

Fiscal Year 2021





Brooklyn Community District

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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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact: CDNEEDS_DL@planning.nyc.gov

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

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Brooklyn Community District 17



Neighborhoods1: East Flatbush, Farragut, Flatbush, Northeast Flatbush, Remsen Village, Rugby, Erasmus

Land Use Category

Mixed Use

Industrial

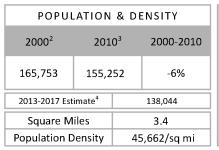
Commercial

Open Space

Parking

Vacant

XX Other





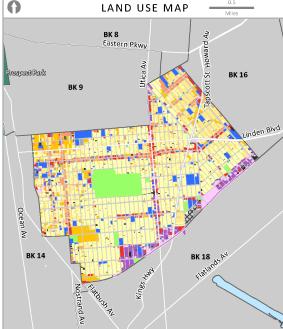
1 & 2 Family Bldgs 11,893

Multifamily Walk-up 3,767

Transportation/Utility 137

Multifamily Elevator

Public/Institutional



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 17 in 2019:

- 1. Schools
- 2. Senior services
- 3. Street conditions

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 17's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

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A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

16

156

223

58

Lots

Area

44%

19%

6%

6%

4%

7%

6%

1%

1%

0%

COMMUNITY ASSETS⁵						
Public Schools 31						
Public Libraries	4					
Hospitals and Clinics	10					
Parks	6					
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer						

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}				
Brooklyn CD 17 50%	Brooklyn 46%			
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC 45%			

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷				
Brooklyn CD 17				
61%	Citywide Target			
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	85%			

Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

MEAN COMMUTE	TO WORK ^{4, 8}
Brooklyn CD 17	Brooklyn
47	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	41 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴			
Brooklyn CD 17	Brooklyn		
9%	23%		
of residents 5 years or	NYC		
English proficiency	23%		

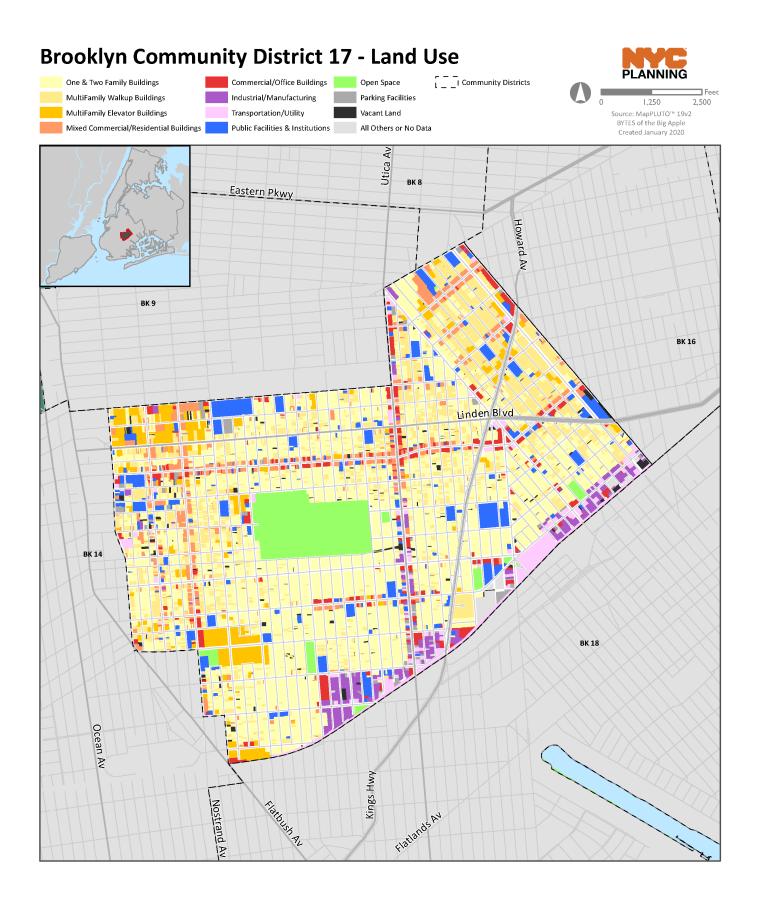
CRIME RATE ⁹				
Brooklyn CD 17	Brooklyn			
14.6	11.2			
major felonies were reported	NYC			
per 1,000 residents in 2017	11.8			

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 4, 10				
Brooklyn CD 17	Brooklyn 35%			
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC 37%			

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}			
Brooklyn CD 17 4.9%	Brooklyn 5.1%		
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC 4.9%		
	2		

NYCgov POVERTY	MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 17	Brooklyn	
20%	21%	
of residents have incomes below	NYC	
the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	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); ⁶ Differences 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. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁹Differences of less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and 1/2 mile fo



3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 17 is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Remsen Village, Farragut, Rugby, East Flatbush. The geographic district encompasses East New York Avenue from East 98 Street to Utica Avenue, South on Utica Avenue to Clarkson Avenue, West on Clarkson Avneue to Bedford Avenue, South on Bedford Avenue to the Long Island Railroad/Glenwood Road East along the Long Island Railroad to East 98 Street, then North on East 98 Street to East New York Avenue.

Community District 17 is a culturally diverse community. Between 2000 and 2010 there was a -6% change in total population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate, 2013 the population in East Flatbush is approximately 156,151. with 89% Black, 7% Hispanic, 1%Asian, 1% White, 2% Other. The population by age varies: 22% - 0-17, 10%-18-24, 27%-25-44, 28%-45-64 and 14% - 65+. The census also noted, 53% of the population are foreign born and 9% have limited English proficiency. We believe, the East Flatbush community have many undocumented residents who, if counted, would probably increase the total population in the District.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 17

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Schools

In CD17, enrollment in public schools has increased. We now have Universal Pre-K. The benefits of early education for children are clearly backed by research, and there is a great need for reliable and affordable child care for New York families. However, the universal aspect of Pre-K for All is perhaps its boldest and best feature, and it could be the key to creating a high-quality, sustainable program. We also need to increase graduation rate and College readiness and decrease the drop-out rate. Community Board 17 continues to advocate for smaller classrooms, resource availability for teachers and all the amenities to ensure all students are college and career ready in addition to vocational and technical training for students to be able to compete in the world of technology. We request the implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Program at P.S. 198. The Board strongly supports the Borough Field Support Centers (BFSC's) to review this request and provide a favorable response. This program will provide a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services.

Senior services

Our population continues to age like the rest of the country; the frail and elderly are growing more numerous. The elderly age 65 and older stands at 14% according to the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau Population estimates. A sincere effort must be made to provide greater outreach to the shut-ins who depends on the Meals on Wheels program. Our senior population continues to grow. Many seniors are living longer, most elders live alone and are sometimes emotionally, financially and physically abused by their caretakers and sometimes strangers. We request enhanced funding to organizations and programs that participate in programs that caters to the needs of our seniors.

Street conditions (roadway maintenance)

We applaud the Department of Transportation for the Sidewalk Program. Many sidewalks in CD 17 were repaired, however, there remains a number of sidewalks and streets that remains in a state of disrepair. These conditions lead to pedestrians walking in roadways and drivers taking routes that are either out of their way or they must put their vehicle through unsafe roadways. The drivers and the pedestrians in our community deserve to travel under safe conditions. Additionally, we request the locations submitted by CB17 be added to the next phase of Trench Restoration.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Other

Sustaining a healthy living environment and accessible health care services for the youth, elderly and low income families in District 17 remains a priority. Comprehensive, quality health care services is one of the most important factors in promoting and maintaining health and leads to the prevention and management of many diseases that plague our community.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Access to Health Care, and Prevention Screening are two health related issues that affects the East Flatbush district. As noted in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Survey.

A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment such as avoidable hospitalizations. Adults in The same can be said for Prevention and Screening of various illnesses, such as Breast Cancer, HPV, Flu and HIV testing. When screening is applied it can be most effective in people living longer, healthier lives.

We support the creation and promotion of programs that increase awareness and encourage treatment of mental health. The many components of ThriveNYC, which aims to reduce mental illness stigma and close the gap in behavioral health services by integrating mental health care into primary care practices needs to be expanded to more low-income neighborhoods. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalization. Increased services could help individuals cope with stressful situations.

Needs for Older NYs

We request that the Department For The Aging implement funded programs. There is a need for C2 housing to meet the needs of our aging population, namely: assisted living, independent living and dependent living. Our population continues to age like the rest of the country; the frail and elderly are growing more numerous

Needs for Homeless

Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing. The gap between affordability and unaffordable continues to rise. CB17 requests that programs are implemented to accommodate families and singles who due to their income range fall within the borders of unaffordability thus deeming them unable to apply for the affordable units. We believe the income range is a disadvantage to a large number of residents in our district.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Other Work Experience Program Requests: With the phasing out of the Work Experience Program, it is imperative that participants seeking independence and self-support are provided with the alternatives that continues to improve the skills they already possess and allow them opportunities to develop new abilities that increases their chances of employment.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/25	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior Center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. Having a kitchen on site will greatly enhance the quality of food service to the seniors and eliminate the daily hassle of transporting meals to the center.	3304 Clarendon Road
23/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide more access and reliability in the HRA system for community residents who depends on the services.	District Wide

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/33	HRA	Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid	Retirees receiving SSI or a pension do not have disposable income to afford the medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as more HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage.	District Wide
9/33	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs	There needs to be an expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors to assist renters and homeowners remain in their housing.	District Wide
11/33	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Significant number of elderly individuals and individuals living with multiple health problems, shut-ins who depend on the Meals on Wheels program.	District Wide

12/33	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Many socio - economic factors (cost of living/lack of affordable housing, employment, cost of childcare, medical health problems, etc) underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorder and maladaptive behavior. In order to treat mental illness, the root cause needs to be identified and resources provided to helping individuals cope with stressful situations. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalizations.	District Wide
21/33	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.	
27/33	DFTA	Enhance home care services	There should be outreach services to homebound older adults n elderly to allow them to age in place. Many cannot afford long term care of independent senior housig/communities	
31/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Early mammogram testing means treatment starts earlier.	District Wide

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Many of our young people lack the skills necessary for employment. We request continued funding of programs that offers a broader range of opportunities for youth to explore their career and educational interests. Developmental programs such as "Learn and Earn" and "Train and Earn" that assist participants in overcoming barriers to employment, have proven successful over the years. Community Board 17 also support the Ladder for leaders program that allows partnering with relevant city agencies and/or community partners to create pathways and opportunities for youth and communities at large, to gain experience in the tech, entrepreneurship and entertainment/media field.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

We request expanded fundings for CAMBA and Sesame Flyers programs. CAMBA provides thousands of low income youth from pre-school through high school with academic assistance, counseling, tutoring, art, drama, music, sports, SAT and Regents help, opportunities to serve their community, internships and employment. CAMBA encourages older youth who are disconnected from either school or work to further their education and employment opportunities and serve their community Sesame Flyers offer tutoring, safe and nurturing spaces for children to play during the summer, youth-led community service activities, job readiness programs, case management and counseling for families in crisis, GED and computer technology programs, along with celebrations of the rich traditions of Caribbean culture.

Implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board strongly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services.

Our schools must also be equipped with the tools needed to provide adequate service to faculty and pupils.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Adequate funding for child welfare: Community Board 17 supports Federal and State child welfare financing, increase in funding which allows agencies to better protect, care for and provide services to at risk children or those who were abused or neglected. We also advocate for competitive salaries, opportunities for career advancement, adequate compensation and manageable caseload sizes for caseworkers. There should be adequate child abuse and neglect prevention services for every family in need to ensure children have safe and stable permanent families.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/25	SCA	Renovate interior building component	P.S 198 - Request funding be allocated to install a Bell System which ties in with the Clock. Presently, the school do not have a bell system or a programmable clock.	4105 Farragut Rd

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide
15/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	Funding for Computer literacy classes.	District Wide
22/33	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board stronly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services.	
30/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

The Board believes that crime prevention programs are most effective when they operate within the community and involve community residents actively working with their local government agencies to address issues contributing to crime, delinquency, and disorder in their communities. Increased funding for vandalism prevention, domestic violence prevention, youth crime prevention, and other crime prevention programs must continue. The implementation of the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO) an initiative that engages community members and officers has garnered applause by most community residents. This form of community policing, or community-oriented policing is a proven evident based model of police building ties and working closely with members of the communities. The Board supports the Advocates Intervene Mentor (AIM) program and request the program be expanded and hire more mentors and resource specialist to work with youth facing a violation of probation due to chronic absenteeism and/or chronic unresponsiveness to interventions and engagement strategies.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services</u>

Needs for Public Safety

The safety and well-being of the men and women serving our community is paramount. CD17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi-family buildings throughout the community, the population is slated to increase by over 25%. An additional Precinct with added man-power would enhance the safety of our community.

There are many positive benefits to working in a clean office environment. Therefore, repairs to the Precinct house must be completed in a timely manner and technology needs met.

Illegally parked overnight commercial tractor trailers in residential areas, continues to be a nuisance in our community. The Board request a tow truck be added to the Precinct's fleet.

Designated parking of service vehicles could decrease the time service vehicles take maneuvering in and out from between parked vehicles. The request for a feasibility study of the location (vacant lots) submitted to the NYPD must be revisited.

Needs for Emergency Services

Community Board 17 is overly concerned about the on-going vague response to issues of concerns to the community. As noted in our Expense Request, it is imperative that funding be allocated for emergency generators for the engine companies in District 17. Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of electricity during a power outage. We also reiterate the importance of prioritizing for funding, the FDNY programs and staffing as noted: Fire Prevention Inspection Team, Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and other residents unable to afford the purchase.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking around the 67th Precinct remains a priority. Several new apartment units were erected around the precinct which presents a challenge for parking service vehicles and could hinder response time when cars are blocked in. CB17 request a feasibility study be conducted to lease the vacant lots across from the precinct house, 2915 - 2917 Snyder Avenue.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/25	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi family buildings throughout the community the population is slated to increase by 25%. An added Precinct would enhance the safety of our community.	District Wide
6/25	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Renovation of the 67th Precinct Men and Women's bathroom on the second floor becomes hazardous due to traffic, especially when special events are held at the precinct and during the monthly community meetings. The women's bathroom floor becomes wet and slippery, paper towel holders are left open, running faucets, dirty sink toilet seats etc. The urinal in the mens bathroom floods and presently, there's a leaky pipe in the wall. A complete renovation is needed for both bathrooms.	2820 Snyder Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/33	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Emergency Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of eletricity during a power outage. We support the allocation of funding for emergency generators at Engine 248, BN41 and Engine 310, Ladder 174, BN 58.	
3/33	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

4/33	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers illegally parked through out the community.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
7/33	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	Needed to combat the illegally parked commercial vehicles since ticketing has not been a viable deterrent	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
14/33	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	CB17 support full funding for fire Prevention Inspection Program, Fire Prevention Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program, in addition to carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and the other population unable to afford the purchase.	
16/33	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	The Precinct must update it's technology to keep up with the 21st century. We advocate for updated mobile technology and Wi-Fi service in the Precinct.	2820 Snyder Avenue

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

On weeks when there are holidays, a regular two-day a week pickup becomes a one day scheduled pick-up. This diminution of service is even worse for recyclable materials and the problems of vermin and rodent infestation multiplies. Sanitation should coalesce with the Department of Consumer Affairs to improve cleanliness compliance by homeowners and businesses and address sidewalk clutter.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Environmental concerns ranges from complaints about clogged catch basins, many of which are imploding due to lack of repairs and the need for DEP and DOT to collaborate and resolve Trench Restoration work in the community. Funding for trench restoration projects in District 17 would decrease the number of sink holes in the community. The community is also saturated with auto repair shops that discharge large amounts of volatile organic solvents and volatile organic compounds into the air which could contribute to respiratory diseases.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The New York City Department of Sanitation, via My Neighborhood Statistics recorded an average of 2.4 pounds of garbage and recycling collected per person each day in CD17. The Distict's average of 12.8% of recycling and 87.2% garbage is equivalent to approximately 174 Tons of garbage and recycling collected per day for disposal. The District needs all the necessary tools to ensure the cleanliness of our neighborhood on a daily basis.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	There is a need for an additional Basket Truck at BK17 garage to address the overflow of litter on commercial strips.	Church, New York Ave, Nostrand,

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/33	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	The Community District has exceeded the Cleanliness Threshold for more than Ten (10) consecutive years and therefore is eligible for a review.	District Wide
26/33	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Request for an increased cleanliness of these areas. Unhealthy amount of garbage throughout the areas.	Utica Avenue Church Avenue Avenue D
32/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning.	
33/33	DEP	Clean catch basins	Prevents flooding	District Wide

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Land use and zoning

Community Board 17 has been working with the Department of City Planning and it's elected officials to re-zone certain areas in the community. The Board also held outreach presentation meetings in various areas of the community in an effort to garner community input and support and to determine the areas that can be re-zoned. While the Board continues to analyze the zoning and ask residents what they would like to see in the neighborhood, there has been an increase of unwanted housing development, some of which do not conform to the surrounding areas. The Board would like a designated Cease and Desist zone in Brooklyn Community District 17.

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

Needs for Land Use

There is a need to identify as many corridors/clusters that are considered worth investigating for rezoning. Such corridors might be zoned to permit residential development and /or to maximize areas for housing where appropriate. Proximity to the Nostrand Avenue subway stations or the Livonia Avenue 3 line stations along 98th street should also be given consideration.

Needs for Housing

Community Board 17 recommends funding for non-for-profit organizations engaged in Foreclosure Prevention, Financial Literacy and Mortgage Modification. It is imperative that funding be provided for the current calendar year and beyond. Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc. must be funded for Foreclosure Prevention through HPD's Neighborhood Preservation Consultant Contract. Also, such contracts should be awarded to organizations with the most experience and record of actual accomplishments that are engaged in the communities where their needs are. CB 17 supports Flatbush East Community Development Corporation, Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc. and Erasmus Neighborhood Federation in their request for funding to implement some much needed programs in our district. Annual funding is necessary to support all housing programs in District 17. With the present state of the economy, these programs are necessary to assist homeowners who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Needs for Economic Development

There is a need to implement more BIDs in CB 17 business areas such as, but not limited to, Utica and East New York Avenue, going south bound on Utica Avenue to Clarendon Road and Utica Avenue and Church Avenue east bound on Church Avenue to Remsen Avenue. The implementation of a BID would promote goodwill between the association members and the residents of the immediate adjacent areas. It will also promote businesses, improve shopping in the community through merchants and civic action projects and foster a stronger relationship between merchants, residents, service agencies and law enforcement for the betterment of the community.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/25	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	CB17 supports the allocation of funding for the expansion of housing for special needs housing, such as seniors or the formerly homeless.	
17/25	SBS	Other capital commercial district revitalization requests	Increase availability of tech resources for use by community along the business strip	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue East 95th Street
18/25	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Cafes are seen as a place for innovation and a place where people gather to work on business ideas, socialize etc. A place where youths can come together and create the next big tech business event or social change project	Rutland Road Utica Avenue Church Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
23/33	SBS	Other expense commercial district revitalization requests	Create a sense of community and promote the businesses in the area.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue

TRANSPORTATION

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Bus service (frequency and access)

Shortage of local buses that provides service to our community, has long been an issue of complaint. The B8, B6, B46 and B44 bus routes are some of the busiest routes in District 17. Commuters wait longer on these routes for buses and sometimes have to utilize other means of transportation to get to and from their destination. Service cuts along these routes will not only extend the wait time especially during inclement weather but will negatively impact the finances of low-income families who depend on the service. Repair and upgrade of subway stations, Instillation of Bus sheds and Station sheds and improved accessibility of transit infrastructure, such as elevators and escalators are all Transit needs that exists in our District.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The Board continue to receive complaints regarding congestions on Utica Avenue, double parked cars, blocked businesses and cars parked on the sidewalk has become the norm in the district. The installation of the bus lanes has not remedy the situation.

There is also a need for more truck signage, lighting and traffic signals throughout the district.

Needs for Transit Services

The Newkirk Avenue station has experienced significant deterioration over the years. Rehabilitation will greatly enhance the aesthetic of the station and provide safety and quality service to the commuters. Although parts of this project was approved for funding, CB17 request that the total rehabilitation of this subway station be considered.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	DOT	Reconstruct streets	This is a long standing request We request this location be added to the next Capital Project slated for District 17.	Kings Highway Clarendon Road Avenue D
7/25	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sidewalk reconstruction requested at this location	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn AVenue East 42nd Street
8/25	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Heavily Traffic intersection with a bus stop. Block is poorly lit.	East 53 Street Kings Highway
10/25	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funding for Trench Restoration in front of 3402 Farragut Road between East 34th and East 35th Streets.	3402 Farragut Rd
11/25	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Under the Overpass, the street not in satisfactory condition to be driven on, needs to be resurfaced	Glenwood Raod EAst 45 Schenectady Avenue
12/25	DOT	Reconstruct streets	There is no sidewalk at this location. Needs to be prioritize for sidewalk installation.	Farragut Road Utica Avenue Kings Highway
13/25	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Trench restoration in front of 3801 Farragut Road.	3801 Farragut Rd
14/25	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Provide internet to lower income residents lacking digital access	Church Avenue East 52nd Street

20/25	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate our senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue South Bound - B35
25/25	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Utica Avenue B46 Corridor

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/33	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	For years, residents have complained about the unreliable services delivered by the B8 bus line.	District Wide
17/33	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	There is a noticeable lack of truck enforcement signage in our district. Many resident complain of commercial trucks illegally driving and parking on roads in the community.	District Wide
18/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.	East 40th Street Glenwood Road
20/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tercery streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 38th Street Glenwood Road
28/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 39th Street Farragut Road
29/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructing full view	East 35 Street Farragut Road

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Access to and quality of cultural programming

Access to quality and cultural programs are lacking in our district. The Board's request for a Caribbean Cultural Museum in the district directly relates to its demographic.

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

Needs for Parks

Park maintenance is essential to the cleanliness of our parks and requires the hiring of additional gardeners and other skilled non-managerial personnel.

The Board request the expansion of athletic programs and educational programs in Computer Resource Centers, to attract the youth in our district

We also request a feasibility study be conducted at our Parks to determine the installation of a swimming pool, a recreational need that would benefit the community as a whole.

Needs for Cultural Services

There is a urgent need for collaborative efforts to bring together various private and government funds to support, strengthen and expand arts and cultural nonprofits in Community District 17. The Board believes that cultural facilities and programs will promote and contribute to the culture and economic lives of the community, by creating jobs, cultural tourism, expand access and education in the arts, humanities and sciences, while improving the quality of life for community residents at large.

Needs for Library Services

Community Board 17 supports increased funding for the Brooklyn Public Library to provide the much needed services, supplies and equipment for our Branch libraries so that the needs of our students and adult population can be met. The three branches in CD 17, Rugby Branch, Clarendon Branch and East Flatbush Branch offer programs such as Homework help, Tutoring, Computer Classes and Games, Internet/Email Classes among other.

Needs for Community Boards

The role of the Community Boards has expanded throughout the years which requires more staffing to satisfy the needs of the office and assist with the required service delivery needs of the community. Adequate funding is requested to fulfill the Charter-mandated responsibilities of the Board.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/25	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests (Capital)	DCAS owned vacant site at the location: Our district and surrounding districts lack arts and cultural attractions. A center representative of the shared culture in our community would increase comradery and pride within residents.	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue
21/25	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	This request will be a positive addition for the many pet owners in the district.	One District Park
24/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	There is no swimming pool in the district. This request meets the recreational need vocalized by the youths and seniors in the community. A pool will benefit the district as a whole.	District Wide

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/33	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Hire additional personnel to trim the grass and maintain the garden at Paerdegat Park.	East 40th St and Albany Avenue
6/33	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Funding for Tree Pruning and Maintenance must be enhanced to reduce the seven year pruning cycle.	
19/33	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Equipment that satisfies the workout requirement of beginners as well as experienced fitness buffs.	District Wide
24/33	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes	East 43 Street Dead End Church Avenue
25/33	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Tree guards will enhance the beauty of the district.	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Troy Avenue

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/25	Other	Other capital budget request	Department For The Aging: Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as the District is currently serviced by only one senior center in the Community.	Community Ditrict 17
16/25	Other	Other capital budget request	MTA - Transit Authority - The construction of a shed at the train station will accommodate our seniors commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Nostrand Avenue Newkirk Avenue

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
1/25	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking around the 67th Precinct remains a priority. Several new apartment units were erected around the precinct which presents a challenge for parking service vehicles and could hinder response time when cars are blocked in. CB17 request a feasibility study be conducted to lease the vacant lots across from the precinct house, 2915 - 2917 Snyder Avenue.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
2/25	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	There is a need for an additional Basket Truck at BK17 garage to address the overflow of litter on commercial strips.	Church, New York Ave, Nostrand,
3/25	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi family buildings throughout the community the population is slated to increase by 25%. An added Precinct would enhance the safety of our community.	District Wide
4/25	SCA	Renovate interior building component	P.S 198 - Request funding be allocated to install a Bell System which ties in with the Clock. Presently, the school do not have a bell system or a programmable clock.	4105 Farragut Rd
5/25	DOT	Reconstruct streets	This is a long standing request We request this location be added to the next Capital Project slated for District 17.	Kings Highway Clarendon Road Avenue D
6/25	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Renovation of the 67th Precinct Men and Women's bathroom on the second floor becomes hazardous due to traffic, especially when special events are held at the precinct and during the monthly community meetings. The women's bathroom floor becomes wet and slippery, paper towel holders are left open, running faucets, dirty sink toilet seats etc. The urinal in the mens bathroom floods and presently, there's a leaky pipe in the wall. A complete renovation is needed for both bathrooms.	2820 Snyder Avenue

7/25	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Sidewalk reconstruction requested at this location	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn AVenue East 42nd Street
8/25	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Heavily Traffic intersection with a bus stop. Block is poorly lit.	East 53 Street Kings Highway
9/25	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	CB17 supports the allocation of funding for the expansion of housing for special needs housing, such as seniors or the formerly homeless.	
10/25	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funding for Trench Restoration in front of 3402 Farragut Road between East 34th and East 35th Streets.	3402 Farragut Rd
11/25	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Under the Overpass, the street not in satisfactory condition to be driven on, needs to be resurfaced	Glenwood Raod EAst 45 Schenectady Avenue
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14/25	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Provide internet to lower income residents lacking digital access	Church Avenue East 52nd Street
15/25	Other	Other capital budget request	Department For The Aging: Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as the District is currently serviced by only one senior center in the Community.	Community Ditrict 17

16/25	Other	Other capital budget request	MTA - Transit Authority - The construction of a shed at the train station will accommodate our seniors commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Nostrand Avenue Newkirk Avenue
17/25	SBS	Other capital commercial district revitalization requests	Increase availability of tech resources for use by community along the business strip	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue East 95th Street
18/25	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Cafes are seen as a place for innovation and a place where people gather to work on business ideas, socialize etc. A place where youths can come together and create the next big tech business event or social change project	Rutland Road Utica Avenue Church Avenue
19/25	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests (Capital)	DCAS owned vacant site at the location: Our district and surrounding districts lack arts and cultural attractions. A center representative of the shared culture in our community would increase comradery and pride within residents.	Church Avenue Bedford Avenue
20/25	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	To accommodate our senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue South Bound - B35
21/25	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	This request will be a positive addition for the many pet owners in the district.	One District Park
22/25	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior Center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. Having a kitchen on site will greatly enhance the quality of food service to the seniors and eliminate the daily hassle of transporting meals to the center.	3304 Clarendon Road
23/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide more access and reliability in the HRA system for community residents who depends on the services.	District Wide
24/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	There is no swimming pool in the district. This request meets the recreational need vocalized by the youths and seniors in the community. A pool will benefit the district as a whole.	District Wide

25/25 NYCTA Other transit infrastructure requests

To accommodate senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.

Utica Avenue B46 Corridor

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/33	HRA	Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid	Retirees receiving SSI or a pension do not have disposable income to afford the medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as more HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage.	District Wide
2/33	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Emergency Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of eletricity during a power outage. We support the allocation of funding for emergency generators at Engine 248, BN41 and Engine 310, Ladder 174, BN 58.	
3/33	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/33	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers illegally parked through out the community.	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
5/33	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Hire additional personnel to trim the grass and maintain the garden at Paerdegat Park.	East 40th St and Albany Avenue
6/33	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Funding for Tree Pruning and Maintenance must be enhanced to reduce the seven year pruning cycle.	
7/33	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	Needed to combat the illegally parked commercial vehicles since ticketing has not been a viable deterrent	2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide

9/33	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs	There needs to be an expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors to assist renters and homeowners remain in their housing.	District Wide
10/33	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	The Community District has exceeded the Cleanliness Threshold for more than Ten (10) consecutive years and therefore is eligible for a review.	District Wide
11/33	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Significant number of elderly individuals and individuals living with multiple health problems, shut-ins who depend on the Meals on Wheels program.	District Wide
12/33	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Many socio - economic factors (cost of living/lack of affordable housing, employment, cost of childcare, medical health problems, etc) underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorder and maladaptive behavior. In order to treat mental illness, the root cause needs to be identified and resources provided to helping individuals cope with stressful situations. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalizations.	District Wide
13/33	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	For years, residents have complained about the unreliable services delivered by the B8 bus line.	District Wide
14/33	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	CB17 support full funding for fire Prevention Inspection Program, Fire Prevention Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program, in addition to carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and the other population unable to afford the purchase.	
15/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	Funding for Computer literacy classes.	District Wide
16/33	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	The Precinct must update it's technology to keep up with the 21st century. We advocate for updated mobile technology and Wi-Fi service in the Precinct.	2820 Snyder Avenue

17/33	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	There is a noticeable lack of truck enforcement signage in our district. Many resident complain of commercial trucks illegally driving and parking on roads in the community.	District Wide
18/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.	East 40th Street Glenwood Road
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20/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tercery streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 38th Street Glenwood Road
21/33	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.	
22/33	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board stronly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services.	
23/33	SBS	Other expense commercial district revitalization requests	Create a sense of community and promote the businesses in the area.	Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue
24/33	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes	East 43 Street Dead End Church Avenue
25/33	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Tree guards will enhance the beauty of the district.	Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Troy Avenue

26/33	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Request for an increased cleanliness of these areas. Unhealthy amount of garbage throughout the areas.	Utica Avenue Church Avenue Avenue D
27/33	DFTA	Enhance home care services	There should be outreach services to homebound older adults n elderly to allow them to age in place. Many cannot afford long term care of independent senior housig/communities	
28/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.	East 39th Street Farragut Road
29/33	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructing full view	East 35 Street Farragut Road
30/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.	District Wide
31/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Early mammogram testing means treatment starts earlier.	District Wide
32/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning.	
33/33	DEP	Clean catch basins	Prevents flooding	District Wide