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and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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**Brooklyn
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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.

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
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 2

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

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 2 consists of Downtown Brooklyn, the residential and mixed-use neighborhoods of Boerum Hill, Bridge Plaza, Brooklyn Heights, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill., and the Brooklyn Navy Yard industrial park. The district is edged by the Brooklyn and Manhattan East River bridges, partially encircled by the Brooklyn Queens Expressway and serviced by 11 subway trains as well as the Long Island Railroad. This makes it accessible and attractive to businesses. Downtown Brooklyn is the city's third-largest central business district and the civic center for the most populous county in New York State. Most of the residential neighborhoods in the district were first developed in the nineteenth-century and primarily consist of rowhouses and low-scale commercial streets. Taller apartment buildings became more common place during the 1930's. However, since 2004 rezoning of Downtown Brooklyn, high rise development has changed the housing mix and skyline. The neighborhoods closer to the East River contain a mix of residential and commercial uses, including traditional and TAMI (tech, advertising, media and information) industry, in buildings developed during various periods in a variety of scales and styles. Dumbo, Fulton Ferry Landing and Vinegar Hill are the waterfront neighborhoods in the community. The community district is home to ten historic districts and eight business improvement districts with a two-block segment of a ninth. Over 100 acres is mapped parkland. Community District 2 overlaps with parts of three, two state senate, three assembly and three city council districts.

According to 2020 census, Community District 2 experienced one of New York City's highest population growth with a 30.5 percent increase to 130,000 since the 2010 census. The number of housing units also increased by 32 percent. The numbers underscore a substantial change to the district's demographic. Persons with children are choosing to live in the district as evidenced by a 33 percent increase in the population under the age of 18. The racial demographic has also changed as the number of Hispanics, white, and Asian residents rose 20.2, 36.4, 113.9 percent while the black population declined 10.4 percent.

NYU Furman Center neighborhood report indicates median rent increase from 2015-2019 of over 90 percent. This correlates with the annual average median income rising to \$100,000. It is clear that the district is becoming less economically diverse.

Population growth is a key indicator of a community's health, in Community District 2 it is accompanied by new national retail and neighborhood businesses and a vibrant nightlife. However growth requires a needs assessment to determine capacity of public facilities such as schools, transportation, open space and sanitation services. A growing population in Downtown Brooklyn and its adjacent neighborhoods has the potential for increased traffic congestion and crashes.

It has been difficult to gauge the impact of Covid-19 on the different populations as the data is not presented to allow break out by specific communities. However, it is expected that the districts lower income residents would have had higher infection and death rates as an unequal health, mental health and economic impacts.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

The affordable housing crisis is a citywide issue and one that will be extremely difficult to resolve. The city is losing affordable units of housing faster than new units can be constructed. When Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his goal of building or preserving 200,000 units of affordable housing over 10 years, the NYU Furman Center commented that it will take a million new apartments to impact housing cost from the supply side. As neighborhoods in Brooklyn Community District 2 gentrify at a faster pace, the issue is increasingly acute. All unoccupied low and moderate income units should be returned to the housing stock.

Infrastructure resiliency

Community District 2 is bordered by the East River on its northern and western borders, increasing its vulnerability to tidal surges and other climate effects. Recent heavy rains have left local streets flooded despite the installation of rain gardens throughout the district. The city needs to amplify its efforts to improve resiliency by promoting and incentivizing rainwater harvesting, green roofs, downspout disconnection, and installation of permeable surfaces.

Traffic

The District is Brooklyn's civic center; it boasts many restaurants, cultural spaces, colleges, an arena, world renowned and landmarked parks, architectural examples and shopping. The Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges as well as the Brooklyn Queens Expressway bring many vehicles and people to this bustling place. Unsurprisingly, high traffic volumes and congestion plague our streets. Traffic volumes are directly related to air pollution posing additional health hazards to our residents. The traffic also is responsible for the number of vehicular crashes, property damage and the untold cost of the loss of lives. The traffic volume and resultant congestion require urgent mitigation through the use of innovative methods of traffic calming, infrastructure to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, and traffic enforcement.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

The pandemic has impacted everyone through loss of financial and economic stability, housing, social support network, sense of wellness. This has resulted in an increasing need for mental health support. Unfortunately, access to mental health is obstructed by stigma and cost, resulting in many persons remaining untreated. An untreated person is unable to function optimally and some are living on the streets, parks and subway stations in Downtown Brooklyn. Others may hold jobs but turn to substance abuse. Community District 2 requests that mental health assistance be normalized by the implementation of mobile vans that provide mental health care to any requestor regardless of ability to pay. The board also asks that social workers be deployed to community facilities such as libraries where persons in need to congregate.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

The Covid-19 pandemic has underscored the urgency to provide access to mental health care and have it available at the point of need. The board believes that integral to destigmatizing mental healthcare is the availability of service and easier access to services through the use of mobile units at parks, commercial corridors and in the civic center.

Needs for Older NYs

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

Needs for Homeless

Prior to the pandemic, there had been a noticeable increase in street homelessness in Brooklyn Community District 2. The Coronavirus has exacerbated the needs of our residents who lack permanent shelter as well as those who live on the street. The virus forced DHS to de-densify its congregate housing and incur the additional expense of using hotels to house unsheltered persons in their system. Congregate settings should be short-term and permanent housing the goal of the city's homelessness policy. The Department is encouraged to intensify its efforts to reduce its reliance on hotels. DHS is also encouraged to lower its barriers to permanent housing so as to encourage long-term street homeless persons to accept shelter.

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/26	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provision of mobile units for mental health care. A lifetime of inescapable and consuming racism is traumatic. Black people carry the brunt of our society's hatred, which manifests in a number of ways, including as anxiety and depression. The cumulative effect of every police encounter and every indignity—micro, macro, structural, and interpersonal—has led to a widespread and multifaceted health burden that merits innovative responses as pervasive as the discrimination itself.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Provide grants for and partner with providers of maternal support, encouraging solutions such as midwives, counseling, and app-based support. Incentivize hospitals, including Brooklyn Hospital, to work with such providers. Expand home visit program beyond first time mothers to all low-income mothers. This should be part of a plan to reduce the racial disparities seen in black maternal and infant mortality. Zero mortality and health impacts of pregnancy for women of color on par with all women regardless of socioeconomic circumstances.</i>	

4/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Masks and protective equipment should be available to community health centers, senior centers, and large housing complexes. DOHMH should offer educational workshops on community health and incorporate the principles of peer education, partnering with neighborhood gathering places such as restaurants, barber and beauty shops. Neighborhoods with the lowest vaccination rates should have additional deployed build greater trust in health professionals. Lack of strategy, and resources to readily respond to and manage health crises such as the Coronavirus pandemic left community health facilities underprepared, overwhelmed with infection and death rates.</i>
6/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Hire social workers to support the branch librarians. BPL can deploy the social workers to branches as needed or on a schedule. Libraries are open all day, heated and cooled, and have become a gathering place. Librarians report that many homeless people use the library as a day center and need additional support from the staff and facility. Some of the people who are homeless need referrals and support beyond what the librarians can offer.</i>
7/34	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Reinstate the funds allocated to pest control. The rat population has grown with reported sightings up over 70 percent for 2021. The reduced funding has led to lower inspection rates. Rats and mice spread over 35 diseases that can infect both people and pets through direct and indirect contact. Apart from the public health hazard, rats can also weaken building structures by gnawing through lead and aluminium sheeting and chewing through electrical wiring, which can start fires by shorting-out appliances or lighting fixtures.</i>
15/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>People of color (POC) delay seeking medical and mental health assistance due to multigenerational trauma from the medical establishment. POC are less likely to be given painkillers or have their symptoms taken seriously resulting in poor care or even death. Sensitivity/awareness training for health professionals to address issues of explicit/implicit bias against patients of color</i>

19/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Breast cancer rate is highest among high income white women but deaths are highest among black women. Deaths are also highest for cervical cancer rate among black women. Increased messaging about healthy habits and breast/cervical cancer screening targeting neighborhoods with the highest mortality rates.</i>
29/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>A task force should be convened to collect data on the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to lower income residents, particularly those close to containing the NYCHA developments. The study should include the distribution of and access to Covid-19 resources. The City lacks a resiliency post-disaster plan to ensure that socioeconomically disadvantaged communities and communities of color are not disproportionately impacted during crises.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Youth unemployment (12.7%) and teen idleness (6.3%) rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

A cooperative technical school will provide many young residents with the opportunity to get early exposure and education in high demand and well paying jobs.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/26	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>Identification and implementation of a Coop-Tech site in Downtown Brooklyn. Youth unemployment (12.7%) and teen idleness (6.3%) rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/34	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Hiring and training of school nurses. Our district suffers from extremely high pediatric asthma rates. Students diagnosed with childhood asthma need education and support from a trained school nurse to manage their asthma effectively. Open Airways is an established training program created by the American Lung Association. When implemented with fidelity it has demonstrated better asthma management as evidenced by fewer emergency room visits and increased school attendance.</i>	
16/34	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Many children lack education about healthy eating habits. Curriculum that includes gardening and simple food preparation would promote prevention of obesity early in life and support the creation of healthy habits. Nutrition programs that are culturally relevant to the people whose eating habits we want to improve.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

The district office receives frequent complaints regarding traffic violations and lack of enforcement. Often, oversize vehicles and trailers traverse neighborhood streets, at the least causing temporary congestion and increased safety risks for other road users. Sometimes the vehicles become stuck requiring road closure and the deployment of special equipment to right the truck. There have been at least two occasions in 2021 when a truck has knocked over a traffic light as it attempts to turn off a narrow Boerum Hill neighborhood street onto Fourth Avenue. Apart from a lack of truck enforcement, there is concern regarding the frequency of crashes in throughout the district. For the year ended October 31, 2021 there were 667 crashes, 852 injuries, and 6 fatalities. Unsurprisingly, the main arterials Atlantic Avenue and Flatbush Avenue Extension and to a lesser extent Fulton Street are the sites of many crashes. However there have been crashes on almost all neighborhood streets. Enforcement is needed to improve the safety of all who live, work or visit in Community District 2.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

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
24/34	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Increase truck weight & length enforcement on residential streets surrounding the BQE, including more traffic enforcement and calming initiatives. Overweight & overlength trucks are traversing our residential neighborhoods, resulting in trucks getting stuck, creating congestion and air quality hot spots, and increasing potential for crashes.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Preparedness for extreme weather events (incl. coastal flooding, heat waves, cold snaps, heavy wind and rain)

Climate change progression is escalating rapidly and is evident in the increasing extreme weather events. The concern of its impacts include damage to persons, property and essential infrastructure such as transportation, disruption of telephone, electric and gas services. Moderate modifications can mitigate near term impacts.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Incidences of street flooding after heavy downpours are becoming increasingly common. Community District 2 advocates for the incentivization of green infrastructure and programs such as rainwater harvesting and downspout disconnection.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Walk by any school after 4pm and you will see mounds of trash collected and deposited on curbside. Some of it is cafeteria waste which worsens the rat problem since the trash is packed in plastic bags, not containers. During COVID this was not a lesser issue but now that schools are open, the problem continues. Additionally, when school trash piles up, additional dumping by non-school people worsens the situation. Increased collection schedule for schools; piloting of different types of holding receptacles to fit each site. Increased pickups from DSNY or changing time of pickups to late afternoons when custodians put out the schools trash. Also, exploration of alternative types of dumpsters, compactors eNo comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Installation of permeable surfaces to reduce street flooding.</i>	
8/26	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The urgency of climate change demands a district where buildings are outfitted with green roofs, solar panels. Incentivize the prioritization of renewable energy to homeowners as well as commercial and residential real estate developers</i>	
20/26	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>The CD2 sanitation garage is in need of equipment for a Motorized Litter Patrol to clean under the elevated span of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway stretching from Navy St. to Classon Avenue. The area is a chronic illegal dumping site. There is always a collection of demolition debris, old tyres and questionable items are always present.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/34	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Conduct study of air quality and survey air, light, and noise pollution throughout the district with particular focus along the Brooklyn Queens Expressway which includes Brooklyn Heights, Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman Houses as well as Downtown Brooklyn. New York consumes more fossil fuels in than any other state, and buildings are responsible for a significant portion. Burning fuels for space and water heating accounts for nearly 40% of the city's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. There is a lack of data to assess the impact of development on CD2, specifically. A better understanding of the impact / current status of these externalities are important considerations for future development decisions.</i>	
13/34	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Increase or initiate green infrastructure and programs such as rainwater harvesting, downspout disconnection.</i>	

17/34	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	<i>Increased collection and appropriate pick up schedule for schools; piloting of different types of holding receptacles to fit each site. Also, exploration of alternative types of dumpsters, compactors</i>
23/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Purchase & install cameras to increase enforcement against illegal dumping. Chronic illegal dumping is unsightly, poses a public health hazard and undermines residents' quality of life. The area under the BQE is consistently filled with litter. Streets and sidewalks also have litter due to insufficient pick up of street baskets or infrequency of e-waste collections. The CD2 Sanitation garage is in need of staff and resources to maintain the area. The BK02 garage removed more than 100 tyres in late Spring 2021 and as well as multiple trucks of trash</i>

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Affordable housing creation

Affordable housing is the top priority in Brooklyn Community District 2. Vanishing affordable units is reducing the economic diversity of our neighborhoods. The development of luxury housing with 30 percent affordable units at AMI does not meet the needs of our lower income residents. Fifty percent of residents earn over \$100,000 annually. In its report, State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods in 2020 the NYU Furman Center estimates that rent increased by 90 percent from 2015 -2019. A survey conducted for Brooklyn Community Board 2 by the Center for Worker Education at City College found the issue to be the most pressing concern for respondents, regardless of income. The survey was taken in the census tracts where the three NYCHA developments are located and in adjacent tracts that had experienced considerable gentrification. Various programs and projects have produced and continue to generate new units of affordable housing. Community Board 2 would like the incentive programs to require a higher proportion of affordable units and for the income thresholds to be lower. The community board would also like to see more two- and three-bedroom apartments constructed so that families can stay in their homes as household size grows. Finally, CB2 encourages the City to put in place policies and programs that will contribute to affordable retail. The value of affordable housing is diminished when residents need to travel to another neighborhood to shop.

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

Needs for Land Use

Almost all of Brooklyn Community District 2 has been rezoned in the past two-plus decades, beginning with Vinegar Hill in 1997. For the most part, the land use actions have accomplished the intended goals but there have been two failures. Little affordable housing has been constructed in the areas where density bonuses were mapped to incentivize its development. The Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan, intended to strengthen the city's third-largest central business district, has instead produced a high-rise, residential community with a vibrant night life. The entire district is in need of a comprehensive assessment of its infrastructure and amenities to preserve its history as a diverse and welcoming community for persons of all socio-economic and racial backgrounds.

Needs for Housing

No comments

Needs for Economic Development

Significant economic activity is and has been occurring in Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD2). Most of the neighborhoods are gentrifying and there is considerable investment in the commercial districts. CD2 is home to eight business improvement districts and part of a ninth, which is believed to be the highest number in any community district in the city. Office vacancy rates are lower than they have been in years. However, in this case a rising tide has not raised all ships. The unemployment rate in the three NYCHA developments is 29 percent, three times the rate (9.8%) of the district. The median household income in the Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman houses is roughly \$17,000. Three-quarters of the households there earn less than \$35,000 and almost one-third manage somehow on less than \$10,000. By comparison, the median income for the district as a whole is approximately \$83,000 and the households earning less than \$35,000 constitute less than 30 percent of the total. Policies and programs need to be developed and executed so the residents with the greatest need benefit more from the economic vitality of Community District 2. The Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation (BNYDC) has led the way in this regard. For example, at its Green Manufacturing Center, BNYDC obtained a 31 percent rate of MWBE contracting and 46 percent rate of MWBE hiring. The local contracting and hiring rates were 14 and 18 percent, respectively. Admittedly, as a public benefit corporation, the Navy Yard has more flexibility than a for-profit entity but it serves as an example of the kind of effort that we need to see more of in CD2.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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1/26	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Increase permanent, low-income housing units throughout the district and not concentrated in specific locations. Everyone deserves a safe, secure space to call home. Yet the Dept. of Homeless Services continues to build shelters in the District, running a risk of oversaturation and resultant social challenges.</i>	
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24/26	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>Public housing stock must be improved, installing/replacing vents, use of non-toxic leaning products and removing known environmental triggers. Fund pillowcase & mattress covers for families in high concentration areas.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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2/34	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Request a study to determine the number of housing units constructed since 2004 and number of affordable units in each income band as well as an analysis of median income of residents within a specific radius of the housing and the income bands for such housing.</i>
5/34	SBS	Help job seekers connect to employment	<i>Establish a local hiring program focused on achieving greater racial and socioeconomic equity for small business employees, including hotel and restaurant work. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our district but we seldom see Black employees in these new businesses. There is need and opportunity but they are not lining up. The benefits of gentrification aren't distributed equitably in our District. City-wide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to facilitate the flow of new jobs into NYCHA populations, which are majority Black and Latinx.</i>
10/34	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	<i>Create and incentivize job training programs in key industries to facilitate lower income, less educated individuals being able to take advantage of living wage job opportunities to propel them out of poverty. City-wide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to facilitate the flow of new jobs into NYCHA populations, which are majority Black and Latinx. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our district but we seldom see Black employees in these new businesses. There is need and opportunity, and they are not lining up.</i>
12/34	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<i>Create a program to provide grants and technical assistance for community-based organizations or B Corporations to build healthy food stores in low to moderate income neighborhoods. The lack of available, affordable healthy food options in the areas adjacent to public housing developments in Community District 2 is one of the reasons for disproportionate health outcomes negatively impacting the areas proximate to NYCHA communities.</i>

18/34	SBS	Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency	<i>For businesses excluded from recovery funds based on AMI in the District, we propose an alternate method of measurement to qualify for recovery programs. Some of the Fulton BID businesses were excluded from City recovery programs because the funding was tied to Area Median Income (AMI) which is an insufficient measure in these zip codes.</i>
21/34	SBS	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building	<i>A Community Fellows grant program to support community-based organizations commercial revitalization projects. It meets both workforce development and commercial revitalization priorities and can connect local stakeholders to City resources. Based on cuts from City and State funding alone, Community-based organizations (CBOs) will lay off more than 20k workers over the next few months. According to the NYC Comptroller report non-profits citywide spending is over \$77B (9.4% of the local economy). Additionally NGO's employ 18% of the City's workforce: over 660K people. https://www.gothamgazette.com/city/10696-city-funding-inadequate-for-human-service-workers-report</i>
25/34	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>The district has changed and so have the economic revitalization needs. Changing landscape of business rental property needs following COVID-19 needs to be studied further. Commercial revitalization needs to strengthen and revitalize the streets, small businesses, and community-based organizations that anchor New York City neighborhoods.</i>
26/34	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Continue the "Love your Local" grant program and add a competition element for artists to develop a marketing slogan and image for the program that would create a "Buy local & Hire local" campaign for the district. Local small businesses are facing fiercer competition than ever. Consumers have become more accustomed to the convenience of shopping online and are less likely to shop locally. https://shopin.nyc/ https://loveyourlocal.cityofnewyork.us/ https://citylimits.org/2016/03/01/cityviews-distorting-downtown-brooklyns-past-can-only-obscure-future/</i>

27/34	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Extend enforcement against black market sale of permits to both new AND existing permits and implement reform to create a more effective and functional system. The agency should perform research on the relationship between street food vendors and restaurants as well as how public sidewalk space is used. The agency should create a vendor training program and an app with a satellite view of legal vending spots. Establish a pilot program to examine methods of maintaining order in congested areas and create model vending zones. Establish a pilot program to test the use of public school and other underutilized kitchens for use by food vendors. Support the MTA pilot program to offer vendors empty retail spaces in the subway system.</i>
28/34	SBS	Provide commercial lease support for business owners	<i>Incentives for landlords to negotiate with small businesses (both existing and potential) with priority on MWBE/local on leases. Expand the commercial lease assistance program.</i>
30/34	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Investments and resources have not been equitably distributed resulting in greater racial and social disparities in our district. Inventory of neighborhood assets to determine areas for investments</i>
31/34	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase number of inspectors. Renters often live in sub-optimal housing due to the lack of enforcement and inadequate number of HPD inspectors</i>
33/34	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Develop and fund a community marketing campaign for City Cleanup Corps (created from federal stimulus funds for 2021) employment opportunities remaining. There are many locations where illegal dumping clean up, litter and graffiti removal are required consistently</i>

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)

Community District 2 is a prime example of a walkable community. However heavy traffic volumes and crowded sidewalks can be intimidating for the differently abled and caregivers with strollers. The board is a strong advocate for infrastructure which improves safety and promotes independence and ease of travel for all. Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS), countdown clocks, and sidewalk ramps with tactile strips are basic components for a universally accessible district.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The transportation network in Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD2) is extensive and varied. The Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges conveyed, respectively, 105,679 and 85,484 vehicles between the two boroughs daily in 2016. Depending on the weather, between 1,000 and 30,000 pedestrians cross the Brooklyn Bridge each day, many of them tourists. The East River crossings act as funnels for cyclists traveling to or from Manhattan and CD2 is well served by bike lanes. Citi Bike docking stations are distributed throughout the district and a major expansion of local capacity was recently completed. Thirteen subway and 11 bus lines move passengers through the district and beyond. According to the MTA, the Jay Street-Metrotech, Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center, and Court Street-Borough Hall subway stations rank 23rd, 24th, and 27th respectively for average weekday ridership in the 420-station system. Atlantic Terminal serves as a hub for the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway is a resource for motorists to and from Queens and Long Island.

However our streets are congested and unsafe for some users. For the year ended October 31, 2021 there have been 127 crashes resulting in 1 cyclist, 4 motorists and 122 pedestrian injuries. There have also been four pedestrian fatalities. Our streets need to be made safer with the use of street calming techniques, installation of countdown clocks and audible signals, and textured intersections

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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4/26	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>There are no public toilets in Community District 2 however there are 15 JCDecaux self- washing comfort stations currently stored in a Queens warehouse. Free public comfort stations open 24/7 where possible in pedestrian plazas, particularly Downtown Brooklyn. Similar projects indicate a cost of \$1M per comfort station</i>	
9/26	DOT	Install Real Time Passenger Information signs	<i>Installation of bus shelters and countdown clocks at all bus stops where there are no physical/infrastructure hindrances. Providing an efficient, comfortable public transportation system that will discourage car usage for local trips</i>	
11/26	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Vehicles exceeding the speed limit, create congestion and initiate crashes with other road users; sometimes causing fatalities. Use street calming techniques such as the DOT Turn Calming Program on wide or busy streets</i>	
14/26	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Change signal placement (use only near-side traffic signals) in order to eliminate the incentive for drivers to enter the intersection when no clear path out of it exists. Elimination of far-side signals on E/B Delancey & Allen in Manhattan serves as an example. Pedestrian crossings are often blocked by vehicles not having cleared the intersection, making it difficult for pedestrians to make it across wider streets.</i>	
16/26	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>CB2 requests use proposed BQE 4-part Plan autoweight technology to extend enforcement of regulations to residential neighborhoods surrounding BQE exits. Overweight & overlength trucks are traversing our residential neighborhoods, resulting in trucks getting stuck, creating congestion and air quality hot spots, and increasing potential for crashes.</i>	

18/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>The area under the elevated Brooklyn Queens Expressway requires repair. Mill and repave the parking bays, delineate parking spaces, dedicated and consistent graffiti removal services.</i>	
19/26	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>Funding allocated to effect repair of the heavily used pedestrian island at Joralemon and Court streets is in disrepair, and a hazard to pedestrians</i>	Joralemon Street Court Street Boerum Place
23/26	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Construct a plaza on the triangle bounded by Flatbush, Atlantic and Fourth Avenues, known as Times Plaza. The plaza was expanded as part of traffic calming associated with the Barclays Center but is inhospitable and unattractive.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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14/34	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	<i>Improve pedestrian safety for all users by placement of additional Audible Pedestrian Signals and countdown clocks along the Flatbush and other major thoroughfares of the District</i>	
32/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Create mid block crossings along Atlantic Avenue. The blocks on this very busy arterial are long and pedestrians attempt to cross mid-block, often endangering lives.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Other

Every year, community boards across the city identify parks in the districts that they serve as needing renovation or reconstruction. The formal response to the great majority of these budget requests is, "Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member." It is not so much that the funds are insufficient as they are non-existent until an elected official makes a budget allocation for a specific capital project. This may not be the most equitable way to prioritize what parks are funded. The time may have come for the administration to provide Capital Budget funding directly to the parks department, which has for years prepared lists of its facilities that most need investment. If this is too radical a change, the City could perhaps start by establishing a fund for the largest municipal parks. The cost of renovating the larger parks (Fort Greene and Commodore Barry, for example in Community District 2) is too high for the borough president and council member to shoulder on their own, even in partnership. The result is often deferred maintenance and piecemeal renovation when it does occur.

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

Needs for Parks

Like most of New York City, Brooklyn Community District 2 is unlikely to achieve the city's ideal of 2.5 acres of open space per 1,000 residents, even with the addition of Brooklyn Bridge Park. While parks and playgrounds are spread throughout the district, parkland is scarce in Boerum Hill and the southern portion of Clinton Hill. According to respondents to a survey conducted by the board, most of the district parks are in good condition. A majority of the almost 250 respondents stated that the bathrooms were open during posted hours at least some of the time. However, those who primarily use McLaughlin Park, Fort Greene Park, and Underwood Playground said the bathrooms there are almost never open and when they are, they are usually unclean. Users noted that there is never a parks employee on site, except at Fort Greene Park.

Needs for Cultural Services

Brooklyn Community District 2 is rich in organizations that provide access to visual, written and performing arts, in the "cultural district" centered on the Brooklyn Academy of Music and elsewhere. In a survey released by the Downtown Brooklyn Arts Alliance, 32 of its members reported a total of 5,107,586 patrons--2,772,064 residing in Brooklyn--and \$214 million in economic impact. Members of the Alliance work with school-based and non-school programs to serve 64,378 Brooklynites who might have otherwise been barred from access. Traditionally, high admission cost or lack of awareness of available cultural institutions has limited access by low-income families. Cool Culture, a local non-profit, helped 759 families residing in Community District 2 with children through age six to overcome these obstacles.

Needs for Library Services

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has surpassed its traditional role of being a repository for books and a place for quiet study. Today you can access computers, have a snack at the café, participate in cultural or interactive events, receive advice on starting or expanding a business, and more. While the services offered by BPL and attendance continues to grow, their discretionary budget is subject to the annual threat of reduction. The library system's budget is often restored, in whole or in part, but the negotiation is an unnecessary waste of time and energy. One service that the library provides but is not part of its mission or programming is as a destination for people, some without permanent housing, during the day. Community Board 2 believes that this ad hoc role of libraries be embraced and social workers be hired to help connect these patrons with the services they need beyond someplace to go during the hours when the libraries are open.

Needs for Community Boards

The Community Board 2 (CB2) district office is located on the eighth floor of a Downtown Brooklyn office building. On December 12, 2018, the community board voted 31-0-1 to submit a space request form for the relocation of its office to a more visible and community-friendly space. In response to the community board's application, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) sent an architect to survey the current office. The DCAS Portfolio Planning & Management group reported, "The inconvenience of having to pass through security is not seen to be reason alone to relocate, therefore PPM would not currently support any consideration to move this facility." CB2 asked DCAS to reconsider and the agency reported that some other tenants in the building also wish to relocate while yet others wish to increase the size of their office. This potentially presents a future opportunity for the community board to move but is highly tentative. Community Board 2 remains steadfast in its belief that it needs a more accessible district office.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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7/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The board requests the drainage be installed or repaired at the basketball courts in Washington Park. The courts are flooded for several days after it rains rendering the amenity unusable. The courts are used for group play, roller skating, playing catch, or free play in a gated area.</i>	
10/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Upgrade the facilities as per 1) Winterize the comfort station. New bathrooms cost \$5M 2) Fix the pipes in the BQE overhang that leak onto the park grounds/surface 3) Repurpose the underutilized handball courts for additional skateboarding. This multi-use park serves a year-round, diverse population of all ages from young children and parents, through adults and seniors. It is a high-traffic park with an active group of volunteers who care about and organize cleanups regularly.</i>	
12/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The roof and parapets of the Brooklyn War Memorial have been leaking for over 25 years and causing damage to the interior Review the survey and make necessary repairs/replacements to the roof and parapets so the building can be reopened to the public</i>	
17/26	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Fort Greene tennis courts need additional and better lighting to match growing usage. During COVID, usage expanded dramatically because tennis is naturally a socially-distanced sport and it is free at this location. The installation of lights would expand usage to evening hours which is more cost-effective than building additional courts. installation of timed lights for evening usage</i>	

21/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Ensuring that the large lot under the Brooklyn Bridge gets returned to public use by Dec 2023 as per a letter from DOT Commissioner Hank Gutman to D33 Councilperson Steve Levin affirming the DOTs commitment to vacate the lot. The parcel is the property of NYC Parks Dept and requires the agency to remove their trucks (which also occupy the space. Work with the community to determine alternate uses, noting that there is currently no parks funding. Given its location next to the Brooklyn Bridge walking path, we propose creating a designated area for street vendors. streets. This would also be a great spot for some form of Brooklyn Bridge / Brooklyn welcome stand as well as bathroom facilities (port a potties).</i>
22/26	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>The 2019 Comptroller's office report enumerates the paucity of playgrounds in NYC (with Brooklyn the most lacking) and states the need for more ongoing repairs to those we do have. Surfacing across several parks is uneven, cracked and a safety issue. This is an issue in our District playgrounds for many years running. Depending on the playground, this may be as simple as replacing pieces of surfacing or as extensive as redoing entire surfacing and examining trees and roots. The Board requests a planned cycle of assessments and repairs for all District parks.</i>
25/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>To design and construct a dog park for off-leash exercise and play. According to Parks Dept estimate, the cost is \$1.1M. Presently, University Place is a neglected eyesore in the midst of the densest growing part of Brooklyn (directly across Flatbush from CityPoint). A dog park on this site would turn it into an uplifting urban oasis, not only for dog owners and pets, but for all CD2 residents, shoppers, and workers passing by, stopping to rest, or relaxing. The nearest dog park is over a mile away and many residents complain about too many dogs in Fort Greene Park: this would help mitigate that problem.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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8/34	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide the board with professional staff to conduct a district wide needs assessment. The district needs an inventory of its neighborhood assets and a 10-year plan with strategic goals. CB does not have the resources or staffing to do a comprehensive data based assessment of their needs. Therefore it is difficult to influence the crafting of legislation. Much of the poverty in our district is centered in public housing where a majority of the residents are Black and brown people. There is insufficient data to determine needs and appropriately direct resources to residents in NYCHA developments.</i>	
11/34	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>To fix the detector on the sprinkler at Walt Whitman Park. The water motion detector on/off sensor has been broken for several years, and users are forced to wait for Parks employees to turn it on and off. When the sprayer runs for hours, it floods the Department of Emergency Management that is adjacent to the park</i>	
20/34	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Temporary port-a-johns as there are no bathrooms at South Oxford Playground</i>	
22/34	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Increased healthy tree canopy cools the surrounding area, improves water collection, and reduces asthma. The board requests new, durable tree plantings in district parks and streets.</i>	
34/34	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Improved visual signage at all playground entrances: "No Dogs Allowed" [dog in circle]. Due to inadequate number of dog park facilities, dogs are being exercised & relieved on the playground, which is not allowed per Parks rules. Entrance signage is missing, inadequate, or confusing which leads to unhygienic conditions for children and tense relations between dog and child caretakers.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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26/26	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Department of Design and Construction to complete the electrification of the Myrtle Plaza. The community is unable to fully optimize the space.</i>	

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

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5/26	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>Identification and implementation of a Coop-Tech site in Downtown Brooklyn. Youth unemployment (12.7%) and teen idleness (6.3%) rates are of concern. Students who complete Career and Technical education programs are prepared to make informed career decisions and earn industry-recognized certifications that help them prepare for internships and jobs while still in school.</i>	

6/26	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provision of mobile units for mental health care. A lifetime of inescapable and consuming racism is traumatic. Black people carry the brunt of our society's hatred, which manifests in a number of ways, including as anxiety and depression. The cumulative effect of every police encounter and every indignity—micro, macro, structural, and interpersonal—has led to a widespread and multifaceted health burden that merits innovative responses as pervasive as the discrimination itself.</i>
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20/26	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>The CD2 sanitation garage is in need of equipment for a Motorized Litter Patrol to clean under the elevated span of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway stretching from Navy St. to Classon Avenue. The area is a chronic illegal dumping site. There is always a collection of demolition debris, old tyres and questionable items are always present.</i>	
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22/26	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>The 2019 Comptroller's office report enumerates the paucity of playgrounds in NYC (with Brooklyn the most lacking) and states the need for more ongoing repairs to those we do have. Surfacing across several parks is uneven, cracked and a safety issue. This is an issue in our District playgrounds for many years running. Depending on the playground, this may be as simple as replacing pieces of surfacing or as extensive as redoing entire surfacing and examining trees and roots. The Board requests a planned cycle of assessments and repairs for all District parks.</i>
23/26	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Construct a plaza on the triangle bounded by Flatbush, Atlantic and Fourth Avenues, known as Times Plaza. The plaza was expanded as part of traffic calming associated with the Barclays Center but is inhospitable and unattractive.</i>
24/26	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>Public housing stock must be improved, installing/replacing vents, use of non-toxic leaning products and removing known environmental triggers. Fund pillowcase & mattress covers for families in high concentration areas.</i>
25/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>To design and construct a dog park for off-leash exercise and play. According to Parks Dept estimate, the cost is \$1.1M. Presently, University Place is a neglected eyesore in the midst of the densest growing part of Brooklyn (directly across Flatbush from CityPoint). A dog park on this site would turn it into an uplifting urban oasis, not only for dog owners and pets, but for all CD2 residents, shoppers, and workers passing by, stopping to rest, or relaxing. The nearest dog park is over a mile away and many residents complain about too many dogs in Fort Greene Park: this would help mitigate that problem.</i>
26/26	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Department of Design and Construction to complete the electrification of the Myrtle Plaza. The community is unable to fully optimize the space.</i>

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/34	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Conduct study of air quality and survey air, light, and noise pollution throughout the district with particular focus along the Brooklyn Queens Expressway which includes Brooklyn Heights, Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman Houses as well as Downtown Brooklyn. New York consumes more fossil fuels in than any other state, and buildings are responsible for a significant portion. Burning fuels for space and water heating accounts for nearly 40% of the city's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. There is a lack of data to assess the impact of development on CD2, specifically. A better understanding of the impact / current status of these externalities are important considerations for future development decisions.</i>	
2/34	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Request a study to determine the number of housing units constructed since 2004 and number of affordable units in each income band as well as an analysis of median income of residents within a specific radius of the housing and the income bands for such housing.</i>	
3/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Provide grants for and partner with providers of maternal support, encouraging solutions such as midwives, counseling, and app-based support. Incentivize hospitals, including Brooklyn Hospital, to work with such providers. Expand home visit program beyond first time mothers to all low-income mothers. This should be part of a plan to reduce the racial disparities seen in black maternal and infant mortality. Zero mortality and health impacts of pregnancy for women of color on par with all women regardless of socioeconomic circumstances.</i>	

4/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Masks and protective equipment should be available to community health centers, senior centers, and large housing complexes. DOHMH should offer educational workshops on community health and incorporate the principles of peer education, partnering with neighborhood gathering places such as restaurants, barber and beauty shops. Neighborhoods with the lowest vaccination rates should have additional deployed build greater trust in health professionals. Lack of strategy, and resources to readily respond to and manage health crises such as the Coronavirus pandemic left community health facilities underprepared, overwhelmed with infection and death rates.</i>
5/34	SBS	Help job seekers connect to employment	<i>Establish a local hiring program focused on achieving greater racial and socioeconomic equity for small business employees, including hotel and restaurant work. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our district but we seldom see Black employees in these new businesses. There is need and opportunity but they are not lining up. The benefits of gentrification aren't distributed equitably in our District. City-wide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to facilitate the flow of new jobs into NYCHA populations, which are majority Black and Latinx.</i>
6/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Hire social workers to support the branch librarians. BPL can deploy the social workers to branches as needed or on a schedule. Libraries are open all day, heated and cooled, and have become a gathering place. Librarians report that many homeless people use the library as a day center and need additional support from the staff and facility. Some of the people who are homeless need referrals and support beyond what the librarians can offer.</i>

7/34	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Reinstate the funds allocated to pest control. The rat population has grown with reported sightings up over 70 percent for 2021. The reduced funding has led to lower inspection rates. Rats and mice spread over 35 diseases that can infect both people and pets through direct and indirect contact. Apart from the public health hazard, rats can also weaken building structures by gnawing through lead and aluminium sheeting and chewing through electrical wiring, which can start fires by shorting-out appliances or lighting fixtures.</i>
8/34	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide the board with professional staff to conduct a district wide needs assessment. The district needs an inventory of its neighborhood assets and a 10-year plan with strategic goals. CB does not have the resources or staffing to do a comprehensive data based assessment of their needs. Therefore it is difficult to influence the crafting of legislation. Much of the poverty in our district is centered in public housing where a majority of the residents are Black and brown people. There is insufficient data to determine needs and appropriately direct resources to residents in NYCHA developments.</i>
9/34	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Hiring and training of school nurses. Our district suffers from extremely high pediatric asthma rates. Students diagnosed with childhood asthma need education and support from a trained school nurse to manage their asthma effectively. Open Airways is an established training program created by the American Lung Association. When implemented with fidelity it has demonstrated better asthma management as evidenced by fewer emergency room visits and increased school attendance.</i>

10/34	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	<i>Create and incentivize job training programs in key industries to facilitate lower income, less educated individuals being able to take advantage of living wage job opportunities to propel them out of poverty. City-wide NYCHA unemployment rate was 22% pre-pandemic. We need to facilitate the flow of new jobs into NYCHA populations, which are majority Black and Latinx. Small business owners bring hundreds of new jobs into our district but we seldom see Black employees in these new businesses. There is need and opportunity, and they are not lining up.</i>
11/34	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>To fix the detector on the sprinkler at Walt Whitman Park. The water motion detector on/off sensor has been broken for several years, and users are forced to wait for Parks employees to turn it on and off. When the sprayer runs for hours, it floods the Department of Emergency Management that is adjacent to the park</i>
12/34	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<i>Create a program to provide grants and technical assistance for community-based organizations or B Corporations to build healthy food stores in low to moderate income neighborhoods. The lack of available, affordable healthy food options in the areas adjacent to public housing developments in Community District 2 is one of the reasons for disproportionate health outcomes negatively impacting the areas proximate to NYCHA communities.</i>
13/34	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Increase or initiate green infrastructure and programs such as rainwater harvesting, downspout disconnection.</i>
14/34	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	<i>Improve pedestrian safety for all users by placement of additional Audible Pedestrian Signals and countdown clocks along the Flatbush and other major thoroughfares of the District</i>

15/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>People of color (POC) delay seeking medical and mental health assistance due to multigenerational trauma from the medical establishment. POC are less likely to be given painkillers or have their symptoms taken seriously resulting in poor care or even death. Sensitivity/awareness training for health professionals to address issues of explicit/implicit bias against patients of color</i>
16/34	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Many children lack education about healthy eating habits. Curriculum that includes gardening and simple food preparation would promote prevention of obesity early in life and support the creation of healthy habits. Nutrition programs that are culturally relevant to the people whose eating habits we want to improve.</i>
17/34	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	<i>Increased collection and appropriate pick up schedule for schools; piloting of different types of holding receptacles to fit each site. Also, exploration of alternative types of dumpsters, compactors</i>
18/34	SBS	Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency	<i>For businesses excluded from recovery funds based on AMI in the District, we propose an alternate method of measurement to qualify for recovery programs. Some of the Fulton BID businesses were excluded from City recovery programs because the funding was tied to Area Median Income (AMI) which is an insufficient measure in these zip codes.</i>
19/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Breast cancer rate is highest among high income white women but deaths are highest among black women. Deaths are also highest for cervical cancer rate among black women. Increased messaging about healthy habits and breast/cervical cancer screening targeting neighborhoods with the highest mortality rates.</i>
20/34	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Temporary port-a-johns as there are no bathrooms at South Oxford Playground</i>

21/34	SBS	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building	<i>A Community Fellows grant program to support community-based organizations commercial revitalization projects. It meets both workforce development and commercial revitalization priorities and can connect local stakeholders to City resources. Based on cuts from City and State funding alone, Community-based organizations (CBOs) will lay off more than 20k workers over the next few months. According to the NYC Comptroller report non-profits citywide spending is over \$77B (9.4% of the local economy). Additionally NGO's employ 18% of the City's workforce: over 660K people. https://www.gothamgazette.com/city/10696-city-funding-inadequate-for-human-service-workers-report</i>
22/34	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Increased healthy tree canopy cools the surrounding area, improves water collection, and reduces asthma. The board requests new, durable tree plantings in district parks and streets.</i>
23/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Purchase & install cameras to increase enforcement against illegal dumping. Chronic illegal dumping is unsightly, poses a public health hazard and undermines residents' quality of life. The area under the BQE is consistently filled with litter. Streets and sidewalks also have litter due to insufficient pick up of street baskets or infrequency of e-waste collections. The CD2 Sanitation garage is in need of staff and resources to maintain the area. The BK02 garage removed more than 100 tyres in late Spring 2021 and as well as multiple trucks of trash</i>
24/34	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Increase truck weight & length enforcement on residential streets surrounding the BQE, including more traffic enforcement and calming initiatives. Overweight & overlength trucks are traversing our residential neighborhoods, resulting in trucks getting stuck, creating congestion and air quality hot spots, and increasing potential for crashes.</i>

25/34	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>The district has changed and so have the economic revitalization needs. Changing landscape of business rental property needs following COVID-19 needs to be studied further. Commercial revitalization needs to strengthen and revitalize the streets, small businesses, and community-based organizations that anchor New York City neighborhoods.</i>
26/34	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Continue the "Love your Local" grant program and add a competition element for artists to develop a marketing slogan and image for the program that would create a "Buy local & Hire local" campaign for the district. Local small businesses are facing fiercer competition than ever. Consumers have become more accustomed to the convenience of shopping online and are less likely to shop locally. "https://shopin.nyc/ https://loveyourlocal.cityofnewyork.us/ https://citylimits.org/2016/03/01/cityviews-distorting-downtown-brooklyns-past-can-only-obscure-future/"</i>
27/34	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Extend enforcement against black market sale of permits to both new AND existing permits and implement reform to create a more effective and functional system. The agency should perform research on the relationship between street food vendors and restaurants as well as how public sidewalk space is used. The agency should create a vendor training program and an app with a satellite view of legal vending spots. Establish a pilot program to examine methods of maintaining order in congested areas and create model vending zones. Establish a pilot program to test the use of public school and other underutilized kitchens for use by food vendors. Support the MTA pilot program to offer vendors empty retail spaces in the subway system.</i>
28/34	SBS	Provide commercial lease support for business owners	<i>Incentives for landlords to negotiate with small businesses (both existing and potential) with priority on MWBE/local on leases. Expand the commercial lease assistance program.</i>

29/34	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>A task force should be convened to collect data on the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to lower income residents, particularly those close to containing the NYCHA developments. The study should include the distribution of and access to Covid-19 resources. The City lacks a resiliency post-disaster plan to ensure that socioeconomically disadvantaged communities and communities of color are not disproportionately impacted during crises.</i>
30/34	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Investments and resources have not been equitably distributed resulting in greater racial and social disparities in our district. Inventory of neighborhood assets to determine areas for investments</i>
31/34	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase number of inspectors. Renters often live in sub-optimal housing due to the lack of enforcement and inadequate number of HPD inspectors</i>
32/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Create mid block crossings along Atlantic Avenue. The blocks on this very busy arterial are long and pedestrians attempt to cross mid-block, often endangering lives.</i>
33/34	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Develop and fund a community marketing campaign for City Cleanup Corps (created from federal stimulus funds for 2021) employment opportunities remaining. There are many locations where illegal dumping clean up, litter and graffiti removal are required consistently</i>
34/34	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Improved visual signage at all playground entrances: "No Dogs Allowed" [dog in circle]. Due to inadequate number of dog park facilities, dogs are being exercised & relieved on the playground, which is not allowed per Parks rules. Entrance signage is missing, inadequate, or confusing which leads to unhygienic conditions for children and tense relations between dog and child caretakers.</i>