

# ***Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests***

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**Brooklyn  
Community District  
15**

## Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

Every year, each of New York City's 59 community boards advocate for the needs of its residents and stakeholders by preparing a Statement of Community District (CD) Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. Through this process, community boards share the top issues impacting their neighborhoods and propose capital and expense requests to address those identified needs. I'd like to thank the volunteer members of our community boards and the District Managers who work so hard in leading this essential process and in preparing these reports.

The annual CD Needs process is the product of months of collaboration and public input and is a valuable tool for New Yorkers to participate in neighborhood planning. At the broadest levels, CD Needs offers a critical window into the challenges faced by New Yorkers, and how those challenges may differ across neighborhoods. At a granular level, it provides a forum through which community leaders specify those needs and make recommendations for spending -- which in turn are used by City agencies, elected officials, advocacy groups, and non-profit service providers, among others, to better understand and meet the individual needs of each community board.

Through this year's submissions, we heard the stories of our communities' biggest challenges, such as the human impacts of our housing crisis. In that vein, community boards again selected affordable housing as the most pressing issue citywide, followed by crime and public safety, and parks and open space. Through our online form, community boards generated more than 3,700 budget requests, and for each, one of 28 City agencies responded to indicate whether the request could be accommodated within the upcoming annual budget. This year, in line with our commitment to increasing transparency across the CD Needs process, we are publishing agency responses to these requests in the final section of these reports.

DCP deeply values our partnership with community boards. We remain committed to supporting them by increasing participation in, and improving the transparency of, the CD Needs process. We have received valuable feedback from our community board partners, and we are excited to work with them to continue improving our online submission form, to connect boards with agencies to advance budget request proposals, and to open the form earlier in the calendar year to allow more time for public input and preparation. We look forward to advancing this work with both community boards and City agencies to ensure this is a valuable and productive way to improve our City's neighborhoods and to respond to local community needs.

Sincerely,



## 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) 2024. 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, 2022.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

## Disclaimer

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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
<b>AGE</b>							
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
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
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
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
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
<b>AGE</b>							
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
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
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
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
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 15

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	159,650	100.00	169,632	100.00	9,982	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	33,531	21	36,851	21.7	3,320	9.9	0.7
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	159,650	100.0	169,632	100.0	9,982	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	13,029	8.2	15,688	9.2	2,659	20.4	1.0
White non-Hispanic	114,721	71.9	105,734	62.3	-8,987	-7.8	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	5,298	3.3	6,649	3.9	1,351	25.5	0.6
Asian non-Hispanic	24,107	15.1	34,358	20.3	10,251	42.5	5.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	428	0.3	1,296	0.8	868	202.8	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,067	1.3	5,907	3.5	3,840	185.8	2.2
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	70,595	100.0	67,322	100.0	-3,273	-4.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,760	87.5	63,097	93.7	1,337	2.2	6.2
Vacant housing units	8,835	12.5	4,225	6.3	-4,610	-52.2	-6.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
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### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 15 (CB15) is a vibrant mixed-use community. The community district is bordered to the north by the Kings Highway commercial corridor, to the west by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the south by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the east by the coastal community of Gerritsen Beach. Other residential areas include the neighborhoods of Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach. It is the policy of CB15 to attend to the needs of our local residents and ensure they are given not only a voice, but also receive timely, quality and efficient delivery of municipal services. Ongoing dialogue between our residents and the community board is an essential part of maintaining public safety and encouraging development and prosperity for all. According to the Department of City Planning, the total land area of CB15 is 4.7 square miles. Population statistics supplied by New York City Planning's Census 2020 Data reports the overall population of CB15 is 169,632 of which 36,851 (21.7%) are under the age of 18. Racially, the community district breaks down as follows: Hispanic 15,688 (9.2%), White 105,734 (62.3%), Black 6,649 (3.9%), Asian 34,358 (20.3%), Other/Non-Hispanic 1,296 (0.8%) and Multi-Racial 5,907 (3.5%). In terms of Housing Occupancy, the community district includes 67,322 total housing units of which 63,097 (93.7%) are occupied and 4,225 (6.3%) are vacant.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 15

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Crime and public safety**

Staffing levels at our local precinct are down and are of a great concern to our community. We attribute the shortage to several significant factors, their inability to fill positions trickled down from a previous freeze on new cadet classes, attrition of those retiring from the force, and the department's struggle to attract qualified candidates to pursue careers in law enforcement. It is critically important to our community that patrol strength be restored. Resources are needed for recruitment, updated vehicles and capital funding to modernize precincts and make them fully ADA compliant to better serve everyone. We are experiencing spikes in crimes across the board which we attribute to a diminished police presence in our communities. Fewer incoming police officers translates to a drop in uniform strength. We cannot allow that to happen. We must fund a campaign to recruit and retain qualified police officers.

#### **Traffic**

Traffic: All of our commercial corridors, including Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and Avenue U (between Gerritsen Avenue and McDonald Avenue), are congested from double parking, truck deliveries, illegal parking and the never-ending search for parking spaces. Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Guider Avenue) is inundated with double parked cars, people making illegal U-turns and auto-intensive commercial uses which encroach on the roadway. Most of these avenues are also major transit hubs attracting more and more TLC vehicles which usurp parking spaces. Dedicated bus lanes have been implemented, but drivers do not seem to pay much attention to such changes, so they are not working as intended. We need effective Traffic Enforcement, enhanced Police attention and an active and ongoing dialogue with DOT to develop strategies to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Because parking is at a premium, the most frequent 311 reports in our community district include complaints of illegal parking and blocked driveways of constituents who are desperate to park. Response times are lengthy because these complaints are not emergencies. We could use a dedicated unit to focus on these traffic infractions affecting the community's quality of life. Lastly, there is an issue throughout the community with people illegally selling cars on our streets. In Sheepshead Bay (around Jerome Avenue and Avenue Z), and in Gravesend (along McDonald Avenue between Avenue V and Avenue X) these pop-up car dealerships on our streets are illegally usurping much-needed parking spaces.

#### **Trash removal & cleanliness**

Trash: The Department of Sanitation needs more personnel, particularly in Sanitation Enforcement. This additional manpower is essential to assure that collections and enforcement divisions have sufficient resources to properly service our district. Our bustling commercial corridors no longer have the maintenance resources or enforcement presence they require to keep our shopping areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents and visitors to the district. On any given day, Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue), Avenue U (between Ocean Avenue and Ocean Parkway), and Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue Z and Avenue P) have overflowing litter baskets from improper uses such as household trash, illegal commercial waste and the illegal dumping of construction materials, as well as trash and loose litter strewn along the streets. Our district office is inundated with complaints about filthy and uninviting conditions on our commercial corridors. We continue to have a serious problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B/Q train lines along East 16th Street and F train line along McDonald Avenue, as well as our Shore Parkway service road which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway between Knapp Street and Coney Island Avenue. More special events, convenient drop-off locations and dedicated curbside collections for e-waste, hazardous household waste, paper shredding, leaf/yard waste, food scraps, etc. will increase the likelihood of discarded waste being properly disposed of. Smaller vehicles and equipment are needed to service the Gerritsen Beach neighborhood in our district which is characterized by narrower streets. And even after more than a decade BK15 still lacks a proper district garage while our personnel continues to report to inadequate temporary trailers that offer substandard work conditions as morale and productivity suffer.



## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 15

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Animal and pest control services**

Conditions necessitating pest control services are at an all-time high. The changing landscape of our post-pandemic city has left us with an abundance of outdoor eating establishments which provide shelter and food to rodents and other vectors. With the city intent on maintaining outdoor eating as a new standard, more resources and attention must be paid to their maintenance and ongoing use including preventive and reactive pest control services. New construction in the district, which is generally above average for the borough, has also led to the disruption of rodents en masse forcing them to search for new places to nest. Between the new construction generating more household waste for collection and the increase in nightlife and street activity, the availability of garbage placed out for collection on our sidewalks has provided a veritable feast for rodents which show no sign of subsiding anytime soon. In addition, the new rules for the collection of compostable trash have us concerned.

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Valuable time is wasted transporting critical patients to other distant trauma centers when we could be planning one for our community right now. Planning a new Level 1 Trauma Center for Coney Island Hospital at this time is imperative.

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

In a post-pandemic environment, our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are taken to assure our older New Yorkers are doing well. Capacity for meals along with new replacement fleet vehicles should be expanded at this time.

###### **Needs for Homeless**

New York City is facing a homeless epidemic. With affordable housing becoming more of a rarity in the city many are priced out of their homes. Community Board 15 has seen an influx of homeless in the community and believes there should be more outreach from the Department of Homeless Services to actively seek to permanently shelter the displaced and bring them the social programs they need, such as drug rehabilitation, mental illness counseling and job skills training with placement. We have concentrations of people living under the Sheepshead Bay subway station (at East 15th Street), adjacent to the municipal parking lot at 1602 Voorhies Avenue (at East 16th Street), in Holocaust Park (at Shore Boulevard), at the Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway underpass, at the municipal parking lot at 2602 East 17th Street (at Avenue Z), and at the Corporal Wiltshire Square triangle park (at Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue). It should be noted that some of these locations are seasonal in nature.

###### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as Section 8, which need better policing are over-saturated and closed.

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/38	HHC	<b>Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility</b>	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway. Coney Island Hospital needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/39	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing</b>	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as Section 8, which need better policing are over-saturated and closed.</i>	

14/39	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Large-scale evidence of rodent harborage exists along the waterfront areas of Sheepshead Bay on Emmons Avenue where feeding the waterfowl is a popular activity and there are many restaurants having outdoor eating facilities. To a lesser degree evidence exists along the Shore Boulevard promenade in Manhattan Beach as well. Other commercial corridors throughout the district (such as Avenue U and Kings Highway) have concentrations of harborage where there are outdoor eating facilities and unmaintained tree pits, in addition to land adjacent to the subway tracks and stations (East 16th Street).</i>
21/39	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have concentrations of people living under the Sheepshead Bay subway station (at East 15th Street), adjacent to the municipal parking lot at 1602 Voorhies Avenue (at East 16th Street), in Holocaust Park (at Shore Boulevard), at the Ocean Avenue &amp; Shore Parkway underpass, at the municipal parking lot at 2602 East 17th Street (at Avenue Z), and at the Corporal Wiltshire Square triangle park (at Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue). It should be noted that some of these locations are seasonal in nature.</i>
25/39	DFTA	<b>Increase home delivered meals capacity</b>	<i>In a post-pandemic environment, our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older New Yorkers are doing well. Capacity for meals along with new replacement fleet vehicles should be expanded at this time.</i>

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Brooklyn Community Board 15

#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **After school programs**

After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children, while giving them the tools they will need to develop into successful motivated adults. It's important we make sure there is proper funding in place to maintain and expand these important programs.

#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms cannot provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

No comments



## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/38	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. Funding is required for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
29/38	SCA	<b>Renovate other site component</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for a complete resurfacing of the PS 195 schoolyard located at 131 Irwin Street, along with a sidewalk replacement at the entrance of the school.</i>	131 Irwin Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms cannot provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY

## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Brooklyn Community Board 15

#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **General crime**

Our community has been plagued with increased incidents ranging from violent unprovoked attacks preying on our elderly, to burglaries and a variety of quality of life infractions, like illegal parking, illegal fireworks and excessive noise. We need increased police presence through a combination of increasing patrol strength and enhancing police visibility.

#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

With the community district being nearly five square miles in area there is an immediate need for additional police officers to provide sufficient patrol coverage. The 61st Precinct is understaffed and many of our officers are pulled away and reassigned to work the seasonal tour at the 60th Precinct or larger events throughout the city. Brooklyn Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints on how response times to low priority events, such as car break-ins or non-fatal traffic crashes, have suffered. We attribute this to diminished staffing levels. Another example of a frustrating low priority event are complaints from homeowners about blocked driveways from drivers losing patience hunting for legal on-street parking. We also have vehicles that are not moved for alternate side street cleaning and vehicles that are either abandoned or being sold on our streets usurping valuable parking real estate. The Police Department's Rotational Towing (Row Tow) capabilities are limited in that they have insufficient space to store vehicles. There is only one Tow Pound located across the borough in Northern Brooklyn and the time it takes to tow across the borough limits how many vehicles they can capture in a work shift. Something needs to change. Either fines need to be increased on an escalating scale as a more effective deterrent, or the capacity at the existing Tow Pound needs to be expanding with the addition of car lifts (stackers), or an entirely new tow pound facility be created in Southern Brooklyn to expand the department's holding capacity and reduce the turnaround time for Row Tow operators.

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

Currently, our firehouses are all short-staffed. The pandemic forced a significant reduction in the size of new firefighter classes and we continue to experience a high degree of attrition. These compounding factors have resulted in an understaffed department. All of our firehouses in the community district are aging and in need of electrical upgrades among other needed improvements. These firehouses should also be outfitted with photovoltaic electrical systems (solar energy) and emergency back-up generators in the event of power outages.

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/38	NYPD	<b>Add NYPD parking facilities</b>	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	
5/38	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
7/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove.</i>	2165 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement.</i>	901 Avenue U, Brooklyn, New York, NY
9/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove.</i>	1635 East 14 Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY

10/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	2731 East 11 Street, Brooklyn, NY
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## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	NYPD	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department, including the loss of personnel from deferred incoming classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadets as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement we lack the means to replace them. Our patrol force will be severely diminished, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/39	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Sufficient resources are requested to develop and launch a successful marketing and outreach campaign designed to attract and recruit talented individuals who have an interest in joining our police department and pursuing a career in law enforcement.</i>	
3/39	NYPD	<b>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</b>	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/39	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>There is currently a chronic staff shortage of personnel at our firehouses, which are now relying on an increase in overtime to compensate. The problem is compounded by the significantly smaller class sizes which is lagging behind the current rate of attrition.</i>	

10/39	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>	
11/39	FDNY	<b>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</b>	<i>Sufficient funding is requested for the restoration of the FDNY Smoke/CO detector distribution and fire safety education program.</i>	
16/39	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is not currently manned 24/7. We believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires will be more frequent. Being a regional recreational beach and boating coastal community, rescues on the water are an additional challenge which a year-round manned fireboat would be well equipped to respond to. Pulling a rescue boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Since this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 year-round is necessary to ensure public safety is protected.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd
18/39	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	
19/39	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave

*Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.*

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

##### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

We need to make sure our Sanitation Department is fully funded. We are seeing an influx of complaints in our district office from residents regarding filthy sidewalks, illegal dumping, overflowing litter baskets and unsanitary conditions. DSNY is doing all they can do with the manpower and equipment they have, but it's impossible to keep up with the increasing demands. We need to provide them with the manpower they require, the vehicles and tools needed to see that our community remain clean, viable places to live, shop, work and visit. Above all, we need a new garage for BK15.

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

##### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

Brooklyn Community Board 15 is advocating for additional funding required to create an entirely new sewer system in low-lying Gerritsen Beach which was severely compromised by Superstorm Sandy back in 2012. The Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of an increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements. We would also like a dedicated skimmer vessel for Sheepshead Bay to address floatables due to two CSO outfalls located in Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach.

##### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Our main concern is that our Department of Sanitation's Brooklyn 15 garage has been operating out of a temporary location on Knapp Street in trailers for over a decade. Recently, we have learned that the secondary lot used by Sanitation for equipment storage has been reclaimed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Our Sanitation forces and equipment need a permanent home in our community district. Brooklyn Community Board 15 is also advocating for additional funding for our Sanitation Department. We need more manpower, more frequent litter basket service, cleaning services to address illegal drop-off and dump out conditions, vacant lot cleaning and curbside e-waste collection.

## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/38	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of an increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street
CS	DSNY	<b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b>	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/39	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	Shore Boulevard Pembroke Street Pembroke Street
9/39	DEP	<b>Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments</b>	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.</i>	



13/39	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
15/39	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Knapp Street
23/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</b>	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue U
29/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws</b>	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
30/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Coney Island Avenue
31/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street East 14th Street

32/39	DSNY	<b>Increase vacant lot cleaning</b>	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Shore Parkway
34/39	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14h Street and Emmons Avenue).</i>	
35/39	DSNY	<b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for dedicated curbside e-waste collection days included with recycling schedules to assist our technologically growing community to properly dispose of e-waste and ensure it does not end up on our streets and in our landfills.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

##### **Affordable housing preservation**

Our community is a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) with many of our seniors aging in place. With fixed incomes and insufficient cost of living increases to their social security, aging in place has become increasingly challenging in Brooklyn with the rising costs of rent and other living expenses. We need programs which provide assistance to our seniors, especially those who helped build our communities and want to remain in their homes. If rental assistance is not possible then tax relief to landlords to allow seniors to spend their years with peace of mind securely with a roof over their head.

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

##### **Needs for Land Use**

Throughout Brooklyn Community Board 15 there are many Stop Work Orders that are being violated. Many homes are being converted illegally from 1-2 family dwellings to multi-family dwellings without the proper permits. It is our hope that with additional inspectors, inspections can be done in a more timely fashion. Many of the violations we have reported have been backlogged for months enabling illegal construction to be completed making it quite difficult to reverse its effects.

##### **Needs for Housing**

We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs—including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed. Small businesses have been shown to be the backbone of a local community's economy. They are worthy of our support.

## Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/38	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/39	DOB	<b>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</b>	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	
20/39	NYCHA	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V

**Other commercial  
district revitalization  
requests**

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### Brooklyn Community Board 15

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Traffic congestion**

Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and with the amount of new construction, parking has not kept up with the development or demand. Where one house stood, now several apartments stand with families owning several cars. Because of the lack of parking, people are increasingly parking illegally, they double park and cause congestion throughout the community especially near our commercial districts, such as Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U, Kings Highway and Coney Island Avenue. Every school is inundated with parents waiting to pick up their children at dismissal causing congestion throughout the community. We need to develop traffic plans to alleviate the congestion and address the increasing demand for more parking.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Gerritsen Beach is plagued with flooding, even after a minor rainfall event. The neighborhood received some funding to address the older area, but not Gerritsen Beach in its entirety. Gerritsen Avenue from Bartlett Avenue to the Dead End also needs to be studied and upgraded. Streets must be resurfaced and proper drainage provided. Also throughout our community, the Department of Transportation must assign an additional roadway construction crew to expedite the backlog of approved speed humps which must be installed within a matter of months not years. Trench restorations have emerged as a significant consideration given the ongoing dispute over responsibility between the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection. While agencies point fingers at each other, roadways are collapsing. Additional HIQA inspectors are needed to keep up with the growing demand for structural integrity and maintenance inspections related to the new class of outdoor eating facilities that were constructed during the pandemic. Lastly, the Department of Transportation's information technology management systems, specifically the permit databases which contains essential information vital to the work of the Community Boards, require a next generation upgrade.

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

Due to Brooklyn Community Board 15's large senior population we are pleased that an elevator has been approved for the Sheepshead Bay Road subway station making it yet another accessible station in the transit system. Also, our stations are filthy! They smell like urinals, the staircases are lined with debris and graffiti is everywhere both inside and outside the stations.

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/38	DOT	<b>Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads</b>	<i>The bulkheads along Manhattan Beach between Corbin Place and Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community from bulkhead failures.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
6/38	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</i>	
22/38	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>We would like to see the addition of solar-powered street lights and traffic signals throughout our community district as a resiliency measure in the event of future storm-related outages.</i>	
26/38	DOT	<b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>New curbs and sidewalks are requested for Kings Highways between Mcdonald Avenue and Ocean Parkway. Currently, these sidewalks contain numerous defects rendering them unsafe for pedestrians and subjecting the city to trip and fall lawsuits.</i>	Kings Highway Mcdonald Avenue Ocean Parkway
27/38	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to upgrade the existing streetlights for improved lighting in response to increases in car break-ins and robberies in the area.</i>	Oriental Boulevard Corbin Drive Pembroke Street
28/38	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to relocate electrical and utility service lines from old wooden poles to below ground as a resiliency measure due to their frequent power and utility outages affecting the area.</i>	Oriental Boulevard Kensington Street Pembroke Street
30/38	NYCTA	<b>Other transit infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the upgrading and installation of wrought-iron fencing along the transit berms and properties adjacent to the B/Q subway lines including properties (1) across from 2750 Homecrest Avenue to 2735 E 13th Street; and (2) along East 15th Street between Avenue Z and Avenue Y.</i>	

CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Bartlett Avenue
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## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/39	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>	
37/39	NYCTA	<b>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</b>	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	



## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

##### **Park access and park facility access**

Our parks serve as an oasis for both young and old to enjoy, but many are in dire need of upgrades. Throughout the district we need more inviting spaces with even pavement, ample seating, good lighting and more modern play equipment to serve all ages and all needs.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

Brooklyn Community Board 15's parks are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. The Department of Parks & Recreation needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs our parks require on a daily basis, whether it is trimming the weeds, pruning the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition, when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, comfort stations need to be made a priority, not an afterthought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court between East 12th Street and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well-utilized popular park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be provided. Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, is in a rather remote area. A comfort station must be included. McDonald Park located at McDonald Avenue and Avenue S is in need of having its main ballfield repaired.

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

Our community is vibrant and alive yet we are lacking in the arts. Our children need to travel to other communities to enjoy the fine arts. Traveling art shows would enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host arts, cultural, recreational and educational events such as science fairs which would allow our youth to experience hands-on projects. We would also like to see funding go to the Percent for Art program that introduces art elements to Capital projects in our district.

##### **Needs for Library Services**

Our libraries are the heartbeats of our community providing invaluable tools and resources to our young and older residents. It's important we properly fund these institutions to keep them current with the times, safe and accesible to all our residents who heavily rely on them as an important community resoure.

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/38	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Emmons Avenue
12/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Funding in the total amount of \$6.5 Million is needed to complete Mellet Playground. We require \$4.5 million for Phase 2 which will convert the dilapidated asphalt multipurpose play area with synthetic turf. Phase 3 requires \$2 million dollars to reconstruct single wall handball courts, and pavement.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
13/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	Williams Court
14/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd
15/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Manhattan Beach Park's Baseball Field need \$9 Million to complete reconstruction of its baseball field, including new fencing, seating areas, drainage fixes, and filter water bottles.</i>	Ocean Avenue and Oriental Blvd.
18/38	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
19/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>McDonald Park is in need of \$10 Million, \$5 Million for reconstruction of its basketball and handball courts, perimeter sidewalk and sitting areas and \$5 Million needed for reconstruction of its tennis courts.</i>	McDonald Avenue and Avenue S

20/38	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
21/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>We need funding to replace the sidewalk adjacent to Holocaust Park on the Sheepshead Bay side. The sidewalk is broken up, a trip hazard and appears to be sinking in certain spots. Our main concern is that it's over water so we need to locate the source of the sidewalk failure and correct and restore it as soon as possible.</i>	West End Avenue
23/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Funding in the total amount of \$6.8 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Bill Brown Playground. \$4.8 million for Phase 2 to completely reconstruct the playground with play equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and draining systems. Phase 3 requires \$2 million to repave perimeter sidewalks, which are all in poor condition.</i>	Avenue X, East 24th Street, Bedford Avenue and Avenue Y
24/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Funding in the amount of \$4 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Galapo Playground to completely reconstruct the playground with equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and drainage systems.</i>	Gravesend Neck Road, Bedford Avenue and Avenue V
25/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored. All the dead brown hedges need to be replaced. It could be repurposed as a sitting area.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd

31/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Total needed to upgrade \$9 million dollars. Phase 1 -\$5 million is needed to completely reconstruct the playground with all new play equipment, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscape, water and drainage systems. Phase 2 requires \$4 million dollars to reconstruct asphalt multipurpose play area to synthetic turf play area, reconstruct handball and basketball courts.</i>	Avenue Y btw Brown & Haring Streets
32/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>\$11,350,000 is needed to upgrade and enhance the Sheepshead Bay Library Branch. The breakdown is as follows: \$2 million - Acquisition currently leased. \$1 million ADA compliance for entire branch \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements \$750,000 exterior work \$400,000 Site Drainage \$3 million for interior renovation 1 million for outfitting ff&amp;e 2 million for heating and cooling 1 million for roof</i>	
33/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Sufficient funds of \$1 million dollars needed for initial outfitting of FF&amp;E,</i>	303 Avenue X, Brooklyn, New York, NY
34/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Sufficient funding of \$6.2 million dollars is needed to upgrade Homecrest Library. The amount needed is as follows: \$3 million dollars for acquisition of leased branch \$2 million dollars Heating and Cooling \$1 million for roof \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements</i>	2525 Coney Is Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
35/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Sufficient funds \$3 million dollars is needed for Kings Bay Library for the following: \$1.2 million dollars for their roof and \$1.8 million for exterior and windows.</i>	3650 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
36/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Shore Boulevard Promenade is in need of a make-over. It needs repaving, new benches, landscaping and new refuse/garbage cans.</i>	

37/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>The children's playground is in need of new equipment. The walkway leading to the playground is in disrepair. The ballfield is neglected and should be repurposed. The high fencing near the promenade is in poor shape and needs replacement. In regards to the Tennis Courts the community would like to see in addition to the renovation of these court that pickle ball courts are added as well. There is ample room to add them and would be a welcome addition.</i>	
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>We need a total of \$5.9 million for Kelly Playground. \$2.9 million for Phase 2 to convert cracked asphalt field to synthetic turf for a multi-purpose field. Phase 3 requires \$3 million dollars to renovate the basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add an adult fitness area.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street

#### Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/39	DPR	<b>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</b>	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.</i>	
17/39	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	

22/39	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
24/39	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
27/39	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
28/39	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	
33/39	DCLA	<b>Provide more public art</b>	<i>Southern Brooklyn is a public art desert. Additional funding is requested for the expansion of the Percent for Arts program that will allow the department to expand its portfolio of active art projects associated with new Capital projects in the district. We have several potentially eligible Capital projects in our district including but not limited to a couple of Department of Transportation bridge replacements projects and upgrades to the Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant on Knapp Street.</i>	

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
38/38	Other	<b>Other capital budget request</b>	<i>In our community is an old historic guard house at the foot of the Ocean Avenue bridge. It was used by the police to guard over Manhattan Beach half a century ago and is the last remaining one in the district. The community would like to see it restored, preserved and maintained if only for its historical significance.</i>	

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
38/39	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Replace the position at the Borough President's engineering office that assigns house numbers "Topography/ TOPO". These requests used to take a day and are now taking more than a month to complete, causing many jobs to be delayed waiting for a house number.Delays are costly to businesses and homeowners.</i>	
39/39	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Seeking additional funding be put in place Citywide to launch a campaign to educate our communities to help combat the spike in antisemitism, racism and hatred as a whole taking place throughout our city.</i>	



## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/38	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	
2/38	HHC	<b>Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility</b>	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway. Coney Island Hospital needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/38	DOT	<b>Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads</b>	<i>The bulkheads along Manhattan Beach between Corbin Place and Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community from bulkhead failures.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue



4/38	NYPD	<b>Add NYPD parking facilities</b>	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	
5/38	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
6/38	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</i>	
7/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove.</i>	2165 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement.</i>	901 Avenue U, Brooklyn, New York, NY
9/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove.</i>	1635 East 14 Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY

10/38	FDNY	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<i>At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	2731 East 11 Street, Brooklyn, NY
11/38	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Emmons Avenue
12/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Funding in the total amount of \$6.5 Million is needed to complete Mellet Playground. We require \$4.5 million for Phase 2 which will convert the dilapidated asphalt multipurpose play area with synthetic turf. Phase 3 requires \$2 million dollars to reconstruct single wall handball courts, and pavement.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
13/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	Williams Court
14/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd
15/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Manhattan Beach Park's Baseball Field need \$9 Million to complete reconstruction of its baseball field, including new fencing, seating areas, drainage fixes, and filter water bottles.</i>	Ocean Avenue and Oriental Blvd.
16/38	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of an increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street

17/38	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. Funding is required for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
18/38	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
19/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>McDonald Park is in need of \$10 Million, \$5 Million for reconstruction of its basketball and handball courts, perimeter sidewalk and sitting areas and \$5 Million needed for reconstruction of its tennis courts.</i>	McDonald Avenue and Avenue S
20/38	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
21/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>We need funding the replace the sidewalk adjacent to Holocaust Park on the Sheepshead Bay side. The sidewalk is broken up, a trip hazard and appears to be sinking in certain spots. Our main concern is that it's over water so we need to locate the source of the sidewalk failure and correct and restore it as soon as possible.</i>	West End Avenue
22/38	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>We would like to see the addition of solar-powered street lights and traffic signals throughout our community district as a resiliency measure in the event of future storm-related outages.</i>	
23/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Funding in the total amount of \$6.8 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Bill Brown Playground. \$4.8 million for Phase 2 to completely reconstruct the playground with play equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and draining systems. Phase 3 requires \$2 million to repave perimeter sidewalks, which are all in poor condition.</i>	Avenue X, East 24th Street, Bedford Avenue and Avenue Y

24/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Funding in the amount of \$4 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Galapo Playground to completely reconstruct the playground with equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and drainage systems.</i>	Gravesend Neck Road, Bedford Avenue and Avenue V
25/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored. All the dead brown hedges need to be replaced. It could be repurposed as a sitting area.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd
26/38	DOT	<b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>New curbs and sidewalks are requested for Kings Highways between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Parkway. Currently, these sidewalks contain numerous defects rendering them unsafe for pedestrians and subjecting the city to trip and fall lawsuits.</i>	Kings Highway McDonald Avenue Ocean Parkway
27/38	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to upgrade the existing streetlights for improved lighting in response to increases in car break-ins and robberies in the area.</i>	Oriental Boulevard Corbin Drive Pembroke Street
28/38	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to relocate electrical and utility service lines from old wooden poles to below ground as a resiliency measure due to their frequent power and utility outages affecting the area.</i>	Oriental Boulevard Kensington Street Pembroke Street
29/38	SCA	<b>Renovate other site component</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for a complete resurfacing of the PS 195 schoolyard located at 131 Irwin Street, along with a sidewalk replacement at the entrance of the school.</i>	131 Irwin Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
30/38	NYCTA	<b>Other transit infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the upgrading and installation of wrought-iron fencing along the transit berms and properties adjacent to the B/Q subway lines including properties (1) across from 2750 Homecrest Avenue to 2735 E 13th Street; and (2) along East 15th Street between Avenue Z and Avenue Y.</i>	

31/38	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Total needed to upgrade \$9 million dollars. Phase 1 -\$5 million is needed to completely reconstruct the playground with all new play equipment, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscape, water and drainage systems. Phase 2 requires \$4 million dollars to reconstruct asphalt multipurpose play area to synthetic turf play area, reconstruct handball and basketball courts.</i>	Avenue Y btw Brown & Haring Streets
32/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>\$11,350,000 is needed to upgrade and enhance the Sheepshead Bay Library Branch. The breakdown is as follows: \$2 million - Acquisition currently leased. \$1 million ADA compliance for entire branch \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements \$750,000 exterior work \$400,000 Site Drainage \$3 million for interior renovation 1 million for outfitting ff&amp;e 2 million for heating and cooling 1 million for roof</i>	
33/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Sufficient funds of \$1 million dollars needed for initial outfitting of FF&amp;E,</i>	303 Avenue X, Brooklyn, New York, NY
34/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Sufficient funding of \$6.2 million dollars is needed to upgrade Homecrest Library. The amount needed is as follows: \$3 million dollars for acquisition of leased branch \$2 million dollars Heating and Cooling \$1 million for roof \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements</i>	2525 Coney Is Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
35/38	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Sufficient funds \$3 million dollars is needed for Kings Bay Library for the following: \$1.2 million dollars for their roof and \$1.8 million for exterior and windows.</i>	3650 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
36/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Shore Boulevard Promenade is in need of a make-over. It needs repaving, new benches, landscaping and new refuse/garbage cans.</i>	

37/38	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>The children's playground is in need of new equipment. The walkway leading to the playground is in disrepair. The ballfield is neglected and should be repurposed. The high fencing near the promenade is in poor shape and needs replacement. In regards to the Tennis Courts the community would like to see in addition to the renovation of these court that pickle ball courts are added as well. There is ample room to add them and would be a welcome addition.</i>	
38/38	Other	<b>Other capital budget request</b>	<i>In our community is an old historic guard house at the foot of the Ocean Avenue bridge. It was used by the police to guard over Manhattan Beach half a century ago and is the last remaining one in the district. The community would like to see it restored, preserved and maintained if only for its historical significance.</i>	
CS	DSNY	<b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b>	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms cannot provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY



CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Bartlett Avenue
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>We need a total of \$5.9 million for Kelly Playground. \$2.9 million for Phase 2 to convert cracked asphalt field to synthetic turf for a multi-purpose field. Phase 3 requires \$3 million dollars to renovate the basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add an adult fitness area.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street

## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	NYPD	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department, including the loss of personnel from deferred incoming classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadets as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement we lack the means to replace them. Our patrol force will be severely diminished, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/39	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Sufficient resources are requested to develop and launch a successful marketing and outreach campaign designed to attract and recruit talented individuals who have an interest in joining our police department and pursuing a career in law enforcement.</i>	
3/39	NYPD	<b>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</b>	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/39	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>There is currently a chronic staff shortage of personnel at our firehouses, which are now relying on an increase in overtime to compensate. The problem is compounded by the significantly smaller class sizes which is lagging behind the current rate of attrition.</i>	



5/39	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing</b>	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as Section 8, which need better policing are over-saturated and closed.</i>	
6/39	DOB	<b>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</b>	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	
7/39	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	Shore Boulevard Pembroke Street Pembroke Street
8/39	DPR	<b>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</b>	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.</i>	

9/39	DEP	<b>Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments</b>	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.</i>
10/39	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>
11/39	FDNY	<b>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</b>	<i>Sufficient funding is requested for the restoration of the FDNY Smoke/CO detector distribution and fire safety education program.</i>
12/39	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>

13/39	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
14/39	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Large-scale evidence of rodent harborage exists along the waterfront areas of Sheepshead Bay on Emmons Avenue where feeding the waterfowl is a popular activity and there are many restaurants having outdoor eating facilities. To a lesser degree evidence exists along the Shore Boulevard promenade in Manhattan Beach as well. Other commercial corridors throughout the district (such as Avenue U and Kings Highway) have concentrations of harborage where there are outdoor eating facilities and unmaintained tree pits, in addition to land adjacent to the subway tracks and stations (East 16th Street).</i>	
15/39	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Knapp Street
16/39	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is not currently manned 24/7. We believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires will be more frequent. Being a regional recreational beach and boating coastal community, rescues on the water are an additional challenge which a year-round manned fireboat would be well equipped to respond to. Pulling a rescue boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Since this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 year-round is necessary to ensure public safety is protected.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd
17/39	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	

18/39	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	
19/39	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
20/39	NYCHA	<b>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</b>	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V
21/39	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have concentrations of people living under the Sheepshead Bay subway station (at East 15th Street), adjacent to the municipal parking lot at 1602 Voorhies Avenue (at East 16th Street), in Holocaust Park (at Shore Boulevard), at the Ocean Avenue &amp; Shore Parkway underpass, at the municipal parking lot at 2602 East 17th Street (at Avenue Z), and at the Corporal Wiltshire Square triangle park (at Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue). It should be noted that some of these locations are seasonal in nature.</i>	

22/39	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
23/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</b>	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue U
24/39	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
25/39	DFTA	<b>Increase home delivered meals capacity</b>	<i>In a post-pandemic environment, our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older New Yorkers are doing well. Capacity for meals along with new replacement fleet vehicles should be expanded at this time.</i>	
26/39	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.</i>	
27/39	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
28/39	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	

29/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws</b>	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
30/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Coney Island Avenue
31/39	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street East 14th Street
32/39	DSNY	<b>Increase vacant lot cleaning</b>	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Shore Parkway
33/39	DCLA	<b>Provide more public art</b>	<i>Southern Brooklyn is a public art desert. Additional funding is requested for the expansion of the Percent for Arts program that will allow the department to expand its portfolio of active art projects associated with new Capital projects in the district. We have several potentially eligible Capital projects in our district including but not limited to a couple of Department of Transportation bridge replacements projects and upgrades to the Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant on Knapp Street.</i>	



34/39	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14h Street and Emmons Avenue).</i>
35/39	DSNY	<b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b>	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for dedicated curbside e-waste collection days included with recycling schedules to assist our technologically growing community to properly dispose of e-waste and ensure it does not end up on our streets and in our landfills.</i>
36/39	SBS	<b>Other commercial district revitalization requests</b>	<i>We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents skyrocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.</i>
37/39	NYCTA	<b>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</b>	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>
38/39	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Replace the position at the Borough President's engineering office that assigns house numbers "Topography/ TOPO". These requests used to take a day and are now taking more than a month to complete, causing many jobs to be delayed waiting for a house number. Delays are costly to businesses and homeowners.</i>

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Other

**Other expense  
budget request**

*Seeking additional funding be put in place  
Citywide to launch a campaign to educate our  
communities to help combat the spike in  
antisemitism, racism and hatred as a whole  
taking place throughout our city.*



## 8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

### Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/42	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
02/42	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway. Coney Island Hospital needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
03/42	DEP	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>The bulkheads along Manhattan Beach between Corbin Place and Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community from bulkhead failures.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

04/42	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	The NYPD is working with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget in order to secure additional towing facilities.
05/42	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	The Brooklyn Tow Pound is now equipped with a heavy duty tow truck.
06/42	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
07/42	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove.</i>	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
08/42	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
09/42	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove.</i>	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.

10/42	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
11/42	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	This project has not been funded.
12/42	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Funding in the total amount of \$6.5 Million is needed to complete Mellet Playground. We require \$4.5 million for Phase 2 which will convert the dilapidated asphalt multipurpose play area with synthetic turf. Phase 3 requires \$2 million dollars to reconstruct single wall handball courts, and pavement.</i>	Partially funded.
13/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	This project has not been funded.
14/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	This project has not been funded.
15/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park's Baseball Field need \$9 Million to complete reconstruction of its baseball field, including new fencing, seating areas, drainage fixes, and filter water bottles.</i>	This project has not been funded.
16/42	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of an increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	This project is included in the ten-year plan.
17/42	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. Funding is required for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
18/42	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Lights are serviced by DOT.

19/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of \$10 Million, \$5 Million for reconstruction of its basketball and handball courts, perimeter sidewalk and sitting areas and \$5 Million needed for reconstruction of its tennis courts.</i>	This project has not been funded.
20/42	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Lights are serviced by DOT.
21/42	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>We need funding to replace the sidewalk adjacent to Holocaust Park on the Sheepshead Bay side. The sidewalk is broken up, a trip hazard and appears to be sinking in certain spots. Our main concern is that it's over water so we need to locate the source of the sidewalk failure and correct and restore it as soon as possible.</i>	This project has not been funded.
22/42	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>We would like to see the addition of solar-powered street lights and traffic signals throughout our community district as a resiliency measure in the event of future storm-related outages.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
23/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Funding in the total amount of \$6.8 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Bill Brown Playground. \$4.8 million for Phase 2 to completely reconstruct the playground with play equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and draining systems. Phase 3 requires \$2 million to repave perimeter sidewalks, which are all in poor condition.</i>	This project has not been funded.
24/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding in the amount of \$4 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Galapo Playground to completely reconstruct the playground with equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and drainage systems.</i>	This project has not been funded.
25/42	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored. All the dead brown hedges need to be replaced. It could be repurposed as a sitting area.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
26/42	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>New curbs and sidewalks are requested for Kings Highways between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Parkway. Currently, these sidewalks contain numerous defects rendering them unsafe for pedestrians and subjecting the city to trip and fall lawsuits.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
27/42	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to upgrade the existing streetlights for improved lighting in response to increases in car break-ins and robberies in the area.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

28/42	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Sufficient funds are requested to relocate electrical and utility service lines from old wooden poles to below ground as a resiliency measure due to their frequent power and utility outages affecting the area.</i>	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.
29/42	DOE	Renovate other site component	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for a complete resurfacing of the PS 195 schoolyard located at 131 Irwin Street, along with a sidewalk replacement at the entrance of the school.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
30/42	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for the upgrading and installation of wrought-iron fencing along the transit berms and properties adjacent to the B/Q subway lines including properties (1) across from 2750 Homecrest Avenue to 2735 E 13th Street; and (2) along East 15th Street between Avenue Z and Avenue Y.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
31/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Total needed to upgrade \$9 million dollars. Phase 1 - \$5 million is needed to completely reconstruct the playground with all new play equipment, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscape, water and drainage systems. Phase 2 requires \$4 million dollars to reconstruct asphalt multipurpose play area to synthetic turf play area, reconstruct handball and basketball courts.</i>	This project has not been funded.
32/42	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>\$11,350,000 is needed to upgrade and enhance the Sheepshead Bay Library Branch. The breakdown is as follows: \$2 million - Acquisition currently leased. \$1 million ADA compliance for entire branch \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements \$750,000 exterior work \$400,000 Site Drainage \$3 million for interior renovation 1 million for outfitting ff&amp;e 2 million for heating and cooling 1 million for roof</i>	BPL supports this project as requested by the community board. However, City funded financial support is necessary to undertake this project.
33/42	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Sufficient funds of \$1 million dollars needed for initial outfitting of FF&amp;E,</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
34/42	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Sufficient funding of \$6.2 million dollars is needed to upgrade Homecrest Library. The amount needed is as follows: \$3 million dollars for acquisition of leased branch \$2 million dollars Heating and Cooling \$1 million for roof \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements</i>	BPL supports this project as requested by the community board. However, City funded financial support is necessary to undertake this project.
35/42	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Sufficient funds \$3 million dollars is needed for Kings Bay Library for the following: \$1.2 million dollars for their roof and \$1.8 million for exterior and windows.</i>	BPL supports this project as requested by the community board. However, City funded financial support is necessary to undertake this project.
36/42	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Shore Boulevard Promenade is in need of a make-over. It needs repaving, new benches, landscaping and new refuse/garbage cans.</i>	This project has not been funded.

37/42	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>The children's playground is in need of new equipment. The walkway leading to the playground is in disrepair. The ballfield is neglected and should be repurposed. The high fencing near the promenade is in poor shape and needs replacement. In regards to the Tennis Courts the community would like to see in addition to the renovation of these court that pickle ball courts are added as well. There is ample room to add them and would be a welcome addition.</i>	Partially funded.
38/42	DOB	Other capital budget request	<i>In our community is an old historic guard house at the foot of the Ocean Avenue bridge. It was used by the police to guard over Manhattan Beach half a century ago and is the last remaining one in the district. The community would like to see it restored, preserved and maintained if only for its historical significance.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
CS/42	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms cannot provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	Limited seat need has been identified in the area specified. Location for a school will be based on site availability.
CS/42	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
CS/42	DEP	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>We need a total of \$5.9 million for Kelly Playground. \$2.9 million for Phase 2 to convert cracked asphalt field to synthetic turf for a multi-purpose field. Phase 3 requires \$3 million dollars to renovate the basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add an adult fitness area.</i>	This project has not been funded.

## Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/39	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department, including the loss of personnel from deferred incoming classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadets as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement we lack the means to replace them. Our patrol force will be severely diminished, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
02/39	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Sufficient resources are requested to develop and launch a successful marketing and outreach campaign designed to attract and recruit talented individuals who have an interest in joining our police department and pursuing a career in law enforcement.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
03/39	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	The NYPD is working with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget in order to secure additional funds to maintain lifecycle replacement of its current fleet. Supplemental funding would be needed if there was a desire to increase this count even further.
04/39	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>There is currently a chronic staff shortage of personnel at our firehouses, which are now relying on an increase in overtime to compensate. The problem is compounded by the significantly smaller class sizes which is lagging behind the current rate of attrition.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
05/39	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as Section 8, which need better policing are over-saturated and closed.</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.
06/39	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.



07/39	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
08/39	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.</i>	This project has not been funded.
09/39	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.</i>	This request will be sent to the team developing New York's Long Term Plan to Reduce Combined Sewer Overflows.
10/39	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
11/39	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>Sufficient funding is requested for the restoration of the FDNY Smoke/CO detector distribution and fire safety education program.</i>	The FDNY Foundation provides funds to assist the Department in meeting these needs.



12/39	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
13/39	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports restoration of this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
14/39	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Large-scale evidence of rodent harborage exists along the waterfront areas of Sheepshead Bay on Emmons Avenue where feeding the waterfowl is a popular activity and there are many restaurants having outdoor eating facilities. To a lesser degree evidence exists along the Shore Boulevard promenade in Manhattan Beach as well. Other commercial corridors throughout the district (such as Avenue U and Kings Highway) have concentrations of harborage where there are outdoor eating facilities and unmaintained tree pits, in addition to land adjacent to the subway tracks and stations (East 16th Street).</i>	DOHMH continues to increase the number of inspections performed annually. We also continue to respond to all 311 complaints and readily participate in walk-through events requested by the community in areas of concern. Feel free to contact us to request a walk-through. Additional services would be contingent upon available resources.
15/39	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
16/39	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is not currently manned 24/7. We believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires will be more frequent. Being a regional recreational beach and boating coastal community, rescues on the water are an additional challenge which a year-round manned fireboat would be well equipped to respond to. Pulling a rescue boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Since this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 year-round is necessary to ensure public safety is protected.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
17/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	This would require a larger expense budget.

18/39	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
19/39	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
20/39	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
21/39	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have concentrations of people living under the Sheepshead Bay subway station (at East 15th Street), adjacent to the municipal parking lot at 1602 Voorhies Avenue (at East 16th Street), in Holocaust Park (at Shore Boulevard), at the Ocean Avenue &amp; Shore Parkway underpass, at the municipal parking lot at 2602 East 17th Street (at Avenue Z), and at the Corporal Wiltshire Square triangle park (at Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue). It should be noted that some of these locations are seasonal in nature.</i>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.
22/39	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	This would require a larger expense budget.
23/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.

24/39	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	This project has not been funded.
25/39	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>In a post-pandemic environment, our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older New Yorkers are doing well. Capacity for meals along with new replacement fleet vehicles should be expanded at this time.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
26/39	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.</i>	Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.
27/39	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	This would require a larger expense budget.
28/39	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	This would require a larger expense budget.
29/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
30/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
31/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.

32/39	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Resources are available to clean vacant lots. The turn-around time for cleaning vacant lots depends on whether the lot is owned by NYC or a private owner and whether or not the lot is accessible. If the vacant lot is privately owned and not accessible to DOS equipment, a court order is required to gain entry into the lot. The legal process for obtaining these court orders delays the process further. If you have specific locations that need to be processed, contact DOS.
33/39	DCLA	Provide more public art	<i>Southern Brooklyn is a public art desert. Additional funding is requested for the expansion of the Percent for Arts program that will allow the department to expand its portfolio of active art projects associated with new Capital projects in the district. We have several potentially eligible Capital projects in our district including but not limited to a couple of Department of Transportation bridge replacements projects and upgrades to the Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant on Knapp Street.</i>	The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member.
34/39	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue).</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
35/39	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>Sufficient funds are requested for dedicated curbside e-waste collection days included with recycling schedules to assist our technologically growing community to properly dispose of e-waste and ensure it does not end up on our streets and in our landfills.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
36/39	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

37/39	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.
38/39	OMB	Other expense budget request	<i>Replace the position at the Borough President's engineering office that assigns house numbers "Topography/ TOPO". These requests used to take a day and are now taking more than a month to complete, causing many jobs to be delayed waiting for a house number. Delays are costly to businesses and homeowners.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
39/39	OMB	Other expense budget request	<i>Seeking additional funding be put in place Citywide to launch a campaign to educate our communities to help combat the spike in antisemitism, racism and hatred as a whole taking place throughout our city.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.