

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

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## Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

Every year, each of New York City's 59 community boards advocate for the needs of its residents and stakeholders by preparing a Statement of Community District (CD) Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. Through this process, community boards share the top issues impacting their neighborhoods and propose capital and expense requests to address those identified needs. I'd like to thank the volunteer members of our community boards and the District Managers who work so hard in leading this essential process and in preparing these reports.

The annual CD Needs process is the product of months of collaboration and public input and is a valuable tool for New Yorkers to participate in neighborhood planning. At the broadest levels, CD Needs offers a critical window into the challenges faced by New Yorkers, and how those challenges may differ across neighborhoods. At a granular level, it provides a forum through which community leaders specify those needs and make recommendations for spending -- which in turn are used by City agencies, elected officials, advocacy groups, and non-profit service providers, among others, to better understand and meet the individual needs of each community board.

Through this year's submissions, we heard the stories of our communities' biggest challenges, such as the human impacts of our housing crisis. In that vein, community boards again selected affordable housing as the most pressing issue citywide, followed by crime and public safety, and parks and open space. Through our online form, community boards generated more than 3,700 budget requests, and for each, one of 28 City agencies responded to indicate whether the request could be accommodated within the upcoming annual budget. This year, in line with our commitment to increasing transparency across the CD Needs process, we are publishing agency responses to these requests in the final section of these reports.

DCP deeply values our partnership with community boards. We remain committed to supporting them by increasing participation in, and improving the transparency of, the CD Needs process. We have received valuable feedback from our community board partners, and we are excited to work with them to continue improving our online submission form, to connect boards with agencies to advance budget request proposals, and to open the form earlier in the calendar year to allow more time for public input and preparation. We look forward to advancing this work with both community boards and City agencies to ensure this is a valuable and productive way to improve our City's neighborhoods and to respond to local community needs.

Sincerely,



## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

## Disclaimer

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

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

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

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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

## New York City

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

## Brooklyn

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

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



## Brooklyn Community District 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	99,617	100.00	130,021	100.00	30,404	30.5	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	15,019	15.1	20,037	15.4	5,018	33.4	0.3
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	99,617	100.0	130,021	100.0	30,404	30.5	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	14,171	14.2	17,036	13.1	2,865	20.2	-1.1
White non-Hispanic	45,970	46.1	62,700	48.2	16,730	36.4	2.1
Black non-Hispanic	27,921	28.0	25,029	19.2	-2,892	-10.4	-8.8
Asian non-Hispanic	7,792	7.8	16,669	12.8	8,877	113.9	5.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	633	0.6	1,380	1.1	747	118.0	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	3,130	3.1	7,207	5.5	4,077	130.3	2.4
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	50,753	100.0	66,998	100.0	16,245	32.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	45,322	89.3	61,221	91.4	15,899	35.1	2.1
Vacant housing units	5,431	10.7	5,777	8.6	346	6.4	-2.1

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community District 2 (BKCD2) consists of Downtown Brooklyn and the surrounding neighborhoods of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Boerum Hill, Fulton Ferry, DUMBO, Vinegar Hill, and the 300-acre Brooklyn Navy Yard industrial complex. Downtown Brooklyn is the third-largest Central Business District in New York City, and the civic center of the most populous County in New York State.

BKCD2 is represented by 2 Congressional Districts, 2 State Senate Districts, 2 State Assembly Districts, and 2 City Council Districts. Its boundaries include 2 NYPD Precincts, and parts of 3 FDNY Fire Battalions, 2 Health Center Districts, and 2 DOE School Districts. This District shares interests with Manhattan Community Districts 1 and 3 along the East River waterfront, and with Brooklyn Community Districts 6 and 8 in the blocks surrounding the 17,000-capacity Barclays Center arena. The District is serviced by a wealth of civic and community facilities:

- Over 100 acres of mapped parkland and public space
- 81 Cultural Organizations including 5 Public Libraries
- 10 Designated Historic Districts
- 8 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
- 7 City, County, State, and Federal Courthouses and the Brooklyn Detention Complex
- Municipal Infrastructure:
  - 1.5 miles (12%) of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE)
  - 85 Parking Lots & Garages
  - 30 City Office Buildings
  - 14 DSNY Solid Waste Drop-Off Facilities
  - 11 MTA subway lines and the Long Island Railroad
  - 11 Rail Yards
  - 11 City Maintenance Facilities
  - 7 Ports & Ferry Landings
  - 4 Wastewater Treatment Sites
  - 2 Telecommunications Facilities
  - 1 Recycling Facility
- Health & Human Services:
  - 26 Hospitals & Clinics
  - 21 Legal Service Organizations
  - 16 Mental Health Centers
  - 11 Senior Service Centers
  - 9 Chemical Dependency Organizations
  - 9 Organizations Serving People with Disabilities
  - 9 Housing & Homeless Services Organizations

- 9 Food Distribution Sites
- 7 Workforce Development Centers
- 4 Residential Health Facilities
- 3 NYCHA Cornerstone Community Centers
- Youth & Education Facilities:
  - 62 Daycare and Pre-K
  - 64 K-12 Schools
  - 22 After-School Centers
  - 52 Youth Literacy & Job Training Centers
  - 16 Vocational Schools
  - 9 Higher Education Institutions
- The 300-acre Brooklyn Navy Yard industrial complex is a waterfront National Historic District which houses over 500 businesses employing 11,000 workers, including the largest U.S. film and television production studio outside of Hollywood.

Most of the neighborhoods in BKCD2 were first developed in the nineteenth century as low-density row houses and low-scale commercial streets. The construction of high-rise buildings accelerated after the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883 and the introduction of elevated rail and streetcar lines. In the early 20th-century multiple subway lines opened in Downtown Brooklyn, which spurred further development of taller residential and commercial buildings until the Great Depression. Since the 2004 rezoning of Downtown Brooklyn, an explosion of high rise development has dramatically changed the housing mix and skyline, including the 2022 completion of the 93-story Brooklyn Tower which is the first “supertall” building in Brooklyn, and the tallest building on Long Island.

According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC’s largest population growths since the 2010 census, with a 31% growth in total residents (130,021) and a 35% growth in total occupied housing units (61,221). This accompanied a substantial shift in demographics including a 33% increase in residents under the age of 18 (20,037 total); and shifts in the number of residents self-identifying as White (62,700 total; +36%), Black (25,029 total; -10%), Hispanic (17,036 total; +20%), Asian (16,669; +114%), Two Or More Races (7,207; +130%), and Non-Hispanic Other (1,380; +118%). The median rent increased 90% from 2015-2019, along with the annual average median income rising to \$100,000.

The District Office received 1,256 budget requests this year as a result of a first-ever public survey. After sorting for duplicates and unqualified requests, the District’s Board voted on the resulting 90 qualified requests to yield the final prioritization of its 40 Capital Requests and 25 Expense Requests. The impacts of the District’s development and demographic trends were evident in our community’s spirited input. Growth is a key indicator of community health, however our community recognizes that this growth requires a proportional increase in affordable housing; transit planning; social services; public safety and sanitation services; and strategies to ensure access and equity for all of our neighbors.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

The City continues to lose affordable units of housing faster than new units can be constructed, and as neighborhoods in BKCD2 continue to gentrify, the crisis is especially acute for our residents. Our young adults can no longer afford to live in the neighborhoods where they were raised, in the neighborhoods they love, and where they have close family ties. Residents should not live in fear that they'll need to leave their neighborhood if they need to change apartments. That fear prevents tenants from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings. According to the COLP (City-Owned & Leased Properties) database, there are 29 city-owned properties up for disposition in BKCD2: (4) existing residential structures, (3) vacant land parcels, and (4) properties leased to private tenants. This Board requests funding for a capacity study of city-owned properties in BKCD2, and a master plan to construct as many affordable housing units as possible.

#### **Crime and public safety**

Petty crime and random violence has increased during the COVID pandemic, and the NYPD is not sufficiently funded to manage this surge in enforcement issues. This District requests significant investment in modern automated enforcement technologies, including more traffic cameras, CCTV, and noise monitors at major intersections and our high-density public spaces. We also request funding for more non-NYPD street patrol units to provide support for our eight Business Improvement District corridors. Small businesses are neither trained nor staffed to manage the frontline mental health issues they are now regularly confronting in the course of conducting their daily business. We need more professionals on the street who are trained to de-escalate crisis situations, enhance public safety and wellness, and prevent crimes before they occur.

#### **Homelessness**

In addition to addressing the public safety and quality of life issues that homelessness generates, we need more entities providing trained outreach and direct services to prevent homelessness from happening. Mobile shower and hygiene vehicles such as LavaMae have been successful in San Francisco and this Board requests consideration of increased funding for these types of street-level direct service interventions that meet those in need where they are. The simple offer of a hot shower can be a compassionate gateway to introducing other kinds of long-term and permanent assistance.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

###### **Services to reduce or prevent homelessness**

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

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the urgency to provide access to mental health care at the point of need. Unfortunately, access to quality mental health care is obstructed by stigma and cost, resulting in many persons remaining untreated. An untreated person is unable to function optimally and many are living in the streets, parks, and subway stations of Downtown Brooklyn. Others may hold jobs but turn to substance abuse. We need more professionals on the street who are trained to de-escalate situations and prevent crises before they occur.

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

The 2010 census recorded 15,433 older adults residing in substantial concentrations in BKCD2. There are 13 residential developments where more than 30% of the residents (3,700 at the time) were aged 60 or older. Of these, seven met government guidelines for designation as Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, or NORCs. In surveys conducted through Community Board 2, nearly all respondents indicated a desire to remain in their homes for as long as possible. More than half responded that they would welcome a nurse or social worker to make regularly scheduled visits to their home.

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

COVID-19 exacerbated the problems of our residents who lack permanent shelter. DHS is encouraged to lower its barriers to permanent housing, and deploy more trained street intervention teams to encourage long-term unhoused persons to accept shelter.

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

The health and well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors are made even more vulnerable during times of crisis. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that economic insecurity and food insecurity have been steadily rising in our District throughout COVID-19. Specifically, the District needs assistance for residents that cannot afford basic protections against extreme weather conditions, and more food distribution sites that are open more days of the week, and for more hours. Our volunteer-led projects have been wonderful during COVID but are struggling to manage capacity and overcome language barriers.

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/40	HHC	<b>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</b>	<i>Funding for a supervised injection site in the District. We recommend allocation of space at the DOHMH clinic at 295 Flatbush or partnering with a local hospital close to Downtown Brooklyn and major transit.</i>	295 Flatbush Ave Ext, Brooklyn, NY 11201
25/40	DHS	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<i>Five mobile shower unit/hygiene vehicles traveling the district weekly. These have become wildly successful permanent programs in other major cities such as San Francisco. The simple offer of a hot shower is a light-weight gateway to accepting other kinds of long-term assistance. The City should invest in outfitting and deploying these units regularly.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Funding for more non-NYPD mental health and crisis street patrol mobile units to provide treatment options and support for small businesses. The increase in homelessness and unmanaged mental health issues is creating a safety issue for our 8 business corridors. Small businesses are neither trained nor staffed to manage the frontline mental health issues they are now regularly confronting in the course of conducting their daily business. We need more professionals on the street who are trained to deescalate crisis situations and prevent crimes before they occur.</i>	
3/26	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<i>Families and seniors need regular and increased access to basic pantry items, fresh produce, and nutritious prepared meals. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, the District needs food distribution sites that are open more days of the week, and for more hours to accommodate third shift and hospitality industry workers.</i>	

4/26	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<i>Families and seniors need regular and increased access to basic pantry items, fresh produce, and nutritious prepared meals. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, the District needs coordinated City support and recognition for the "free fridge" and "free store" projects which have been a huge boon during COVID but which struggle to manage capacity and language barriers relying only on volunteers. They are well loved and utilized projects but need more infrastructure to be sustainable long-term.</i>	
10/26	HHC	<b>Other health care facilities requests</b>	<i>More primary and specialist staffing and expanded hours of the DOHMH Fort Greene Health Clinic. The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we seek environmental solutions, we must also fight for better access to quality care.</i>	295 Flatbush Ave Ext, Brooklyn, NY 11201
12/26	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<i>Increase education and outreach regarding using SNAP benefits at City Green Markets. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, District residents need regular and increased access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable produce.</i>	
13/26	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Incentive programs for landlords, building management, and restaurants to take Rat Academy and educate their tenants and employees. The rats are out of control. Our car parts are being eaten and our sidewalks have eroded from the burrows below. Rats and mice spread over 35 diseases that can infect both people and pets through direct and indirect contact. Apart from the public health hazard, rats can also weaken building structures by gnawing through lead and aluminium sheeting and chewing through electrical wiring, which can start fires by shorting-out appliances or lighting fixtures.</i>	



14/26	HRA	<b>Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers</b>	<i>Funding for climate control assistance for seniors and low-income residents. The health and well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors is increasingly at risk in the new normal of constant extreme weather events; especially those that are low income and may not have access to reliable or affordable air conditioning and heating. This is an equity issue, as well as a long term resiliency issue.</i>
17/26	DOHMH	<b>Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs</b>	<i>Funding for more childcare inspectors. Childcare is too expensive and options are limited, particularly for newborns and infants. Good, affordable childcare is a net positive for everyone. We request increased funding to deploy more qualified inspectors to get new facilities open faster.</i>
24/26	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>More funding for mosquito spraying and accompanying public outreach, education, and notification regarding safety best practices.</i>

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

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

Our youth need more, and higher-quality general enrichment outside of school hours. They need more safe spaces to regularly access positive socialization, health services, nutritious meals, and opportunities to exercise, learn, train, and engage in community. We have excellent libraries, parks, and cultural programming but there are no community centers outside of our Cornerstone facilities, which are all in need of upgrades and modernized operations and programming concepts. This Board recommends significant re-imagination and investment into our Cornerstone community centers to provide quality, qualified, extended-hour, year-round programming.

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

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

The inequality in basic maintenance among the schools in our District is disturbing. Many examples are located just a few blocks apart but the difference in care is worlds apart. The schools near/around NYCHA housing deserve to be maintained in the same manner as the schools in the gentrified portions of the District.

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

Youth unemployment and teen idleness rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school. This Board requests more funding for youth workforce development programs and support services.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>PS 46 needs a facelift. The inequity in basic maintenance between PS 46 and PS 20 is disappointing. They are separated by just 2 blocks but are worlds apart. At PS 46 there is no grass or landscaping other than one sad rosebush. The fence was left half painted, and the path along the side of the school between Clermont and Adelphi floods whenever it rains, to the point of being impassable. The street in front of the school on Adelphi is always littered with garbage, and the recreation courtyard looks like a prison yard with harsh fencing, drab colors, and little consideration of amenities for enrichment.</i>	100 Clermont Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11205
4/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>PS 307 needs a facelift. There is trash and construction debris everywhere which encourages more dumping and litter, and less community stewardship. The areas near/around Farragut NYCHA housing deserve to be maintained in the same manner as the gentrified streets in commercial DUMBO and the Navy Yard.</i>	209 York St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
19/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Renovate the schoolyard at PS 287. This school is utilized by nearly 500 K-8 students but the condition of the recreational yard is poor: uneven and broken surfaces, poorly maintained trees with branches frequently falling onto play surfaces, and general lack of upkeep.</i>	50 Navy St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

21/40	DYCD	<b>Other capital budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Renovate and reimagine our Cornerstone facilities as intergenerational Community Centers and civic halls. There is a need for intergenerational community centers that provide quality, qualified, extended-hour, year-round programming for children, youth, adults, and seniors. We need more safe spaces for young people and seniors to have regular access to socialization, enrichment, health services, nutritious meals, and opportunities to exercise, learn, and engage in community. We have excellent libraries, parks, and cultural programming but there are no community centers outside of our Cornerstone facilities, which are all in need of upgrades and modernized operations and programming concepts.</i>	
22/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Environmentally-informed renovation of shared courtyard at MS 447 &amp; Brooklyn High School for the Arts based on the work of students who have studied the issue with Pratt, GCC, Nature-Based. Students need outside space for outdoor learning, physical education and recess. The courtyard of the school is the primary open space area for over 1,400 students to recreate and gather. The courtyard is impervious concrete with several areas that lead to storm drains. In the last school years, students participated in developing environmentally sound solutions to the concrete space, with the support of environmental leaders and planners from Pratt and Gowanus Conservancy in collaboration with elected officials.</i>	345 Dean St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
30/40	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Fund the proposed PS 20 infrastructure plans including adding an elevator, and building an outdoor learning space on the roof for a school-led sustainable farm.</i>	225 Adelphi St, Brooklyn, NY 11205

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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6/26	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>A full time nurse assigned to every public school. Our youth need the services of full time school nurses to provide critical health care and education, and to support their mental wellness as they continue to navigate the unprecedented circumstances of COVID. Our district suffers from extremely high pediatric asthma rates. Students diagnosed with childhood asthma need support from a trained school nurse to learn how to manage their asthma effectively. The Open Airways program created by the American Lung Association has demonstrated better asthma management, fewer emergency room visits, and increased attendance when implemented with fidelity by school-based professionals. School-based administration of medication prevents the chronic absenteeism which leads to low graduation rates.</i>
8/26	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out</b>	<i>More funding for youth workforce development programs and support services. Youth unemployment and teen idleness rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school.</i>
15/26	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Funding for more 3K outreach, full time workers, and seamless programs offering wrap around services for participants. 3K programs have open seats as a result of lack of availability of after school care. Families eligible for 3K programs frequently do not enroll in these early childhood programs because they are on a school year schedule. Families need after school hours, care during school vacations and holidays. This prevents full employment of parents who cannot find full time services.</i>

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **Traffic violations and enforcement**

Traffic violations have increased during the COVID pandemic, and the NYPD is not sufficiently funded to manage this surge in enforcement issues. Traffic violence kills more people than guns in NYC. There is blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way, which has made walking through the District unsafe even in the daytime. Reckless delivery drivers, e-scooters, and enhanced motorbikes need to be reined in, and bicycles must obey traffic rules. This District requests significant investment in modern automated enforcement technologies, including more traffic cameras, CCTV, and noise monitors at major intersections and our high-density public spaces.

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

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

Our District is intersected by a number of major arterials: the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, Flatbush Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and of course the BQE. This Board requests funding for permanent traffic agents at our major intersections, and more training for our NYPD officers in community policing, community relations, and de-escalation techniques.

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

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/40	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras</b>	<i>More traffic cameras, CCTV, noise monitors, and other AUTOMATED enforcement technology at every major intersection. Traffic infractions and petty crime have soared during the COVID pandemic, and NYPD is not equipped (or always welcomed by the community) to manage the surge in enforcement issues. Automated enforcement technology already exists in other comparable cities, and this Community District requests significant investment in these modern options.</i>	
36/40	NYPD	<b>Add NYPD parking facilities</b>	<i>Funding for safe &amp; proximate parking facilities for 84th &amp; 88th precinct employees. The NYPD has insufficient safe parking proximate to their precinct houses and employees resort to parking on public sidewalks. We respect and honor our public safety colleagues, but this is a decades-long public nuisance that should be reversed as it impedes access to public thoroughfares for seniors, parents with strollers, and residents with special mobility needs; adds to community tensions and attitudes regarding the NYPD; and diminishes the street design of our neighborhoods.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/26	NYPD	<b>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</b>	<i>Provide resources to train officers in community policing, community relations, and deescalation techniques. Better relationships with the community leads to better policing and safer environments. Over the past 30+ years there have been experiments with community policing programs, but without consistency or continuity these efforts are not taken seriously by the NYPD or the public. The Board also encourages the NYPD to study alternatives to blocking precinct sidewalks with personal vehicles. This practice violates the ADA and undermines the public trust.</i>	

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22/26	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>Fund permanent traffic agents at our major intersections on Atlantic, Flatbush, around the BQE, and near the bridges. The district is intersected by a number of major arterials: the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, Flatbush Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and of course the BQE. Our District needs to implement policies and support funding that enhances pedestrian safety.</i>
25/26	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>Funding more traffic enforcement agents. Traffic violence kills more people than guns in NYC. There is blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way, which has made walking through the District unsafe even in the daytime. Reckless delivery drivers, e-scooters, and enhanced motorbikes need to be reined in, and bicycles must obey traffic rules.</i>

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## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

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

Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so these public spaces should set the standard for cleanliness and quality of life. This Board requests significant investment in more fully containerized trash and recycling systems deployed along all of our major business, residential, and recreational corridors.

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

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

The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we fight for more social services, we also need to combat the known causes of environmental pollutants and harmful emissions. This Board requests more air quality monitoring equipment in Downtown Brooklyn, near construction sites, and along the BQE.

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

Consider trash/recycling/compost stations that act as bollards to protect pedestrian crossings. The sanitation system in Madrid is very efficient: they have large multi-use bins in the first parking spot of every major intersection which function as both sanitation/recycling receptacle and pedestrian safety enhancement.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/40	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>More air quality monitoring equipment in Downtown Brooklyn, near construction sites, and along the BQE. The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we fight for more social services, we also need to combat the known causes of environmental pollutants and harmful emissions.</i>	
28/40	DSNY	<b>Other capital budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>Consider trash/recycling/compost stations that act as bollards to protect pedestrian crossings. The sanitation system in Madrid is very efficient: they have large multi-use bins in the first parking spot of every major intersection which function as both sanitation/recycling receptacle and pedestrian safety enhancement. Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so they should be the measuring stick for cleanliness and quality of life. We need robust, fully containerized systems that end the scourge of mountains of garbage infested with rats.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/26	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>More containerized trash and recycling receptacles and pickup service along every BID corridor, every public school, the parks, and NYCHA housing. Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so they should be the measuring stick for cleanliness and quality of life. We need robust, fully containerized systems that end the scourge of mountains of garbage infested with rats.</i>	

18/26	DSNY	<b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>More sanitation service and enforcement under the BQE. Despite coordinated community cleanups, the area under the BQE near the Brooklyn Navy Yard is disgusting and unsafe. Cars are ticketed for parking during street cleaning hours, which the City routinely skips. These conditions have encouraged an increase in illicit activity, homeless encampments, and illegal dumping. The Board requests more regular sanitation service, consistent graffiti removal, a coordinated effort to enforce illegal dumping fines, and a scheduled milling and repainting of the parking surfaces.</i>	Park Ave Navy St Steuben St
21/26	DSNY	<b>Provide or expand community composting programs</b>	<i>Daily pick-ups of compost and universal bin distribution throughout BKCD2 to reduce waste and rat populations. Composting is repeatedly put on hold, or the budget slashed to prioritize other goals. The limited rate of compost pick-ups by DSNY does not allow for this disposal method to become the norm for urban apartment dwellers.</i>	
23/26	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Homeowner subsidies and training for environmental efficiency improvements. Homeowners need incentives, guidelines, and technical advice for bringing residential buildings up to efficiency standards. Programs exist to enable property owners to convert from gas to electric energy and adopt other green technologies, but there is a lack of engagement between the community and the City to spread awareness and participation. Large swaths of the community lack awareness about the programs and there is too much complexity to existing regulations, such as Local Law 97.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **Affordable housing creation**

Affordable housing continues to be the top priority in BKCD2. The City continues to lose affordable units of housing faster than new units can be constructed, and as neighborhoods in BKCD2 continue to gentrify, the crisis is especially acute for our residents. Our young adults can no longer afford to live in the neighborhoods where they were raised, in the neighborhoods they love, and where they have close family ties. Residents should not live in fear that they'll need to leave their neighborhood if they need to change apartments. That fear prevents tenants from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings. According to the COLP (City-Owned & Leased Properties) database, there are 29 city-owned properties up for disposition in BKCD2: (4) existing residential structures, (3) vacant land parcels, and (4) properties leased to private tenants. This Board requests funding for a capacity study of city-owned properties in BKCD2, and a master plan to construct as many affordable housing units as possible.

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

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

The entire district is in need of a comprehensive assessment of its infrastructure and amenities to preserve its history as a diverse and welcoming community for persons of all socio-economic backgrounds.

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

The condition of our City's public housing, in which many families and seniors live, is disgraceful. We need a real commitment to necessary repairs and timely maintenance for public housing residents. The District Office continues to field a steady flow of pleas for improved basic services and maintenance at our NYCHA communities. Safe and clean home environments create more stability, public safety, accessibility, and psychological safety which leads to happier and more secure communities.

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

There are still too many vacant storefronts along all of our 8 Business Improvement Districts, and our District has seen a decline in relations between residential and BID interests. New businesses activities bring new jobs into our District but the benefits of gentrification aren't distributed equitably. Residents want economic recovery and walkable amenities, but development must serve low- and moderate income brackets as well as high income. It is exciting to see the growth of marquee restaurants, but the community is also missing our daily diners, laundromats, and dollar stores. Policies and programs need to be developed and executed so the residents with the greatest need benefit more from the economic vitality of BKCD2.

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	NYCHA	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness. The condition of our City's public housing, in which many families and seniors live, is disgraceful and disgusting. We need a real commitment to necessary repairs and timely maintenance for public housing residents. The District Office continues to field a steady flow of pleas for improved services and maintenance at our NYCHA communities (particularly Farragut, Ingersoll, Whitman), including a general request for repairs to interior and exterior locks to increase public safety, and more regular and timely elevator repairs to maintain full accessibility. Safe and clean home environments create more stability and psychological safety which leads to happier and more secure communities.</i>	
5/26	EDC	<b>Expand programming and activation of City-owned sites</b>	<i>Funding for a capacity study of city-owned properties in BKCD02, and a master plan to construct as many affordable housing units as possible. According to the COLP (City-Owned &amp; Leased Properties) database, there are 29 city-owned properties up for disposition in BKCD2: (4) existing residential structures, (3) vacant land parcels, and (4) properties leased to private tenants. Young adults can no longer afford to live in the neighborhoods where they were raised, in the neighborhoods they love, and where they have close family ties. Residents should not live in fear that they'll need to leave their neighborhood if they have to change apartments. That fear prevents residents from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings.</i>	

9/26	SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<i>More workforce training offered at NYCHA communities, to increase the number of NYCHA residents securing local jobs and registering for DCAS exams. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our District but the benefits of gentrification aren't distributed equitably. Citywide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to increase workforce development for NYCHA residents, including outreach about DCAS exam prep which is a gateway to securing City employment.</i>
26/26	SBS	<b>Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency</b>	<i>Our Main Streets need ongoing support for post-COVID recovery. There are still too many vacant and dilapidated store fronts along all of our 8 Business Improvement Districts, and our District has seen a decline in relations between residential and BID interests in DUMBO and Downtown Brooklyn. Residents want economic recovery and walkable amenities, but they must serve low- and moderate income brackets as well as high income. With more assistance and incentives, post-COVID could be an opportunity for mom and pop businesses to compete with corporate franchises and top shelf concepts. It is exciting to see the growth of marquee restaurants, but the community is also missing our daily diners, laundromats, and dollar stores.</i>

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)**

According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population increases since the 2010 census, with 31% growth to 130,021 total residents. Growth is a key indicator of community health, however this growth requires a proportional increase in transit planning and public safety considerations. Traffic violence kills more people than guns in NYC. There is currently blatant disregard in our District for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way, which has made walking through the District unsafe even in the daytime. Reckless delivery drivers, e-scooters, and enhanced motorbikes need to be reined in, and bicycles must obey traffic rules. This District requests significant investment in modern automated enforcement technologies, including more traffic cameras, CCTV, and noise monitors at major intersections to curb the rising tide of scofflaw offenses that erode our civic life.

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

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

BKCD2 is a highly walkable community, however it is also home to the third-largest Central Business District in New York City, the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, the Brooklyn Queens Expressway, and major Borough and City arterials. Traversing our major streets and crowded sidewalks is difficult for pedestrians of all abilities, and especially intimidating and difficult to navigate for residents with limited mobility. This Board is a strong advocate for infrastructure that improves universal safety and promotes independence and equitable ease of travel for all. This Board requests more traffic calming design and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of our major thoroughfares. We need curb extensions at pedestrian crossings to increase visibility, and raised crosswalks and intersections on local streets. More consideration should be given to bollard design and placements, and we need to allocate more curb space to movement of goods so that delivery vehicles don't block our streets and sidewalks. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, and will encourage more residents to try alternatives to private vehicles.

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

We need elevators or escalators in all subway stations. Stairs are not manageable for all residents. Parents, the elderly, and those with limited mobility have difficulty navigating our public transit system safely.

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>We need elevators or escalators in all subway stations. Stairs are not manageable for all residents. Parents, the elderly, and the disabled have difficulty navigating our public transit system safely.</i>	
5/40	NYCTA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCTA</b>	<i>Create more bus-only lanes and prioritize electric buses for the District. Improving our bus infrastructure will improve Citywide transit efficiency and encourage residents to utilize public transit for local travel instead of private vehicles. Electric buses are quieter and better for air quality, and a better network of bus-only lanes would greatly reduce traffic, increase bus arrival/departure reliability, and connect communities that are disconnected from economic centers. Buses also serve those with mobility needs (parents, elderly, disabled) better than our current subway infrastructure.</i>	
6/40	DOT	<b>Install Real Time Passenger Information signs</b>	<i>Outfit every bus stop with a shelter and a countdown clock. Improving our bus infrastructure will improve Citywide transit efficiency and encourage residents to utilize public transit for local travel instead of private vehicles.</i>	
7/40	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>High Street Station flooding mitigation. This station consistently floods during heavy rain and extreme weather events, which are becoming more common. The city is going to face more extreme events in almost all categories and needs to ramp up protections and diligence.</i>	160 Adams St, Brooklyn, NY 11201



10/40	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>More pedestrian safety and traffic calming design. The current street space share doesn't reflect the community's current modes of transportation or our growing population. Crossing our major streets is a frightening exercise for pedestrians of all abilities. We need curb extensions at pedestrian crossings to increase visibility, and raised crosswalks and intersections on all local streets. More consideration should be given to bollard design and placements, and we need to allocate more curb space to movement of goods so that delivery vehicles don't block our streets.</i>
16/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Protected bike lanes that link the major arteries of the District to the bridges. The growing number of bicyclists in our District need more comprehensive, safer infrastructure. Supporting bicycle use has positive impacts on traffic congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to bike (or learn to bike) because our streets are not designed for bicycle safety. Our District is an essential connection to the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and cyclists must have safe and logical routes to access them, including getting on and off the bridges safely and without crossing pedestrian or vehicular traffic routes.</i>
17/40	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>More curbside charging stations. There are no public electric vehicle charging stations outside of a few plug-in chargers at the Navy Yard. In Brooklyn Heights, the only charging stations on a public street are marked off for use only by the NYC Dept of Emergency Management, which also has numerous charging stations in their private parking lot. The lack of charging stations creates a disincentive for residents to acquire an electric vehicle, as they would be forced to either drive to a different part of the City or pay for parking at expensive private parking garages.</i>

20/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Flushing Avenue needs to be redesigned. Given the growing congestion of high-speed, east-west vehicular and bicycle traffic, and growing numbers of pedestrians attempting to cross to Wegmans, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the water ferry, this thoroughfare has become ever more treacherous. It is an accident waiting to happen. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	Flushing Ave Navy St Williamsburg St W
23/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Flatbush Avenue needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	
29/40	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>More bike racks on our 8 BID corridors and near all subway entrances. The growing number of bicyclists in our District need more comprehensive infrastructure. Supporting bicycle use has positive impacts on traffic congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to bike (or learn to bike) because our streets are not optimized for bicyclist concerns.</i>	
31/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Atlantic Avenue needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	

33/40	DOT	<b>Other capital budget request for DOT</b>	<i>Improve access to ferry service. Ferry service is the fastest and most pleasant way to travel around the City, particularly in the current environment of public safety concerns. The community would like more ferry access points, and more ways to directly access the ferries from the landlocked portions of the District. Please consider dedicated City shuttles, or expanding the Brooklyn Navy Yard "employee and guest" shuttle loop to the general public.</i>
34/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>State Street needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>

#### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/26	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Resident parking program pilot. Many District residents continue to request a Residents Only parking pilot, particularly as concerns about the potential impacts of congestion pricing grow. The District has several Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and these residents are not serviced by bicycle or other public transit options.</i>	

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **Park care and maintenance**

According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population increases since the 2010 census, with 31% growth to 130,021 total residents. Growth is a key indicator of community health, however this growth requires a proportional increase in public space, and equitable maintenance of shared community facilities.

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

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

Every zip code in our District pleaded for more dog parks, and these requests came equally from both dog owners desiring more legal recreational space, as well as from non-dog owners concerned about hygiene and public safety issues in playgrounds and public thoroughfares.

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

227 Duffield is the sole remaining site of a string of Downtown Brooklyn addresses known to be associated with the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. This is an important piece of our local and national heritage that must be preserved and celebrated for future generations. This Board requests significant capital funding to turn this historic site into an Abolitionist Museum.

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

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has far surpassed its original role as a repository for books and a place for quiet study. Today you can access computers, have a snack at the café, participate in cultural or interactive events, receive advice on starting or expanding a business, learn critical technology skills, and many other ad hoc community functions. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth and vulnerable populations continue to grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties. This Board requests significant funding for extended library hours and additional staffing.

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

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/40	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovate Bridge Park 3 (B223JC) next to the Farragut NYCHA complex. Specifically: renovate the dilapidated basketball courts, make official the renegade community garden that has sprung up in the unused bocce courts, reimagine the open space near the handball courts for better community use, and repurpose the underused handball courts as a multi-use hardcourt for affiliated sports including handball, bike polo, pickleball, street soccer, and street hockey. This is a creative adaptive reuse of concrete areas that can be shared by multiple demographics at Farragut and the immediate neighborhood, and has an active Friends Group advocacy group.</i>	132 Bridge St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
8/40	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Replace the crumbling synthetic turf at South Oxford Park. The Board has repeatedly requested replacement of the crumbling and toxic turf at this beloved children's soccer field. Present condition justifies prioritizing this site ahead of any regularly scheduled maintenance plans.</i>	197 S Oxford St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
11/40	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Capital funding for Clinton Hill library renovation. The Clinton Hill library and staff are neighborhood gems. Give them the resources they need to grow, upgrade their aging facility, and operate on par with the other libraries in our District. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties.</i>	380 Washington Ave. at, Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238
12/40	DCLA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</b>	<i>City funding and support for turning 227 Duffield into an Abolitionist Museum. This is the sole remaining site of a string of Downtown Brooklyn addresses known to be associated with the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. This is an important piece of our local and national heritage that must be preserved, celebrated, and leveraged to teach future generations.</i>	227 Duffield St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

14/40	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Capital funding for additional Walt Whitman renovation outfitting. While we celebrate the funding acquired to-date, we request full provisioning for this facility due to this location's historic importance, proximity and importance to the Walt Whitman NYCHA community, and its central location in our District. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties.</i>	93 St Edwards St, Brooklyn, NY 11205
15/40	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>More funding for Underwood Park. Clinton Hill has only Underwood Park and half of the park is inaccessible to the public, locked, and abandoned. Foot traffic clearly indicates need for access to this space.</i>	
18/40	DPR	<b>Improve access to a building in a park</b>	<i>Repair the roof and parapets of the Brooklyn War Memorial so the building can be reopened to the public. The roof and parapets have been leaking for over 25 years and causing damage to the interior.</i>	195 Cadman Plaza W, Brooklyn, NY 11201
26/40	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>	<i>Installation of timed lights and/or a dome at the Fort Greene tennis courts to expand usage hours. Usage of these courts expanded dramatically during COVID because tennis is a naturally socially-distanced sport and it is free at this location. Enhancements to expand usable hours is more cost-effective than building additional courts, and provides secondary safety enhancements through increased park use and traffic before and after full daylight hours.</i>	Dekalb Avenue &, S Portland Ave, 11205
27/40	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Fix the detector on the automatic sprinkler at Walt Whitman Park. The motion detector on/off sensor on the sprinkler has been broken for several years, and users are forced to wait for Parks employees to turn it on and off. Additionally, if the sprinkler remains on for hours, it floods the Department of Emergency Management that is adjacent to the park.</i>	Cadman Plaza E, Brooklyn, NY 11201

32/40	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>	<i>Improved visual signage at all playground entrances to enhance safety and hygiene. The number of households with dogs has continued to boom in our District. Both dog owners AND non-dog owners agree that there are too many dogs in the public parks. While this is an issue of capacity, it is also an issue of safety and hygiene: dogs are relieving themselves on playgrounds and artificial turf, which is not allowed per Parks rules. Entrance signage is missing, inadequate, or confusing which leads to unhygienic conditions and safety concerns for children, and tense relations between dog and child caretakers. The Board proposes widespread implementation of new park signage that clearly indicates "No Dogs Allowed" with a simple visual to assist both dog owners and non-dog owners.</i>	
35/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park in/near Commodore Barry Park. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf.</i>	65 Park Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11201
37/40	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of the Hillside Dog Park. This location has blossomed in the last five years, attracting visitors from across the Borough and even from across the Brooklyn Bridge, but is badly in need of maintenance upgrades including overall mulching, water fountain repairs or replacements, and fencing repairs.</i>	Vine St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
38/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park in Boerum Hill. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf.</i>	



39/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park at University Place, similar to the dog park above Union Square subway station, with fencing, gravel, and drainage infrastructure. Presently, University Place is a neglected eyesore in the midst of the densest growing part of Brooklyn, directly across Flatbush from City Point. A dog park on this site would turn it into an uplifting urban oasis, not only for dog owners and pets, but for all BKCD2 residents, shoppers, and workers passing by, or stopping to rest. The nearest dog park is over a mile away and many residents complain about too many dogs in Fort Greene Park: this would help mitigate that problem. There are 15 active members in the Friends of University Dog Park Friends Group. According to Parks Dept estimate, the cost is \$1.1M.</i>	Flatbush Ave & Fleet St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
40/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park near PS 20 or Willoughby Open Streets. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf. Fort Greene Park is overwhelmed with dogs and a dog run is not possible there due to its Landmark status. Additional facilities along the Willoughby corridor leading to the park would alleviate a growing problem for both dog owners and non-dog owners.</i>	225 Adelphi St, Brooklyn, NY 11205

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/26	BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)</b>	<i>Extend library hours. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs-- particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties. Brooklyn Heights, Walt Whitman, and Clinton Hill branches of particular interest</i>	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/3s">https://goo.gl/maps/3s</a>
16/26	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Fort Greene Park is overcrowded. Fort Greene Park is over subscribed and becoming increasingly unpleasant and unmanaged. Funding for park safety patrols must match the increase in usage.</i>	Dekalb Avenue & S Portland Ave, 11205



## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>We need elevators or escalators in all subway stations. Stairs are not manageable for all residents. Parents, the elderly, and the disabled have difficulty navigating our public transit system safely.</i>	
2/40	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovate Bridge Park 3 (B223JC) next to the Farragut NYCHA complex. Specifically: renovate the dilapidated basketball courts, make official the renegade community garden that has sprung up in the unused bocce courts, reimagine the open space near the handball courts for better community use, and repurpose the underused handball courts as a multi-use hardcourt for affiliated sports including handball, bike polo, pickleball, street soccer, and street hockey. This is a creative adaptive reuse of concrete ares that can be shared by multiple demographics at Farragut and the immediate neighborhood, and has an active Friends Group advocacy group.</i>	132 Bridge St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
3/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>PS 46 needs a facelift. The inequity in basic maintenance between PS 46 and PS 20 is disappointing. They are separated by just 2 blocks but are worlds apart. At PS 46 there is no grass or landscaping other than one sad rosebush. The fence was left half painted, and the path along the side of the school between Clermont and Adelphi floods whenever it rains, to the point of being impassable. The street in front of the school on Adelphi is always littered with garbage, and the recreation courtyard looks like a prison yard with harsh fencing, drab colors, and little consideration of amenities for enrichment.</i>	100 Clermont Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11205

4/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>PS 307 needs a facelift. There is trash and construction debris everywhere which encourages more dumping and litter, and less community stewardship. The areas near/around Farragut NYCHA housing deserve to be maintained in the same manner as the gentrified streets in commercial DUMBO and the Navy Yard.</i>	209 York St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
5/40	NYCTA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCTA</b>	<i>Create more bus-only lanes and prioritize electric buses for the District. Improving our bus infrastructure will improve Citywide transit efficiency and encourage residents to utilize public transit for local travel instead of private vehicles. Electric buses are quieter and better for air quality, and a better network of bus-only lanes would greatly reduce traffic, increase bus arrival/departure reliability, and connect communities that are disconnected from economic centers. Buses also serve those with mobility needs (parents, elderly, disabled) better than our current subway infrastructure.</i>	
6/40	DOT	<b>Install Real Time Passenger Information signs</b>	<i>Outfit every bus stop with a shelter and a countdown clock. Improving our bus infrastructure will improve Citywide transit efficiency and encourage residents to utilize public transit for local travel instead of private vehicles.</i>	
7/40	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>High Street Station flooding mitigation. This station consistently floods during heavy rain and extreme weather events, which are becoming more common. The city is going to face more extreme events in almost all categories and needs to ramp up protections and diligence.</i>	160 Adams St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
8/40	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Replace the crumbling synthetic turf at South Oxford Park. The Board has repeatedly requested replacement of the crumbling and toxic turf at this beloved children's soccer field. Present condition justifies prioritizing this site ahead of any regularly scheduled maintenance plans.</i>	197 S Oxford St, Brooklyn, NY 11217

9/40	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>More air quality monitoring equipment in Downtown Brooklyn, near construction sites, and along the BQE. The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we fight for more social services, we also need to combat the known causes of environmental pollutants and harmful emissions.</i>	
10/40	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>More pedestrian safety and traffic calming design. The current street space share doesn't reflect the community's current modes of transportation or our growing population. Crossing our major streets is a frightening exercise for pedestrians of all abilities. We need curb extensions at pedestrian crossings to increase visibility, and raised crosswalks and intersections on all local streets. More consideration should be given to bollard design and placements, and we need to allocate more curb space to movement of goods so that delivery vehicles don't block our streets.</i>	
11/40	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Capital funding for Clinton Hill library renovation. The Clinton Hill library and staff are neighborhood gems. Give them the resources they need to grow, upgrade their aging facility, and operate on par with the other libraries in our District. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties.</i>	380 Washington Ave. at, Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238
12/40	DCLA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</b>	<i>City funding and support for turning 227 Duffield into an Abolitionist Museum. This is the sole remaining site of a string of Downtown Brooklyn addresses known to be associated with the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. This is an important piece of our local and national heritage that must be preserved, celebrated, and leveraged to teach future generations.</i>	227 Duffield St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

13/40	HHC	<b>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</b>	<i>Funding for a supervised injection site in the District. We recommend allocation of space at the DOHMH clinic at 295 Flatbush or partnering with a local hospital close to Downtown Brooklyn and major transit.</i>	295 Flatbush Ave Ext, Brooklyn, NY 11201
14/40	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Capital funding for additional Walt Whitman renovation outfitting. While we celebrate the funding acquired to-date, we request full provisioning for this facility due to this location's historic importance, proximity and importance to the Walt Whitman NYCHA community, and its central location in our District. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties.</i>	93 St Edwards St, Brooklyn, NY 11205
15/40	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>More funding for Underwood Park. Clinton Hill has only Underwood Park and half of the park is inaccessible to the public, locked, and abandoned. Foot traffic clearly indicates need for access to this space.</i>	
16/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Protected bike lanes that link the major arteries of the District to the bridges. The growing number of bicyclists in our District need more comprehensive, safer infrastructure. Supporting bicycle use has positive impacts on traffic congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to bike (or learn to bike) because our streets are not designed for bicycle safety. Our District is an essential connection to the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and cyclists must have safe and logical routes to access them, including getting on and off the bridges safely and without crossing pedestrian or vehicular traffic routes.</i>	

17/40	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>More curbside charging stations. There are no public electric vehicle charging stations outside of a few plug-in chargers at the Navy Yard. In Brooklyn Heights, the only charging stations on a public street are marked off for use only by the NYC Dept of Emergency Management, which also has numerous charging stations in their private parking lot. The lack of charging stations creates a disincentive for residents to acquire an electric vehicle, as they would be forced to either drive to a different part of the City or pay for parking at expensive private parking garages.</i>	
18/40	DPR	<b>Improve access to a building in a park</b>	<i>Repair the roof and parapets of the Brooklyn War Memorial so the building can be reopened to the public. The roof and parapets have been leaking for over 25 years and causing damage to the interior.</i>	195 Cadman Plaza W, Brooklyn, NY 11201
19/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Renovate the schoolyard at PS 287. This school is utilized by nearly 500 K-8 students but the condition of the recreational yard is poor: uneven and broken surfaces, poorly maintained trees with branches frequently falling onto play surfaces, and general lack of upkeep.</i>	50 Navy St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
20/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Flushing Avenue needs to be redesigned. Given the growing congestion of high-speed, east-west vehicular and bicycle traffic, and growing numbers of pedestrians attempting to cross to Wegmans, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the water ferry, this thoroughfare has become ever more treacherous. It is an accident waiting to happen. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	Flushing Ave Navy St Williamsburg St W

21/40	DYCD	<b>Other capital budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Renovate and reimagine our Cornerstone facilities as intergenerational Community Centers and civic halls. There is a need for intergenerational community centers that provide quality, qualified, extended-hour, year-round programming for children, youth, adults, and seniors. We need more safe spaces for young people and seniors to have regular access to socialization, enrichment, health services, nutritious meals, and opportunities to exercise, learn, and engage in community. We have excellent libraries, parks, and cultural programming but there are no community centers outside of our Cornerstone facilities, which are all in need of upgrades and modernized operations and programming concepts.</i>	
22/40	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Environmentally-informed renovation of shared courtyard at MS 447 &amp; Brooklyn High School for the Arts based on the work of students who have studied the issue with Pratt, GCC, Nature-Based. Students need outside space for outdoor learning, physical education and recess. The courtyard of the school is the primary open space area for over 1,400 students to recreate and gather. The courtyard is impervious concrete with several areas that lead to storm drains. In the last school years, students participated in developing environmentally sound solutions to the concrete space, with the support of environmental leaders and planners from Pratt and Gowanus Conservancy in collaboration with elected officials.</i>	345 Dean St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
23/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Flatbush Avenue needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	



24/40	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras</b>	<i>More traffic cameras, CCTV, noise monitors, and other AUTOMATED enforcement technology at every major intersection. Traffic infractions and petty crime have soared during the COVID pandemic, and NYPD is not equipped (or always welcomed by the community) to manage the surge in enforcement issues. Automated enforcement technology already exists in other comparable cities, and this Community District requests significant investment in these modern options.</i>	
25/40	DHS	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<i>Five mobile shower unit/hygiene vehicles traveling the district weekly. These have become wildly successful permanent programs in other major cities such as San Francisco. The simple offer of a hot shower is a light-weight gateway to accepting other kinds of long-term assistance. The City should invest in outfitting and deploying these units regularly.</i>	
26/40	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>	<i>Installation of timed lights and/or a dome at the Fort Greene tennis courts to expand usage hours. Usage of these courts expanded dramatically during COVID because tennis is a naturally socially-distanced sport and it is free at this location. Enhancements to expand usable hours is more cost-effective than building additional courts, and provides secondary safety enhancements through increased park use and traffic before and after full daylight hours.</i>	Dekalb Avenue &, S Portland Ave, 11205
27/40	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Fix the detector on the automatic sprinkler at Walt Whitman Park. The motion detector on/off sensor on the sprinkler has been broken for several years, and users are forced to wait for Parks employees to turn it on and off. Additionally, if the sprinkler remains on for hours, it floods the Department of Emergency Management that is adjacent to the park.</i>	Cadman Plaza E, Brooklyn, NY 11201



28/40	DSNY	<b>Other capital budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>Consider trash/recycling/compost stations that act as bollards to protect pedestrian crossings. The sanitation system in Madrid is very efficient: they have large multi-use bins in the first parking spot of every major intersection which function as both sanitation/recycling receptacle and pedestrian safety enhancement. Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so they should be the measuring stick for cleanliness and quality of life. We need robust, fully containerized systems that end the scourge of mountains of garbage infested with rats.</i>	
29/40	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>More bike racks on our 8 BID corridors and near all subway entrances. The growing number of bicyclists in our District need more comprehensive infrastructure. Supporting bicycle use has positive impacts on traffic congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to bike (or learn to bike) because our streets are not optimized for bicyclist concerns.</i>	
30/40	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Fund the proposed PS 20 infrastructure plans including adding an elevator, and building an outdoor learning space on the roof for a school-led sustainable farm.</i>	225 Adelphi St, Brooklyn, NY 11205
31/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Atlantic Avenue needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	

32/40	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>	<i>Improved visual signage at all playground entrances to enhance safety and hygiene. The number of households with dogs has continued to boom in our District. Both dog owners AND non-dog owners agree that there are too many dogs in the public parks. While this is an issue of capacity, it is also an issue of safety and hygiene: dogs are relieving themselves on playgrounds and artificial turf, which is not allowed per Parks rules. Entrance signage is missing, inadequate, or confusing which leads to unhygienic conditions and safety concerns for children, and tense relations between dog and child caretakers. The Board proposes widespread implementation of new park signage that clearly indicates "No Dogs Allowed" with a simple visual to assist both dog owners and non-dog owners.</i>	
33/40	DOT	<b>Other capital budget request for DOT</b>	<i>Improve access to ferry service. Ferry service is the fastest and most pleasant way to travel around the City, particularly in the current environment of public safety concerns. The community would like more ferry access points, and more ways to directly access the ferries from the landlocked portions of the District. Please consider dedicated City shuttles, or expanding the Brooklyn Navy Yard "employee and guest" shuttle loop to the general public.</i>	
34/40	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>State Street needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	
35/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park in/near Commodore Barry Park. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf.</i>	65 Park Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11201

36/40	NYPD	<b>Add NYPD parking facilities</b>	<i>Funding for safe &amp; proximate parking facilities for 84th &amp; 88th precinct employees. The NYPD has insufficient safe parking proximate to their precinct houses and employees resort to parking on public sidewalks. We respect and honor our public safety colleagues, but this is a decades-long public nuisance that should be reversed as it impedes access to public thoroughfares for seniors, parents with strollers, and residents with special mobility needs; adds to community tensions and attitudes regarding the NYPD; and diminishes the street design of our neighborhoods.</i>	
37/40	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of the Hillside Dog Park. This location has blossomed in the last five years, attracting visitors from across the Borough and even from across the Brooklyn Bridge, but is badly in need of maintenance upgrades including overall mulching, water fountain repairs or replacements, and fencing repairs.</i>	Vine St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
38/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park in Boerum Hill. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf.</i>	
39/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park at University Place, similar to the dog park above Union Square subway station, with fencing, gravel, and drainage infrastructure. Presently, University Place is a neglected eyesore in the midst of the densest growing part of Brooklyn, directly across Flatbush from City Point. A dog park on this site would turn it into an uplifting urban oasis, not only for dog owners and pets, but for all BKCD2 residents, shoppers, and workers passing by, or stopping to rest. The nearest dog park is over a mile away and many residents complain about too many dogs in Fort Greene Park: this would help mitigate that problem. There are 15 active members in the Friends of University Dog Park Friends Group. According to Parks Dept estimate, the cost is \$1.1M.</i>	Flatbush Ave &, Fleet St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

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40/40	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construction of a dog park near PS 20 or Willoughby Open Streets. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf. Fort Greene Park is overwhelmed with dogs and a dog run is not possible there due to tis Landmark status. Additional facilities along the Willoughby corridor leading to the park would alleviate a growing problem for both dog owners and non-dog owners.</i>	225 Adelphi St, Brooklyn, NY 11205
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## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	NYCHA	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness. The condition of our City's public housing, in which many families and seniors live, is disgraceful and disgusting. We need a real commitment to necessary repairs and timely maintenance for public housing residents. The District Office continues to field a steady flow of pleas for improved services and maintenance at our NYCHA communities (particularly Farragut, Ingersoll, Whitman), including a general request for repairs to interior and exterior locks to increase public safety, and more regular and timely elevator repairs to maintain full accessibility. Safe and clean home environments create more stability and psychological safety which leads to happier and more secure communities.</i>	
2/26	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Funding for more non-NYPD mental health and crisis street patrol mobile units to provide treatment options and support for small businesses. The increase in homelessness and unmanaged mental health issues is creating a safety issue for our 8 business corridors. Small businesses are neither trained nor staffed to manage the frontline mental health issues they are now regularly confronting in the course of conducting their daily business. We need more professionals on the street who are trained to deescalate crisis situations and prevent crimes before they occur.</i>	
3/26	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<i>Families and seniors need regular and increased access to basic pantry items, fresh produce, and nutritious prepared meals. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, the District needs food distribution sites that are open more days of the week, and for more hours to accommodate third shift and hospitality industry workers.</i>	

4/26	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<p><i>Families and seniors need regular and increased access to basic pantry items, fresh produce, and nutritious prepared meals. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, the District needs coordinated City support and recognition for the "free fridge" and "free store" projects which have been a huge boon during COVID but which struggle to manage capacity and language barriers relying only on volunteers. They are well loved and utilized projects but need more infrastructure to be sustainable long-term.</i></p>
5/26	EDC	<b>Expand programming and activation of City-owned sites</b>	<p><i>Funding for a capacity study of city-owned properties in BKCD02, and a master plan to construct as many affordable housing units as possible. According to the COLP (City-Owned &amp; Leased Properties) database, there are 29 city-owned properties up for disposition in BKCD2: (4) existing residential structures, (3) vacant land parcels, and (4) properties leased to private tenants. Young adults can no longer afford to live in the neighborhoods where they were raised, in the neighborhoods they love, and where they have close family ties. Residents should not live in fear that they'll need to leave their neighborhood if they have to change apartments. That fear prevents residents from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings.</i></p>
6/26	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<p><i>A full time nurse assigned to every public school. Our youth need the services of full time school nurses to provide critical health care and education, and to support their mental wellness as they continue to navigate the unprecedented circumstances of COVID. Our district suffers from extremely high pediatric asthma rates. Students diagnosed with childhood asthma need support from a trained school nurse to learn how to manage their asthma effectively. The Open Airways program created by the American Lung Association has demonstrated better asthma management, fewer emergency room visits, and increased attendance when implemented with fidelity by school-based professionals. School-based administration of medication prevents the chronic absenteeism which leads to low graduation rates.</i></p>

7/26	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>More containerized trash and recycling receptacles and pickup service along every BID corridor, every public school, the parks, and NYCHA housing. Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so they should be the measuring stick for cleanliness and quality of life. We need robust, fully containerized systems that end the scourge of mountains of garbage infested with rats.</i>	
8/26	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out</b>	<i>More funding for youth workforce development programs and support services. Youth unemployment and teen idleness rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school.</i>	
9/26	SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<i>More workforce training offered at NYCHA communities, to increase the number of NYCHA residents securing local jobs and registering for DCAS exams. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our District but the benefits of gentrification aren't distributed equitably. Citywide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to increase workforce development for NYCHA residents, including outreach about DCAS exam prep which is a gateway to securing City employment.</i>	
10/26	HHC	<b>Other health care facilities requests</b>	<i>More primary and specialist staffing and expanded hours of the DOHMH Fort Greene Health Clinic. The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we seek environmental solutions, we must also fight for better access to quality care.</i>	295 Flatbush Ave Ext, Brooklyn, NY 11201
11/26	BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)</b>	<i>Extend library hours. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs-- particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties. Brooklyn Heights, Walt Whitman, and Clinton Hill branches of particular interest</i>	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/3s">https://goo.gl/maps/3s</a>



12/26	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<i>Increase education and outreach regarding using SNAP benefits at City Green Markets. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, District residents need regular and increased access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable produce.</i>	
13/26	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Incentive programs for landlords, building management, and restaurants to take Rat Academy and educate their tenants and employees. The rats are out of control. Our car parts are being eaten and our sidewalks have eroded from the burrows below. Rats and mice spread over 35 diseases that can infect both people and pets through direct and indirect contact. Apart from the public health hazard, rats can also weaken building structures by gnawing through lead and aluminium sheeting and chewing through electrical wiring, which can start fires by shorting-out appliances or lighting fixtures.</i>	
14/26	HRA	<b>Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers</b>	<i>Funding for climate control assistance for seniors and low-income residents. The health and well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors is increasingly at risk in the new normal of constant extreme weather events; especially those that are low income and may not have access to reliable or affordable air conditioning and heating. This is an equity issue, as well as a long term resiliency issue.</i>	
15/26	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Funding for more 3K outreach, full time workers, and seamless programs offering wrap around services for participants. 3K programs have open seats as a result of lack of availability of after school care. Families eligible for 3K programs frequently do not enroll in these early childhood programs because they are on a school year schedule. Families need after school hours, care during school vacations and holidays. This prevents full employment of parents who cannot find full time services.</i>	
16/26	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Fort Greene Park is overcrowded. Fort Greene Park is over subscribed and becoming increasingly unpleasant and unmanaged. Funding for park safety patrols must match the increase in usage.</i>	Dekalb Avenue &, S Portland Ave, 11205



17/26	DOHMH	<b>Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs</b>	<i>Funding for more childcare inspectors. Childcare is too expensive and options are limited, particularly for newborns and infants. Good, affordable childcare is a net positive for everyone. We request increased funding to deploy more qualified inspectors to get new facilities open faster.</i>	
18/26	DSNY	<b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>More sanitation service and enforcement under the BQE. Despite coordinated community cleanups, the area under the BQE near the Brooklyn Navy Yard is disgusting and unsafe. Cars are ticketed for parking during street cleaning hours, which the City routinely skips. These conditions have encouraged an increase in illicit activity, homeless encampments, and illegal dumping. The Board requests more regular sanitation service, consistent graffiti removal, a coordinated effort to enforce illegal dumping fines, and a scheduled milling and repainting of the parking surfaces.</i>	Park Ave Navy St Steuben St
19/26	NYPD	<b>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</b>	<i>Provide resources to train officers in community policing, community relations, and deescalation techniques. Better relationships with the community leads to better policing and safer environments. Over the past 30+ years there have been experiments with community policing programs, but without consistency or continuity these efforts are not taken seriously by the NYPD or the public. The Board also encourages the NYPD to study alternatives to blocking precinct sidewalks with personal vehicles. This practice violates the ADA and undermines the public trust.</i>	
20/26	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Resident parking program pilot. Many District residents continue to request a Residents Only parking pilot, particularly as concerns about the potential impacts of congestion pricing grow. The District has several Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and these residents are not serviced by bicycle or other public transit options.</i>	

21/26	DSNY	<b>Provide or expand community composting programs</b>	<i>Daily pick-ups of compost and universal bin distribution throughout BKCD2 to reduce waste and rat populations. Composting is repeatedly put on hold, or the budget slashed to prioritize other goals. The limited rate of compost pick-ups by DSNY does not allow for this disposal method to become the norm for urban apartment dwellers.</i>
22/26	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>Fund permanent traffic agents at our major intersections on Atlantic, Flatbush, around the BQE, and near the bridges. The district is intersected by a number of major arterials: the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, Flatbush Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and of course the BQE. Our District needs to implement policies and support funding that enhances pedestrian safety.</i>
23/26	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Homeowner subsidies and training for environmental efficiency improvements. Homeowners need incentives, guidelines, and technical advice for bringing residential buildings up to efficiency standards. Programs exist to enable property owners to convert from gas to electric energy and adopt other green technologies, but there is a lack of engagement between the community and the City to spread awareness and participation. Large swaths of the community lack awareness about the programs and there is too much complexity to existing regulations, such as Local Law 97.</i>
24/26	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>More funding for mosquito spraying and accompanying public outreach, education, and notification regarding safety best practices.</i>
25/26	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>Funding more traffic enforcement agents. Traffic violence kills more people than guns in NYC. There is blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way, which has made walking through the District unsafe even in the daytime. Reckless delivery drivers, e-scooters, and enhanced motorbikes need to be reined in, and bicycles must obey traffic rules.</i>

**Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency**

*Our Main Streets need ongoing support for post-COVID recovery. There are still too many vacant and dilapidated store fronts along all of our 8 Business Improvement Districts, and our District has seen a decline in relations between residential and BID interests in DUMBO and Downtown Brooklyn. Residents want economic recovery and walkable amenities, but they must serve low- and moderate income brackets as well as high income. With more assistance and incentives, post-COVID could be an opportunity for mom and pop businesses to compete with corporate franchises and top shelf concepts. It is exciting to see the growth of marquee restaurants, but the community is also missing our daily diners, laundromats, and dollar stores.*

## 8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

### Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>We need elevators or escalators in all subway stations. Stairs are not manageable for all residents. Parents, the elderly, and the disabled have difficulty navigating our public transit system safely.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
02/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate Bridge Park 3 (B223JC) next to the Farragut NYCHA complex. Specifically: renovate the dilapidated basketball courts, make official the renegade community garden that has sprung up in the unused bocce courts, reimagine the open space near the handball courts for better community use, and repurpose the underused handball courts as a multi-use hardcourt for affiliated sports including handball, bike polo, pickleball, street soccer, and street hockey. This is a creative adaptive reuse of concrete areas that can be shared by multiple demographics at Farragut and the immediate neighborhood, and has an active Friends Group advocacy group.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
03/40	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>PS 46 needs a facelift. The inequity in basic maintenance between PS 46 and PS 20 is disappointing. They are separated by just 2 blocks but are worlds apart. At PS 46 there is no grass or landscaping other than one sad rosebush. The fence was left half painted, and the path along the side of the school between Clermont and Adelphi floods whenever it rains, to the point of being impassable. The street in front of the school on Adelphi is always littered with garbage, and the recreation courtyard looks like a prison yard with harsh fencing, drab colors, and little consideration of amenities for enrichment.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
04/40	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>PS 307 needs a facelift. There is trash and construction debris everywhere which encourages more dumping and litter, and less community stewardship. The areas near/around Farragut NYCHA housing deserve to be maintained in the same manner as the gentrified streets in commercial DUMBO and the Navy Yard.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
05/40	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Create more bus-only lanes and prioritize electric buses for the District. Improving our bus infrastructure will improve Citywide transit efficiency and encourage residents to utilize public transit for local travel instead of private vehicles. Electric buses are quieter and better for air quality, and a better network of bus-only lanes would greatly reduce traffic, increase bus arrival/departure reliability, and connect communities that are disconnected from economic centers. Buses also serve those with mobility needs (parents, elderly, disabled) better than our current subway infrastructure.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

06/40	DOT	Install Real Time Passenger Information signs	<i>Outfit every bus stop with a shelter and a countdown clock. Improving our bus infrastructure will improve Citywide transit efficiency and encourage residents to utilize public transit for local travel instead of private vehicles.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
07/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>High Street Station flooding mitigation. This station consistently floods during heavy rain and extreme weather events, which are becoming more common. The city is going to face more extreme events in almost all categories and needs to ramp up protections and diligence.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
08/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Replace the crumbling synthetic turf at South Oxford Park. The Board has repeatedly requested replacement of the crumbling and toxic turf at this beloved children's soccer field. Present condition justifies prioritizing this site ahead of any regularly scheduled maintenance plans.</i>	This project has not been funded.
09/40	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>More air quality monitoring equipment in Downtown Brooklyn, near construction sites, and along the BQE. The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we fight for more social services, we also need to combat the known causes of environmental pollutants and harmful emissions.</i>	DOHMH has jurisdiction over air monitoring for the City. Please direct this request to them for response.
10/40	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>More pedestrian safety and traffic calming design. The current street space share doesn't reflect the community's current modes of transportation or our growing population. Crossing our major streets is a frightening exercise for pedestrians of all abilities. We need curb extensions at pedestrian crossings to increase visibility, and raised crosswalks and intersections on all local streets. More consideration should be given to bollard design and placements, and we need to allocate more curb space to movement of goods so that delivery vehicles don't block our streets.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

11/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Capital funding for Clinton Hill library renovation. The Clinton Hill library and staff are neighborhood gems. Give them the resources they need to grow, upgrade their aging facility, and operate on par with the other libraries in our District. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
12/40	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	<i>City funding and support for turning 227 Duffield into an Abolitionist Museum. This is the sole remaining site of a string of Downtown Brooklyn addresses known to be associated with the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. This is an important piece of our local and national heritage that must be preserved, celebrated, and leveraged to teach future generations.</i>	More information is required, specifically each request must be tied to one organization, and mention a specific project.
13/40	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Funding for a supervised injection site in the District. We recommend allocation of space at the DOHMH clinic at 295 Flatbush or partnering with a local hospital close to Downtown Brooklyn and major transit.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
14/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Capital funding for additional Walt Whitman renovation outfitting. While we celebrate the funding acquired to-date, we request full provisioning for this facility due to this location's historic importance, proximity and importance to the Walt Whitman NYCHA community, and its central location in our District. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties.</i>	Partial funding for this request already exists. The BPL requests new funding for the additional components. Contact the BPL for additional information.
15/40	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>More funding for Underwood Park. Clinton Hill has only Underwood Park and half of the park is inaccessible to the public, locked, and abandoned. Foot traffic clearly indicates need for access to this space.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
16/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Protected bike lanes that link the major arteries of the District to the bridges. The growing number of bicyclists in our District need more comprehensive, safer infrastructure. Supporting bicycle use has positive impacts on traffic congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to bike (or learn to bike) because our streets are not designed for bicycle safety. Our District is an essential connection to the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and cyclists must have safe and logical routes to access them, including getting on and off the bridges safely and without crossing pedestrian or vehicular traffic routes.</i>	Project has been completed; please remove from future Budget Requests.

17/40	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>More curbside charging stations. There are no public electric vehicle charging stations outside of a few plug-in chargers at the Navy Yard. In Brooklyn Heights, the only charging stations on a public street are marked off for use only by the NYC Dept of Emergency Management, which also has numerous charging stations in their private parking lot. The lack of charging stations creates a disincentive for residents to acquire an electric vehicle, as they would be forced to either drive to a different part of the City or pay for parking at expensive private parking garages.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
18/40	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>Repair the roof and parapets of the Brooklyn War Memorial so the building can be reopened to the public. The roof and parapets have been leaking for over 25 years and causing damage to the interior.</i>	This project has not been funded.
19/40	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Renovate the schoolyard at PS 287. This school is utilized by nearly 500 K-8 students but the condition of the recreational yard is poor: uneven and broken surfaces, poorly maintained trees with branches frequently falling onto play surfaces, and general lack of upkeep.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
20/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Flushing Avenue needs to be redesigned. Given the growing congestion of high-speed, east-west vehicular and bicycle traffic, and growing numbers of pedestrians attempting to cross to Wegmans, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the water ferry, this thoroughfare has become ever more treacherous. It is an accident waiting to happen. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
21/40	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>Renovate and reimagine our Cornerstone facilities as intergenerational Community Centers and civic halls. There is a need for intergenerational community centers that provide quality, qualified, extended-hour, year-round programming for children, youth, adults, and seniors. We need more safe spaces for young people and seniors to have regular access to socialization, enrichment, health services, nutritious meals, and opportunities to exercise, learn, and engage in community. We have excellent libraries, parks, and cultural programming but there are no community centers outside of our Cornerstone facilities, which are all in need of upgrades and modernized operations and programming concepts.</i>	DYCD neither receives nor distributes capital funds.



22/40	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Environmentally-informed renovation of shared courtyard at MS 447 &amp; Brooklyn High School for the Arts based on the work of students who have studied the issue with Pratt, GCC, Nature-Based. Students need outside space for outdoor learning, physical education and recess. The courtyard of the school is the primary open space area for over 1,400 students to recreate and gather. The courtyard is impervious concrete with several areas that lead to storm drains. In the last school years, students participated in developing environmentally sound solutions to the concrete space, with the support of environmental leaders and planners from Pratt and Gowanus Conservancy in collaboration with elected officials.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
23/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Flatbush Avenue needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
24/40	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>More traffic cameras, CCTV, noise monitors, and other AUTOMATED enforcement technology at every major intersection. Traffic infractions and petty crime have soared during the COVID pandemic, and NYPD is not equipped (or always welcomed by the community) to manage the surge in enforcement issues. Automated enforcement technology already exists in other comparable cities, and this Community District requests significant investment in these modern options.</i>	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.
25/40	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Five mobile shower unit/hygiene vehicles traveling the district weekly. These have become wildly successful permanent programs in other major cities such as San Francisco. The simple offer of a hot shower is a light-weight gateway to accepting other kinds of long-term assistance. The City should invest in outfitting and deploying these units regularly.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
26/40	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Installation of timed lights and/or a dome at the Fort Greene tennis courts to expand usage hours. Usage of these courts expanded dramatically during COVID because tennis is a naturally socially-distanced sport and it is free at this location. Enhancements to expand usable hours is more cost-effective than building additional courts, and provides secondary safety enhancements through increased park use and traffic before and after full daylight hours.</i>	This would have to be a concession.



27/40	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Fix the detector on the automatic sprinkler at Walt Whitman Park. The motion detector on/off sensor on the sprinkler has been broken for several years, and users are forced to wait for Parks employees to turn it on and off. Additionally, if the sprinkler remains on for hours, it floods the Department of Emergency Management that is adjacent to the park.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
28/40	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Consider trash/recycling/compost stations that act as bollards to protect pedestrian crossings. The sanitation system in Madrid is very efficient: they have large multi-use bins in the first parking spot of every major intersection which function as both sanitation/recycling receptacle and pedestrian safety enhancement. Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so they should be the measuring stick for cleanliness and quality of life. We need robust, fully containerized systems that end the scourge of mountains of garbage infested with rats.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
29/40	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>More bike racks on our 8 BID corridors and near all subway entrances. The growing number of bicyclists in our District need more comprehensive infrastructure. Supporting bicycle use has positive impacts on traffic congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to bike (or learn to bike) because our streets are not optimized for bicyclist concerns.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
30/40	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund the proposed PS 20 infrastructure plans including adding an elevator, and building an outdoor learning space on the roof for a school-led sustainable farm.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
31/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Atlantic Avenue needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

32/40	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Improved visual signage at all playground entrances to enhance safety and hygiene. The number of households with dogs has continued to boom in our District. Both dog owners AND non-dog owners agree that there are too many dogs in the public parks. While this is an issue of capacity, it is also an issue of safety and hygiene: dogs are relieving themselves on playgrounds and artificial turf, which is not allowed per Parks rules. Entrance signage is missing, inadequate, or confusing which leads to unhygienic conditions and safety concerns for children, and tense relations between dog and child caretakers. The Board proposes widespread implementation of new park signage that clearly indicates "No Dogs Allowed" with a simple visual to assist both dog owners and non-dog owners.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
33/40	EDC	Other capital budget request	<i>Improve access to ferry service. Ferry service is the fastest and most pleasant way to travel around the City, particularly in the current environment of public safety concerns. The community would like more ferry access points, and more ways to directly access the ferries from the landlocked portions of the District. Please consider dedicated City shuttles, or expanding the Brooklyn Navy Yard "employee and guest" shuttle loop to the general public.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
34/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>State Street needs to be redesigned. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes of this major Borough thoroughfare. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, but many residents are still afraid to leave their private vehicles because our streets are not designed for multi-modal safety.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
35/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Construction of a dog park in/near Commodore Barry Park. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf.</i>	Not included in the master plan.
36/40	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Funding for safe &amp; proximate parking facilities for 84th &amp; 88th precinct employees. The NYPD has insufficient safe parking proximate to their precinct houses and employees resort to parking on public sidewalks. We respect and honor our public safety colleagues, but this is a decades-long public nuisance that should be reversed as it impedes access to public thoroughfares for seniors, parents with strollers, and residents with special mobility needs; adds to community tensions and attitudes regarding the NYPD; and diminishes the street design of our neighborhoods.</i>	Each Patrol Borough enforces traffic laws as needed as a result of traffic conditions and community complaints.

37/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovation of the Hillside Dog Park. This location has blossomed in the last five years, attracting visitors from across the Borough and even from across the Brooklyn Bridge, but is badly in need of maintenance upgrades including overall mulching, water fountain repairs or replacements, and fencing repairs.</i>	This project has not been funded.
38/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Construction of a dog park in Boerum Hill. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf.</i>	This project has not been funded.
39/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Construction of a dog park at University Place, similar to the dog park above Union Square subway station, with fencing, gravel, and drainage infrastructure. Presently, University Place is a neglected eyesore in the midst of the densest growing part of Brooklyn, directly across Flatbush from City Point. A dog park on this site would turn it into an uplifting urban oasis, not only for dog owners and pets, but for all BKCD2 residents, shoppers, and workers passing by, or stopping to rest. The nearest dog park is over a mile away and many residents complain about too many dogs in Fort Greene Park: this would help mitigate that problem. There are 15 active members in the Friends of University Dog Park Friends Group. According to Parks Dept estimate, the cost is \$1.1M.</i>	This project has not been funded.
40/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Construction of a dog park near PS 20 or Willoughby Open Streets. There are insufficient dog parks in this area which leads to dogs being exercised and relieved in park playgrounds and artificial turf. Fort Greene Park is overwhelmed with dogs and a dog run is not possible there due to its Landmark status. Additional facilities along the Willoughby corridor leading to the park would alleviate a growing problem for both dog owners and non-dog owners.</i>	This project has not been funded.

## Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/26	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness. The condition of our City's public housing, in which many families and seniors live, is disgraceful and disgusting. We need a real commitment to necessary repairs and timely maintenance for public housing residents. The District Office continues to field a steady flow of pleas for improved services and maintenance at our NYCHA communities (particularly Farragut, Ingersoll, Whitman), including a general request for repairs to interior and exterior locks to increase public safety, and more regular and timely elevator repairs to maintain full accessibility. Safe and clean home environments create more stability and psychological safety which leads to happier and more secure communities.</i>	This request cannot be funded in FY 2024. Resubmit for consideration in FY 2025.
02/26	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Funding for more non-NYPD mental health and crisis street patrol mobile units to provide treatment options and support for small businesses. The increase in homelessness and unmanaged mental health issues is creating a safety issue for our 8 business corridors. Small businesses are neither trained nor staffed to manage the frontline mental health issues they are now regularly confronting in the course of conducting their daily business. We need more professionals on the street who are trained to deescalate crisis situations and prevent crimes before they occur.</i>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.
03/26	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>Families and seniors need regular and increased access to basic pantry items, fresh produce, and nutritious prepared meals. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, the District needs food distribution sites that are open more days of the week, and for more hours to accommodate third shift and hospitality industry workers.</i>	Please note, particularly during the COVID pandemic, HRA benefits are available on-line through AccessHRA. HRA has hundreds of community partners that enroll community residents in a vast number of programs through this portal, which is more efficient than in-person transactions. The organization can utilize the portal itself to help its residents expeditiously, including enrollment in SNAP and assistance finding other benefits, such as food pantries.

04/26	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>Families and seniors need regular and increased access to basic pantry items, fresh produce, and nutritious prepared meals. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, the District needs coordinated City support and recognition for the "free fridge" and "free store" projects which have been a huge boon during COVID but which struggle to manage capacity and language barriers relying only on volunteers. They are well loved and utilized projects but need more infrastructure to be sustainable long-term.</i>	Please note, particularly during the COVID pandemic, HRA benefits are available on-line through AccessHRA. HRA has hundreds of community partners that enroll community residents in a vast number of programs through this portal, which is more efficient than in-person transactions. The organization can utilize the portal itself to help its residents expeditiously, including enrollment in SNAP and assistance finding other benefits, such as food pantries.
05/26	EDC	Expand programming and activation of City-owned sites	<i>Funding for a capacity study of city-owned properties in BKCD02, and a master plan to construct as many affordable housing units as possible. According to the COLP (City-Owned &amp; Leased Properties) database, there are 29 city-owned properties up for disposition in BKCD2: (4) existing residential structures, (3) vacant land parcels, and (4) properties leased to private tenants. Young adults can no longer afford to live in the neighborhoods where they were raised, in the neighborhoods they love, and where they have close family ties. Residents should not live in fear that they'll need to leave their neighborhood if they have to change apartments. That fear prevents residents from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
06/26	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>A full time nurse assigned to every public school. Our youth need the services of full time school nurses to provide critical health care and education, and to support their mental wellness as they continue to navigate the unprecedented circumstances of COVID. Our district suffers from extremely high pediatric asthma rates. Students diagnosed with childhood asthma need support from a trained school nurse to learn how to manage their asthma effectively. The Open Airways program created by the American Lung Association has demonstrated better asthma management, fewer emergency room visits, and increased attendance when implemented with fidelity by school-based professionals. School-based administration of medication prevents the chronic absenteeism which leads to low graduation rates.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
07/26	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>More containerized trash and recycling receptacles and pickup service along every BID corridor, every public school, the parks, and NYCHA housing. Most New Yorkers interact with public spaces on sidewalks so they should be the measuring stick for cleanliness and quality of life. We need robust, fully containerized systems that end the scourge of mountains of garbage infested with rats.</i>	Submission contains multiple requests which agency cannot appropriately address with a single response code.

08/26	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>More funding for youth workforce development programs and support services. Youth unemployment and teen idleness rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school.</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
09/26	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>More workforce training offered at NYCHA communities, to increase the number of NYCHA residents securing local jobs and registering for DCAS exams. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our District but the benefits of gentrification aren't distributed equitably. Citywide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to increase workforce development for NYCHA residents, including outreach about DCAS exam prep which is a gateway to securing City employment.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
10/26	DOHMH	Other health care facilities requests	<i>More primary and specialist staffing and expanded hours of the DOHMH Fort Greene Health Clinic. The incidence of asthma and related chronic medical conditions in our District remains acute, due to a lack of affordable, equitable, professional health care. While we seek environmental solutions, we must also fight for better access to quality care.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
11/26	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	<i>Extend library hours. We need all of our public libraries to be open as much as possible, and fully provisioned to serve as modern, welcoming, and vibrant community hubs--particularly as our youth grapple with post-COVID recovery and ongoing social uncertainties. Brooklyn Heights, Walt Whitman, and Clinton Hill branches of particular interest</i>	BPL supports this project as requested by the community board. However, City funded financial support is necessary to undertake this project.
12/26	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>Increase education and outreach regarding using SNAP benefits at City Green Markets. Data from our mutual aid groups confirms that food insecurity has been steadily rising in our District. Specifically, District residents need regular and increased access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable produce.</i>	HRA continues to maintain funding for SNAP outreach.
13/26	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Incentive programs for landlords, building management, and restaurants to take Rat Academy and educate their tenants and employees. The rats are out of control. Our car parts are being eaten and our sidewalks have eroded from the burrows below. Rats and mice spread over 35 diseases that can infect both people and pets through direct and indirect contact. Apart from the public health hazard, rats can also weaken building structures by gnawing through lead and aluminium sheeting and chewing through electrical wiring, which can start fires by shorting-out appliances or lighting fixtures.</i>	This is not within DOHMH jurisdiction

14/26	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	<i>Funding for climate control assistance for seniors and low-income residents. The health and well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors is increasingly at risk in the new normal of constant extreme weather events; especially those that are low income and may not have access to reliable or affordable air conditioning and heating. This is an equity issue, as well as a long term resiliency issue.</i>	The HEAP provides heating and cooling equipment for seniors who are eligible. HEAP also provides repairs and replacements.
15/26	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Funding for more 3K outreach, full time workers, and seamless programs offering wrap around services for participants. 3K programs have open seats as a result of lack of availability of after school care. Families eligible for 3K programs frequently do not enroll in these early childhood programs because they are on a school year schedule. Families need after school hours, care during school vacations and holidays. This prevents full employment of parents who cannot find full time services.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
16/26	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Fort Greene Park is overcrowded. Fort Greene Park is over subscribed and becoming increasingly unpleasant and unmanaged. Funding for park safety patrols must match the increase in usage.</i>	This would require a larger expense budget.
17/26	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Funding for more childcare inspectors. Childcare is too expensive and options are limited, particularly for newborns and infants. Good, affordable childcare is a net positive for everyone. We request increased funding to deploy more qualified inspectors to get new facilities open faster.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
18/26	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>More sanitation service and enforcement under the BQE. Despite coordinated community cleanups, the area under the BQE near the Brooklyn Navy Yard is disgusting and unsafe. Cars are ticketed for parking during street cleaning hours, which the City routinely skips. These conditions have encouraged an increase in illicit activity, homeless encampments, and illegal dumping. The Board requests more regular sanitation service, consistent graffiti removal, a coordinated effort to enforce illegal dumping fines, and a scheduled milling and repainting of the parking surfaces.</i>	This is not a budget request. The matter in question is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy. Contact the Department of Sanitation to determine how best to resolve this issue.
19/26	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>Provide resources to train officers in community policing, community relations, and deescalation techniques. Better relationships with the community leads to better policing and safer environments. Over the past 30+ years there have been experiments with community policing programs, but without consistency or continuity these efforts are not taken seriously by the NYPD or the public. The Board also encourages the NYPD to study alternatives to blocking precinct sidewalks with personal vehicles. This practice violates the ADA and undermines the public trust.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.



20/26	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Resident parking program pilot. Many District residents continue to request a Residents Only parking pilot, particularly as concerns about the potential impacts of congestion pricing grow. The District has several Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and these residents are not serviced by bicycle or other public transit options.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
21/26	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Daily pick-ups of compost and universal bin distribution throughout BKCD2 to reduce waste and rat populations. Composting is repeatedly put on hold, or the budget slashed to prioritize other goals. The limited rate of compost pick-ups by DSNY does not allow for this disposal method to become the norm for urban apartment dwellers.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
22/26	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Fund permanent traffic agents at our major intersections on Atlantic, Flatbush, around the BQE, and near the bridges. The district is intersected by a number of major arterials: the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, Flatbush Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and of course the BQE. Our District needs to implement policies and support funding that enhances pedestrian safety.</i>	Each Patrol Borough enforces traffic laws as needed as a result of traffic conditions and community complaints.
23/26	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Homeowner subsidies and training for environmental efficiency improvements. Homeowners need incentives, guidelines, and technical advice for bringing residential buildings up to efficiency standards. Programs exist to enable property owners to convert from gas to electric energy and adopt other green technologies, but there is a lack of engagement between the community and the City to spread awareness and participation. Large swaths of the community lack awareness about the programs and there is too much complexity to existing regulations, such as Local Law 97.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
24/26	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>More funding for mosquito spraying and accompanying public outreach, education, and notification regarding safety best practices.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
25/26	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Funding more traffic enforcement agents. Traffic violence kills more people than guns in NYC. There is blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way, which has made walking through the District unsafe even in the daytime. Reckless delivery drivers, e-scooters, and enhanced motorbikes need to be reined in, and bicycles must obey traffic rules.</i>	Each Patrol Borough enforces traffic laws as needed as a result of traffic conditions and community complaints.



26/26	SBS	Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency	<p><i>Our Main Streets need ongoing support for post-COVID recovery. There are still too many vacant and dilapidated store fronts along all of our 8 Business Improvement Districts, and our District has seen a decline in relations between residential and BID interests in DUMBO and Downtown Brooklyn. Residents want economic recovery and walkable amenities, but they must serve low- and moderate income brackets as well as high income. With more assistance and incentives, post-COVID could be an opportunity for mom and pop businesses to compete with corporate franchises and top shelf concepts. It is exciting to see the growth of marquee restaurants, but the community is also missing our daily diners, laundromats, and dollar stores.</i></p>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
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