

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

Fiscal Year 2027

**STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT
NEEDS**

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) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Brooklyn

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

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

Brooklyn Community District 9

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	98,429	100.00	102,000	100.00	3,571	3.6	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	22,580	22.9	19,983	19.6	-2,597	-11.5	-3.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	98,429	100.0	102,000	100.0	3,571	3.6	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	9,157	9.3	10,478	10.3	1,321	14.4	1.0
White non-Hispanic	18,825	19.1	28,532	28.0	9,707	51.6	8.9
Black non-Hispanic	66,958	68.0	52,807	51.8	-14,151	-21.1	-16.2
Asian non-Hispanic	1,214	1.2	2,640	2.6	1,426	117.5	1.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	604	0.6	2,279	2.2	1,675	277.3	1.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,671	1.7	5,264	5.2	3,593	215.0	3.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	38,710	100.0	41,694	100.0	2,984	7.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	36,831	95.1	39,338	94.3	2,507	6.8	-0.8
Vacant housing units	1,879	4.9	2,356	5.7	477	25.4	0.8

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 9 comprises the neighborhoods of Crown Heights South, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Wingate, and portions of North Flatbush. Our geographic boundaries run from Eastern Parkway to the north, Washington and Ocean Avenues to the west, Clarkson Avenue to the south, and Utica, Rochester, and East New York Avenues to the east.

CD 9 is home to many of Brooklyn's prominent cultural and academic institutions, including Prospect Park, the Brooklyn Museum, the Jewish Children's Museum, Medgar Evers College, Kings County Hospital, and SUNY Downstate.

Reflecting the diversity of Central Brooklyn, recent data show that approximately 54 % of the district's residents identify as non-Hispanic Black or African American, 27 % identify as non-Hispanic White, and about 10.7 % identify as Hispanic (of any race). Additionally, approximately 32.6 % of residents are foreign-born. This rich array of backgrounds — racial, ethnic, and immigrant — is a defining strength of our community and contributes to the dynamic character and heritage of our respective neighborhoods.

As a Community Board, we bring focus to issues affecting or that could affect the welfare of the district and start community discussion on how to address established issues or concerns. We ask the City and our elected officials to prioritize the needs of our district needs statement as they underscore the voice and priorities of the community.

As District Manager of the Community Board, I would like to thank the Board staff for their countless hours to the Board, community, and Borough of Brooklyn; thanks Mia Hilton and Allison Henry!

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 9

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9 ZONING PRINCIPLES

CD9 blocks are extremely diverse, ranging from one story commercial strips to 2 story 19th century single family detached homes or attached townhouses, to 6 story rent stabilized 1920's apartment buildings, to tower in the park style 1960's – 1980's NYCHA and Mitchell Lama developments. All have their own unique character defined by many aspects of the built environment that often go beyond height and density, such as front yards, setbacks, open space, streetscapes, and beloved businesses and essential retail. Zoning plans must consider each block and each community individually and in detail. Height limits should be calibrated to the context of the community.

- For blocks characterized by a consistent street scape and similar height buildings, this means infill buildings should be the same height.
- For blocks with a mixed context that includes some taller apartment buildings as well as small homes, infill developments should not exceed the 50 ft height of the majority of buildings in CD9
- Where viable buildings of historic interest were purchased and demolished within the last 20 years, new housing should match the heights & densities of demolished housing.
- In all instances, but particularly for large full block developments or blocks without an established context because they consist mostly of vacant lots expected to be redeveloped, shadow and visual impacts and light, air and privacy for nearby private properties and sunlight sensitive public resources should be considered in determining the appropriate heights and densities of new buildings.
- That means the height and bulk of buildings, the width of the street, and the positioning relative to other sites must be considered. Even if no such impacts are caused, buildings taller than 90 ft. may be too tall given the district wide context.
- Demolition and Redevelopment Zoning in CD9 should encourage preservation and productive use of existing housing and businesses, and residential and commercial stability, rather than redevelopment, long-term warehousing of space, and high rates of population and business turnover.
- Allowable density limits should match built densities (and other land use restrictions such as landmarking and deed restrictions) as closely as possible on most blocks.
- As many blocks have a mixed context of some higher density apartment buildings and some lower density homes, zoning districts should be calibrated as finely as possible to groups of buildings, but if necessary, should favor preservation of all residential buildings rather than "compliance".
- Based on discussions with property owners and tenants on individual blocks, density limits should allow for limited expansion of homes on certain blocks; however built density of most lots should not be less than 50% of allowable density in order to prevent demolitions.
- CD9 should encourage individual building owners to seek zoning variances for bulk relief if the broader zoning scheme causes hardship.
- Where blocks which include existing housing have already been recently upzoned (for example the Franklin Avenue corridor) to permit greater development, tenants should be immediately protected with right to remain and anti-harassment policies, and a preservation area should be created similar to the ones declared for the Special Clinton district which requires (1) notice to HPD and a certificate of no harassment before the building owner can receive a DOB permit for full or partial demolition
- (2) Requirement that all demolished floor area be replaced with the same or greater floor area at the same or lower rents (and regulated if the original floor area was regulated) in the new development, with existing tenants given the right to remain
- (3) The property owner must begin construction of the new building within 12 months of applying for the demolition or partial demolition permit.

This statement should not be construed to imply that we do not support these protections for all tenants in CB9 or that such protections should be granted only in cases of upzoning.

Community Benefit Upzonings Should Create Public Benefit

- With the exception of minimal enlargements that would be permitted by Board of Standards and Appeals variance, any zoning changes that allow for additional residential FAR or conversion of nonresidential to

residential space, should mandate deep affordability targeting 30–50% AMI; we strongly discourage luxury only development. • Any zoning changes that allow for additional commercial FAR, or conversion of non-commercial space to commercial space, should mandate community benefits such as a percentage of permanent (non-construction) jobs including the higher paying jobs which are created, be reserved for CB9 residents and/ or affordable rents for local small business. Publicly Owned land must be used for public benefit • The choice of whether to use public land for housing, economic development, green space, community facilities, essential municipal services or other public priorities should be based on extensive stakeholder input including those residents living on and closest to the site, and reflect public needs, priorities, and constraints identified by district and city level comprehensive planning. • When new as of right residential development takes place on public land, it should be 100% affordable including deep affordability • Any zoning changes or dispositions of public land, including NYCHA and state or federal owned land, should go through a full public engagement and environmental review process beginning with our community boards and requiring public debate and transparent approvals by democratically elected bodies. Tax Exempt Land must be used for public benefit • Faith Based and other nonprofit owned land or any property owner which has been exempt from property taxes for an extended period of time should be subject to mandatory affordable housing requirements if and when they or a successive owner choose to develop their land for residential housing; however such housing may be reserved for the employees or clients of the non-profit.

Infrastructure resiliency

Infrastructure resiliency remains a major issue throughout the district. Infrastructure resiliency includes street conditions/roadway, street bridge, mass transit maintenance and infrastructure; street flooding; maintenance and cleanliness of institutions, natural assets, and public space. Flooding has been a chronic issue mostly affecting homeowners throughout the district. DEP should work directly with the community board and homeowners who experience chronic flooding due to outdated infrastructure, clogged catch basins, and other barriers to create a plan to address flooding in low-lying areas. Streets and sidewalks connect our blocks. Brooklyn Community Board 9, separate from residents, but in the same spirit, has been requesting traffic mitigating measures to address speeding on our streets throughout the district. Requests submitted by the community board and by our constituents for speed bumps and additional traffic calming measures around the district have languished in the "study" phase for years or have been denied by the NYC Department of Transportation Brooklyn's Borough Office for not "meeting" citing criteria. With what seems to be a lack of overall enforcement for violators violating local laws, residents are worried about the consistent speeding of vehicles and e-bikes on our streets and sidewalks also affects adjacent community districts. The Brooklyn Bus Redesign and the Flatbush Priority Project are opportunities to address longstanding issues to bus and train service and to connect riders to the network. Large infrastructure projects add significant volume to dense spaces. With the rise in the older adult population and pace of as-of-right development, its imperative the infrastructure is in place to accommodate the future growth.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Unsanitary sidewalk conditions has been noted as a major concern for residents and small business owners for decades. Overflowing trash cans, the lack of trash receptacles, occasional missed garbage collection, and rat sightings are making it unpleasant to walk along commercial stretches. The City needs to prioritize the sanitation budget to ensure our communities remain habitable spaces for residents and guests. Negative street and sidewalk conditions on the corridors of Flatbush, Franklin, Nostrand, Rogers, Bedford, Kingston, and Utica Avenues hinder these corridors from seeing or meeting its economic potential. There are 0 BIDs or active merchant associations housed in CD9 to fund supplemental cleaning services along our commercial strips meaning we need the City to take a more active approach to educate small business owners on their cleaning to the curb responsibilities. Additionally, it's understood there is a parking issue in our district, but motorize failing to move their vehicles for alternate side parking is preventing some residential blocks from receiving the full benefits of ASL. Sanitation is a quality of life issue we all

share. Our streets deserve to be clean and free of bags and garbage like other neighbors in this city. If the City is unable to provide adequate funding due to the ongoing asylum crisis affecting the city, the State of New York should work with the city to creating funding avenues to address the gaps in service. AFTER ALL, WE ARE ALL NEW YORKERS.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

Since, at the time of this report, the federal government had not authorized New York State to disperse November 2025 SNAP to recipients, the vulnerability of underserved residents in our district is heightened. Ethnic minority groups experience higher rates of poor health and disease for a range of health conditions. We need an infusion of programming that promotes healthier eating and health screenings, and provides access to healthy education in our schools, libraries, and throughout the district and surrounding communities.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Education in healthcare remains the most vital tool in combating chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes and asthma that effect an alarming portion of the population of the district. The preservation of SUNY Downstate, though not located in our district, is a priority one as our residents use the facility as a primary health provider. Additionally, the City must ensure Kings County has the resources and space to handle overflow from SUNY Downstate during their transformation. And, Kings County is also infused with funding to ensure it's preservation and growth in our district.

Needs for Older NYs

Many adults fear losing self-sufficiency as they age, senior centers are a pivotal part of their social live and a home base of sorts to obtain supportive services as they age in place. We need continued and increased funding of our senior centers to enable them to offer a wide range of services information on health services, tech education, recreational activities, volunteer opportunities and other social interaction. Fostering such environments allows for the preservation of dignity, promotion of independence and the inclusion of a social support system thereby reducing loneliness and depression.

Needs for Homeless

CB9 has certainly produced its fair share of housing and providing shelter to those in need. Shelters continue to be built in Community Board 9 without targeted funding allocated to provide housing assistance to the individuals that reside there. We request more resources to handle the increased needs of this population.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 2	Renovate or upgrade a senior center
DFTA	2 / 2	Renovate or upgrade a senior center
DHS	1 / 1	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless
DOHMH	1 / 2	Other programs to address public health issues requests
DOHMH	2 / 2	Other programs to address public health issues requests
HHC	CS	Modernize Kings County Hospital

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 4	Enhance educational and recreational programs
DFTA	2 / 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA
DFTA	3 / 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA
DFTA	4 / 4	Enhance NORC programs and health services
DHS	1 / 1	Expand street outreach
DOHMH	1 / 4	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.
DOHMH	2 / 4	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
DOHMH	3 / 4	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.
DOHMH	4 / 4	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

DOE District 17 completely engulfs the boundaries of Community District 9. Community District 9 is dealing with major gaps in education. A real issue is our schools are not receiving enough funding to create, maintain, and enhance learning environments for students and parents. Students need access to more cultural, academic, extracurricular, and economic programming to ensure they are equipped with the information and knowledge to succeed in school and thereafter. There are hardly any free after-school programs for students to participate to keep their attention focused on personal and professional development in the midst of peers.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

The schools in Community District 9 need to be reinvigorated. There needs to be increased funding of the IDEA, so that students who require early intervention services can be identified and serviced. Many of our students get lost and left behind in a large classroom setting. We need our class sizes reduced to allow for teacher to truly connect and monitor the progress of their students. The Department of Education should create incentives to attract and retain personnel, including teachers, related services personnel, special education providers.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 3	Other educational programs requests
DOE	2 / 3	Assign more teaching staff
DOE	3 / 3	Other expense budget request for DOE
DYCD	1 / 3	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)
DYCD	2 / 3	Other expense budget request for DYCD
DYCD	3 / 3	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

The NYPD needs to double down in establishing themselves as a trusted community partner for our residents. The removal of NCO's (Neighborhood Coordinating Officers) has changed how precincts and the police department interact with residents and their issues. A number of respondents from a previous district needs survey noted the lack of presence of the precinct in the community as an overall concern. As our district continues to grow in population and size and buildings continue to be erected, it is crucial the city directs funding and resources to the 71st Precinct to address response time and bolster community relations with the public.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

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

Needs for Emergency Services

New York City Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are 24/7, meaning they need the proper resources to handle issues nonstop. With EMS being understaffed, workers are tied up handling current emergencies. The system suffers from a lack of financial investment and an aging fleet, which adds to delays across the network.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
NYPD	1 / 3	Illegal Cannabis - Sheriffs Office
NYPD	2 / 3	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	3 / 3	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 3	Other NYPD staff resources requests
NYPD	2 / 3	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing
NYPD	3 / 3	Hire additional crossing guards

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community District 9 is suffering from overflowing garbage cans, an excessive amount of litter on sidewalks and street curbs, and increased rat and rodent sightings. To be clear, the NYC Department of Sanitation (BK9) garage is absolute fantastic and we want to thank them for working to keep our streets and sidewalks clean with minimal resources. Sanitation and unsanitary sidewalk and street conditions are brought to our attention nearly everyday. Another round of budget cuts are looming due to the ongoing asylum seeker crisis. Additional funding for DSNY, prioritizing collection frequency and ASP, is crucial to the cleanliness of our district and the wellbeing of those who visit it.

In CD9, we have major festivals every year that draw hundreds of thousands of people to the district. With large amounts of people converging on the district, we need additional resources prior to prepare logistically and to quickly address created quality of life issues from the activities.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

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

Needs for Sanitation Services

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

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers
DEP	2 / 2	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed
DSNY	1 / 3	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure
DSNY	2 / 3	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
DSNY	3 / 3	Other capital budget request for DSNY

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Clean catch basins
DEP	2 / 2	Other expense budget request for DEP
DSNY	1 / 6	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers
DSNY	2 / 6	Other enforcement requests
DSNY	3 / 6	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
DSNY	4 / 6	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
DSNY	5 / 6	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules
DSNY	6 / 6	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Affordable housing creation

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9 ZONING PRINCIPLES

CD9 blocks are extremely diverse, ranging from one story commercial strips to 2 story 19th century single family detached homes or attached townhouses, to 6 story rent stabilized 1920's apartment buildings, to tower in the park style 1960's – 1980's NYCHA and Mitchell Lama developments. All have their own unique character defined by many aspects of the built environment that often go beyond height and density, such as front yards, setbacks, open space, streetscapes, and beloved businesses and essential retail. Zoning plans must consider each block and each community individually and in detail.

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

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Needs for Land Use

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

Needs for Housing

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

Needs for Economic Development

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

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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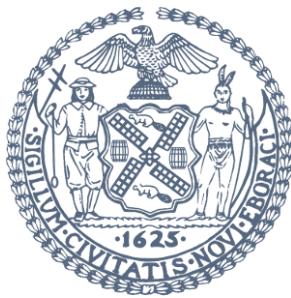
CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 2	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts
EDC	2 / 2	Municipal Parking Garage
HPD	1 / 4	Provide more housing for seniors
HPD	2 / 4	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless
HPD	3 / 4	Provide more housing for medium income households
HPD	4 / 4	Provide more housing for seniors

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCP	1 / 5	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs
DCP	3 / 5	Increased community board training, including on core land use process and practices
DCP	4 / 5	Other zoning and land use requests
DCP	5 / 5	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth
DOB	1 / 4	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings
DOB	2 / 4	Other expense budget request for DOB
DOB	3 / 4	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings
DOB	4 / 4	Expand code enforcement
EDC	1 / 4	Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment
EDC	2 / 4	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors
EDC	3 / 4	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses
EDC	4 / 4	Strategic Plan
HPD	1 / 6	Other expense budget request for HPD
HPD	2 / 6	Provide, expand, or enhance tenant protection programs
HPD	3 / 6	Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs
HPD	4 / 6	Other expense budget request for HPD
HPD	5 / 6	Subsidy Acceptances for Developers
HPD	6 / 6	Homeowner Initiatives

NYCHA	1 / 1	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness
SBS	1 / 3	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs
SBS	2 / 3	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district
SBS	3 / 3	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment



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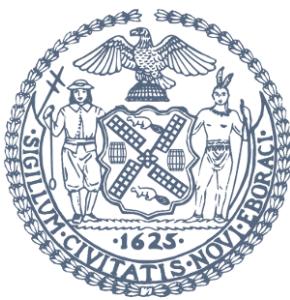
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BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9 ZONING PRINCIPLES

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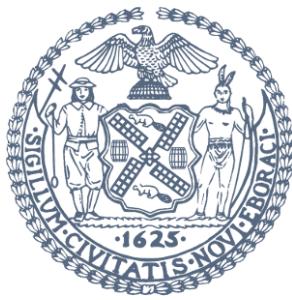
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ADOPTED: June 30, 2025

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other - Write In (Required)

The Board receives frequent complaints regarding traffic congestion, double parking, and the lack of enforcement to address these issues. The issues plague the major corridors of Flatbush, Ocean, Washington, Rogers, Nostrand, Kingston, and Utica Avenues. Although there are no bus lanes on Empire Boulevard the bike lanes on are oftentimes inaccessible to cyclists due to commercial trucks, ambulettes, and regular vehicles double parking thus obstructing the bike lanes. There are a number of bike lanes in other district that terminal upon entering Community District 9. An expansion of bike lanes in other district could be the solution to a connected bike network in Central Brooklyn. Additional enforcement measures should be considered along our busy thoroughfares, in order to minimize traffic hazards, congestion, and deter double parking. We ask City/ State actors work with the Board to plan a more inclusive and cohesive transportation network in Crown Heights

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Proposals for bike lanes, pedestrian islands, and pedestrian plazas are more often than not initiated by DOT without the community and Board's input. And in some instances where the Board's input is solicited and given, it's often not carefully considered and the Board's position is overruled. DOT has also continuously rejected the Board's input/requests.

Needs for Transit Services

There are six bus lines that operate within District 9, including express buses and select bus service routes. We need live bus timers, bus shelters, and benches at key bus stops on the B41, B43, B44/B44SBS, B46/B46SBS, B48 and B48 bus routes. ADA accessibility of stations in the district are priority as more people continue to move to Crown Heights and PLG.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 25	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
DOT	2 / 25	Repair or provide new street lights
DOT	3 / 25	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
DOT	4 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	5 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
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DOT	8 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	9 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	10 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	11 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	12 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	13 / 25	Other transportation infrastructure requests
DOT	14 / 25	Upgrade or create new plazas
DOT	15 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	16 / 25	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
DOT	17 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	18 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	19 / 25	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	20 / 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
DOT	21 / 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
DOT	22 / 25	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
DOT	23 / 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
DOT	24 / 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
DOT	25 / 25	Elevator at Winthrop
NYCTA	1 / 5	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.
NYCTA	2 / 5	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
NYCTA	3 / 5	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
NYCTA	4 / 5	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
NYCTA	5 / 5	Other capital budget request for NYCTA
NYCTA	CS	NewCB9Office

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 9	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	2 / 9	Conduct traffic or parking studies
DOT	3 / 9	Address traffic congestion
DOT	4 / 9	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals
DOT	5 / 9	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	6 / 9	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	7 / 9	Improve parking operations
DOT	8 / 9	Provide new bike lanes
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NYCTA	1 / 4	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
NYCTA	2 / 4	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
NYCTA	3 / 4	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance
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PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Community board resources (offices, staff, and equipment)

Brooklyn Community Board 9 is in need of a new office space to fulfill its charter mandated responsibilities and to accommodate supplemental services in the community. A new CB9 office would allow the board to easily hold committee meetings and community programming in the office. Ideally the space would serve as a quasi-community center for residents and local non-profits. We, along with other community-based organization in Crown Heights, are often looking for large spaces to hold public programming. The pandemic exacerbated the need for additional space as some non-profits and community groups have used our small office to conduct events for the public. The current office is too small to accommodate required committee meetings and public hearings, especially for meetings of sensitive and controversial topics affecting the district. Current development across the district has not produced enough, in size and numbers, community space for programming or community meetings. We will continue to work with DCAS on a relocation of the CB9 Office to a space built for community service and engagement.

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Needs for Parks

As a community we continue to advocate for better parks and playgrounds. Parks are an asset to our community as they aid in child development, community engagement through family events, physical activities, and a resource for our educators and their students. We also must protect our parks and cultural institutions from the effects development.

Needs for Cultural Services

CB9 has strong institutions that bring diverse programming and support services to residents of CB9. We ask the city to continue to invest in nonprofits and groups that create inclusive cultural spaces in our district.

Needs for Library Services

The Brooklyn Public Library facilities serving the district continue to need additional funding to meet the demand for its services. While the Eastern Parkway Library Branch (1044 Eastern Parkway) is going through a 3-year comprehensive renovation, we will be down a library to service the district. Supplemental resources for a digital or temporary library would be beneficial to the district.

Needs for Community Boards

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

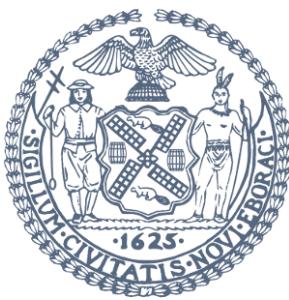
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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
BPL	1 / 1	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
DCLA	1 / 1	Other cultural facilities and resources requests
DPR	1 / 5	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
DPR	2 / 5	Other capital budget request for DPR
DPR	3 / 5	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
DPR	4 / 5	Provide new type and/or specific type of program
DPR	5 / 5	Other capital budget request for DPR

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Provide more public art
DPR	1 / 7	Other street trees and forestry services requests
DPR	2 / 7	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting
DPR	3 / 7	Improve trash removal and cleanliness
DPR	4 / 7	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
DPR	5 / 7	Plant new street trees
DPR	6 / 7	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
DPR	7 / 7	Provide more environmental education programming (i.e. Urban Park Rangers)
LPC	1 / 1	Landmarks Pres.
OMB	1 / 1	Provide more community board staff



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BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL SPACES IN BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Community Board 9 (CB9) recognizes the importance of accessible sports and recreational spaces in fostering physical health, community engagement, and positive youth development for all residents; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for accessible and safe recreational areas, both indoor and outdoor, within the community to support various activities such as sports, exercise, and after-school programs; and

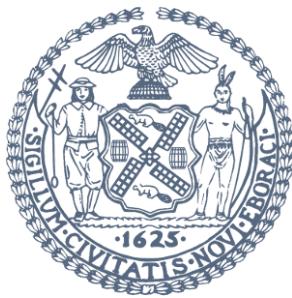
WHEREAS, there are a number of sports and recreational facilities, particularly within the Department of Education (DOE) properties located within Brooklyn CB9, that may remain unused or underutilized during non-school hours, including weekends, evenings, and school breaks; and

WHEREAS, optimizing the use of DOE sports and recreational spaces, including gyms, fields, and other facilities, could provide increased opportunities for organized community events, recreational activities, and sports leagues; and

WHEREAS, a thorough assessment of available recreational spaces, including but not limited to school facilities, parks, and other public or private venues, would enable CB9 to better understand the community's recreational assets and needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brooklyn Community Board 9 authorizes a comprehensive assessment of sports and recreational spaces within the district, with particular attention to:

1. **Inventorying all public and private sports and recreational spaces** within Brooklyn CB9, including parks, playgrounds, community centers, and other relevant facilities;
2. **Identifying Department of Education facilities** (both indoor and outdoor), such as gymnasiums, fields, courts, and other recreational spaces that are underutilized during non-school hours;
3. **Consulting with the Department of Education** to establish current usage patterns, and explore opportunities for greater community access during weekends, evenings, and school breaks;



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4. **Engaging with community organizations, schools, and residents** to understand the current and anticipated recreational needs of the community, including organized sports leagues, fitness programs, and youth-oriented activities;
5. **Developing a report with recommendations** on how to optimize and increase access to these spaces, including potential partnerships with local organizations and schools, programming ideas, and maintenance considerations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brooklyn Community Board 9 will work with the Department of Education, the Department of Parks and Recreation, local non-profits, and other stakeholders to ensure the fair and equitable use of these spaces for the benefit of all residents, particularly youth, seniors, and underserved populations.

Adopted: March 25, 2025

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
Other	CS	SaveSUNYDownstate

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	1 / 1	Trainings
DCP	2 / 5	Other expense request

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)

1 of 1	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	BPL
Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library		

The Crown Heights branch of the Brooklyn Public Library has MAJOR CAPITAL needs. It has a \$200,000 need for safety and security enhancements. The library is a community space that has not received adequate funding to address its ongoing needs which total over \$6M dollars. If funding for repairs and upgrades continue to be delayed, future repairs will be added cost to taxpayers. Additionally, fixing delayed repairs has caused the library to be closed for extended periods of time. Closure of a library, especially in communities of color, forms a void to access the library's resources (technology, meeting space, wifi, outdoor programs, etc.).

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 5	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	DPR
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Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide sorely needed recreational space for the youth in the community.

2 of 5	Other capital budget request for DPR	DPR
Other capital budget request for DPR		

The Eastern Parkway Mall is one of the crown jewels of Brooklyn. The pedestrian and bike path are currently in disrepair and are in need of immediate restoration. Protruding stones are hazard to pedestrians traversing the mall. The benches along the mall are missing slates and have chipped/fading paint. The Parks Department should allocate funding to restore this borough treasure.

3 of 5	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	DPR
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Due to an ever growing pet population in the district, there is now an increase in the utilization of our park facilities by their owners. We are requesting that funding be allocated to the study of the feasibility of a dog runs/parks in parks around the district. Having clearly defined space with also reduce safety concerns amongst parents patronizing the parks with small children

4 of 5	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	DPR
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Create an infrastructure to support local artist and the arts in the community.

5 of 5	Other capital budget request for DPR	DPR
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The need for more family-friendly green spaces for family entertainment and leisure.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 3	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	DSNY
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The request for a new location for the BK9 garage has lingered for years. The intersection of New York Avenue and Winthrop Street is for a lack of better word, littered with DSNY vehicles. These vehicles create blind spots and contribute to the rush hour nightmare of drivers/pedestrians navigating the area. The BK9 sanitation garage needs adequate space to store its fleet and reduce the inconvenience to the residents in its direct vicinity.

2 of 3	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	DSNY
Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests		

Location: District Wide

The heavy foot traffic along our corridors contributes to the mounting trash conditions. The addition of trash cans and recycling cans would assist in the reduction of litter. Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY will reduce rat activity and sightings.

3 of 3	Other capital budget request for DSNY	DSNY
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Location: District Wide

Install Dog Law signage throughout the district.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

1 of 1	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	FDNY
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Provide additional vehicles in order for Community Affairs to expand outreach efforts.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 2	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	DFTA
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St. Gabriel's Senior Center is need of a furniture upgrade. The facility needs to replace tables, chairs and refrigerator. The center is also in need tech upgrades such as media carts, laptop tables, desks and smart boards.

2 of 2	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	DFTA
Renovate or upgrade a senior center		

Location: East New York Avenue

The Christopher Blenman Senior Center continues to be an antiquated space in complete disrepair. A collaborative effort with NYCHA should be embarked upon to provide this space with a complete renovation.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 25	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	DOT
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Location: Midwood Street - Utica Avenue & Utica Avenue

Expedite a joint DOT and DEP capital project for the reconstruction of Midwood Street to create a high functioning drainage system and improve road surface. There is a longstanding severe ponding and street flooding condition that becomes hazardous for pedestrians and motorists alike during the winter months when the road becomes icy as a result of the water pooling. The resurfacing, drainage, and sewer support system must be addressed in a systematic manner. The area lacks proper drainage and the location needs to be investigated by both DEP and DOT

2 of 25 Repair or provide new street lights

DOT

Repair or provide new street lights

Throughout the district, here are areas that lack adequate street lighting for pedestrians. The installation of street lights on these areas would increase visibility, create safer traveling conditions, and bring vibrancy to corridors.

3 of 25 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

DOT

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: Lincoln Road - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue

Many streets in Community District 9 are in need of resurfacing due to damages caused by winter salting and general wear and tear. Community District 9 would like to see an increase in the district's asphalt allocation and the number of streets that are resurfaced. In particular Lincoln Road is a street within the District that has been in need of repaving for a number of years. There are large dips and potholes on the road that are hazardous conditions even for motorists that are familiar with the road but at times find themselves having to abruptly swerve in order to avoid potential damages to their vehicles by driving through the dips and potholes.

4 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Ocean Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue

Ocean Avenue between Flatbush and Parkside Avenues needs traffic calming interventions. While the street is scheduled for major reconstruction with the addition of a bike lane, that may now be years away. In addition, there are five signalized street crossings all leading to the park's entrances. They are all dangerous and should have more pedestrian refuges and other considerations. Two of the signalized crossings are not intersections; drivers ignore red signals every time the light changes. Drivers make illegal U-turns, and there is excessive speeding. The parking lane is used as a travel lane during rush hours, and was the reason for moving the planned bike lane onto the expanded sidewalk. But there is no enforcement during the afternoon rush and therefore can be a protected bike lanes

5 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Lefferts Avenue - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue

The three-year wait time period for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested. Additionally, All Way crossings signals at intersections should be implemented in some heavily used areas to allow pedestrians time and space to cross the street. Truck routes throughout the District needs to be included in the study.

6 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Winthrop Street - Troy Avenue & Troy Avenue

The three-year wait time period for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested. Additionally, All Way crossings signals at intersections should be implemented in some heavily used areas to allow pedestrians time and space to cross the street. Truck routes throughout the District needs to be included in the study.

7 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

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8 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Lincoln Road - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue

Lincoln Road bet. Flatbush Ave and Ocean Ave is a gateway to Prospect Park. It should be turned into a modified open street/busway, allowing restaurants to expand onto the parking lanes, but still leave space to implement trucks unload zones at the supermarket and two grocery stores on the block. The street is often congested and unsafe, with double and triple parked cars, trucks and buses.

9 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Washington Avenue - Montgomery Street & Montgomery Street

Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

10 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Rogers Avenue - Lefferts Avenue & Lefferts Avenue

Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

11 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Winthrop Avenue - Troy Avenue & Troy Avenue

Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

12 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Parkside Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue

Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

13 of 25 Other transportation infrastructure requests

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Montgomery Street - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue

The ponding condition at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Nostrand Avenue persists even though the Department of Transportation conducted a repair of the site in the Spring of 2018. The slope of the street was not properly pitched to the catch basin. This has created an ongoing condition of trash accumulation and standing water.

14 of 25 Upgrade or create new plazas

DOT

Upgrade or create new plazas

Study to consider creating public plaza space in the district. Public plazas may be a good solution for underutilized block and lots in the district. The pandemic is an illustration residents need easy accessible open space.

15 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Lincoln Road - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue

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16 of 25 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

DOT

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Location: New York Avenue - Maple Street & Maple Street

The northeast corner of this intersection needs a curb cut to allow access to the crosswalk. With no curb cut, the corner in question is a serious tripping hazard.

17 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Brooklyn Avenue

Motorists constantly speed down Brooklyn Avenue, south of Empire. Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) are necessary to alleviate this problem.

18 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Eastern Parkway - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue

Repair the potholes and the cobble stone sidewalk at the Nostrand Avenue and Eastern Parkway promenade.

19 of 25 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: President Street

Install speed humps and/ or speed bumps and speed limit signage and markings to deter and prevent speeding on residential street.

20 of 25 Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share

DOT

Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share

As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be strategically place commercial loading zones to prevent double parking by trucks while allow businesses to receiving goods and services for their businesses.

21 of 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	DOT
Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share		

As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. Installation of micro-mobility lanes would give certain lightweight vehicles space on streets deterring individuals from using the sidewalks.

22 of 25	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	DOT
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)		

Request for DOT to prioritize and fill outstanding pothole and broken sidewalk repair requests. Many homeowner, who are older adults, are concerned regarding the liability of a trip and fall in front of their house. The DOT has been slow to honor request submitted for the program.

23 of 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	DOT
Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share		

Installation of electric car charging stations strategically positioned throughout the district for charging connectivity. A focus of the installation should be on the charging stations network coexisting with current infrastructure and future development.

24 of 25	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	DOT
Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share		

Expansion of Dollar Van services, especially along Flatbush, could be a viable options for commuters as buses see continuous delays.

25 of 25	Elevator at Winthrop	DOT
Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share		

Location: Nostrand Ave & Winthrop Street
ADA accessibility to necessary as there is a hospital down the block from this station. Please liaison with MTA.

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 4	Provide more housing for seniors	HPD
Provide more housing for seniors		

There is a critical need for senior citizen housing as this population is generally excluded from the affordable housing lotteries being offered due to low fixed incomes.

2 of 4	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	HPD
Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless		

Develop supportive and transitional housing based on the community district average income. The Board has heard many complaints regarding the amount development of supportive and transitional housing slated for this district. Community members have voiced their concerns about having such dense supportive housing created in one area of the district.

3 of 4	Provide more housing for medium income households	HPD
Provide more housing for medium income households		

Many families in the district earn below 80% AMI. Housing needs to be created for very low, low, moderate/ middle, and working class families.

4 of 4 Provide more housing for seniors

HPD

Provide more housing for seniors

More housing needs to be created for the growing older adult population. With many older adults on fixed incomes and rents still heightened from the pandemic, many older adults are feeling rent burdened.

Department for Homeless Services (DHS)**1 of 1 Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless**

DHS

Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless

Upgrading/ creating transitional housing will provide homeless individuals and families with modern support and services they need to move toward permanent housing.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**1 of 2 Other programs to address public health issues requests**

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Support for the community fridge network in Crown Heights. The community fridge is a network of outdoor refrigerators aimed to addressing food insecurity and food waste in healthy food deserts.

2 of 2 Other programs to address public health issues requests

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests

The development of grocery stores and/or supermarkets would certainly start to address the district's food desert. Grocery store are often distances away making it more difficult for individuals and families to buy and eat health affordable food.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**1 of 2 Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts**

EDC

Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts

CD9 is in need of economic development investments bring vibrancy our commercial corridors and to address the noticeable rows of vacant storefront. From the 2022 SBS & Bridge Street CDNA, Crown Heights has a 14% vacancy rate for storefront. While the survey does include CB8, many commercial corridors in CH are facing similar challenges.

2 of 2 Municipal Parking Garage

EDC

Other capital budget request for EDC

Extreme lack of parking in the district.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 5 Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.**

NYCTA

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Allocate funding for ADA Accessibility at the Franklin Avenue - Medgar Evers College Avenue subway station (2/3/4/5/S). This station served as an express stations for person(s) traveling from Flatbush and Crown Heights areas. In 2022, Franklin Ave - Medgar Evers College ranked 97 out of 472 in total ridership. More focused needs to be on making our public transit system actually accessible for all members of the public.

2 of 5 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

NYCTA

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Allocate funding for Handicapped Accessibility at the Kingston Avenue subway station - #3, 4 IRT line. The station is located right outside the Jewish Children's Museum and the Lubavitch World Headquarters. Making the station handicapped accessible will provide transportation access for thousands of people who visit this community all year round

3 of 5	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	NYCTA
Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure		

Allocate funding for Handicapped Accessibility at the Winthrop Street subway station - #2, 5 IRT line. The station services two hospitals (one within the District and a neighboring one), Health and Hospital Corporation/Kings County Hospital and SUNY Downstate. The station therefore needs to be renovated and upgraded to include the installation of elevator and ramps to meet standards projected for the rest of the IRT system.

4 of 5	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	NYCTA
Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure		

Fair evasion continues to be an issue citywide. Additional measure are needed at the Prospect Park station on Flatbush to address the chronic fair evasion at this location. As the city continue to install a more modernized fair collection system, we ask the MTA to prioritize this location.

5 of 5	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	NYCTA
Other capital budget request for NYCTA		

Some residents have voice their thoughts on the expansion of the subway. The expansion of the subway, especially along Utica Avenue, improve accessibility to our district along Utica. An expansion of the subway could provide economic opportunities and growth for businesses along the corridor.

CS	NewCB9Office	NYCTA
Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.		

Brooklyn Community Board 9 plays an important role in improving the quality of life for residents of Community District 9. CB9 is a city agency with a mission to coordinate and monitor municipal service delivery to the residents of our community district. Community Boards advise on zoning issues, make budget recommendations and address patterned and immediate community concerns. Additional space provides a higher quality and quantity of constituent services and increases our ability to hold timely public hearings and meetings as required by the charter. The proposed office will house three to four full-time staff members including three to five interns. The Board Chairperson, CB9 Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and District Manager utilize the space for our mandatory public meetings and on an as-needed basis. We need space for city, state, federal agencies, and nonprofits to routinely provide programming in our office to avoid long travel times for constituents to services outside the district. A relocation request for a new space was submitted in our annual district needs statement to DCP. Describe why current space(s) is (are) inadequate: Management has "cleaned" rat feces, which can be smelled in the office, from the basement beneath. At specific locations in the office, water comes through and molds the ceiling tiles when it rains. On multiple occasions we had no restroom in the office for staff due to clogged pipes and flooding. As soon as you walk into the office, dust and allergens are in the air due to a weak HVAC system. The space only has one restroom which is located in the back part of the office.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)

1 of 1	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	DCLA
Other cultural facilities and resources requests		

District needs a free community center to provide a space for community, youth, adult, small business, academic, and cultural opportunities.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

1 of 2	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers	DEP
Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers		

2 of 2	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	DEP
Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed		

Location: Sterling Street - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue
Several residents have experienced serious basement flooding which may have been caused by clogged sewers.

Other

CS	SaveSUNYDownstate Other capital request	Other
We will continue to work with Community Board 17 and members of the public and SUNY Downstate stakeholders to flight for generational investment into Downstate		

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 3	Illegal Cannabis - Sheriffs Office Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	NYPD
Additional support is needed for the Sheriff's Office and NYPD to enforce illegal cannabis sales.		
2 of 3	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	NYPD
Location: Washington Avenue - Montgomery Street & Montgomery Street Installation of speed cameras to deter drivers from speeding in residential areas.		
3 of 3	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	NYPD
Increase the number and access of tow trucks for the 71st Precinct to address abandoned car request(s) sent to the precinct. The amount of abandoned and unlicensed vehicles across the district has grown out of control. These vehicles are occupying public parking spaces and do not move for street sweeper.		

Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)

CS	Modernize Kings County Hospital Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	HHC
This city hospital is a staple. It needs to be modernize to keep pace with population growth and demand.		

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 6	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	DSNY
Location: District Wide Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY. Our streets would benefit more from this style of receptacle as it reduce rat and rodent activity.		
2 of 6	Other enforcement requests Other enforcement requests	DSNY
Illegal dumping is an escalating issue in our community. Illegal drop offs and dumping at corner baskets, back sides of schools, tree pits, is an ongoing complaint. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to monitor chronic locations could make a significant impact in the public health, safety and appearance of our district.		

3 of 6 Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

DSNY

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

Location: Bedford Avenue - Winthrop Street & Winthrop Street

Illegal dumping on a residential street is a public safety hazard. Increasing enforcement will hopefully deter and prevent illegal dumping in the future.

4 of 6 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

DSNY

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Increase in trash collection days would keep our sidewalks and streets free from trash and rodents. Residents have complained about missed collections especially during cultural and religious celebrations in the district.

5 of 6 Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules

DSNY

Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules

Location: District Wide

Car owners not moving their vehicles for ASP is an ongoing issue in the district. When vehicles fail to move for the street broom, our streets are unable to be cleaned. Some homeowners have complained about receiving a sanitation summons for trash left on the street due to the broom unable to complete sweeping.

6 of 6 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

DSNY

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Enforcement of unsanitary sidewalk conditions is one of our most frequent complaints. Small business owners and landlords need to be informed of their responsibilities to clean to the curb and need to be held accountable for not fulfilling those responsibility. Enforcement should succeed education on the matter.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**1 of 1 Provide more community board staff**

OMB

Provide more community board staff

As City Charter mandates, the community boards are to have access to experts and consultant to assist with issues such as land use. As development continues to skyrocket around the district this resource is essential.

Department of City Planning (DCP)**1 of 5 Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs**

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

Location: District Wide

Zoning is supposed to organize the way land is used, determine the sizes and building uses; however, the current zoning in Community District 9 encompasses a mixture of different zoning, which we have seen create numerous concerns for residents and home-owners in the district. to request a land use plan that is aligned with community board 9's 2025 zoning framework and other committees priorities that affect land use.

2 of 5 Other expense request

DCP

Other expense request

More funding/ resources to engage and inform residents/ stakeholders of future developments slated for construction in the district.

3 of 5 Increased community board training, including on core land use process and practices

DCP

Increased community board training, including on core land use process and practices

Funding needs to be allocated toward more zoning and land use workshops for Board Members and members of the public. Understanding zoning and land use affects how communities plan for the future.

4 of 5 Other zoning and land use requests

DCP

Other zoning and land use requests

Land use focused on increasing public parking space. With the increase of development excluding parking in their projects has forced car owners to double park or park illegal on our streets.

5 of 5 Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

A comprehensive study of the environmental impacts of as of right (AOR) development will inform the future planning of the community. AOR developments are not required to present their projects to CBs.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**1 of 3 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)**

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

PS 221 - Toussaint L-Ouverture is in need of an after school program such as Beacon Program.

2 of 3 Other expense budget request for DYCD

DYCD

Other expense budget request for DYCD

Provide more programs in CB9 geared toward Parents and Youth empowerment.

3 of 3 Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services

Location: District Wide

Increase funding for programming to support adults on technology use. The pandemic has increased the need for computer and tech literacy. Education on safely using social media, safely shopping online, avoiding scammers and guidance on fact checking misinformation on the internet is needed.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 1 Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness**

NYCHA

Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness

The poor upkeep of the William Ried Houses is well known. Requests for repairs are usually met with rebuke by the local managing agent. Soot left by a fire last year lingered on the wall for weeks until the intervention of NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie. NYCHA needs to increase funding to complete repairs and increase monitoring to insure that repairs tickets are not simply closed out.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 4 Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance**

NYCTA

Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.

2 of 4 Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

NYCTA

Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.

3 of 4 Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance

NYCTA

Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance

Location: Nostrand Avenue - Sterling Street & Sterling Street

Increasing the frequency of cleaning the bus stations should help reduce litter piling up at bus stops. Loose litter prevents drainage especially at the SBS-B44 bus stops.

4 of 4 Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

NYCTA

Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

The Parkside Avenue Q Station needs to be upgraded, cleaned and modernized as it sees a significant amount of foot traffic.

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**1 of 6 Other expense budget request for HPD**

HPD

Other expense budget request for HPD

The residents of our district spend well over 30% of their income on rent. This has led to the sharing of apartments by multiple generations. The development of truly affordable housing should be paramount.

2 of 6 Provide, expand, or enhance tenant protection programs

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance tenant protection programs

Increased support for tenants Right to Counsel through legal services organizations representing tenants in housing court.

3 of 6 Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs

HPD

Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs

Increased support for HPD enforcement and litigation staff as well as the Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants

4 of 6 Other expense budget request for HPD

HPD

Other expense budget request for HPD

Policy or programming aimed at the preservation of rent-stabilized units.

5 of 6 Subsidy Acceptances for Developers

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs

When developers build new housing, they should accept voucher holders for the affordable housing apartments.

6 of 6 Homeowner Initiatives

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance programs for homeowners and first-time homebuyers

Little homeownership opportunities are being built in the district seemingly creating very transient communities.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 7 Other street trees and forestry services requests**

DPR

Other street trees and forestry services requests

The Parks department should increase funding to the Forestry Division, so that regular maintenance may be performed on the trees within our district.

2 of 7	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	DPR
Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting		
Installation of additional lighting to deter illegal activities		

3 of 7	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	DPR
Improve trash removal and cleanliness		
Location: Around Prospect Park Increase cleaning around the park as dog waste dispensers and bags are often left and are not properly discarded.		

4 of 7	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	DPR
Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)		
Increase enforcement or PEP officers at Prospect Park to enforce the closure of the park at the appropriate hours.		

5 of 7	Plant new street trees	DPR
Plant new street trees		
Location: District Wide Parks should conduct an assessment of CB9 streets to determine where tree planting is feasible. Once assessed, plant more trees where feasible throughout the district.		

6 of 7	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	DPR
Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)		
Location: District Wide Increase enforcement, maintenance, or PEP officers at all parks and playgrounds across CB9 to enforce the closure of the park at the appropriate hours and to deter prohibited activity.		

7 of 7	Provide more environmental education programming (i.e. Urban Park Rangers)	DPR
Provide more environmental education programming (i.e. Urban Park Rangers)		
As the city continues to fight climate change, educating the public on environmental protection will increase overall awareness of EP initiatives (composting, green infrastructure, air quality).		

Department of Buildings (DOB)

1 of 4	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	DOB
Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings		
Community Board 9 regularly receives complaints of unpermitted construction work around the district. The DOB should allocate additional funding to increase the number of inspectors, so that complaints can be responded to in a reasonable time.		

2 of 4	Other expense budget request for DOB	DOB
Other expense budget request for DOB		
New construction is required to enforce rat control measures during construction of a new building.		

3 of 4	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	DOB
Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings		
Increasing education and enforcement for zoning compliance will hold developers and landlords accountable for illegal conversions and illegal uses of space.		

4 of 4 Expand code enforcement

DOB

Expand code enforcement

Expansion of enforcement is to hold owners of vacant buildings/ storefronts accountable for their property. Cleaning to the curb is a responsibility owns have been neglecting as our district is filled with vacant storefronts.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**1 of 4****Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment**

EDC

Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment

Remaining viable in this current economy means being to accommodate all the guidelines that COVID-19 has triggered. Businesses need to be able to modernize and remain up to code in order to stay in business.

2 of 4**Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors**

EDC

Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors

Often times graffiti is equated with poverty and blight. Restoration of the funding for the graffiti removal program should be reinstated immediately. There should be extensive promotion and recruitment of building owners to increase participation and change the face of our commercial corridors.

3 of 4**Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses**

EDC

Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses

Investment in MWBE's to diversify our workforce industry and to give opportunities for entrepreneurship for minorities and women, hopefully from the community. Investment in MWBE's will provide opportunities to MWBE's for government contracts and RFP's.

4 of 4**Strategic Plan**

EDC

Other expense budget request for EDC

Strategic plan for commercial districts in CD9

Department of Transportation (DOT)**1 of 9****Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be loading zones on the street; otherwise trucks double park and park in crosswalks. Some existing bike lanes need to be changed to protected bike lanes. The current bike lanes on Empire Boulevard are constantly obstructed by double parked vehicles. With the protected bike lanes, parked cars would serve as buffer and the bike lanes would be between the sidewalk and parked cars. There are other locations within the District that should be considered for bike lanes

2 of 9**Conduct traffic or parking studies**

DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Given the number of requests for speed hump installations, stop sign, traffic light timing, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation of traffic calming measures is critical. Thus DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested

3 of 9 Address traffic congestion

DOT

Address traffic congestion

Provide adequate funding to expedite response to streetlight complaints, traffic calming and signage requests. Good street maintenance and expeditious repairs would help ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Bedford, Rogers, Nostrand, Kingston, Utica. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.

4 of 9 Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

DOT

Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

Signal timings feel insufficiently short to accommodate the large crowds walking to and from the park. Additionally, the sidewalk's width is too narrow to handle the amount of foot traffic for one light cycle.

5 of 9 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

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Motorists constantly speed on Parkside Avenue. Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) are necessary to alleviate this problem.

6 of 9 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

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Enforcement for local laws on streets and sidewalks. There has been a visible increase in electric bikes and mopeds speeding on our sidewalks and streets. Enforcement for double parking will encourage motorists to move their vehicles as well for street sweeping. Enforcement of local laws is needed to keep pedestrians safe on our streets and sidewalks.

7 of 9 Improve parking operations

DOT

Improve parking operations

Enforcement of local laws is needed to keep pedestrians safe on our streets and sidewalks. Overnight parking of large vehicles (trucks, RV's) have been parking on our streets overnight on Brooklyn Avenue and Winthrop Street and in the vicinity.

8 of 9 Provide new bike lanes

DOT

Provide new bike lanes

Installation of new bike lanes to improve the overall connectivity of the network in our district. There are numerous bike lanes that terminate at Eastern Parkway in CB8. The bike lanes should continue into CB9 to enhance the connectivity to surrounding amenities and cultural institutions.

9 of 9 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

A recalibration of poorly timed traffic would prevent cars from speeding down streets and busy thoroughfares.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**1 of 1 Provide more public art**

DCLA

Provide more public art

Increase funding for public art murals to celebrate the Caribbean American diasporas contributions to the district.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

1 of 3 Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs SBS

Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs

Provide and/or better advertise available programs that offer financial assistance, marketing, advertising, and other small business programming to assist small businesses with their pandemic recovery and position them for future growth

2 of 3 Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district SBS

Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district

The creation of a BID/ merchant associations would create an active infrastructure for small businesses along our commercial corridors focused on the strengthening small businesses, corridor vibrancy, cleanliness, safety, and capital improvements typically beyond what the City can provide. Small businesses working together as one would also promote accountability of responsibilities for owners.

3 of 3 Conduct a commercial district needs assessment SBS

Conduct a commercial district needs assessment

In 2022, SBS in partnership with Bridge Street Development Corp. conducted a CDNA of north Crown Heights. A commercial needs assessment would give us a full view of the needs and gaps affecting our small businesses.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

1 of 2 Clean catch basins DEP

Clean catch basins

Location: District Wide

Flooding and ponding has been an unaddressed issue in the district. DEP should conduct a campaign to clean and repair, if broken, all catch basins in the district. CB9 will work with DEP to continue to identify and monitor flooding hot spots to create a long-term plan to address the infrastructure.

2 of 2 Other expense budget request for DEP DEP

Other expense budget request for DEP

Create a plan to evaluate all flood risk locations in CB9.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

1 of 4 Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc. DOHMH

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The creation and implementation of community programming geared toward nutrition and healthy eating. Programming to support local farmstand, farmers markets, and other healthy promotions allows for greater access to healthier foods and information.

2 of 4 Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment DOHMH

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

Create or expand mental health services to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment. Creation of these programs will give more access to treatment for those who need services.

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Work with DOE to create more programming and curriculum infusing school and community gardens. Access to health and healthy food education at an early age is paramount to addressing the overall health disparities in CD9.

4 of 4	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	DOHMH
Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations		

Location: Commercial Corridors
Create a Pest Control Initiative to coordinate rat control measures along business corridors rat and rodent activity has increased. We ask the City to consider CD9 as a Rat Mitigation Zones as more development leads to more sightings.

Department for Homeless Services (DHS)

1 of 1	Expand street outreach	DHS
Expand street outreach		

Many complaints have been voiced regarding the amount of homeless individuals on our streets. Increasing public outreach to homeless individuals will hopefully get individuals off the street and into a facility with the appropriate services to address their respective situation(s).

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 4	Enhance educational and recreational programs	DFTA
Enhance educational and recreational programs		

With the older adult population growing, we must provide more programming and services for older adults whether at senior center or generally. Additionally, more services for older adults will help us bridge the information and technological gaps with older adults.

2 of 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA	DFTA
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Further promotion of SAGE centers, as there is a significant LGBTQIA population that needs to be informed of resources available to assist them as an aging adult.

3 of 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA	DFTA
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Increase services and programming for individuals with disabilities to make sure that people with disabilities can lead happy, healthy and productive lives. More programming should be considered as a way to increase awareness disability education and services.

4 of 4	Enhance NORC programs and health services	DFTA
Enhance NORC programs and health services		

With many older adults looking to age in place, the creation of a NORC would centralize the resources and services needed by older adults to our respective district. This request moreso is for DFTA to work with local and state elected officials to consider the creation of a NORC.

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 3 Other educational programs requests

DOE

Other educational programs requests

We must provide more programming and services for student with significant challenges, not limited to autism spectrum disorders, significant cognitive delays, emotional disabilities, and sensory impairments. Many parents who have children with disabilities are forced to find services outside of the district.

2 of 3 Assign more teaching staff

DOE

Assign more teaching staff

Sufficient staff means smaller class sizes and an environment in which teachers can effectively connect and monitor the progress of their students.

3 of 3 Other expense budget request for DOE

DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

Increase funding that provides students with the technological resources and internet access needed to fulfill their educational requirements in the classroom and at home.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 3 Other NYPD staff resources requests

NYPD

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Residents believe there has been a lack of presence by the 71st Precinct. Residents would like to see better community relations between the precinct and the community.

2 of 3 Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing

NYPD

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In order to reaffirm a positive relationship with the community, we are requesting that NYPD personnel be mandated to cultural sensitivity trainings.

3 of 3 Hire additional crossing guards

NYPD

Hire additional crossing guards

The number of traffic accidents in the district continue to rise. In order to maintain the safety of seniors and youth, we are asking for assignments to be made with inclusion of traffic incident data.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

1 of 1 Trainings

DCAS

Other expense request for DCAS

Board Member trainings on open meetings law (OML), SLA Application, OCM application, DOT Dining Out Applications, BSA and ULURP applications, and parliamentary procedures

Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)

1 of 1 Landmarks Pres.

LPC

Expand staffing and program related services

Additional resources are needed at the agency to handle the demand of applications and for the agency to have the capacity to engage the demographic it serves.