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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) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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 FY21 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Brooklyn Community District 12

See BK 12's profile online at
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods¹: Borough Park, Kensington, Ocean Parkway

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
185,046	191,382	+3%
2013-2017 Estimate ⁴		164,461
Square Miles		3.6
Population Density		53,162/sq mi



Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 12 in 2019:

1. Affordable housing
2. Traffic
3. Trash removal & cleanliness

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 12's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	10,215	40%
Multifamily Walk-up	5,042	22%
Multifamily Elevator	210	5%
Mixed Use	2,044	8%
Commercial	439	4%
Industrial	229	2%
Transportation/Utility	152	4%
Public/Institutional	503	7%
Open Space	22	6%
Parking	138	1%
Vacant	325	2%
Other	31	0%

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	21
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	24
Parks	6
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
61%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 12	Citywide Target
74%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
37	42
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	41
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
31%	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
6	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	NYC
	11.8

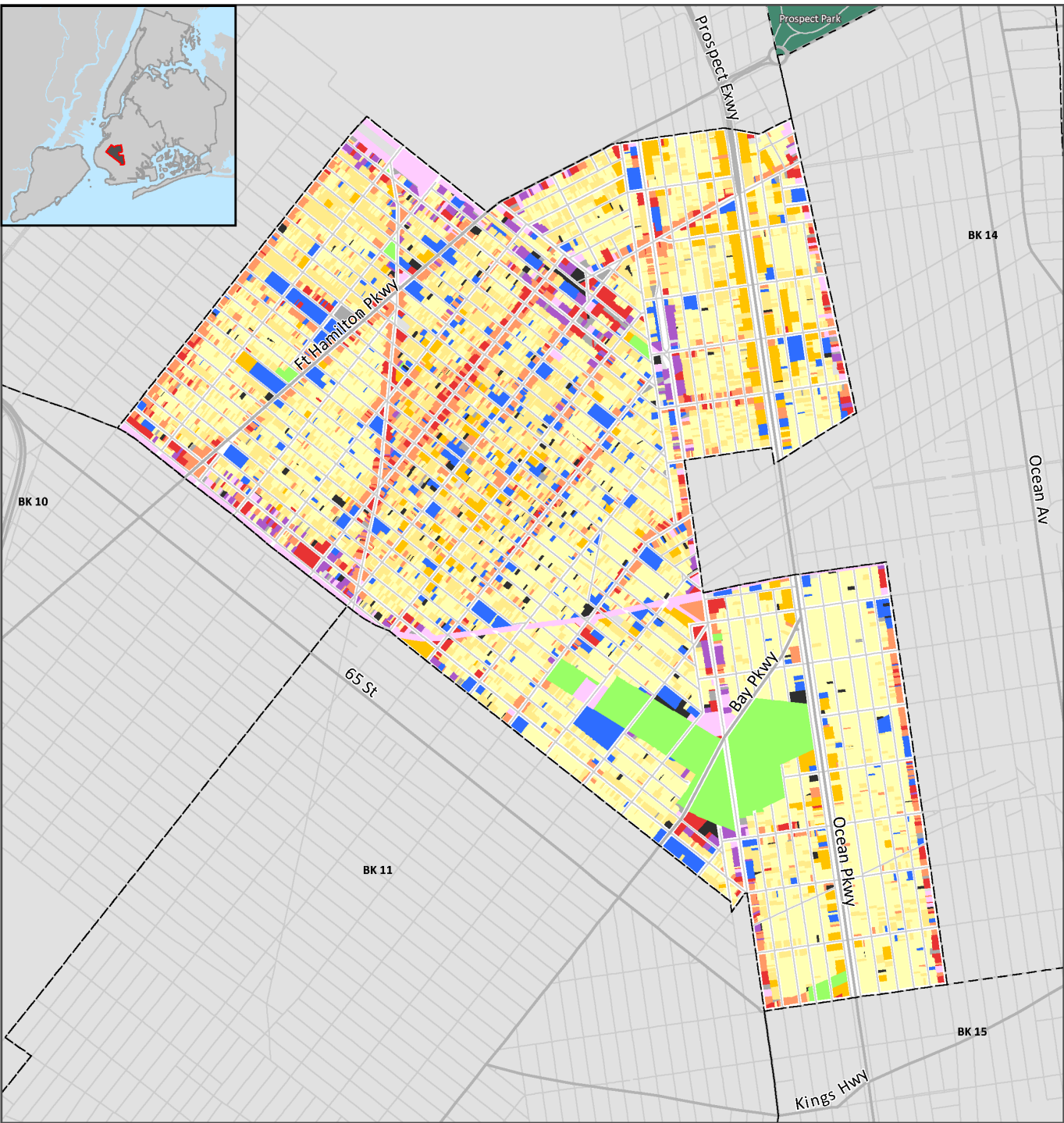
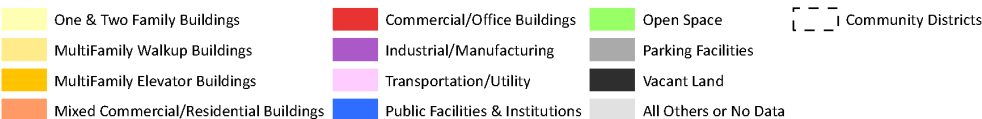
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
29%	35%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	37%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
3.5%	5.1%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC
	4.9%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 12	Brooklyn
27%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Brooklyn Community District 12 - Land Use



3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 12 encompasses neighborhoods of Borough Park and parts of Kensington, Sunset Park and Midwood. Borough Park is known for its large enclave of Hasidic Jewish residents. Kensington is home to rapidly growing Pakistani and Bangladeshi Communities. Sunset Park, specifically 8th Avenue which borders District 12 as well as District 7, is the location of Brooklyn's Chinatown. Midwood's Ocean Parkway is the site of 4.86 miles long boulevard that connects the Coney Island Beach to Prospect Park.

Community Board 12 represents a diverse population with distinct and varied needs. The distinctions of the district are what makes the needs unique. There are several differences of note in the 2017 American Community Survey as compiled by the United States Census Bureau.

The 2017 ACS birth rate in this district is 11.5%, which is more than double the average New York rate of 4.6% (calculated as the percentage of women ages 15-50 who gave birth the previous year). This leads to a disproportionate number of infants, children and youth who require childcare and other youth services. Indeed, the percentage of youth under the age of 18 is 36.3%- the largest of any district in NYC (per NYC Planning). These children, largely educated in non-public schools, are entitled to the proper delivery of city services, such as trash collection. These children should not be accosted by decaying organic matter on the streets in front of their schools.

65.9% of residents in this district use English as a second language (ESL). 55% of the residents speak an Indo-European language (The NY rate of Indo-European language as the spoken language at home is 8%, The US rate is 3%). Notably, Yiddish, the language largely used by Hasidic residents, as well as the languages originating in the Indian subcontinent, are all Indo-European languages. This is noteworthy because of the lack of proper accommodation for these ESL speakers. While NYC is well equipped to fully accommodate ESL speakers whose primary language is Spanish, the same is not true of ESL speakers whose primary language is Yiddish. The accommodations provided appear as though Google translated, with awkward wording and syntax, which is difficult to understand. This district needs services provided in a way its residents can understand.

The district is comprised of a wealth of cultural and ethnic enclaves. The US Census data combined with OpenStreetMap data found that 22% of the population in Kensington, a neighborhood within CB12, identify as ethnically Asian; this reflects the vibrant Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Indian communities that live in the area. The Kensington area itself has welcomed many new families with young children. However, the Kensington area is largely devoid of Parks or Green streets in close enough proximity to be of use to these children.

The Chinatown of Brooklyn is located on 8th Avenue, which is the boundary between Community Board 7 and Community Board 12. This area has seen a steady evolution in its ethnic makeup to accommodate the growing cultural community within this desirous enclave: in some streets located between 8th and 9th ave, between 75%-90% of residents identify as ethnically Asian.

Because of religious and cultural necessities unique to the diverse cultures this district encompasses, Community District 12 has become a much-desired area in which to live. All areas of our District are experiencing an influx of large families, which is contributing to the density of this District as a whole. The district suffers from traffic congestion, lack of parking, sanitation deficiencies, and infrastructure problems. The prime example is Borough Park, which continues to be the most densely populated section of the District. Religious constraints and sizable families anchor the community to this district because of the proximity to their houses of worship, kosher shopping areas and schools.

Traffic is brought about by the density of the district. For one, the amount of school buses needed to transport children to school is remarkable (rough estimates are about 300-350 buses a day). Understanding that traffic and parking are par for the course in dense cities, we propose a few changes that we have observed can alleviate some congestion in a fiscally viable manner. The district, due to the continued growth of the community, is constantly subjected to construction and infrastructure upgrades which further exacerbates the problem. And while permits by DOT are required for such work, the stipulations embedded to ensure traffic flow are ignored many times. These illegal street closures create chaos with the inevitable extra burden on traffic. An increase in DOT HIQA oversight will ensure that construction is done as painlessly as possible.

We also request some innovative ideas should be seriously explored: some of our busiest stretches have traffic patterns that vary according to the time of day. Therefore, we request a middle lane of traffic to change directionally according to the patterns of am and pm rush hours. This remedy, which is already in use at other big cities, will accommodate the morning rush of traffic to work and school. We would also like serious consideration given to residential parking tags to ease the parking burden of the residents of the district.

Borough Park is in dire need of affordable housing to accommodate its growing population who come to this district for its cultural wealth- not monetary wealth. A large portion of the population lives in poverty and cannot afford the market prices on housing.

Our children, comprising a large percentage of the population, are largely educated in religious private schools. Ever since *Everson v Board of Education* (1947), the largely held legal opinion was that **all** school children are entitled to essential services:

*“cutting off church schools from these services * so separate and so indisputably marked off from the religious function would make it far more difficult for the schools to operate. But such is obviously not the purpose of the First Amendment. That Amendment requires the state to be a neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and nonbelievers; it does not require the state to be their adversary.”*

*this statement was made in reference to transportation needs.

And while New York City celebrates diversity of culture and religion, the New York City Department of Sanitation does not fully service private school children, who are fed 3 meals daily, the same way it does public school children. Private schools get serviced only twice a week, as all residences. But, because Borough Park is home to the largest amount of private schools in NYC, this creates a huge problem (some schools house between 2-4 thousand children- which is many times larger than local district schools). Garbage piles up and gets spread around all over the street. This creates a smell during the summer. Sanitation workers can't fit the piles of garbage into their trucks and leave some for the next scheduled twice-weekly pickup. This creates a major decline in our quality of life. Daily trash collection for our private schools, who also serve daily meals thereby generating rapidly decaying garbage, is an absolute necessity.

One of the primary complaints of residents of the district is the lack of oversight in Sanitation. Residents report masses of trash scattered in the streets left in the wake of what is supposed to be routine trash collection. The fact is, many sanitation employees are lax in how they do their jobs. On the other hand, residents complain that they are ticketed for minor infractions such as candy wrappers that are blown into their sidewalk frontage *after* they cleaned in front of their house. Despite the institution of additional supervisors, the problem remains prevalent. We propose cameras mounted on all trucks so that supervisors have the ability to monitor and review their crew. It is high time the sanitation department provides of photo evidence on every ticket. The accountability cameras will provide will lead to responsible trash collection and enforcement. This technology already exists and is used to ensure essential services are provided properly.

The Community Board 12 District is, and continues to be, a viable tax base. However, the demographic outliers present unique challenges. The board has the intimate knowledge of these details and how to work with them. We are ready, willing, and able to do whatever we can to assist NYC in its stated goal of promoting and celebrating diversity.

We add one caveat to our statement in order to further emphasize the needs of our district: CB12's participation rate in the 2010 Census was 49%. All population related data is therefore grossly underrepresented leading to a further strain on resources allocated by population. This Community Board, in conjunction with many local government and community organizations, has engaged in a major effort to drive up the participation rate to 100% participation in the 2020 Census. Our needs are greater than reflected in this statement and we sincerely hope the City will respond to the genuine needs of our district.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 12

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Community Board 12 is a densely populated community with large families living in the district. Community Board 12 is home to one of the largest enclaves of Jewish religious community which many members naturally gravitate to. This vibrant neighborhood is very much in demand as a center that can meet all of the religious, social and community needs unique to this community. As a result, the housing supply is low and the demand very high driving property values up and making affordable housing almost non-existent. This high price is not driven by the ability of the market to pay the price, but rather by the extreme scarcity of property for sale or for rent. For most families in our district, buying a home is practically out of reach and renting for a reasonable rate is almost impossible. Solutions to affordable housing are crucial to this community.

Traffic

Community Board 12 serves a vibrant, ever expanding, diverse community. These properties contribute to extreme traffic congestion. The growing community tend to have motor vehicles which leads to an extreme parking shortage. The inordinate amount of school buses (both am and pm), along with all other traffic, taxes the roads and leads to frequent roadway breakdowns. Studies of both the traffic and parking flow in areas throughout the district should be done to best determine cost effective measures to modernize the traffic patterns in order to bring the "old" community into the 21st century.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Community Board 12 has long been plagued with sanitation related problems. These problems not only affect the quality of life, it also present a public health and safety issue that cannot be side swept. There is an illegal dumping problem where sometimes dangerous or even hazardous items are dumped without regard for the safety of passersby who are sometimes little children. This district has many more private schools than public schools and thus private school enrollment far outnumbers the student enrollment in public schools. However, whereas public schools get daily trash collections, the private schools do not. The lack of daily collection becomes a health and quality of life hazard because of the rotting organic matter that sits around for days. More oversight is needed over sanitation employees who don't do their jobs. There has been an overload of cases in the past of spillage and incomplete garbage collection

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

While many social services programs available through HRA, not all are fully utilized. This is partially because many of our residents don't know of these programs or don't have access to the programs that are available. In consolidating HRA centers, a great disservice has been done to the neediest residents in our district; those that may not know how to navigate the web or the city subway system. Community Board 12 is in dire need of an HRA center within this district. Many of our residents use services from HRA such as; SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, welfare, HEAP, and childcare vouchers. The research shows that this district is one of the largest recipients of HRA services in the Borough. Many in our district, especially the Orthodox community, do not have access to the internet, thereby making it very difficult to make use of HRA services, like Access HRA, that are offered on the internet. Many HRA clients have to travel a long time to get to an HRA facility and then spend almost an entire day there. They sometimes need to bring their children and sometimes have to give up a day's work. Many of our residents feel that when visiting an HRA facility that there is some lack of cultural sensitivity, so we are asking HRA to send some service professionals to our office to serve our community, as they have done in the past.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

No comments

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

Adequate funding is needed for Community based organizations. Our district is in dire need of a HRA office. We have a lot of English as Second Language (ESL) residents who don't understand English and have to travel far to get to the right agencies. 65.9% of residents in this district use English as a second language (ESL). 55% of the residents speak an Indo-European language (The NY rate of Indo-European language as the spoken language at home is 8%, The US rate is 3%). Notably, Yiddish, the language largely used by Hasidic residents, as well as the languages originating in the Indian subcontinent, are all Indo-European languages. This is noteworthy because of the lack of proper accommodation for these ESL speakers. While NYC is well equipped to fully accommodate ESL speakers whose primary language is Spanish, the same is not true of ESL speakers whose primary language is Yiddish. The accommodations provided appear as though google translated, with awkward wording and syntax, which is difficult to understand. This district needs services provided in a way its residents can understand.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/8	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Board 12 is in dire need of an HRA Social Services agency office in this district; to aid residents with social services such as welfare, snap, cash assistance, Medicaid, heap and childcare vouchers. HRA has been consolidating its centers and has shut down the center most often used by CB12 residents. Some of the neediest are unable to access help online and are unable to figure out a way to downtown Brooklyn. The district represents many residents unfamiliar with the English Language and unfamiliar with basic technology; they require in-person assistance. 	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<p>In our Capital requests we asked for an HRA service center in our district. Knowing that getting a new HRA Service Center in our district is a big ask, we are requesting that at least HRA send service professionals a few times a month to our office to service our residents, as they have done in the past. In FY2020 HRA responded to this same request (212202003E) saying the 'request has already been funded'. Further communication with HRA clarified that funding is appropriated for training programs- which is not what we are asking. We currently have fully equipped office space that can be used by an HRA staffer who can service individually members of our district who may not have the ability to avail themselves to assistance now.</p>	

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

Under the leadership of the Mayor, NYC made it a priority to improve Mental Health. This effort hasn't succeeded in reaching CB12 residents. This is largely due to language barriers and the stigma associated with mental or emotional difference. Thus, many residents here are left undiagnosed & untreated. This often compounds the necessity of extreme and costly interventions. CBO's within our district are uniquely qualified to understand the culture in this insular community and can work within the parameters of the unique differences inherent in the district. Funding is required for extensive awareness campaigns to eliminate the stigma preventing anyone from asking for such help. This aims to prevent the most vulnerable from falling prey to the opioid epidemic.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

- Adequate funding is needed for the Community based programs that are youth oriented. More funding should be applied to the Summer Youth Employment Program. Many youth, especially older teenagers, are denied employment due to lack of funding.
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Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

No comments

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Adequate funding is needed for the Community based programs that are youth oriented. More funding should be allocated to the Summer Youth Employment Program. Many youth, especially older teenagers, are denied employment due to lack of funding. Summer employment serves a dual purpose in both occupying teenagers and teaching them responsibility and accountability.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public safety facilities (precinct, fire houses, etc.)

Generations of Police Officers have had to “live” in a decrepit, antiquated “House” with absolutely no amenities and with conditions that would be considered substandard and inferior for the criminals and derelicts, but are accepted and condoned at this Station House as suitable for our Police Officers.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Our Precinct is very old and falling apart. We need a new precinct house to provide better conditions and technology to accommodate our police officers.

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/8	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>66th Precinct - Demolish and reconstruct a new 66th Precinct Station House on the footprints of the present site. A new precinct house for the 66th Precinct is one of the oldest budget requests initiated 35 years ago. Funding was eliminated for a project proposal to construct a new 66 Precinct Stationhouse in the FY 12 budget. The 66th precinct must be demolished and a new 66th precinct must be built on the footprints of the present site. Although, some renovations were made, specifically the front entrance to the precinct, the building is still old and there is a need for a new one.</i>	5822 16th Ave

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>TCAs (Traffic Control Agents): Our district is in dire need of Traffic Control Agents assigned to float to areas of concern throughout the critical areas in our District, as well as other alternative measures to decrease congestion. Currently, we have none. The areas of specific concern are: 18th Avenue from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway, 15th Avenue from 42nd Street to 45th Street, 14th Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd Street, 13th Avenue from 39th Street to 54th Streets, Avenues I and J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue, Fort Hamilton Parkway from 36th Street to 46th Street . These are a few of the notoriously congested areas. The locations are subject to change based on seasonal and other variables. The traffic congestion and horn honking are severe especially during the AM and</i>	

5/25

NYPD

**Provide additional
patrol cars and
other vehicles**

The 66th Precinct Community Affairs Unit's unmarked vehicle is currently in bad shape and keeps breaking down. We are requesting a new unmarked vehicle dedicated to the Community Affairs Unit. Last year, the agency initial response to tracking 212202003C was that this has been or will be completed in 2019. The adopted budget stated that due fiscal constraints, the availability of funds is uncertain. This is a necessary item for the safety of our community.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 12

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community Board 12 district is in dire need of more collection services and dumping enforcement. Our children, comprising a large percentage of the population, are largely educated in religious private schools. Ever since *Everson v Board of Education* (1947), the largely held legal opinion was that all school children are entitled to essential services: "cutting off church schools from these services ...so separate and so indisputably marked off from the religious function would make it far more difficult for the schools to operate. But such is obviously not the purpose of the First Amendment. That Amendment requires the state to be a neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and nonbelievers; it does not require the state to be their adversary." *this statement was made in reference to transportation needs. And while New York City celebrates diversity of culture and religion, the New York City Department of Sanitation does not fully service private school children, who are fed 3 meals daily, the same way it does public school children. Private schools get serviced only twice a week, as all residences. But, because Borough Park is home to the largest amount of private schools in NYC, this creates a huge problem (some schools house between 2-4 thousand children- which is many times larger than local district schools). Garbage piles up and gets spread around all over the street. This creates a smell during the summer. Sanitation workers can't fit the piles of garbage into their trucks and leave some for the next scheduled twice-weekly pickup. This creates a major decline in our quality of life. Daily trash collection for our private schools, who also serve daily meals thereby generating rapidly decaying garbage, is an absolute necessity. One of the primary complaints of residents of the district is the lack of oversight in Sanitation. Residents report masses of trash scattered in the streets left in the wake of what is supposed to be routine trash collection. The fact is, many sanitation employees are lax in how they do their jobs. On the other hand, residents complain that they are ticketed for minor infractions such as candy wrappers that are blown into their sidewalk frontage after they cleaned in front of their house. Despite the institution of additional supervisors, the problem remains prevalent. We propose cameras mounted on all trucks so that supervisors have the ability to monitor and review their crew. It is high time the sanitation department provides of photo evidence on every ticket. The accountability cameras will provide will lead to responsible trash collection and enforcement. This technology already exists and is used to ensure essential services are provided properly.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Many of the sewers in our district are antiquated and need to be replaced. Also, after a rain a lot of the catch basins on the corners get clogged up and huge puddles make it impossible for pedestrians to cross the street. Cleaning and enlarging these catch basins should be a priority and done regularly to prevent combined sewer overflow.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Due to the density of population in Community District 12, increasing sanitation services to the maximum amount possible is essential to our quality of life.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	<i>Provide daily garbage and recycling pick-up for Private Schools. CB 12 has about 80 private schools serving approximately 100,000 or more children. The District has 16 public schools which serves approximately a third of the total enrollment of the private schools. The student enrollment in some of the public schools has been dwindling rather than increasing. Most of these private schools have year round lunch programs with perishable foods. However, the private schools only receive two pickups per week while the public schools are picked up daily. The student enrollment in private schools far outnumber the enrollment in public schools in this district and because of the amount of garbage generated from these schools each day, daily pickups must be implemented.</i>	
6/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>All catch basins should be cleaned on a regularly scheduled basis. Deteriorated catch basins should be repaired or replaced as part of a regular maintenance schedule. There has been an increase in flooding complaints. DEP is under a consent decree to alleviate combined sewer overflow. One of the obvious ways to work towards this is to make sure rainwater drains properly through the catch basins. This does not happen when the catch basins are clogged. There were many areas of repeated environmental concern- such as: 53rd St. from 11th Ave. to 13th Ave., 55th Street & 12th Ave., 51st St. & 12th Ave. And while we are happy to work with constituents in reporting this to DEP- this is only after the symptoms of neglect (flooding!) appear.</i>	

7/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>We are also requesting the mechanical sweeper on the 12am to 8am midnight shift six days a week be returned (it has been taken away on 7/1/2017 in the FY18 budget) this sweeper effectively cleans the district. Our district constantly rates low on the scorecard and this should help maintain cleanliness throughout the district.</i>
8/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>There has been a major increase of illegal dumping. Especially along the LIRR freight line. Specific areas along the line are: 61st St. between 11th and 12 Ave., 56th St between 15th and 16th Ave., and 55th St. between 16th and 17th Ave. 49th St. between 18th Ave. and 19th Ave. (the deadend street) is a location that is plagued by illegal dumping. Parkway. Sanitation Police Officers should be assigned to our district to catch violators and enforce Sanitation laws. We need enforcement to work closely with the Superintendent. The Super should have input of target areas and get continuous reports from Enforcement on their progress.</i>
9/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>We are requesting an increase from 5 broom routes to six broom routes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.</i>
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HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 12

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

Affordable housing creation

With the steady increase in population in the Community Board 12 area and the particular religious and cultural needs of our residents which prevents most from leaving this community, there is a critical need for affordable housing. Families in this district have many children and need housing to accommodate their large families at an affordable rate. Currently, most families are spending upwards and above 80% of their monthly earnings on rent and buying for almost most of them is out of the question.

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

Needs for Land Use

We would like for some commercial areas in our district to be rezoned for residential development with an increased focus on affordable housing.

Needs for Housing

Continuation of funding for additional programs.

Needs for Economic Development

Workforce development is a prime concern in our area.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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19/25	SBS	Other expense workforce development requests	<i>Due to a large amount of residents in our district that are neither college educated, nor proficient in the English Language, investing in targeted vocational training in this district, with an emphasis on high paying and emerging skills, is a priority that would go a long way towards raising the current low incomes so many families here are experiencing. There are no Work Force 1 (WF1) centers close enough to service the district, therefore providing funding to fill the gap is appropriate. Nor are there any programs that are truly Yiddish compatible.</i>	
22/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>One of the major issues plaguing the district is the lack of affordable housing. To that end, we request some long overdue studies of commercial areas in our district, specifically the commercial strip spanning 60th street, for the purposes of being rezoned for residential development with a major focus on affordable housing.</i>	

Brooklyn Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Traffic congestion

Our community is in dire need of Traffic Control Officers assigned to critical areas in our District as well as alternative measures to decrease congestion. At this time, we have none. Locations where traffic congestion is out of control are 18th Avenue from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway; 15th Avenue from 42nd Street to 45th Street; 14th Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd Street (morning hours)' 13th Avenue the entire day from 39th Street to 54th Streets' and Avenues I and J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue, especially during rush hours (these are just to name a few). The traffic congestion is extremely severe as well as the horn honking during both the AM and PM rush hours.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The infrasture within Community District 12 is outdated and crumbling. The area is in need of an overall engineering study to upgrade and update the area to be viable. We need the full use of all 21st century innovations to help keep the district moving in a safe manner. Vision Zero is an important goal, there have been too many traffic fatalities in the community. There are traffic calming measures and traffic flow studies we are asking for to make our district safer for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Needs for Transit Services

With many of our residents using mass transit, some better accommodations and services are warranted.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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4/8	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Due to large number of young children and senior citizens in our district, mothers with their strollers and elderly, sometimes with walkers, are having a hard time getting onto the train platforms. There is an urgent need to install elevators at the D and F lines. Preferably at the 18th Avenue and McDonald station for the F line, where transfers to several bus lines are available, and the 50th Street and New Utrecht Avenue station for the D line, the closest subway station to Maimonides Medical Center, a level 1 Trauma Center as well as one of the most oft used birth centers in New York State. NYCTA should add these stations to their priority lists.</i>	
5/8	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>37th Street between 14th & 15th Avenues is dire need of reconstruction. DOT has requested funding for this project (FY2020 212202010C). This would not qualify as a standard street repaving because of the unique aspects of this street, such as the absence of curb cuts. This street is plagued with potholes, sink holes, and cracked streets that are dangerous to motorist as well as pedestrian crossings. The unattended potholes and various depressions lead to flooding with every rainstorm.</i>	37th street 14th Ave 15th Ave
6/8	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Capital)	<i>We request a pedestrian crossing for the Ave. K & Ocean Parkway intersection. As of now there is no pedestrian crossing for 2/5th of a mile, from Ave. J to Ave. L. It is a matter of public safety to install a traffic light that allows pedestrians for cross safely. A traffic light will slow traffic on this stretch where cars routinely speed up because there are no traffic calming measures in place.</i>	Ocean Parkway Avenue K

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12/25	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	<i>Expand the Traffic Engineering Department to be able to conduct traffic studies more expeditiously.</i>	
13/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>13th Ave. is the commercial shopping Mecca in CB12. People come from all over to shop here due to its ethnic flavor. On any given day, more than 10k people traverse this shopping strip. Parking is at a premium. It can take an hour to pass through the 23 blocks of this shopping strip. 13 Ave. hasn’t been redesigned in over 21 years and is in dire need of a thorough engineering study to determine the best measures to ease the traffic and parking congestion nightmare, especially during rush hours. We request such a study to determine the feasibility of certain ideas. For instance, the possibility of adding an additional lane with interchangeable direction depending on the time of day or adding turning lanes and maybe eliminating parking at certain times to increase traffic flow.</i>	

14/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Traffic is very congested along 18th Ave., specifically from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway and especially during morning hours. 18th Ave., an already major thoroughfare, intersects with McDonald Ave. where the F line subway station is. This creates both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. We are requesting a thorough engineering study to determine the feasibility of certain measures to alleviate the strain. For instance, the possibility of adding an additional lane with interchangeable direction depending on the time of day (as is done at various locations in other cities) or adding turning lanes.</i>	18th Avenue 45th Street Ocean Parkway
15/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>A complete traffic study on Avenue J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue is needed as well, especially at the intersection of Avenue J and Bay Parkway where there is a constant bottleneck. The streets aren't aligned so that sometimes drivers may find themselves continuing into a non-existent lane. There is severe congestion during both AM and PM rush hours. It can take very long to travel this strip, especially from the Bay Parkway intersection to Ocean Parkway.</i>	Avenue J McDonald Avenue Coney Island Avenue
16/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>A complete traffic study on Avenue I from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue is needed. There is severe congestion as well as horn honking during both AM and PM rush Hours. It can take up to one hour during rush hours to travel this strip.</i>	Avenue I McDonald Avenue Coney Island Avenue
23/25	DOT	Other expense traffic improvements requests	<i>Upgrade street signs and markings throughout the district as needed. Specifically, on 60th Street and 13th Avenue showing northbound traffic must turn either left or right as traffic flowing on 13th avenue southbound up to 60th street is ONE-WAY. We have multiple vehicles a day going the wrong way southbound from 60th street to 59th Street. Also, signage is needed that cars travelling east and west on 60th Street cannot make turns onto 13th Avenue going northbound. This was requested for FY2020 (212202026E) but was denied by the Borough Commissioner because of existing "Do Not Enter" signs. But this problem persists and can be easily remedied with a sign directed to the drivers who mistakenly drive the wrong way.</i>	60th Street and 13th Ave

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 12

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

Park care and maintenance

We need a full complement of Parks personnel for our District to insure that each facility will have an attendant on a full-time basis. Comfort Stations cannot be utilized without Parks personnel present. Therefore, many remain closed and not utilized. It is imperative that personnel be assigned to these locations. Parks should be cleaned on a daily basis, especially those with Children's playgrounds. All Parks must be provided with signage – Park Closes at Dusk – or 9:00 PM. Increased lighting must be provided in every facility.

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

Needs for Parks

Our parks are over utilized because of the large families living in our district. As new families continue to move into this district our parks become a mainstream for our children to play. Elected officials have contributed huge sums of money to upgrade our parks into state-of-the-art facilities that are pleasant outdoor spaces for children. However, the lack of security attracts an element to the parks that deters youth from wholesome play. It's a shame to have the capital expenditures go to waste due to security concerns.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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3/8	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)	<i>Due to a rise in criminal activity and people loitering in the park after permitted hours we are requesting that the park be outfitted with permanent lighting to deter these activities at night. Temporary fixes provided for the summer are not sufficient deterrent year-round.</i>	
7/8	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>COL. MARCUS PARK - A comfort station in the playground area is needed. Numerous children and adults must cross East 5th Street to go to the other side of the park in order to use the restrooms. This is a highly trafficked street. A restroom, especially for the children using this park, is essential to this playground.</i>	
8/8	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rappaport Playground (53rd Street & Fort Hamilton Parkway) is the only roller hockey rink left in Brooklyn and it's in dire need of a new one, due to the use of rink. Also, the panels surrounding the rink need to be replaced.</i>	Fort Hamilton Parkway

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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18/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Funding is needed for Parks Personnel to lock all parks in our district after dusk. Elected officials have contributed huge sums of money to upgrade our parks into state-of-the-art facilities that are pleasant outdoor spaces for children. However, the lack of security attracts an element to the parks that deters youth from wholesome play. It's a shame to have the capital expenditures go to waste due to security concerns.</i>	

20/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>PARKS advised that the funds to repair sidewalks damaged by trees was increased. However, this increased funding has not yet resulted in actual repairs. We request PARKS repair the sidewalks damaged by trees as they said they would. Some of these areas are extremely dangerous for pedestrians and have been waiting for repairs for a very long time. One such example is the damaged sidewalk on 12th Ave. off 55th street. It was damaged by a falling tree in July 2019 and has not been repaired as of mid-October 2019, despite some reported slip and falls. The sidewalk is lifted several inches off the ground.</i>
24/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Ocean Parkway is a main thoroughfare and is highly trafficked. In addition, Ocean Parkway is a Special District. The beauty of Ocean Parkway must not be allowed to deteriorate. Some of our elected officials have designated monies for the upgrade and beautification of the Malls. Maintenance must be ongoing to make sure the upgrades and beautification remains intact. In order to maintain this arena in a sanitary and groomed condition, a crew should be assigned to maintain the malls of this thoroughfare and prevent homeless people from sleeping on the benches. An additional crew cab truck is requested to transport them the length and breathe of this roadway. The Malls and trees must receive regular attention so that the Parkway can be properly maintained.</i>
25/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Although PARKS maintain a 7-year pruning cycle, oftentimes trees fall into disrepair before the 7 years are out. The incidents with falling trees or branches has been rising in our district due to delay in treatment of sick and dying trees. We request additional resources to provide for a safe timeframe to check on the health of trees specifically to prevent them from falling during severe weather conditions. Additionally, the timeline for the replacement of trees is very long. We request additional resources to speed up the process.</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
1/8	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>66th Precinct - Demolish and reconstruct a new 66th Precinct Station House on the footprints of the present site. A new precinct house for the 66th Precinct is one of the oldest budget requests initiated 35 years ago. Funding was eliminated for a project proposal to construct a new 66 Precinct Stationhouse in the FY 12 budget. The 66th precinct must be demolished and a new 66th precinct must be built on the footprints of the present site. Although, some renovations were made, specifically the front entrance to the precinct, the building is still old and there is a need for a new one.</i>	5822 16th Ave
2/8	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community Board 12 is in dire need of an HRA Social Services agency office in this district; to aid residents with social services such as welfare, snap, cash assistance, Medicaid, heap and childcare vouchers. HRA has been consolidating its centers and has shut down the center most often used by CB12 residents. Some of the neediest are unable to access help online and are unable to figure out a way to downtown Brooklyn. The district represents many residents unfamiliar with the English Language and unfamiliar with basic technology; they require in-person assistance.</i> 	
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Expense Budget Requests

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2/25	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>TCAs (Traffic Control Agents): Our district is in dire need of Traffic Control Agents assigned to float to areas of concern throughout the critical areas in our District, as well as other alternative measures to decrease congestion. Currently, we have none. The areas of specific concern are: 18th Avenue from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway, 15th Avenue from 42nd Street to 45th Street, 14th Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd Street, 13th Avenue from 39th Street to 54th Streets, Avenues I and J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue, Fort Hamilton Parkway from 36th Street to 46th Street . These are a few of the notoriously congested areas. The locations are subject to change based on seasonal and other variables. The traffic congestion and horn honking are severe especially during the AM and</i>	

3/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>In our Capital requests we asked for an HRA service center in our district. Knowing that getting a new HRA Service Center in our district is a big ask, we are requesting that at least HRA send service professionals a few times a month to our office to service our residents, as they have done in the past. In FY2020 HRA responded to this same request (212202003E) saying the 'request has already been funded'. Further communication with HRA clarified that funding is appropriated for training programs- which is not what we are asking. We currently have fully equipped office space that can be used by an HRA staffer who can service individually members of our district who may not have the ability to avail themselves to assistance now.</i>
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5/25	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>The 66th Precinct Community Affairs Unit’s unmarked vehicle is currently in bad shape and keeps breaking down. We are requesting a new unmarked vehicle dedicated to the Community Affairs Unit. Last year, the agency initial response to tracking 212202003C was that this has been or will be completed in 2019. The adopted budget stated that due fiscal constraints, the availability of funds is uncertain. This is a necessary item for the safety of our community.</i>

6/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>All catch basins should be cleaned on a regularly scheduled basis. Deteriorated catch basins should be repaired or replaced as part of a regular maintenance schedule. There has been an increase in flooding complaints. DEP is under a consent decree to alleviate combined sewer overflow. One of the obvious ways to work towards this is to make sure rainwater drains properly through the catch basins. This does not happen when the catch basins are clogged. There were many areas of repeated environmental concern- such as: 53rd St. from 11th Ave. to 13th Ave., 55th Street & 12th Ave., 51st St. & 12th Ave. And while we are happy to work with constituents in reporting this to DEP- this is only after the symptoms of neglect (flooding!) appear.</i>
7/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>We are also requesting the mechanical sweeper on the 12am to 8am midnight shift six days a week be returned (it has been taken away on 7/1/2017 in the FY18 budget) this sweeper effectively cleans the district. Our district constantly rates low on the scorecard and this should help maintain cleanliness throughout the district.</i>
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17/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Adequate funding is needed for the Community based programs that are youth oriented. More funding should be allocated to the Summer Youth Employment Program. Many youth, especially older teenagers, are denied employment due to lack of funding. Summer employment serves a dual purpose in both occupying teenagers and teaching them responsibility and accountability.</i>	
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21/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	<i>Under the leadership of the Mayor, NYC made it a priority to improve Mental Health. This effort hasn't succeeded in reaching CB12 residents. This is largely due to language barriers and the stigma associated with mental or emotional difference. Thus, many residents here are left undiagnosed & untreated. This often compounds the necessity of extreme and costly interventions. CBO's within our district are uniquely qualified to understand the culture in this insular community and can work within the parameters of the unique differences inherent in the district. Funding is required for extensive awareness campaigns to eliminate the stigma preventing anyone from asking for such help. This aims to prevent the most vulnerable from falling prey to the opioid epidemic.</i>
22/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>One of the major issues plaguing the district is the lack of affordable housing. To that end, we request some long overdue studies of commercial areas in our district, specifically the commercial strip spanning 60th street, for the purposes of being rezoned for residential development with a major focus on affordable housing.</i>

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