "Salt Lot") to be developed as a site for environ'al education & programming to promote sustainability in areas such as composting, recycling, stormwater capture and reuse, green infrastructure and environmental stewardship. Having a permanent site in the Gowanus watershed area, proximate to the canal, will go far in ensuring that such practices and values are regularly and widely taught and shared, making them more likely to affect the broader surrounding populations. The site should be able to accomodate both locally-based and visiting groups of all ages, including school children who could use more access to environmental education in our urban environs.	Gowanus "Salt Lot" Block 977, Lot 3	Gowanus Canal Conservancy
14/40	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Sufficient funds are requested to undertake the construction of an annex to the Old Stone House at Washington Square Park. Scope of work would relocate existing Parks Department operations from Old Stone House, include new public restroom amenities, and provide new space for cultural and community activities in the existing Old Stone House.	Washington Park	
15/40	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and rehabilitation of the NYPD PSA1 satellite building at 80 Dwight Street on NYCHA grounds in Red Hook houses. Features of a renovated building would include better signage, lighting, fencing, landscaping and a more inviting entryway so that residents feel welcome and encouraged to use this site for positive interactions with the police. Such a project could also include operational enhancements to assist the police (wireless telecommunications, fiber optics, etc.), and resiliency and flood-proof measures such as redundant electrical systems (photovoltaics and generators), HVAC upgrades, etc.	PSA1 Red Hook Satellite 80 Dwight Street	

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16/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested for the reconstruction of Court Street from Atlantic to Hamilton Avenues with historic amenities. Preliminary Design Investigation to ascertain the condition of the infrastructure along the project limits. Relocate all utility service boxes below ground, repair/replace missing curb sections, reset curb elevations, repair concrete bus pads and repair defective sidewalk conditions. Use granite curb, bluestone or pigmented concrete sidewalks, historic replica street hardware including street lights, poles-in-ground, fire alarm boxes and hydrants. Also, the inclusion of appropriate traffic calming devices such as, but not limited to, neck downs, bus bulbs, etc. as called for in the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming project.	Court St Atlantic Ave Hamilton Ave	
17/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Sufficient funds should be allocated toward the inclusion of special treatment street resurfacing work in the department's development of future contract work to incorporate the restoration, preservation and maintenance of cobblestone streets. This construction material serves as a traffic calming device, is far more durable than commonly used asphalt material, is a signature characteristic of streets in our Red Hook community and enhances the historic integrity of the community.	Community Wide	Beard Street Association; Red Hook Civic Association
18/40	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Sufficient funds are requested for a full rehabilitation of the 3rd Street Bridge (HBKC068), a double-leaf Bascule Bridge spanning the Gowanus Canal, to improve long-term viability of the structure. For the sake of access and mobility through the district, there are only a handful of east-west connectors that span the Gowanus Canal, on which the community is wholly reliant. Deferred investment increases the likelihood of structural failures, more costly repairs, and longer periods of disruption and inconvenience to the community when the bridge is out of service. We would also like a modified riding surface for the bicycle lane section of the bridge to make it safer and more comfortable for the cyclists who use this segment of the network.	3rd Street Bridge	

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19/40	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Sufficient funds are requested for a redesign and rehabilitation of the existing Wyckoff Gardens Community Center to allow for a more efficient and effective use of the space. Modernization should include but not be limited to such items as improved security system, new lighting/electrical systems, HVAC/plumbing upgrades, painting and masonry. A solar energy system should also be added to the rooftop as a sustainability and resiliency measure to enable the center to remain powered in the event of electrical grid disruption or failure.	Wyckoff Gardens Community Center	Wyckoff Gardens Tenant
20/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	A total of \$10.2M is requested for infrastructure upgrades to the Pacific branch library, to specifically include ADA compliance for the entire branch (\$3.0M), new boiler (\$750k), exterior restoration (\$600k), HVAC (\$1.0M), interior renovation (\$3.0M), new furniture & equipment (\$600k), safety and security enhancement (\$250k), and windows (\$1.0M). The Pacific branch library is an unrenovated, well-utilized Carnegie branch. The building's critical infrastructure needs to be upgraded.	Pacific Branch Library 25 4th Avenue	
21/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Funds in the amount of \$3.0M are requested for the design and construction of roof and restoration of skylights (\$1.0M) and exterior renovations (\$2.0M) for the Park Slope branch library. The Park Slope library was recently reopened after an extensive interior renovation. This heavily-utilized branch and beloved community institution is one of the three landmarked Carnegie branches in the BPL system. A total exterior renovation would include brick work, refurbished wrought-iron fencing, stonework/repair of concrete entrance stairs, improved signage, landscaping, and sidewalk repair work.	Park Slope Branch Library 431 6th Avenue	

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22/40	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to remediate the problems associated with the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Trench running through our district parallel to Hicks Street. The BQE Trench inhibits local access and mobility between the Columbia Waterfront, Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill neighborhoods. The concentration of traffic flowing through the trench creates vibrations, noise, odors and other air emissions that impact the residential communities adjacent to the trench. The trench provides opportunities to create new open space and expand resiliency measures (photovoltaics, storm water capture/diversion, etc.). Building on the momentum of a prior study's findings, remedies and opportunities must now be considered, funded and constructed.</i>	<i>Hicks Street Atlantic Avenue Hamilton Avenue</i>	<i>Cobble Hill Association; Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association</i>
23/40	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the planning, site selection/acquisition, development and construction of affordable senior housing in the Carroll Gardens section of our district.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Carroll Gardens Association; Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation</i>
24/40	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the construction of traffic safety median islands in the Furman-Atlantic-Columbia transition area, the approach to Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 public park, and area growing in popularity and increasingly traveled by pedestrians and recreation users. Prior to the opening of Pier 6, this area was generally unused by pedestrians and was almost exclusively a southbound route used by commuters seeking to avoid the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Now, with the opening of Pier 6 and the two-way conversion of Furman Street, vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns have completely altered the use and complexion of this bustling area. Immediate in-house improvements have done a lot to improve safety, at the cost of aesthetics.</i>	<i>Atlantic Ave Furman St Columbia St</i>	

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25/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and reconstruction of 7th Avenue between Flatbush Avenue and 15th Street in Park Slope, partially in the Park Slope Historic District. Repairs are necessary on this important, busy commercial corridor to address such items as missing curb sections, spalled and cracked bus pads, and numerous defective sidewalks. Additionally, traffic calming devices are requested by the community to enhance public safety. Further amenities which could include such items as tinted concrete sidewalks, historic street lights and fire hydrants, public benches, hanging planters, banners, etc. should be considered as part of the design process, in consultation with the business and residential communities.	7th Ave Flatbush Ave 15th St	Park Slope Chamber of Commerce; Park Slope Civic Council
26/40	DOT	Replace All Historic Street Name Signs	Sufficient funds are requested for the full installation of all terracotta street name and historic district maps/narrative signage in the Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Park Slope Historic Districts. New signage is especially needed in Park Slope with the approved expansion of the Park Slope Historic District in 2012.	Community Wide	Cobble Hill Association; Park Slope Civic Council
27/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the full rehabilitation of the former Fran Brady Under the Tracks Playground at 10th Street and 3rd Avenue in Gowanus, a property which is owned by the MTA.	Under the Tracks Playground	
28/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the installation of cellular/Wi-Fi service in subways systems as a way of improving public safety by increasing channels of communication between riders and emergency service providers in the event that emergency assistance is needed.	Community Wide	

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29/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the comprehensive refurbishment of the 78th Precinct Court Room, located on the 4th floor. This space is widely used by the 78th Precinct Community Council, Community Board, and other groups, and provides essential local meeting space which promotes positive interactions between police and the community. A comprehensive refurbishment should include the installation of energy efficient lighting, painting, new floors, repair/refurbishment of auditorium seating, with consideration of a possible redesign to maximize the use of the space. Refurbishment should include restoration of historic features and ornamentation within the existing space.	78th Precinct Court Room 65 6th Avenue	78th Precinct Community Council
30/40	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a window replacement project for 250 Baltic Street in the Cobble Hill Historic District. This 1936 building still has the original single-paned and uninsulated windows making them highly inefficient energy-wasting devices which negatively contribute to the building tenants' comfort and safety. Modern, energy-efficient windows appropriately designed to area's historic district would go a long way toward reducing heating and cooling costs, improving safety, and creating a vastly improved work environment for the State, City and non-profit entities that occupy the space in this City-owned building. While the City-State have talked about changing ownership status of this building for more than a decade, it continues to crumble.	Community Board District Office 250 Baltic Street	
31/40	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition of radar speed signs to provide advisories to motorists in areas where speeding is suspected or confirmed. Radar Speed Signs can provide a constant monitoring presence to help raise awareness and act as a potential deterrent. Compliance with the City's new 25MPH speed limit relies on an enforcement presence which, at best, can be challenging given limitations of manpower and competing deployment priorities; to some degree these signs can help augment these limitations.	Community Wide	78th Precinct Community Council

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32/40	DOT	<i>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a replacement of the existing standard-issue cobra head street lights with appropriate historic replica street lights in the neighborhoods of Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens. Currently, only Atlantic Avenue, Clinton Street and Smith Street in these neighborhoods have such amenities. The balance of the neighborhood's street lights should be replaced to enhance and restore the historic integrity of these landmark districts and historically-sensitive areas.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Cobble Hill Association; Carroll Gardens Neighborhood Association</i>
33/40	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>In addition to the regular cement sidewalk replacement activity, we request that the department broaden its scope to include the option of restoring by contract those sidewalks which include special treatments, notably bluestone material. Not only is bluestone a more durable material with significantly longer life expectancy, it also serves to enhance the historic integrity and value of the community. Many property owners are willing to pay the extra cost to have this option, especially given the City's ability to leverage lower cost through bulk contracting.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Park Slope Civic Council; Cobble Hill Association</i>
34/40	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition and deployment of Variable Message Boards (VMBs), at least one per precinct, to be used to advise the public of upcoming street closures, events, alerts and other vital information that would enhance public safety and preparedness. The strategic placement of VMBs can provide important directions, reduce traffic congestion, and otherwise assist NYPD in messaging information to the public. Precinct Commanders should have the flexibility to deploy VMBs as needed and in response to ongoing changing conditions within the precinct.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>78th Precinct Community Council</i>

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35/40	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the planning and construction of a cross harbor freight tunnel to link New York and New Jersey by rail to 1) provide for the efficient movement of bulk goods through the region, 2) reduce the amount of truck traffic with its corresponding impacts on traffic volumes, air quality, public safety, etc., and 3) expand opportunities for economic growth in the region. Transportation is one of the most significant obstacles to growth in the region, as our bridges, tunnels and highways experience on a daily basis. Without taking advantage of the area's features - its waterfront and untapped rail potential - further economic growth in the region is threatened. Replacing truck use by rail and barge options should be our top priority. (REQUEST IS FOR PANYNJ!)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
36/40	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition, mapping, design and construction of a new City street which would extend Conover Street northward from Pioneer Street to Hamilton Avenue in Red Hook. This new street will not only provide additional capacity to handle the new traffic volumes destined for the cruise ship terminal under construction at Pier 12, but will also provide an alternative for the relocation of the Van Brunt Street leg of the City's local Truck Route network in Red Hook. It will ensure that the local street grid is not only not negatively impacted by the cruise terminal traffic but that it will benefit from relieving Van Brunt Street of trucks and removing the existing conflict by directing trucks closer to the industrial section of the neighborhood.</i>	<i>Conover St Pioneer St Hamilton Ave</i>	<i>NYC Economic Development Corporation</i>
37/40	DSNY	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the relocation of BK2 District Sanitation Garage and Broom Garage into the Community Board 2 district to comply with coterminality requirements of the Charter. In the interim, we encourage the department to explore alternatives at the current garage location at 127 2nd Avenue including the reconstruction of the existing garage (addition of a story?) to fully accommodate all fleet vehicles and equipment off the street and sidewalk and under one roof.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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38/40	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a new park--Columbia Waterfront Park--on the City-owned properties along the westside of Columbia Street between Kane and Degraw Streets. These properties are currently in the Department of Transportation's portfolio but they have agreed to release them for the development of a future park to be built there. Much work has already gone into conceptualizing a park use of the space which, with an adequate budget, can be easily adapted into designs and construction plans.</i>	<i>Columbia St Kane St Degraw St</i>	<i>Brooklyn Greenway Initiative</i>
39/40	SCA	<i>Renovate other site component</i>	<i>Funds in the amount of at least \$150,000 are requested for the design and construction of a soundproofing project at the PS 39 cafeteria at 417 6th Avenue in Park Slope. The tiny cave-like basement cafeteria is the largest open space in the school. The low tin roof and cement walls do little to absorb the loud whir of giant freezers or the noise of the fans used to cool the space due to the lack of air conditioning and window space. When you add more than 350 students during lunchtime the sounds reverberate around the room. The noise drowns out any conversations happening at the tables. By adding wall & ceiling mounted sound panels, extraneous noise will be lessened to manageable levels.</i>	<i>PS 39 417 6th Avenue</i>	<i>Participatory Budget outcome for Council District 39</i>
40/40	SCA	<i>Renovate other site component</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a soundproofing project at the PS 321 gymnasium at 180 7th Avenue in Park Slope. The poor acoustics in the gymnasium prevents it from being effectively used a multi-purpose space in a school that is historically crowded and in need of additional space. A relatively small project to soundproof the gymnasium would enhance school space utilization, making it more suitable for a wider variety of uses.</i>	<i>PS 321 180 7th Avenue</i>	<i>Participatory Budget outcome for Council District 39</i>
CS	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to equip every firehouse with an emergency generator to ensure continuous electrical supply. Firehouses serve as cooling stations during heat emergencies and, in general, serve the public as a critical local public safety facility for emergency and medical services. Maintaining electrical supply is essential both from an operational standpoint and to maintain a high degree of public confidence in the department's ability to provide a safe haven during times of crisis. We lost service to one of our firehouses in Red Hook during Hurricane Sandy, and would suggest that this site become an immediate priority.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to undertake a series of Capital improvements to Prospect Park including, but not limited to: Lakeside Project (\$9 mil additional), Long Meadow ball fields (\$1.2 mil), lighting at Grand Army Plaza and the arch at Grand Army Plaza, and a continuation of traffic improvements at the Grand Army Plaza circle.</i>	<i>Prospect Park</i>	
CS	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to fully fund project #SEK20068 for preliminary design investigations, final design and ultimate repair of the 9th Street and Second Avenue corridors abutting the Gowanus Canal. Issues that need to be addressed include negative and insufficient curbs that have resulted in flooding and drainage problems, defective and missing sidewalks and episodic infrastructure failures on 2nd Ave. Frequent and substantial roadway ponding occurs along 9th Street--a mapped Coastal Evacuation Route--which, coupled with new and growing demands in pedestrian and vehicular traffic, requires that the street be a more reliable emergency traffic conveyor and able to withstand rainfall events without</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Gowanus Alliance</i>
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design and construction of a maritime cultural use at the Atlantic Basin, as we previously suggested, discussed and promised by EDC during and since the development of their Piers 6-12 study for the Brooklyn Waterfront. Many years have lapsed since the study, yet there is no cultural use in place despite the agency's commitments to the community. Funds are needed to provide suitable docking facilities, upland connections and necessary infrastructure (electrical, water, sewage, etc.) to support such a use.</i>	<i>Atlantic Basin</i>	
CS	DEP	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the area wide installation of green infrastructure including, but not limited to, bioswales, offline retention capacities, rain barrels, pervious surface treatments, and other best management practices, to aggressively prevent storm water from entering into the sewer system. Reduction of storm water entry into the system is necessary to reduce the amount of Combined Sewer Overflow events that occur, particularly within the Gowanus watershed area.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Gowanus Canal Conservancy</i>

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1/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to recruit and restore police patrol strength to safeguard the impressive strides in public safety over the past decade. Historically, as crime decreases and budget pressures increase, police staff suffers which begins the downward spiral of public safety and increasing crime. Maintaining a strong police force is even more necessary in the aftermath of 9/11 to ensure public safety and restore a high degree of confidence in keeping and attracting residents, businesses and tourists to the City - all essential to the City's economy. Over the past few years we have seen a dramatic decrease in the size of the police patrol strength at the precinct level and this has the community most alarmed.</i>	Community Wide	76th Precinct Community Council; 78th Precinct Community Council
2/25	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>Funding in the amount of \$450,000 is requested in order for Community Boards to fulfill their Charter mandated roles to plan and advocate for neighborhood needs. An increase in funds will be used to fund the hiring of a full-time urban planner, to keep pace with cost of living adjustments which have never been applied to Community Boards, to upgrade complaint systems software which was previously supplied and supported by prior Administrations and to expand District Office functionality with the purchase of additional equipment and supplies. Increases to budget due to collective bargaining agreements and maintaining the budget at its current level do not address this request; both are effectively negative responses which should trigger a separate letter explaining the agency's position.</i>	Community Wide	The Community Boards of New York City
3/25	ACS	<i>Expand child care services</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to maintain current levels of day care services provided to the district. ACS had previously suggested that an incredibly disproportionate share of cuts be applied to day care services in the Brooklyn CB6 district. 4 out of the 15 centers citywide slated for closure were specifically targeted to the district. Most of these slots are located in facilities directly adjacent to public housing (Red Hook and Gowanus Houses), whose residents rely on these services to enable them to work and/or attend school. Eliminating day care services removes one of the most important safety nets in the community. ACS had not attempted to renegotiate day care center leases, or otherwise lower their operating costs, before deciding to eliminate the service altogether.</i>	Community Wide	

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4/25	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Sufficient funding is requested to increase baseline operating budget allocations in existing senior centers. At a minimum, additional funding is sought to help keep pace with cost of living increases which over time take more and more resources away from the base operating budgets from programming and salary monies. Effectively, by not providing for regular, modest increases the senior centers' budgets are being decreased over time as basic costs only go up. This need is especially pressing with an aging population, as more and more "baby boomers" will be placing increasing demands on these facilities, which is anticipated to increase in the near future.	Community Wide	
5/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	To combat high levels of unemployment, particularly in our Gowanus and Red Hook neighborhoods, coupled with significant Federal changes in the existing public assistance programs, additional focus must be placed on preparing persons for work and expanding work opportunities. Given the far-reaching impact of unemployment and its undesirable effects on health, education and social welfare, it is imperative that front-end investment in human capital occur to ensure local economic utility.	Community Wide	
6/25	DYCD	Increased Funding for COMPASS NYC Programs.	Youth programs continue to play a vital role in the cognitive, social and physical development of our young. Front-end positive investment in our youth defers avoided costs as preventative measures. Community Boards are the best decentralized mechanisms for recommending allocations to locally sponsored programs designed to meet specific neighborhood needs. Additional programmatic funding is requested to expand services to a broader population of youth.	Community Wide	
7/25	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Sufficient funds are requested for NYCHA to issue an RFP to identify and select an operator for the Gowanus Houses Community Center who would engage the community and maintain the site as an active recreation, education and cultural center.	Gowanus Houses Community Center	

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8/25	NYPD	<i>Creation of Quality of Life Detail at 78th Precinct</i>	<i>Sufficient funds, personnel and equipment are needed to create a dedicated Quality of Life Detail for the 78th Precinct to address the ongoing issues related to the increases in night-time activities--especially at local bars and restaurants--which have increased tensions between our residential and business communities. Despite having ample personnel available for details related to large-scale events at the Barclays Center, no such details exist to regularly monitor the impacts of a changing commercial environment as a result of new trends in business land uses, especially in the northern Park Slope area. The precinct must have sufficient resources available to ensure that the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood is maintained and improved.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
9/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to provide for a substantial increase in dedicated Truck Enforcement Program personnel to meet the overwhelming demand in our community for aggressive truck enforcement. Adherence to Truck Routes is necessary to reduce conflicts with, and impact on residential safety and quality of life. To protect and preserve public safety, effective enforcement is needed to combat pervasive and dangerous violations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Red Hook Civic Association</i>
10/25	DPR	<i>Restoration of Parks Maintenance personnel</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to restore Parks Maintenance personnel to provide for vital maintenance and report of Parks facilities. With the added supervisory role Parks Maintenance workers perform through the departmental use of JTP and other volunteer workers, more staff are needed to continue to fulfill the traditional roles and tasks performed by Parks Maintenance staff.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
11/25	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to ensure that every school in the Brooklyn Community Board 6 community district has anti-bullying program resources available to all of the students, staff and parents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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12/25	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to restore the frequency of litter basket service to a minimum of two collections per day, especially on weekends, along busy commercial corridors such as Van Brunt Street, Columbia Street, Court Street, Smith Street, 5th Avenue, 7th Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Flatbush Avenue. Overflowing litter baskets create additional work for the department in discretionary cleaning, contributes to the clogging of catch basins, and results in the unfair issuance of summonses to victims of the strewn litter. Litter on commercial strips negatively contributes to the consumer's shopping experience, detracts from the residents' quality of life, and forces the businesses to shoulder the burden for the City after the mess.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Park Slope Chamber of Commerce; Park Slope Civic Council</i>
13/25	DSNY	<i>Installation of Containerized Garbage Collection System at John Jay Educational Campus</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the design, construction and servicing of a Containerized Garbage Collection System for the John Jay Educational Campus at 237 7th Avenue in Park Slope. Current practice involves placing excessive numbers of garbage bags in the street late afternoons, which are sometimes not collected until the next day, which attracts vermin and vectors, creates odors, and has a tendency to attract additional loose litter and debris. Containerized collection would resolve all of these problems and restore neighbor's quality of life.</i>	<i>John Jay Educational Campus 237 7th Avenue</i>	
14/25	DOT	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for restoration of full-time (non-seasonal) work gangs to respond to year-round routine maintenance calls for potholes and street depressions. There has been a noticeable decrease in productivity and increase in response times in this area attributable to significant loss of manpower. There has also been a significant delay in pothole response times during the winter-spring transition which could be remedied by maintaining more year-round personnel to respond to complaints.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
15/25	NYCHA	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the expansion of NYCHA Maintenance personnel staff, perhaps through the creation of an in-house training program that would take employable NYCHA residents and train them in the skilled trades in an apprenticeship program and workforce development initiative. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates could be placed in maintenance and construction positions in the private market through the NYCHA-REES program.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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16/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Sufficient resources are requested to restore NYPD bicycle patrols. Bicycle patrols provide a low-cost option for policing that combines the best elements of vehicular access with flexible patrol routes. With increased bicycling, and the call for better enforcement of bicycling rules, it would also provide a more convenient way for police to engage other bicyclists in the proper education and enforcement of the rules of the road. Previous bicycle patrols involved the use of vouchered and donated bicycles making this a cost-effective program that should be reinstituted.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>78th Precinct Community Council</i>
17/25	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to restore Parks Recreation personnel to increase the inventory and range of recreation options available particularly to our teenage youth population. With fewer part-time job opportunities and shrinking afterschool programs we are looking to increase the number of constructive options for this population to keep them engaged in productive, supervised activities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
18/25	DPR	<i>Restoration of Parks Forestry personnel</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to hire additional Parks Forestry personnel to regularly address pruning and stump removal to maintain the health and safety of our communities. While the city allocates sufficient money for the continuous planting of new trees increasing the City's inventory of street trees, particularly with the aggressive Million Trees Initiative, corresponding increases in the Parks Forestry Division are a necessary accompaniment to ensure that sufficient resources are available for ongoing maintenance needs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>The Lorax</i>
19/25	DOHMH	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the hire of additional Health/Pest Control Inspectors for initial field evaluations and compliance inspections. At least one inspector per Community Board ought to be assigned to eliminate bottlenecks in Pest Control servicing, ensure that annual inspections of Health-Licensed facilities can occur, improve agency's productivity and reduce response times for complaint investigation.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
20/25	HRA	<i>Other domestic violence services requests</i>	<i>Additional funding is requested to expand the spectrum of services that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence - from counseling to protection to shelter - in order to ensure that adequate resources exist to help this vulnerable population in need. Outreach and promotional materials are needed to reach the population, provide them with convenient access to services and help educate communities on the importance of these services to remove any fear and stigma that may be attached to these facilities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Safe Homes Project</i>

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21/25	LPC	<i>Expansion of Landmarks Inspection Personnel</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to provide for the hire of additional LPC inspection and enforcement personnel to address complaint investigations, improve upon agency response times to requested inspections, and foster a global atmosphere of increased compliance with landmark regulations. Given the expansion of the role of the agency through the broadening of their enforcement powers to include the issuance of civil penalties, an accompanying increase of personnel is necessary to carry out the agency's additional enforcement mandates.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Cobble Hill Association</i>
22/25	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the acquisition, planning and construction of a district wide tourism center, perhaps located at the Red Hook Cruise Ship Terminal, to provide a focal point for the growing tourism industry in our district. Such features as our historic brownstone residential communities (Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Park Slope), Columbia Street, Gowanus and Red Hook waterfront features, Prospect Park, and other local points-of-attraction, are growing in popularity as tourists are flocking more and more to our district. A tourism center that would highlight the cultural, shopping, restaurants and other features of the district will help ensure that marketing and promotion of the district's amenities were fully leveraged.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
23/25	SBS	<i>Other business regulatory assistance requests</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to hire additional Waterfront Enforcement Division personnel, currently 6 persons citywide, to ensure that adequate coverage of the City's 578 miles of waterfront will be preserved and protected. Waterfront Enforcement Division personnel are responsible for enforcing the City's building code for waterfront properties, some of the most valuable and sensitive properties in the City. This would be a good way to reverse the trend of neglect suffered by the City's lack of waterfront development policies over the past few decades, and signify a commitment to the renewed importance of the City's waterfront as an asset and resource to draw from.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance</i>

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 6 Expense Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
24/25	SBS	<i>Support BID formation planning</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to support existing and enable additional groups to embark on feasibility studies and supportive planning activities to move toward the formation of additional Business Improvement Districts (BID) in appropriate commercial and industrial areas. BIDs are proven to be an asset for the City insofar as they provide needed administrative infrastructure designed to support local commerce at the neighborhood level. Furthermore, the expansion of BIDs from the traditional commercial into the industrial sector will enable the City to better protect the fragile manufacturing sector, which often produces higher wage paying jobs, with specialty skills, and reduces the cost of goods in the City by making us less reliant on imports.</i>	Community Wide	
25/25	DPR	<i>Replacement Parks Fleet Vehicles</i>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to ensure the timely replacement of fleet vehicles used in the service of our public parks properties including collection vehicles, repair vehicles, enforcement patrol vehicles, pickup trucks, etc.</i>	Community Wide	