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and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 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.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Brooklyn

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

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

Brooklyn Community District 5

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	182,896	100.00	200,293	100.00	17,397	9.5	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	51,903	28.4	48,268	24.1	-3,635	-7.0	-4.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	182,896	100.0	200,293	100.0	17,397	9.5	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	67,090	36.7	73,681	36.8	6,591	9.8	0.1
White non-Hispanic	6,237	3.4	6,341	3.2	104	1.7	-0.2
Black non-Hispanic	94,316	51.6	92,108	46.0	-2,208	-2.3	-5.6
Asian non-Hispanic	8,970	4.9	14,772	7.4	5,802	64.7	2.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	3,378	1.8	4,469	2.2	1,091	32.3	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,905	1.6	8,922	4.5	6,017	207.1	2.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	65,612	100.0	72,381	100.0	6,769	10.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	60,390	92.0	68,174	94.2	7,784	12.9	2.2
Vacant housing units	5,222	8.0	4,207	5.8	-1,015	-19.4	-2.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 5 in Brooklyn, services over 183,000 residents living in the community of East New York, which includes the neighborhoods of Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots and Spring Creek. This unique community is situated between Jamaica Avenue to the North and Jamaica Bay to the South; and is bordered to the west by Van Sinderen and Williams Avenues; and to the east by Eldert Lane and 78th Street. East New York is a community that is rich and deeply rooted in history and currently undergoing one of the most intense landscape transformations across the city with the implementation of the East New York Neighborhood Plan (ENY Rezone). The District has been identified as the premier community for New York City's vision for future development through the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability, which was voted up in the New York City Council. (a) Under the new MIH and ZQA implementations - the construction of taller buildings in denser neighborhoods is allowed with the mandate that developers set aside a certain portion of "affordable" housing units in new developments. Brooklyn's Community Board 5 is ever-growing in its uniquely fascinating history with the discovery of one of New York City's recognized African Burial Grounds, in the New Lots section of the district. In 2013, the former City Council Member of the 42nd CD, Charles Barron, submitted the CB5 approved street co-naming for African Burial Ground Square - which covers the four-block radius of New Lots Avenue, Schenck Avenue, Livonia Avenue and Barbey Street. Today, the work continues with capital funding allocations from NYS Assembly Member Charles Barron and NYC Council Member Inez Barron and, for the renovation and renaming of the adjacent Sankofa Playground - formerly known as Schenck Playground. This was the result of the excavation process with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, that later confirmed remains of enslaved Africans who worked and died on those very grounds. Sankofa Playground received a multi-million dollar capital allocation along with the adjacent New Lots Library, which received close to \$33 million for a complete gut renovation. These investments will bring forth one of the most culturally relevant projects in our district and CB5 is extremely proud to have the partnership and support of the Assembly Member, Council Member, and the creative teams of Brooklyn Parks, and Brooklyn Public Library. Brooklyn, Community Board 5 also houses one of the largest retail expansions in New York City - the Gateway Center Mall - Phase II, covering over 600,000 sf in the Spring Creek area. The expansion of the Gateway Center mall helped to realize one of the most important Community Benefits Agreements (CBA) in East New York's recent history. Through the implementation of the CBA, Man Up! Inc. and the newly formed East New York Restoration Local Development Corporation worked collaboratively to provide employment open houses for the retail giants and helped to secure over 1,200 jobs for local residents which included the pre and post-construction opportunities through the project labor agreement. Community Board 5 also houses two of the largest Industrial Business parks in the city - the East New York and Fairfield / Flatlands industrial business zones. There are hundreds of businesses within the two industrial areas stretching about 40 blocks. This is an area that currently requires greater community connection as it relates to MWBEs within the parks as well as an increase in the local hire percentage. The district is also home to twelve NYCHA developments which provide affordable housing for thousands of ENY residents. It is one of the most important housing stocks in the district and we will continue to fight for greater investments in maintenance, back-logged repairs, quality heating systems, recycling education, and overall improvement with bulk trash removal. CB5 also has four amazing Brooklyn Public Library branches - Arlington, Cypress Hills, Spring Creek and of course the New Lots branch which is slated to receive the complete overhaul. We continue to encourage residents of the district to take full advantage of these wonderful institutions. Community Board 5 also houses all of the public schools within School District 19 and we have over 50 sites hosting students from Pre-K through 12th grade. We are also pleased to say that the ground breaking has been completed for a 1000 seat newly constructed elementary through middle school on the Atlantic Avenue side of the district. CB5 also has beautifully constructed religious institutions of various faiths; delicious eateries in every section; and community based organizations that provide invaluable services to thousands of children, families, and businesses across the city. Moreover, in July, the long-awaited opening of New York City's largest state park took place - the Shirley Chisholm State Park, right off of the Pennsylvania Avenue exit on the Belt Parkway. This was the former landfill site that was completely transformed into a beautiful open park space that now boasts a bike library, beautiful walk ways and another open space for the families of the East New York community. Additionally, over the past decade, the district has had one of the fastest growing populations in the city; with an increasing African American demographic. According to the 2015 Neighborhood Health Profile for Community District 5, the population is made up of 52% Black (non-Hispanic); 37% Hispanic; 6% Asian; 3% White; and 2% Other. The district has also become home to one of the largest Bangladeshi populations across the city, with a high percentage of the residents in the City Line neighborhood, migrating from Bangladesh. The people of this district are just as unique as the neighborhoods in which they live. In that regard, it is the aim of Brooklyn, Community Board 5 to fight for the

very basic quality of life needs that will improve the lives of our residents. Those very basic needs include - consistent maintenance within our housing developments (both public and private); greater access to healthy and fresh food choices; district-wide education on preventive health care and healthy living methods; mixed use development projects that include long-term community wide benefits; living wage employment; dedicated funding for cultural community facilities; quality and competitive education for our children; clean and well-maintained streets; necessary upgrades and improvements to sub-street level flooding regions; and an infusion of financial support for small businesses and community based organizations. The East New York Rezoning Plan, and all the robust initiatives that are attached to it, is the major focus right now in Community Board 5. Through the plan, East New York is slated to receive \$267 million in capital investments with direct support for the renovation and upgrade of existing housing and construction of new affordable housing units; small business growth and development; roadway repairs and upgrades; new educational and community facilities, and much more. Here is an outline of some of the key components of the East New York Plan: 1200 units of new affordable housing including senior and supportive housing • Eviction prevention support through the Tenant Support Unit • Homeowner Helpdesk which provides direct financial and legal counseling for homeowners • Up to \$15,000 for first time homeowners with the Home First Down Payment Assistance Program • Renovations and upgrades to public parks spaces, including the most recent renovation of City Line Park • Repairs and renovations to the historic PAL building at 127 Pennsylvania Avenue which has served as the home base for Brooklyn, Community Board 5 for 40 years. The building now offers programming for families of East New York from the Child Center of NY and Youth Strategies Division of NYPD • Activation of a Community NYC Retrofit program to encourage smaller housing buildings to participate in the Green Housing Preservation Program • The East New York Workforce 1 center which provides direct access to employment opportunities and training, located on Atlantic Avenue • Support for commercial corridors and other small businesses throughout the district • A new 1000 seat educational facility for elementary and middle school-aged children next to the Chestnut Commons development site • Technological and structural upgrades to East New York's Industrial Business Zones • Wi-Fi access on many commercial corridors and LINK NYC activated kiosks These are some of the wonderfully creative strategies being implemented that will assuredly work together in making East New York an even greater community. In that regard, we will continue to aggressively advocate to Mayor deBlasio, our local elected officials and the commissioners of our city agencies, for the very basic quality of life needs that this community deserves. Let's work together to make sure that Brooklyn, Community Board 5 becomes an even greater community to Live, Work, and Thrive! For information on ENY Rezone - <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/east-new-york/east-new-york-1.page> Shirley Chisholm State Park - <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/200/details.aspx>

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 5

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Social services

Brooklyn, Community Board 5 has become the target district for temporary housing, substance abuse, and mental health programs and services. Developers have started a "trend" with incorporating these programs, services, and dedicated units in projects slated for CB5; under the label of supportive housing. Supportive Housing has become the "go to" option for developers in their quest to receive financial incentives and other government subsidies, when building in our community. Subsequently, the district is now oversaturated with supportive housing units that are crammed in specific sections of the district. For example, the following large multi-family developments are all within 1 mile of each other and each has dedicated supportive housing units for developmentally disabled residents: Gateway Elton - 659 units Fountain Seaview - 604 Nehemiah - 320 The need for creating opportunities for individuals who are transitioning into independent living is something that has to be done, however it is detrimental to compact those units into one area of any district. Quality, affordable housing should always be inclusive for all New Yorkers while remaining fair in its distribution of supportive units across the city. POTENTIAL SOLUTION: With the influx of temporary housing and various substance abuse sites in CB5, we are requesting that the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC Department of Homeless Services, and NYC Housing Preservation Department collectively support the need to expand the concept of supportive housing to include other categories of individuals who are at a disadvantage in securing permanent housing. These new categories of supportive housing, if recognized by the city, would still allow for incentives for developers when including the new supportive housing in their projects. We ask that research be conducted to confirm the oversaturation accompanied with the research to identify new classifications of supportive housing.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Bulk trash collection and dumping in specific areas of the district have long been an issue in Brooklyn Community Board 5. However, under the budget restraints and decrease of services, it has become one of the districts major concerns. Not only has it been an issue with the basic trash collection in key sites like our NYCHA developments, but now there are "trash hot-spots" in the district. There are areas where the illegal dumping and bulk trash has become overbearing to residents throughout the district. People are dropping off bulk items in gardens, vacant land sites, and in areas of the district that are poorly lit. Additionally there are areas, in particular, the Industrial Business zones and BID areas where the lack of service and monitoring has created an environment that invites illegal activity on top of the dumping. Many community members, civic groups, and associations have taken up the cause to do community clean ups on blocks and in parks, but these selfless community acts are just to address the accumulation of trash under COVID; they are by no means a solution to the overall issue. POTENTIAL SOLUTION: More lighting in the IBZ areas of the district to deter illegal activity and dumping. Re-assess the need for a tri-day pick up in CB5 under DSNY. The projected number of housing units coming into the district will eventually increase the amount of tonnage which determines the need for increased pick up.

Other

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT Brooklyn Community Board 5 has various public health concerns that directly impact the overall well being of our residents. These concerns were highlighted during the pandemic and the immense disparities in resources and programming to address those concerns was further exposed. One of the most pressing public health concerns that have negatively impacted our district, is the lack of access and affordability of healthy foods and healthy lifestyle programming. CB5 continues to be a food desert or food swamp (an area where unhealthy food is more readily available than healthy food) as identified in the NYC Department of Health's EpiData Brief titled "Access to Healthy and Affordable Food in ENY". This brief outlined the devastating fact that specifically in zip codes 11207 and 11208 (the largest populated neighborhoods in the district), bodegas and fast-food chains make up close to 80% of the direct food source for residents. This screams inequality and food injustice. Moreover, the brief also exposed that 11207 and 11208 residents are surrounded by 135 bodegas and 71 fast food chains that line the major through ways of the district. For instance – Pennsylvania Avenue which is the connecting avenue from

the Jackie Robinson Parkway to the Belt Parkway, is lined with the a number of the most prominent fast food chains in the nation – McDonalds, Burger King, Popeyes, White Castle, Checkers, Wendys, and more. They are housed back-to-back along Pennsylvania Avenue from between Linden Boulevard and Wortman Avenue, which is a five minute walk to reach any one of them. Brooklyn Community Board 5 has public health concerns that directly impact the overall well-being and longevity of its residents. These concerns were highlighted The obvious injustice lies in the fact that these fast-food conglomerates are all within a mile of three NYCHA developments housing over 3500 families, two senior centers, four youth community centers, and three schools. This is a deliberate placement to attract the district's most vulnerable populations. Moreover, NYCHA developments and senior centers are where you will find the highest rates of diabetes, heart disease and cancer. The schools, as a result, are filled with students who suffer from alarming rates of youth obesity, undiagnosed developmental disabilities, and the common thread of poverty and rent burden stresses. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS: We are requesting monthly inspections from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene for all food establishments in the district, with an emphasis on bodega stores. We are also requesting that the Shop Healthy program be re-ignited to complete the survey in the 11239 portion of the district as well as re-visit the bodegas that were surveyed in 11207 and 11208 to check on healthy food option improvements that were implemented. Excerpt: Lack of access to healthy food can cause real health problems, according to Gina Lovasi, a Ph.D. and professor of Urban Health at Drexel University. "Access to fresh foods in particular is related to obesity and to other risk factors," Lovasi said. "Hypertension and diabetes, which we know have consequences for cardiovascular disease risk, for some cancers and even some transmissible diseases such as COVID-19." Article Sources: <https://citylimits.org/2018/05/21/new-york-citys-biggest-food-swamps/>
<https://pix11.com/news/created-equal/why-food-deserts-persist-in-low-income-nyc-neighborhoods/>
<https://swhelper.org/2019/12/11/an-overabundance-of-fast-food-food-swamps-are-the-new-food-deserts/>

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

In this new fiscal year, we still have a real need to address one of the most important factors in the lives of residents in CB5 and that is health and wellness. Unfortunately, there has not been a great deal of movement toward making East New York a healthier and more health conscious community. Under COVID, this was highlighted even further. We still have a lack of access to quality and healthy foods. 1. We are requesting that the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, working in conjunction with the Brooklyn Borough President and the NYC Council, allocate the funding that can provide greater incentive programs for local businesses to invest in fresh produce and high quality healthy foods. 2. NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conduct quarterly inspections in those food establishments, specifically bodegas and local supermarkets, to ensure that quality food and food products are being sold to the residents of the district. 3. Further the Shop Healthy Brooklyn study to include the food establishments in the 11239 section of the district. We have a growing population in the neighborhood of Spring Creek and there are food establishments that should be educated on how they can better serve the district. 4. Support the connection between our local gardens and farmer's markets with local supermarkets and grocery stores. Since more than half of the food establishments are bodegas and a high percentage are grocery stores - local gardens and the two farmer's markets that exist in CB5 should have a direct line to providing them with fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and breads.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

According to the 2018 Neighborhood Health Profile for East New York, heart disease and cancer rank as the top two causes of death; with over 3,000 people fatally stricken from the diseases combined. These figures prove that a high percentage of our residents are living with illnesses that not only impact their physical abilities but also increases stress and hardship for the entire family. The direct results are hardships that permeate every fraction of physical and mental health. With greater access to healthier food and lifestyle programs we can increase life span, encourage healthier eating habits and lifestyle habits and lessen the percentage of residents who suffer from chronic illnesses, mental health challenges, potential homelessness, and the need for additional assisted living options. Additionally, the medical facilities that exist in the district must be infused with the expense and capital funding that allows for greater outreach efforts and updated facilities. CB5 has a variety of health facilities both under HHC and privately funded. and medical centers in the district that are utilized by residents, when they become ill or to address specific health issuesT - however there is not enough general outreach conducted to encourage preventative measures, consistent health/wellness visits, and overall community health as a lifestyle.

Moreover, there is only one hospital, based in Brooklyn, Community Board 16, that services three community boards, and the zone hospital for residents in CB5. Brookdale hospital was severely impacted, as most facilities, throughout the pandemic, which had a direct impact on the quality and frequency of services to the residents. COVID-19 exposed the vulnerabilities in our community facilities and there is a serious need to ensure that adequate funding be allocated to improve services, healthy living and disease control programming, patient relations training for hospital and medical facility personnel, and most importantly, a financial focus on programs that bridge the gap between patients and healthy living practices.

Another major health concern in CB5 is violence and its impact on the community. Homicide is amongst the top five causes of pre-mature death in the district. One incident of violence, in particular gun violence, has the capacity to spread like a contagion. The victim, the person committing the crime, their direct family members, and anyone

who lives within that immediate area, feel the effects of the violence committed. The impacts of gun shots or any violent act in a community, creates an environment of fear, anxiety, and shock that has a negative health impact on the mind and body and an eventual breakdown on overall health.

Needs for Older NYs

The Senior population in the community must be prioritized and provided with access to quality housing; fresh food and hot meals. Additionally an increase in funding for activities that encourage longevity, flexibility and overall happiness are essential to the quality of life that is so very important to our elders. Also, each Senior Center should be equipped with vehicles that provide shuttle services for events throughout the district and borough. Far too often, there are programs, services, and events specific to our older adult populations, that are happening in other parts of the district or throughout the city but seniors are not made aware and in some cases do not have the mobility and access to transportation.

Additionally, our elder population has the right to affordable and quality housing which can be accommodated in some of the newer developments in the district. However, far too often developers choose to include "supportive housing" units instead to increase their opportunities for incentives in the overall cost for the project. We are encouraging HPD and other housing agencies to increase the attraction of including senior specific units by providing greater incentives for senior housing in new construction projects.

Needs for Homeless

Community Board 5 has homeless housing and services that support families, as well as single women and men. Although the community has made a very clear statement about not wanting any new facilities that provide temporary shelter; we recognize the need to have each of these facilities equipped with adequate services, programming, and support to ensure that the transition into permanent housing exists in every way. Far too often, loitering and quality of life complaints come into the office from neighboring businesses, organizations, libraries, and community residents near these facilities. This can be directly attributed to the lack of resources and programming available to the residents of these facilities. Funding should be provided to ensure high quality services and programming for financial literacy, trainings/educational opportunities, housing assistance, and other resources. In that regard, all DHS/DSS temporary housing facilities in CB5 should be surveyed and evaluated quarterly. Additionally, the community deserves to have input on organizations that are chosen to provide services for the residents in shelter. This agency, which will now hold a contract with the city for operations at the site, are chosen and then presented to the Board without input or inclusion in the selection process. As it currently stands, the encouragement of input and participation is for Community Advisory Boards, which are formed after the organization is contracted to the facility.

Moreover, the decision to change the service designation of the facility should always include the community board. Facilities that are changed into behavioral development sites directly impact the surrounding neighbors and businesses. This is a decision that can have an overwhelmingly negative impact on a community and must be handled with complete transparency and inclusion.

Needs for Low Income NYs

We have a mix income population and all types of services are needed. We need training programs that will make our low income population work ready.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/17	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Gotham Health East New York is the largest Health and Hospitals corporation multi-service health facility in Brooklyn, Community Board 5. It has provided medical services to the residents of East New York for over 40 years. The facility has had many changes and transitions, and they are in need of upgrades and completion of existing repairs in the main service areas and lower levels of the building. Gotham Health East New York provides a multitude of professional medical services including Dental, OB/GYN, Radiology, Internal Medicine, and much more. Additionally throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Gotham East New York ensured that a sufficient testing site was constructed on the exterior of the facility providing free testing seven days a week and eventually offering vaccinations.</i>	2094 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Funding to further the SHOP Healthy Brooklyn (NYC) program in CB5, to include zip code 11239. The original study completed in CB5 only included zip code 11207 and 11208. The results of the program outlined the great need for healthy food options in local groceries and bodegas. The Epi Data Brief generated from the initiative also showed that bodegas make up 51% of the food establishments in the 11207 areas of the district. Additionally, the brief exposed that for every grocery store, there were 5 fast food restaurants and 10 bodegas. In addition, during the Shop Health initiative, grocery store and bodega owners were given free marketing tools that promoted healthy food and beverage purchases, as well as free containers/baskets for fruit & vegetable displays.</i>	

2/22	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>We learned under COVID-19 that too many seniors did not have adequate connection to services and resources in emergency situations. We are requesting that seniors, in particular those that are homebound, be provided with technology programs to allow for greater connection to community resources and services when standard operations are interrupted.</i>
7/22	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>Create social service programs in each senior center that provides monthly one on one assistance from a trained representative of NYC Department for the Aging. This representative would be available to assist seniors with any city agency-related requirements and submissions. Many seniors are overwhelmed with Social Security, Medicare, and other document requirements and mandates. Therefore, it increases the chances of them being scammed or taken advantage of. Implementing this initiative would directly address that vulnerability and offer seniors a safe environment and confidentiality they need.</i>
13/22	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Request to mandate that all temporary housing facilities incorporate NYC Housing Connect workshops to ensure that shelter residents are fully equipped and prepared to submit for available housing through the city lottery process. Additionally, these workshops should be coupled with consistent financial literacy workshops to enhance money management skills for families and single adults.</i>
15/22	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>COVID exposed the need for homebound seniors to have direct access to services and other activities that help them to maintain their overall well-being and quality of life. An increase of funding to homebound services would bridge the gap for that access, especially within the pandemic environment where more seniors want to minimize their interactions to avoid getting sick. Additionally, we are requesting a continuation of the DFTA My Ride initiative to allow for more seniors to take advantage of the services.</i>

**Other request for
services for the
homeless**

Provide additional funding to ensure that residents in temporary shelter are receiving consistent services for financial literacy, housing assistance, employment/career training, civic engagement workshops, mental health services, healthy living programming, and other resources that encourage and facilitate the successful transition to permanent housing.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other

The neighborhoods within Brooklyn Community Board 5 are continuing to grow with large development projects that cater to 2, 3, and even 4 bedroom units. This result is an increase in the population of children and families, yet the inclusion of adequate community space to accommodate this population is scarce. The Community was given a false promise of a Boys Club that would be along the Livonia Avenue Corridor. In fact, the inclusion of this much needed community space was one of the highlights of the RFP that was submitted by the Dunn Development. It was one of the major components of the proposal that HPD boasted about and why the community was so willing to support the development overall. However, once the project moved forward, the Boys Club was no longer a part of the design and the community was told that they were no longer going to receive a community center - although there were hundreds of new families moving into the corridor. We are demanding that this space be designated for a viable cultural/community space and that it be designated as a sole source project for any potential housing that may be affiliated with the community space.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

The students of School District need to have remote learning implemented for all grades with partnerships with local parks, gardens, and other open spaces. Due to COVID-19, parents are still uneasy about how their children will resume classes within DOE buildings. Allowing for outdoor learning creates greater options for social distancing and natural ventilation. Additionally it opens up the potential to activate green spaces and parks in the district and connect students to the neighborhoods in which they live. There is a great need to eliminate overcrowding in our schools. Any and all barriers that would prevent a child from learning must be eliminated. School co-location has not proven to improve the performance of the schools in our district. The multiple administrations and school systems in proximity takes a focus away from the quality of education.

Additionally civic engagement, college readiness, trade apprenticeships, and other career pathways should be introduced to middle school students. This would help to increase early exposure and opportunities beyond high school. Moreover, the appreciation for educational attainment increases due to the connection with life choices following high school graduation.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Provide a list of all ACS Day Care sites that are currently under lease terms in CB5 with transparency of building owner and length of lease terms. Request: Ensure that all leases signed for day care/child care facilities include the city's option for right of first refusal – to safeguard facilities from being pushed out when owner wants to sell. The lease terms should be standardized to include terms that allow for longevity of the facility and its services to children.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/17	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>Renovations and upgrades for Moe Finklestein Athletic Complex or Thomas Jefferson Field - including the bleaches, lockers, field, installation of score board, multi-purpose turf, and new stationary equipment. The Thomas Jefferson field is in serious need of upgrading. Currently multiple home-grown youth football leagues and cheer-leading squads utilize the field for practices and games. Additionally, a local soccer league has adopted the space for annual games and tournaments.</i>	12504 Flatlands Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/22	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide permanent funding for arts/music programs in all middle schools in District 19. Music programs must be restored and/or implemented back into middle schools to prepare students for Performing Arts high schools. Funding should be focused on hiring of certified/trained instructors to maintain music programs during school hours.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

Continued violence and acts of violence in our communities is a true health epidemic. A crime that is committed, not only has a direct impact on the person committing the crime and the victim of it; it impacts the entire community. Homicide is ranked within the top five causes of premature death in CB5. It is a real health epidemic and the only way to effectively address it, is to implement preventive measures. Crime prevention programs are key to address the epidemic of violence that plagues our neighborhoods. Programs that include the following: • Street outreach teams that identify at-risk and high-risk members of the community • Initiatives that work to engage these populations and provide long-term counseling and life coaching • Workforce development component that assesses individuals' employability and levels of education; and offers job readiness and placement; and educational referrals. • An assigned team of Trained and Certified Mentors who will maintain the relationship during and after completion of the program. These are actions that can work to prevent crime in neighborhoods and address violent behavior at its core. Acts of violence are reactionary outburst that stem from a number of different issues; far too often in our neighborhoods violence is the result of concerns and issues that have been neglected and disregarded. Crime Prevention Programs are definitely a way to increase the quality of life for residents of this community and break the cycles of violence that currently exist.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

COMMUNITY POLICING: Community District 5 in Brooklyn is patrolled by the 75th precinct; which is one of the largest precinct areas in the city. It is for that very reason that crime prevention in this community has to be a multi-prong approach. The idea that policing alone, even at its finest, can effectively and consistently reduce crime is unrealistic. There have to be many components working together to have the most powerful and positive outcome. "The magnitude of violence – in terms of the number of victims – makes it a serious health issue. But the effects of violence also ripple through a community, causing trauma to those who witness it or live in fear of it." Excerpt: Cure Violence <http://cureviolence.org/understand-violence/violence-as-a-health-issue/> POLICE PRESENCE: Policing measures are more effective when community has a strong input and involvement on how those measures are enforced and where the most need for those enforcements have been identified. Through the Commercial District Needs Assessment efforts from local development corporations in East New York, it was recognized that most small businesses along commercial corridors in the district, want to increase the police presence on the commercial strip. Assessments were completed from four commercial corridors in East New York and strip identified that an increased police presence along their corridors would help to improve their businesses. When merchants were asked what changes they needed to occur to bring more customers into their businesses - %25 of the merchants responded, which was the highest ranking response, with a need for more safety. East New York Brooklyn Commercial District Needs Assessment - NYC Department of Small Business Services / Avenue NYC <http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/downloads/misc/cdna-eny/index.html>

Needs for Emergency Services

Community District 5 has an increase in population due to the construction of thousands of units of housing. With an increase of residents, there is of course an increase of potential fire hazards. Each new development should be required to work with the local FDNY stations to implement annual Fire Safety Education workshops for all of the residents. In addition residents should be offered the opportunity to become CPR certified or at minimum, any Resident Association, Building Captains, Resident Leadership, should be offered the CPR certification. This is a great way to keep all residents educated on fire safety methods and decrease potential fire related incidence.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/22	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>CB5 has the highest incidences of illegally parked vehicles and abandoned vehicles in the city. Our numbers have risen due to the amount of local auto shops and garages that park their junk or for-sale vehicles on public streets; and other abandoned vehicles that are randomly left on public streets for years. We need a very specific focus on this issue and an increase in the officers that search for these incidences in the district.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

East New York is a beautiful community filled with well maintained and new homes, beautifully constructed private and public housing developments, active commercial corridors, dynamic school buildings, thriving gardens and so much more - However consistent trash removal in and around all of these spaces has been an issue for many years. In particular, in the public housing developments throughout the district, excessive amounts of bagged trash and bulk trash items are piled on side streets for days at a time. In most cases, trash pile ups are literally lined on street blocks that encompass housing developments. This is an immediate attack on the quality of life for residents of the developments as well as surrounding community members. The amount of garbage and the amount of time it takes to collect it, has a direct impact on the increase of rodent and pest infestations in the development which also causes an increase in asthma and other health matters that are already prevalent in this district. In addition, the aesthetic stimulates negative perception of and for the people of the community. Mountains of trash left on sidewalks where thousands of families live, work and play daily is a complete disrespect and outright disregard for the community as a whole. Businesses on some of the commercial corridors are also in dire need of an increased focus from the city on trash clean up. Instruction on how to discard trash and where to place it on the strip, has to be reiterated and enforced. Additionally, the schedule of trash removal has to be adjusted to increase pick up times. In the early stages of COVID-19, the illegal dumping complaints increased at an alarming rate. Some areas of the district were targeted for dumping from outside businesses, and even some residents who took advantage of the pandemic's impact on city service agencies. This resulted in areas of the district being swarmed with trash pile ups and bulk trash dumping. The Industrial Business Zones were ideal for this illegal dumping activity because of the lack of lighting and minimal to no surrounding residences. This also resulted in various CB5 led collaborations for community clean ups throughout the district. Residents took matters into their own hands and began to act instead of just submitting complaints and CB5 requested local garage BK5 and DPR representatives for the district to support these efforts. Various park sites and local blocks and strips were identified and community members worked together to make an impact on the trash pile ups. Although the efforts of our residents and support of our local city agency reps were extremely noteworthy, we are still playing catch up in the district to address areas that were targeted.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Capital Projects in the district are not being prioritized within DEP. There are areas in the district that have capital projects pending for over 10 years and due to delays residents have been forced to endure flooding, standing water, and other measures that directly impact their quality of life.

Additionally, routine maintenance and upgrade work should be scheduled for all water mains, roadways, catch basins, and water supply systems in the district. Too many areas in the district receive emergency repair work on systems that are over due for maintenance and necessary upgrades. Frequent updates on the 26th Ward Water Treatment Plant.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Increase pick up schedules in NYCHA developments. In some cases, multiple NYCHA developments run along the same strip which literally transforms the strip (blvd/street/avenue) into a strip of garbage. A clear example is the fact that Louis H. Pink Houses, Cypress Houses, and Boulevard Houses all run along Linden Boulevard. If the trash is not removed within those three developments, it creates an environment of air pollution, rodent attraction, limited walkway on the sidewalks and an overall disregard for quality of life for thousands of community members. Increase trash pick-up schedules on commercial corridors in district: • Sutter Avenue / between Van Sinderen and

Pennsylvania Avenues • Liberty Avenue / between Euclid Avenue and Forbell Street • New Lots Avenue / between Van Sinderen Avenue and Elton Street • Fulton Street / between Large development is on the rise in CB5, and with that development comes an increase in families – which results in a larger amount of trash and recyclables that are put curbside for pick up. Areas of the district that were never developed on, now have multi-level homes, and buildings that have over 500 units of housing. The study for a tri-day pick up in CB5 needs to be conducted. For reference, please research the following summarized list of new developments (completed or nearing completion) in the district within the last 5-10 years: a. Gateway/Spring Creek Area which now encompasses: Spring Creek Nehemiah homes phases III & IV; Gateway Elton apartments with 9 buildings and 659 units - with new ground level commercial spaces b. Livonia Avenue bet. Pennsylvania Avenue & Van Sinderen which now encompasses: Livonia Commons apartments and new ground level commercial spaces – 4 buildings with 288 units c. Pitkin Avenue bet. Berriman Apartments – new development – 6 story building with 47 units d. Redwood Senior – 81 units built on former NYCHA parking lot (Linden Houses) e. Stanley Commons – 6 buildings with 240 units built on former NYCHA parking lot (Linden Houses) f. Linden Boulevard and Emerald Street Apartments – new development which encompasses 4 buildings and 521 units. g. Dinsmore Chestnut site – new development with over 200 units h. Corretta Scott King Senior – 50 units i. Belmont Gardens / Conduit Blvd & Eldert Lane – 67 units

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/17	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Expedite the Jewel Street project to bring the sidewalks, sewer systems, and housing sites up to grade.</i>	
8/17	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Our BK5 garage is in real need of a pick-up truck with hitch to accommodate efficient district-wide maintenance.</i>	
9/17	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Secure an additional haulster to accommodate the 20+ miles of narrow streets in the district. This is the only way we can successfully ensure that those residents will receive the same quality service that our garage provides throughout the district.</i>	
12/17	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>GREEN SPACES/INFRASTRUCTURE: Implement direct water supply system for district gardens to allow for greater growth productivity JOINT AGENCY: DPR & DEP Explanation: Most gardens have no direct access to water forcing them to connect to street hydrants or rely on additional volunteer support to manually supply water to gardens</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/22	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>The consistent maintenance of catch basins in the district is of paramount importance. We are requesting that DEP provide maintenance schedules to the community board and conduct a study to identify any problem areas that have been repeatedly reported.</i>	

12/22	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	<i>Increase frequency of street inspection to remove abandoned vehicles and illegally parked vehicles. There are some locations that are targeted more than others, specifically in auto body/repair shops. • EXPLANATION: CB5 has the highest rate of 311 complaints for illegally parked and abandoned vehicles. We need a collaborated agency approach to address the issue.</i>	Danforth Street Hemlock Street Autumn Avenue
17/22	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	<i>Atkins Avenue between Flatlands Avenue in the Flatlands IBZ has been a location of on-going noise complaints. It has been reported that people from outside of the district come into the IBZ after business hours and set up large speaker systems, and conduct high volume outdoor parties. These events are filled with people and cars along Atkins Avenue for about 2 to 3 blocks and the industrial-sized speakers ring out in resident's homes in the surrounding area. This is a complete disrespect to the quality of life for surrounding residents and the business environment where they are setting up. We are asking for DEP to collaborate with NYPD to address this issues.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

Condition of public housing

New York City Housing Authority is the largest public housing provider in the nation with developments that house people in every borough of the city. Brooklyn, Community Board 5 houses 13 public housing developments that provide affordable housing for thousands of families and seniors. Unfortunately, the conditions in these developments are still far below standard. We have developments that have been under renovation and repair for many years. Scaffolding shadows the exterior of buildings for years at a time with little to no progress on projects that were bidded and contracted. Residents are forced to live in conditions including flooding, constant moisture on walls and ceilings, mold, holes, repeated plumbing issues, lack of hot water and heat, and so many other conditions that create and exacerbate deadly health conditions. The amount of asthma and respiratory illness cases in NYCHA is higher than anywhere else in the district because of the amount of residents and the conditions that they live in.

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

Needs for Land Use

The homes constructed on Loring Avenue between Sapphire Street and Amber Street cleared for development without certificate of occupancy data. Homeowners have properties that are in an area that needs structural repair and they are unable to sell or move forward with the status of the properties. How can the Department of Buildings assist with this matter?

Needs for Housing

With East New York being the point of focus for the initial influx of development under the new MIH; it is necessary for development to include economic development as well as community development. New development that comes into the community should be mixed use with businesses as well as community space, as a "Mandatory Inclusion". With a growing non-profit community, the need for open community spaces throughout the district is a necessity and mixed use development affords the opportunity for further small business development as well as community based organizations to acquire one of the most vital assets to their success - space.

Create an addendum for all RFPs, RFQs, etc. – to include community board comment/suggestion. Currently community boards are not included and therefore the full proposal lacks the voice of the community in which the proposed project will exist. Given the recent re-zoning and influx of housing development – CB5's input is crucial in creating comprehensive community development projects. Increase affordable housing opportunities for single adults returning to the district from college, military, etc.

Create greater incentives for developers to include senior housing in larger development sites, where there are multiple phases and/or buildings. It was reported from the Van Siclen shelter - operated by Samartin Village, that they have an increase in senior residents. This is due to the fact that affordable housing for seniors has not increased at an equal rate with overall new development in the district. Supportive housing has become the common addition to larger development sites which brings in new residents from other areas - however, our seniors are being pushed out and into temporary housing facilities.

(Coordinate with SBS) Create incentives for developers of mixed-use development to include local small businesses for tenant opportunities. Currently, the mixed-use development in CB5 has vacant ground floor commercial space due to high rents. (Coordinate with DOHMH): Work with developer to provide greater incentives for Fresh Food markets to be included in mixed use development as healthy, community-friendly anchor tenants. While Dollar Tree and other similar corporations provide a service that the community members are familiar with – they do not add to the overall benefit of the community which includes healthy living primarily, and employment diversity.

Provide a report on the amount of maintenance staff that are assigned to each NYCHA development in CB5. Increase amount of maintenance staff to address frequency of interior cleaning schedules and grounds-keeping maintenance schedules. Commit funding for LED lighting within all CB5 NYCHA developments. Flood lighting, according to NYCHA, was a pilot program to determine the impact of lighting on decreasing crime – so there should be an immediate plan to implement the proper lighting (LED) to allow for crime reduction while complimenting the developments' resident's quality of life.

Needs for Economic Development

Economic empowerment in a community requires participation from small business owners, community based organizations, elected officials, and city agencies. The efforts in revitalizing the commercial corridors in East New York through the Department of Small Business Services, is a great start but it must be continued. Additionally, community based organizations need greater resources when they are tasked with engaging business owners; to increase the outcomes. Currently East New York is home to three Local Development Corporations, Cypress Hills; ENY Restoration; and LDC of East New York, along with Highland Park Community Development Corp. They each have participated in the commercial revitalization efforts through SBS. The results were printed in SBS's Avenue NYC report. Additionally resources have to be increased for those organizations that offer specific services that encourage entrepreneurship and small business development. ENY Restoration LDC provides the only small business incubator spaces for small businesses and LDC of East New York provides services for women in business as the only recognized Small Business Development Center in the community. These are services that strengthen the economic standing of the community and they need to be in receipt of increased focused funding to continue in those efforts. Issue: Office Anchor Strategy plan for East New York must be re-visited. The proposed solution to revitalizing the community to increase office/commercial space for job creation is overlooking the most obvious concern – education. The current proposal identifies a specific area at the Broadway Junction location to be developed for commercial use. The East New York Community has a varied number of commercial strips and one of the largest strip malls in the city with Gateway Center; however, the available employment does not provide the kind of wages that match the cost of living in our borough. Additionally, the EDC has proposed to have HRA as the Anchor tenant in the space at Broadway Junction – and this is redundant as HRA has an existing multiservice center in CB5, at 404 Pine Street; which provides SNAP, Medicaid, and more. Request: Create the plan that includes a CUNY facility in the space at Broadway Junction. The community has outlined that the need for higher education in the district, is an absolute necessity to prepare our young people for long-lasting career opportunities – not minimum wage positions. Economic growth in a community is not centered on the growth of business but the growth of economic empowerment of the residents who will patronize existing and future businesses.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/17	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to include senior housing in larger development sites, where there are multiple phases and/or buildings. The increase of senior homelessness is a true crisis happening within CB5. More seniors are reportedly residing in local shelter facilities due to the inability to maintain rent expenses.</i>	
7/17	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>Secure funding for the construction or utilization of existing available space within the Industrial Business Zone, for a Green Initiative / Trade & Labor Training Facility.</i>	
11/17	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Increase frequency of grounds cleaning and interior cleaning for all NYCHA developments in CB5. Currently there are developments that are not cleaned as frequently and the exterior grounds are not kept up. Grass is overgrowing and curbside bulk trash and regular trash is piled up along the streets; creating an environment that is infested with rodents and other infestations.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/22	SBS	Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency	<i>Expense Request: Increase resources and opportunities for grants and site partnerships to small businesses under COVID-19 Explanation: Minority small businesses, in particular Black & Brown business owners, have suffered tremendously from the impact of COVID-19. Many had no alternatives as they closed their doors to patrons and their staff. As the economy begins to be flooded with opportunities, the minority businesses (i.e. Barbershops, Hair Salons, Boutiques, and Eateries) in CB5 are in desperate need of resources and direct grants. Additionally, help to create networks of opportunities to share open spaces for those businesses who have the ability to provide outdoor services.</i>	

9/22	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Coordinate with HPD for the Construction of a new Community Center on Livonia Avenue Corridor (corner of Williams Avenue) During the RFP process for development on the first phase of the Livonia Avenue Corridor, Dunn Development was selected as the developer for the housing project and the community was in major support of the proposal submitted by Dunn due to the collaboration with the Boys Club of New York. A newly constructed Boys Club was to be built on the fifth lot which would have balanced the new housing units with adequate community space for the existing and incoming families and children. Since the inception of the housing, the Boys Club has backed out and the proposal still moved forward with no community space to accommodate the new population on the corridor.</i>	Livonia Avenue Williams Avenue Williams Avenue
10/22	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work spaces within mixed used development and other initiatives that would assist with securing local business tenants. CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.</i>	
11/22	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Request that EDC implement a mandate policy to inform Community Board office of any and all new lease holders or business owners in IBZ. Business updated reports should come from BOC Network. • EXPLANATION: Businesses move in and out of the IBZs in CB5 and we are not made aware of these business transactions. Therefore we are not aware, and more importantly, not included in the selection of businesses coming into the IBZs. Within the last couple of years we had to deal with the expansion of the medical waste business that wanted to expand their services to medical waste storage and transfer. Additionally, when a new business comes into the district, we want to ensure that there is a local hiring process that is implemented.</i>	

14/22	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work spaces within new mixed used development. Explanation: CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.</i>
18/22	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work-spaces within new mixed used development. Agency Collaboration: NYC Housing Preservation Department (HPD) and EDC Explanation: CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore, commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.</i>
19/22	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	<i>Provide the Community Board with quarterly or bi-annual reports on the data collected from the Zombie Division of HPD.</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Freight movement (loading zones, freight related traffic, etc.)

Although there are many road related issues that impact Brooklyn, Community Board 5, the issue of freight related traffic in residential areas has been the one that is hardest to address. Commercial vehicles are storming through small residential blocks in the district with no direction, enforcement or understanding. The result is severely damaged vehicles, destroyed medians and tree implants, and local residents confused about why an 18 wheeler would end up on a block that could not accommodate a safe turn. The freight management in the Spring Creek/Gateway section of the district is filled with new construction of schools, parks, housing and the Gateway Center Mall - which is the destination of the commercial vehicles. However, because of the new construction some of the streets are not mapped on freight routes, so they often improvise and get stuck on local residential blocks.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation needs in the district vary depending on the section of the community in question. However, there is a need to conduct surveys to determine the feasibility of speed humps, in particular near schools, day care facilities, and playgrounds. Additionally, safety improvements must include greater community feedback and input. Surveys should be comprehensive and provide residents with an opportunity to give input on paper as well as on-line. Conduct additional surveys at Loring Avenue, Drew, Emerald, and Fountain Avenue - to review the safety measures that were implemented and how they have negatively or positively impacted the flow of traffic for businesses and residents. (a.) New Bike Lanes on Loring Avenue between Eldert Lane and Emerald Street are counterproductive to successful traffic flow. They should be removed on that strip. (b.) Signage on Drew Street between Loring Avenue and Linden Boulevard to address the commercial (large trailers vehicles) trucks parking for extended periods of time. It obstructs vision and creates unsafe walkways, and takes away from potential residential parking (c) Safety measures and bike lanes implemented on Fountain Avenue and Loring Avenues have had a reverse effect on traffic flow. Traffic congestion has increased due to the implementation of the bike lanes.

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/17	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Secure funding for upgrades and beautification of the New Lots Avenue Station underpass on the L subway line</i>	New Lots Avenue Van Sinderen Avenue
5/17	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Removal of Bike Lanes EXPLANATION: Bike lanes installed in both areas have created additional congestion and are counter productive to the easy flow of traffic along those blocks. Remove bike lanes on Fountain Avenue between Sutter Avenue and Seaview Avenue. Remove bike lanes on Loring Avenue between Emerald Street and Stanley Ave</i>	
10/17	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install turning signal at the intersection of Erskine Avenue and Seaview Avenue (leading onto the Belt Parkway West) • EXPLANATION: Currently there is no direction for traffic entering the Belt Parkway from Seaview Avenue. South and north bound traffic is left with no traffic signals to direct right of way which is potential danger.</i>	Erskine Street Seaview Avenue Seaview Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/22	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	<i>Install Commercial Vehicle or Freight Traffic signage in the Spring Creek area of the district on Erskine and Vandalia, Elton and Vandalia, and Elton and Flatlands. Currently cars, medians and property are being damaged due to freight deliveries to the Gateway Center Mall. The area needs to be included in the Smart Truck Freight Management Plan with NYC Dept. of Transportation.</i>	Elton Street Vandalia Avenue Vandalia Avenue
20/22	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>Please increase frequency and maintenance on the #3 subway line in CB5.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

Community facility access and programming

The neighborhoods within Brooklyn Community Board 5 are continuing to grow with large development projects that cater to 2, 3, and even 4 bedroom units. This result is an increase in the population of children and families, yet the inclusion of adequate community space to accommodate this population is scarce. The Community was given a false promise of a Boys Club that would be along the Livonia Avenue Corridor. In fact, the inclusion of this much needed community space was one of the highlights of the RFP that was submitted by the Dunn Development. It was one of the major components of the proposal that HPD boasted about and why the community was so willing to support the development overall. However, once the project moved forward, the Boys Club was no longer a part of the design and the community was told that they were no longer going to receive a community center - although there were hundreds of new families moving into the corridor. We are demanding that this space be designated for a viable cultural/community space and that it be designated as a sole source project for any potential housing that may be affiliated with the community space.

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

Needs for Parks

CB5 is very proud of the existing investments that we have in our parks and green spaces in the district. 2019 has been filled with various ribbon cuttings and ground breaking ceremonies on parks land projects. We recently learned that joint allocations from NYC Council Member Barron and NYS Assembly Barron totaled over \$70 million in our district parks. This is a true investment in community and healthy living. However, we want to address that some projects still require a commitment from our Brooklyn Parks Department to ensure that the project is comprehensive. For example, the recent allocations to Lion's Pride Park and Success Gardens Playground does not include a comfort station in either park. The two parks encompass a large existing community and development projects that will bring in hundreds of new families.

Needs for Cultural Services

CB#5 needs a Cultural Center along with a Community Facility erected in our district that will be fully staffed.

Needs for Library Services

The New Lots Library in Community Board 5 is one of the cultural hubs of the community and has the support of the elected officials, block associations, and community based organizations for the renovation plans to develop the library and completely transform it into a research center and cultural library for the district. Spring Creek Library is one of the libraries in the district that is situated in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods. It is surrounded by Starrett City, Council Towers, Meadow Wood Gardens, Gateway Elton apartments and nearby NYCHA developments Penn Wortman, Linden Houses, and Boulevard Houses. However, the amount of book rotation and usage of the space is at bare minimum. We need to create incentives to bring more neighboring residents into the Spring Creek branch. An outreach plan must be implemented.

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Secure funding for construction of comfort station at Lion's Pride Playground • EXPLANATION: Funding has been allocated to renovate the upgrade the playground and adjacent site but a comfort station is still not included in the renovation.</i>	Riverdale Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
14/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovations for Woodruff Playground Phase 1 – \$4M Complete playground reconstruction, including new spray shower, fencing, safety surface, and utilities. Last renovated 1998 Phase 2 – \$4M Reconstruct existing basketball courts, handball courts, fencing, drainage</i>	
15/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovation of Pink Playground Complete reconstruction of playground site, including conversion of asphalt multi purpose play area into synthetic turf, replacement of old play equipment and safety surface, full depth asphalt replacement of basketball court and handball court</i>	
16/17	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>OPEN SPACES/INFRASTRUCTURE: Implement direct water supply system for district gardens to allow for greater growth productivity JOINT AGENCY: DPR & DEP Explanation: Most gardens have no direct access to water forcing them to connect to street hydrants or rely on additional volunteer support to manually supply water to gardens</i>	
17/17	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Secure funding to Construct the East New York Recreation Center (ENYRC) Explanation: The district is still in need of a stand alone, full-service community center, that provides state-of-the art amenities, youth, family, and senior programming, and swimming pool. The existing model for this facility is the Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC) in CB16.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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21/22	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Please increase personnel budget to include more park rangers for our district. CB5 has over 35 parks/playgrounds and the need for care and consistent maintenance and management of these spaces are vital.</i>
22/22	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Green Space Resources: Increase incentives that provide access to soil, composting education/programs, and supplies for local garden managers Agency: NYC Department of Parks & Recreation - Greenthumb</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/17	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to include senior housing in larger development sites, where there are multiple phases and/or buildings. The increase of senior homelessness is a true crisis happening within CB5. More seniors are reportedly residing in local shelter facilities due to the inability to maintain rent expenses.</i>	
2/17	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Gotham Health East New York is the largest Health and Hospitals corporation multi-service health facility in Brooklyn, Community Board 5. It has provided medical services to the residents of East New York for over 40 years. The facility has had many changes and transitions, and they are in need of upgrades and completion of existing repairs in the main service areas and lower levels of the building. Gotham Health East New York provides a multitude of professional medical services including Dental, OB/GYN, Radiology, Internal Medicine, and much more. Additionally throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Gotham East New York ensured that a sufficient testing site was constructed on the exterior of the facility providing free testing seven days a week and eventually offering vaccinations.</i>	2094 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/17	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Expedite the Jewel Street project to bring the sidewalks, sewer systems, and housing sites up to grade.</i>	
4/17	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Secure funding for upgrades and beautification of the New Lots Avenue Station underpass on the L subway line</i>	New Lots Avenue Van Sinderen Avenue
5/17	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Removal of Bike Lanes EXPLANATION: Bike lanes installed in both areas have created additional congestion and are counter productive to the easy flow of traffic along those blocks. Remove bike lanes on Fountain Avenue between Sutter Avenue and Seaview Avenue. Remove bike lanes on Loring Avenue between Emerald Street and Stanley Ave</i>	

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7/17	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>Secure funding for the construction or utilization of existing available space within the Industrial Business Zone, for a Green Initiative / Trade & Labor Training Facility.</i>	
8/17	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Our BK5 garage is in real need of a pick-up truck with hitch to accommodate efficient district-wide maintenance.</i>	
9/17	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Secure an additional haulster to accommodate the 20+ miles of narrow streets in the district. This is the only way we can successfully ensure that those residents will receive the same quality service that our garage provides throughout the district.</i>	
10/17	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install turning signal at the intersection of Erskine Avenue and Seaview Avenue (leading onto the Belt Parkway West) • EXPLANATION: Currently there is no direction for traffic entering the Belt Parkway from Seaview Avenue. South and north bound traffic is left with no traffic signals to direct right of way which is potential danger.</i>	Erskine Street Seaview Avenue Seaview Avenue
11/17	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Increase frequency of grounds cleaning and interior cleaning for all NYCHA developments in CB5. Currently there are developments that are not cleaned as frequently and the exterior grounds are not kept up. Grass is overgrowing and curbside bulk trash and regular trash is piled up along the streets; creating an environment that is infested with rodents and other infestations.</i>	

12/17	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>GREEN SPACES/INFRASTRUCTURE: Implement direct water supply system for district gardens to allow for greater growth productivity JOINT AGENCY: DPR & DEP Explanation: Most gardens have no direct access to water forcing them to connect to street hydrants or rely on additional volunteer support to manually supply water to gardens</i>	
13/17	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>Renovations and upgrades for Moe Finklestein Athletic Complex or Thomas Jefferson Field - including the bleaches, lockers, field, installation of score board, multi-purpose turf, and new stationary equipment. The Thomas Jefferson field is in serious need of upgrading. Currently multiple home-grown youth football leagues and cheer-leading squads utilize the field for practices and games. Additionally, a local soccer league has adopted the space for annual games and tournaments.</i>	12504 Flatlands Avenue
14/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovations for Woodruff Playground Phase 1 – \$4M Complete playground reconstruction, including new spray shower, fencing, safety surface, and utilities. Last renovated 1998 Phase 2 – \$4M Reconstruct existing basketball courts, handball courts, fencing, drainage</i>	
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**Other capital budget
request for DPR**

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Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Funding to further the SHOP Healthy Brooklyn (NYC) program in CB5, to include zip code 11239. The original study completed in CB5 only included zip code 11207 and 11208. The results of the program outlined the great need for healthy food options in local groceries and bodegas. The Epi Data Brief generated from the initiative also showed that bodegas make up 51% of the food establishments in the 11207 areas of the district. Additionally, the brief exposed that for every grocery store, there were 5 fast food restaurants and 10 bodegas. In addition, during the Shop Health initiative, grocery store and bodega owners were given free marketing tools that promoted healthy food and beverage purchases, as well as free containers/baskets for fruit & vegetable displays.</i>	
2/22	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>We learned under COVID-19 that too many seniors did not have adequate connection to services and resources in emergency situations. We are requesting that seniors, in particular those that are homebound, be provided with technology programs to allow for greater connection to community resources and services when standard operations are interrupted.</i>	
3/22	SBS	Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency	<i>Expense Request: Increase resources and opportunities for grants and site partnerships to small businesses under COVID-19 Explanation: Minority small businesses, in particular Black & Brown business owners, have suffered tremendously from the impact of COVID-19. Many had no alternatives as they closed their doors to patrons and their staff. As the economy begins to be flooded with opportunities, the minority businesses (i.e. Barbershops, Hair Salons, Boutiques, and Eateries) in CB5 are in desperate need of resources and direct grants. Additionally, help to create networks of opportunities to share open spaces for those businesses who have the ability to provide outdoor services.</i>	

4/22	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide permanent funding for arts/music programs in all middle schools in District 19. Music programs must be restored and/or implemented back into middle schools to prepare students for Performing Arts high schools. Funding should be focused on hiring of certified/trained instructors to maintain music programs during school hours.</i>	
5/22	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	<i>Install Commercial Vehicle or Freight Traffic signage in the Spring Creek area of the district on Erskine and Vandalia, Elton and Vandalia, and Elton and Flatlands. Currently cars, medians and property are being damaged due to freight deliveries to the Gateway Center Mall. The area needs to be included in the Smart Truck Freight Management Plan with NYC Dept. of Transportation.</i>	Elton Street Vandalia Avenue Vandalia Avenue
6/22	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>The consistent maintenance of catch basins in the district is of paramount importance. We are requesting that DEP provide maintenance schedules to the community board and conduct a study to identify any problem areas that have been repeatedly reported.</i>	
7/22	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>Create social service programs in each senior center that provides monthly one on one assistance from a trained representative of NYC Department for the Aging. This representative would be available to assist seniors with any city agency-related requirements and submissions. Many seniors are overwhelmed with Social Security, Medicare, and other document requirements and mandates. Therefore, it increases the chances of them being scammed or taken advantage of. Implementing this initiative would directly address that vulnerability and offer seniors a safe environment and confidentiality they need.</i>	
8/22	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>CB5 has the highest incidences of illegally parked vehicles and abandoned vehicles in the city. Our numbers have risen due to the amount of local auto shops and garages that park their junk or for-sale vehicles on public streets; and other abandoned vehicles that are randomly left on public streets for years. We need a very specific focus on this issue and an increase in the officers that search for these incidences in the district.</i>	

9/22	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Coordinate with HPD for the Construction of a new Community Center on Livonia Avenue Corridor (corner of Williams Avenue) During the RFP process for development on the first phase of the Livonia Avenue Corridor, Dunn Development was selected as the developer for the housing project and the community was in major support of the proposal submitted by Dunn due to the collaboration with the Boys Club of New York. A newly constructed Boys Club was to be built on the fifth lot which would have balanced the new housing units with adequate community space for the existing and incoming families and children. Since the inception of the housing, the Boys Club has backed out and the proposal still moved forward with no community space to accommodate the new population on the corridor.</i>	Livonia Avenue Williams Avenue Williams Avenue
10/22	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work spaces within mixed used development and other initiatives that would assist with securing local business tenants. CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.</i>	
11/22	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Request that EDC implement a mandate policy to inform Community Board office of any and all new lease holders or business owners in IBZ. Business updated reports should come from BOC Network. • EXPLANATION: Businesses move in and out of the IBZs in CB5 and we are not made aware of these business transactions. Therefore we are not aware, and more importantly, not included in the selection of businesses coming into the IBZs. Within the last couple of years we had to deal with the expansion of the medical waste business that wanted to expand their services to medical waste storage and transfer. Additionally, when a new business comes into the district, we want to ensure that there is a local hiring process that is implemented.</i>	

12/22	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	<i>Increase frequency of street inspection to remove abandoned vehicles and illegally parked vehicles. There are some locations that are targeted more than others, specifically in auto body/repair shops. • EXPLANATION: CB5 has the highest rate of 311 complaints for illegally parked and abandoned vehicles. We need a collaborated agency approach to address the issue.</i>	Danforth Street Hemlock Street Autumn Avenue
13/22	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Request to mandate that all temporary housing facilities incorporate NYC Housing Connect workshops to ensure that shelter residents are fully equipped and prepared to submit for available housing through the city lottery process. Additionally, these workshops should be coupled with consistent financial literacy workshops to enhance money management skills for families and single adults.</i>	
14/22	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work spaces within new mixed used development. Explanation: CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.</i>	
15/22	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>COVID exposed the need for homebound seniors to have direct access to services and other activities that help them to maintain their overall well-being and quality of life. An increase of funding to homebound services would bridge the gap for that access, especially within the pandemic environment where more seniors want to minimize their interactions to avoid getting sick. Additionally, we are requesting a continuation of the DFTA My Ride initiative to allow for more seniors to take advantage of the services.</i>	

16/22	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Provide additional funding to ensure that residents in temporary shelter are receiving consistent services for financial literacy, housing assistance, employment/career training, civic engagement workshops, mental health services, healthy living programming, and other resources that encourage and facilitate the successful transition to permanent housing.</i>
17/22	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	<i>Atkins Avenue between Flatlands Avenue in the Flatlands IBZ has been a location of on-going noise complaints. It has been reported that people from outside of the district come into the IBZ after business hours and set up large speaker systems, and conduct high volume outdoor parties. These events are filled with people and cars along Atkins Avenue for about 2 to 3 blocks and the industrial-sized speakers ring out in resident's homes in the surrounding area. This is a complete disrespect to the quality of life for surrounding residents and the business environment where they are setting up. We are asking for DEP to collaborate with NYPD to address this issues.</i>
18/22	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work-spaces within new mixed used development. Agency Collaboration: NYC Housing Preservation Department (HPD) and EDC Explanation: CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore, commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.</i>
19/22	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	<i>Provide the Community Board with quarterly or bi-annual reports on the data collected from the Zombie Division of HPD.</i>
20/22	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>Please increase frequency and maintenance on the #3 subway line in CB5.</i>

21/22	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Please increase personnel budget to include more park rangers for our district. CB5 has over 35 parks/playgrounds and the need for care and consistent maintenance and management of these spaces are vital.</i>
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