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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY

# ... **DISTRICT NEEDS** ...

& BUDGET REQUESTS



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# INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

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.

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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 5

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

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn, Community Board 5 services over 190,000 residents, living in the communities of East New York, Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots, Gateway, and Spring Creek. This unique community is situated between Jamaica Avenue to the North and Jamaica Bay to the South; and is bordered to the west by Van Sinderen and Williams Avenues; and to the east by Eldert Lane and 78th Street.

East New York is a community that is rich and deeply rooted in history and currently undergoing one of the most intense landscape transformations across the city with the ongoing development in the 37th Council District – following the ENY Rezone; and the slated 4,000 units coming into the 42nd Council District with the New York State Vital Brooklyn, Alafia project, and the Innovative Urban Village development on the historic Christian Cultural Center site. The East New York community, once neglected and suffering from disinvestment, is now the go-to community for property investment and business development.

Through the Community Board CDNA/Budget Request platform, it is the intention of Brooklyn, CB5 to fiercely advocate for resources, services and programming that is as robust and aggressive as the development that will house the thousands of residents who will live here.

The community is also ever-growing in the discovery of its uniquely fascinating history. CB5 is home to one of New York City's recognized African Burial Grounds, in the New Lots section of the district. In honor of this discovery, in 2013, former NYC Council Member Charles Barron, submitted, with CB5 approval, the street co-naming for "African Burial Ground Square"; which covers the four-block radius of New Lots Avenue, Schenck Avenue, Livonia Avenue and Barbey Street. Today, the work continues with capital funding allocations from former NYS Assembly Member Charles Barron, and previous NYC Council Member Inez Barron for the renovation and renaming of the adjacent Sankofa Playground – formerly known as Schenck Playground. This was the result of the excavation process with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, that later confirmed remains of enslaved Africans who worked and died on those very grounds. Sankofa Playground received a multi-million-dollar capital allocation along with the adjacent New Lots Library, which received close to \$33 million, from Mayor DeBlasio and Assembly Member Barron to support a complete gut renovation. These investments will bring forth one of the most culturally relevant projects in our district and CB5 is extremely proud to have the partnership and support of all our Elected Officials, ARTs ENY, Man Up! Inc., Hester St., and of course the creative and dedicated teams at Brooklyn Public Library and Brooklyn Parks Department.

Brooklyn, Community Board 5 also houses one of the largest retail expansions in New York City – the Gateway Center Mall – Phase II, covering over 600,000 sf in the Spring Creek area. The expansion of the Gateway Center mall helped to realize one of the most important Community Benefits Agreements (CBA) in East New York's recent history. Through the implementation of the CBA, Man Up! Inc. and the newly formed East New York Restoration Local Development Corporation worked collaboratively to provide job fairs for the retail giants – which helped to secure over 1,200 jobs, including pharmacist, managers, security, cashier, directors, maintenance, and much more. The historic CBA also featured a Project Labor Agreement which ensured that residents were directly connected to construction/labor opportunities from the inception of the project. This model proved that collective community work yields successful results.

Community Board 5 also houses two of the largest Industrial Business parks in the city – the East New York and Fairfield / Flatlands Industrial Business Zones (IBZ). There are hundreds of businesses within the two industrial areas stretching about 40 blocks. This is an area that currently requires greater community connection as it relates to MWBEs within the parks as well as an increase in the local hire percentages. In 2023, the ENY IBZ Task Force was created through the leadership of NYC Council Member Sandy Nurse, CB5, LDC of East New York, 75th pct., NYC DOT, DSNY, DHS, Breaking Ground, SBS, and other leading agencies and organizations. The newly formed Task Force has made great progress in identifying root causes of crime, illegal dumping, and other activity in the IBZ, and securing funding for lighting and other initiatives that will work collectively to transform and revitalize our IBZs.

The district is also home to twelve NYCHA developments which provide affordable housing for thousands of ENY residents. It is one of the most important housing stocks in the district and we will continue to fight for greater investments in maintenance, backlogged repairs, quality heating systems, recycling education, and overall improvement with bulk trash removal.

CB5 also has four amazing Brooklyn Public Library branches - Arlington, Cypress Hills, Spring Creek and of course the New Lots branch which is slated to receive the afore-mentioned overhaul. We continue to encourage residents of the district to take full advantage of these wonderful institutions, and we will continue to fight for major capital improvements, upgrades, and cultural enhancements for all our branches.

Community Board 5 also houses all the public schools within School District 19, and we have over 50 sites hosting students from Pre-K through 12th grade. We are also extremely pleased that the newly constructed, 1000-seat school, P.S. 938 opened its doors in the 2020-2021 school year. P.S. 938 currently houses students from Pre-K/3K through 2nd grade and growing. Our ongoing push for educational improvements and resources to support academic success for the students in District 19 will be supported as partnerships with our District 19 CEC are strengthened and educational partnerships develop. We will continue to address ways to decrease overall absenteeism, eliminate the school to prison pipeline, and connect our early education students to opportunities for career pathways and higher education. We extend our gratitude to our Superintendents, educators, and school leaderships for their commitment to educational excellence in School District 19.

CB5 also has beautifully constructed religious institutions of various faiths; delicious eateries in every section; and community-based organizations that provide invaluable services to thousands of children, families, and businesses across the city. Moreover, in July 2020, the long-awaited opening of New York City's largest state park took place - the Shirley Chisholm State Park, off the Pennsylvania Avenue exit on the Belt Parkway. This was the former landfill site that was completely transformed into a beautiful open park space that now boasts a bike library, beautiful walkways, kayaking, vendors, and another green space for the families of the East New York Community.

Additionally, over the past decade, the district has had one of the fastest growing populations in the city, with an increasing African American demographic. According to the 2015 Neighborhood Health Profile for Community District 5, the population is made up of 52% Black (non-Hispanic); 37% Hispanic; 6% Asian; 3% White; and 2% Other. The district has also become home to one of the largest Bangladeshi populations across the city, with a high percentage of the residents in the City Line neighborhood, migrating from Bangladesh.

The beautiful people of this district are just as unique as the neighborhoods in which they live. In that regard, it is the aim of Brooklyn, Community Board 5, to fight for the very basic quality of life needs that will improve the lives of our residents. Those very basic needs include - consistent maintenance within our housing developments (both public and private); greater access to healthy and fresh food choices; district-wide education on preventive health care and healthy living methods; mixed use development projects that include long-term community wide benefits; living wage employment; dedicated funding for cultural community facilities; quality and competitive education for our children; clean and well-maintained streets; necessary upgrades and improvements to sub-street level flooding regions; and an infusion of financial support for small businesses and community based organizations.

The East New York Rezoning Plan continues to be a topic of discussion as the city's commitments are monitored and re-evaluated. Through the plan, East New York was slated to receive \$267 million in capital investments with direct support for the renovation and upgrade of existing housing and construction of new affordable housing units; small business growth and development; roadway repairs and upgrades; new educational and community facilities, and much more.

Although many of the great initiatives with the rezone were materialized, we will continue to aggressively advocate to Mayor Adams, our local elected officials and the commissioners of our city agencies, for the very basic quality of life needs that this community deserves, and to ensure that those vital commitments outlined in the plan come to fruition.

Let's work together to make sure that Brooklyn, Community Board 5 becomes an even greater community to Live, Work, and Thrive! For information on ENY Rezone - <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/east-new-york/east-new-york-1.page> African Burial Ground Square - <https://bklyner.com/sankofa-park-and-african-burial-ground-square-in-east-new-york-to-get-a-fresh-look/> Shirley Chisholm State Park - <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/200/details.aspx> New 1000 seat school - PS 938 <https://insideschools.org/school/19K938>

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 5

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Social services**

Brooklyn Community Board 5 has increasingly become the focal point for temporary housing, substance abuse, and mental health programs. Developers have started incorporating these programs, services, and designated units in projects within CB5 under the label of supportive housing. This trend has led to the district becoming oversaturated with supportive housing units concentrated in specific areas. For instance, within a one-mile radius, there are several large multi-family developments with dedicated supportive housing units for developmentally disabled residents: Gateway Elton: 659 units Fountain Seaview: 604 units Nehemiah: 320 units While creating opportunities for individuals transitioning to independent living is necessary, concentrating these units in one area of any district is detrimental. Quality, affordable housing should be inclusive for all New Yorkers and fairly distributed across the city. Potential Solution: With the influx of temporary housing and various substance abuse sites in CB5, we request that the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC Department of Homeless Services, and NYC Housing Preservation Department collectively support the expansion of supportive housing categories to include other disadvantaged individuals. This expansion would continue to offer incentives for developers who incorporate these new categories of supportive housing into their projects. We propose a study on the construction of supportive housing and the use of hotels for shelter in Brooklyn Community Board 5 (from 2010 through 2022) to identify and substantiate the issue of oversaturation. This study should outline long-term solutions to mitigate the adverse effects of oversaturation and address non-compliance with the Fair Share Act. Proposed solutions include: Increased investment in overall affordable housing Accessible resources and financial support for long-term homeownership Gradual cessation of city agency contracts with commercial hotels for temporary shelter/housing Incentives for converting existing hotel sites to permanent ownership housing Permanent laws or policies with clear penalties for implementing temporary shelters in areas that result in oversaturation or breach the Fair Share Act Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working together to ensure a balanced and fair distribution of supportive housing units throughout the city.

#### **Trash removal and cleanliness**

Bulk trash collection and illegal dumping in specific areas of Brooklyn Community Board 5 have long been issues. However, with budget constraints and decreased services, this has become a major concern. In addition to basic trash collection problems in key sites like our NYCHA developments, there are now "trash hot-spots" in the district. These areas, where illegal dumping and bulk trash have become overwhelming, include gardens, vacant land sites, and poorly lit areas. Furthermore, the lack of service and monitoring in the Industrial Business Zones and BID areas has created environments that invite illegal activity on top of the dumping. While many community members, civic groups, and associations have undertaken clean-up efforts, these selfless acts are temporary solutions to the accumulation of trash under COVID-19 conditions and do not address the overall issue. Potential Solution: The issue of trash and its consequences, such as fostering the development of rats and rodents with high reproduction rates, require us to deploy all of the City's resources. Specifically, the high-need mixed-use areas of Fulton St, Pitkin Ave, Pennsylvania Ave, New Lots Ave, and Livonia Ave, as well as the Industrial Business Zones and areas like the intersection of the Conduit and Atlantic Ave, need a comprehensive three-pronged approach: Sustained educational outreach to nearby residents Strengthened enforcement Enhanced public street infrastructure (such as containerized waste products that do not add financial burdens on residents) Educational outreach will provide residents and neighborhood actors with explicit information on preventing rodent and rat infestations and can include programs like the Rat Academy. Additionally, with the district's population increase due to the expansion of two and three-bedroom housing and the development of one and two-family homes, we need to be designated as a Tri-Day Pick-Up zone. The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) could also use

special enforcement cameras and collaborate with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to install additional lighting to identify illegal dumping activity and support greater enforcement. This will also serve as a deterrent further dumping in hot-spots.

### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Public Health Impact in Brooklyn Community Board 5 Brooklyn Community Board 5 faces critical public health challenges that profoundly impact the overall well-being of our residents. These concerns were starkly highlighted during the pandemic, exposing immense disparities in resources and programming. A significant issue is the lack of access to affordable, healthy foods and lifestyle programming. CB5 remains identified as a food desert or food swamp, as noted in the NYC Department of Health's EpiData Brief titled "Access to Healthy and Affordable Food in ENY." This report reveals that in zip codes 11207 and 11208—among the largest populated neighborhoods in our district—bodegas and fast-food chains account for nearly 80% of the direct food sources for residents, underscoring profound inequality and food injustice. Specifically, residents in these areas are surrounded by 135 bodegas and 71 fast food chains. Along Pennsylvania Avenue, a key corridor connecting the Jackie Robinson Parkway to the Belt Parkway, you will find an array of major fast-food outlets including McDonald's, Burger King, Popeyes, White Castle, Checkers, and Wendy's, all within a five-minute walk. This concentration of unhealthy food options within a mile of three NYCHA developments housing over 3,500 families, two senior centers, four youth community centers, and three schools, is a deliberate and concerning placement targeting the district's most vulnerable populations. NYCHA developments and senior centers report the highest rates of diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, while local schools struggle with alarming rates of youth obesity, undiagnosed developmental disabilities, and the common burdens of poverty and rent stress. Potential Solutions: Monthly Inspections: We request that the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene conduct monthly inspections of all food establishments in the district, with an emphasis on bodega stores. Shop Healthy Program: We urge the re-ignition of the Shop Healthy program to complete surveys in the 11239 portion of the district and revisit bodegas in 11207 and 11208 to assess improvements in healthy food options. Targeted Study: We propose a study focused on Pennsylvania Avenue (south of Linden Blvd) to evaluate the public health consequences of the high concentration of fast-food chains. This study should provide long-term solutions, such as transitioning to fresh food availability through a purchase and transfer model by the city (eminent domain). This model can potentially lead to the development of residential housing, a need that far outweighs the current single-layer commercial usage. In summary, lack of access to healthy food can lead to serious health problems. Access to fresh foods is directly related to obesity and other risk factors, such as hypertension and diabetes, which have significant implications for cardiovascular disease, some cancers, and even transmissible diseases like COVID-19. Addressing these disparities is crucial for the health and longevity of our community. Sources: New York City's Biggest Food Swamps Why Food Deserts Persist in Low-Income NYC Neighborhoods An Overabundance of Fast Food: Food Swamps are the New Food Deserts

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

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 5

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs**

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

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

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

According to the 2018 Neighborhood Health Profile for East New York, heart disease and cancer rank as the top two causes of death; with over 3,000 people fatally stricken from the diseases combined. These figures prove that a high percentage of our residents are living with illnesses that not only impact their physical abilities but also increases stress and hardship for the entire family. The direct results are hardships that permeate every fraction of physical and mental health. With greater access to healthier food and lifestyle programs we can increase life span, encourage healthier eating habits and lifestyle habits and lessen the percentage of residents who suffer from chronic illnesses, mental health challenges, potential homelessness, and the need for additional assisted living options. Additionally, the medical facilities that exist in the district must be infused with the expense and capital funding that allows for greater outreach efforts and updated facilities. CB5 has a variety of health facilities both under HHC and privately funded. and medical centers in the district that are utilized by residents, when they become ill or to address specific health issues - however there is not enough general outreach conducted to encourage preventative measures, consistent health/wellness visits, and overall community health as a lifestyle. Moreover, there is only one hospital, based in Brooklyn, Community Board 16, that services three community boards, and the zone hospital for residents in CB5. Brookdale hospital was severely impacted, as most facilities, throughout the pandemic, which had a direct impact on the quality and frequency of services to the residents. COVID-19 exposed the vulnerabilities in our community facilities and there is a serious need to ensure that adequate funding be allocated to improve services, healthy living and disease control programming, patient relations training for hospital and medical facility personnel, and most importantly, a financial focus on programs that bridge the gap between

patients and healthy living practices. Another major health concern in CB5 is violence and its impact on the community. Homicide is amongst the top five causes of pre-mature death in the district. One incident of violence, in particular gun violence, has the capacity to spread like a contagion. The victim, the person committing the crime, their direct family members, and anyone who lives within that immediate area, feel the effects of the violence committed. The impacts of gun shots or any violent act in a community, creates an environment of fear, anxiety, and shock that has a negative health impact on the mind and body and an eventual breakdown on overall health. We are requesting a study to be conducted to identify the neighborhood clusters, and recognized factors of the top five causes of pre-mature death in CB5. - which are in rank, Cancer; Heart Disease; Drug use/abuse; Diabetes; and Homicide. We would like to understand classifications most prevalent in our district and which areas of the district they are frequently stemming from

### **Needs for Older NYs**

The Senior population in the community must be prioritized and provided with access to quality housing, fresh food and hot meals. Additionally an increase in funding for activities that encourage longevity, flexibility and overall happiness are essential to the quality of life that is so very important to our elders-older adults. Also, each Senior Center or Older Adult Center - should be equipped with vehicles that provide shuttle services for events throughout the district and borough. Far too often, there are programs, services, and events specific to our older adult populations, that are happening in other parts of the district or throughout the city but seniors are not made aware and in some cases do not have the mobility and access to transportation. Additionally, our elder population has the right to affordable and quality housing which can be accommodated in some of the newer developments in the district. However, far too often developers choose to include "supportive housing" units to increase their opportunities for incentives in the overall cost for the project. We are encouraging HPD and other housing agencies to increase the attraction of including senior specific units by providing greater incentives for senior housing in new construction projects.

### **Needs for Homeless**

Community Board 5 acknowledges the vital role that homeless shelters and services play in supporting families, single women, and men within our community. While the community has clearly expressed opposition to new temporary shelter facilities, we recognize the necessity of equipping existing facilities with adequate services, programming, and support to facilitate successful transitions into permanent housing.

Unfortunately, the lack of resources and programming in these facilities often leads to loitering and quality of life complaints from neighboring businesses, organizations, libraries, and residents. To address these issues, it is imperative to secure funding for high-quality services and programming, including financial literacy, training and educational opportunities, housing assistance, and other essential resources.

We advocate for quarterly surveys and evaluations of all DHS/DSS temporary housing facilities in CB5 to ensure they meet these standards. Furthermore, it is crucial for the community to have a voice in selecting the organizations that provide services to shelter residents. Currently, agencies are chosen and contracted without community input, only introducing Community Advisory Boards after the fact.

Decisions to change the service designation of facilities, such as converting them into behavioral development sites, must involve the community board. These changes significantly impact surrounding neighbors and businesses and require complete transparency and community inclusion to mitigate any negative effects

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

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



## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 21	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 26	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests
17 / 26	DFTA	Other senior center program requests
18 / 26	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity
21 / 26	DOHMH	Expand Mental Health Programs

## Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

#### **Other - Write In (Required)**

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

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

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

Educational needs within the district are still at an all time high and it is our ask that an intentional focus on permanent cultural curriculums, arts, music, and STEAM programming will be prioritized in both the expense and capital budgets of the NYC Department of Education, and fully experienced in School District 19. We are pleased that our new K through 8 superintendent of School District 19, which encompasses all schools within Brooklyn, Community Board 5, is community centered and a champion for education, civic engagement, and overall youth empowerment. We look to build on this momentum and our Board will continue to advocate and be a strong voice for qualitative and cultural education, safe academic environments, and capital investment that results in the highest levels of classroom technology; premier arts, music, and dance instruction; and state-of-the-art institutions. Additionally, there is a need to provide a greater level of sensitivity towards educating student populations living in homelessness and/or temporary shelter. With an increase in temporary shelters and two new family shelters coming into the district, school administrations must be provided with the necessary training, tools, and overall support to ensure that each student from this population is received with an "open arms" methodology of teaching and direct access to student and family resources to encourage the successful academic results.

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

Provide a list of all ACS Day Care sites that are currently under lease terms in CB5 with transparency of building owner and length of lease terms. Request: Ensure that all leases signed for day care/child care facilities include the city's option for right of first refusal to safeguard facilities from being pushed out when owner wants to sell. The lease terms should be standardized to include terms that allow for longevity of the facility and its services to children. Additionally, we must secure enhanced funding for after-school and out-of-school time programming. Existing programs funded through DYCD must be strengthened and inclusive of cultural significances to ensure well-rounded educational experiences beyond school hours. There is also a need to assess existing Cornerstone sites in NYCHA developments. This bi-annual or quarter annual assessment process will help to ensure necessary renovations, repairs, and overall upgrades are being identified and funded through joint advocacy with properly documented data on building infrastructure.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 21	SCA	Renovate interior building component
7 / 21	SCA	Renovate interior building component
8 / 21	SCA	Renovate interior building component
9 / 21	SCA	Renovate interior building component
10 / 21	SCA	Renovate interior building component
11 / 21	SCA	Renovate exterior building component
12 / 21	SCA	Renovate exterior building component
13 / 21	SCA	Renovate interior building component
19 / 21	SCA	Thomas Jefferson Campus AC Upgrade

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

## Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

#### **Crime prevention programs**

Continued violence and acts of violence in our communities is a true health epidemic. A crime that is committed, not only has a direct impact on the person committing the crime and the victim, but it impacts the entire community. Homicide is ranked within the top five causes of premature death in CB5. It is a serious health epidemic and the only way to effectively address it, is to implement preventive measures. Crime prevention programs are key to address the epidemic of violence that plagues our neighborhoods. Programs that include the following: Street outreach teams that identify at-risk and high-risk members of the community, Initiatives that work to engage these populations and provide long-term counseling and life coaching, Workforce development components that assesses employability and levels of education, with job readiness and placement; and educational referrals. Also assigned teams of Trained and Certified Mentors who will maintain relationships during and after completion of the program. These are actions that can work to prevent crime in neighborhoods and address violent behavior at its core. Acts of violence are reactionary outburst that stem from a number of different issues; far too often in our neighborhoods violence is the result of concerns and issues that have been neglected and disregarded. Crime Prevention Programs are definitely a way to increase the quality of life for residents of this community and break the cycles of violence that currently exist. In that regard, we ask that additional funding be secured for the anti-violence programs in our district. Additionally, we ask that the district of CB5 receive a full assessment on adequate street lighting, with particular focus on areas that are historically desolate due to poor lighting. The New York City Department of Transportation's commitment to this request is vital in addressing the issue of public safety - we request a financial focus on the CB5 Lighting the Way to Public Safety Initiative through this initial assessment.

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

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

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

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

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

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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 26	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests
14 / 26	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers

## Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

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

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

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

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

Capital Projects in the district are not being prioritized within DEP. There are areas in the district that have capital projects pending for over 10 years and due to delays residents have been forced to endure flooding, standing water, and other measures that directly impact their quality of life. Additionally, routine maintenance and upgrade work should be scheduled for all water mains, roadways, catch basins, and water supply systems in the district. Too many areas in the district receive emergency repair work on systems that are over due for maintenance and necessary upgrades. Frequent updates on the 26th Ward Water Treatment Plant.

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

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



- Sutter Avenue / between Van Sinderen and Pennsylvania Avenues
- Liberty Avenue / between Euclid Avenue and Forbell Street
- New Lots Avenue / between Van Sinderen Avenue and Elton Street
- Fulton Street / between

Large development is on the rise in CB5, and with that development comes an increase in families, which results in a larger amount of trash and recyclables that are put curbside for pick up. Areas of the district that were never developed on, now have multi-level homes, and buildings that have over 500 units of housing. The study for a tri-day pick up in CB5 needs to be conducted. For reference, please research the following summarized list of new developments (completed or nearing completion) in the district within the last 5-10 years:

- a. Gateway/Spring Creek Area which now encompasses: Spring Creek Nehemiah homes phases III & IV; Gateway Elton apartments with 9 buildings and 659 units - with new ground level commercial spaces
  - b. Livonia Avenue bet. Pennsylvania Avenue & Van Sinderen which now encompasses: Livonia Commons apartments and new ground level commercial spaces ,4 buildings with 288 units
  - c. Pitkin Berriman apartments - 6story building with 47 units
  - d. Redwood Senior - 81 units built on former NYCHA parking lot (Linden Houses)
  - e. Stanley Commons - 6 buildings with 240 units built on former NYCHA parking lot (Linden Houses)
  - f. Linden Boulevard and Emerald Street Apartments - new development which encompasses 4 buildings and 521 units.
  - g. Dinsmore Chestnut site - new development with over 200 units
  - h. Corretta Scott King Senior - 50 units
  - i. Belmont Gardens / Conduit Blvd & Eldert Lane - 67 units
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## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
14 / 21	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 26	DSNY	Other enforcement requests
19 / 26	DEP	Eldert Lane & Drew Street - Air Quality Concerns

## Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

#### **Neighborhood preservation**

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

Additionally, with community districts across the city embracing the changes that will accompany the new text amendments under the City of Yes - COY, it is extremely important that we request hyper-focused budgeting on homeowner supports, resources, and education to ensure that we are preventing displacement. We are emphasizing the need for educational sessions for homeowners on how to navigate the proposed benefits of COY to ensure access to financial supports and protections against exorbitant property tax increases. Moreover with COY for Economic Opportunity - it is vital that our small business owners and embryo businesses are provided with an equal amount of educational processes and access to financial supports to ensure their longevity and service to the community.

To further secure the generational wealth of our community, Brooklyn, Community Board 5 is requesting support in Abolishing the Tax Lien sales that threaten the only monetary legacy that some of our residents have to shared with their families. Homeownership is a direct way of creating generational wealth, so we need to completely abolish tax lien sales that burden homeowners and threaten to eliminate their longevity. Additionally, we ask for City support in expanding the Cease & Desist Zone for Brooklyn, CB5 and the borough of Brooklyn.

Moreover, as new development continues to be constructed in our district - we implore HPD to re-assess term sheets outlining minimum mandates on unit sizes, unit breakdowns, and parking mandates for development companies. Although we strongly support affordability formulas that accommodate our Neighborhood Median Incomes - NMI, we also recognize the necessity of including quality of life measures in the design of new construction as it relates to livable square footages, increase in 1BRs, and parking mandates regardless of proximity to public transportation.

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

#### **Needs for Housing**

See budget requests.

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

Designate future land use to the development of senior housing, and housing for returning citizens.

#### **Needs for Housing**

With East New York being the point of focus for the initial influx of development under the new MIH; it is necessary for development to include economic development as well as community development. New housing projects that come into the community should be mixed use with businesses as well as community space, as a "Mandatory Inclusion". Additionally, the City must make it more of a priority to invest their subsidies in affordable home ownership, similar to the Innovative Urban Village project. (<https://www.innovativeurbanvillage.com/>) With a growing non-

profit community, the need for open community spaces throughout the district is a necessity and mixed use development affords the opportunity for further small business development as well as community based organizations to acquire one of the most vital assets to their success - space. The Livonia Avenue corridor is a prime example of the city's missed opportunity to mandate community space in a large development project. Initially the development of the corridor on Livonia included a lot dedicated to the Boys Club of NY - however when they failed to raise adequate funding - the lot remained empty while 278 units of housing were constructed and opened to new families. Although there were three initial ground floor commercial spaces that provided "family resources", the resources were limited and specific, whereas a "Boys Club" would have provided a full center for recreational programming, public swimming pool, and athletics. It has been over 10 years and the lot remains empty while hundreds of children and families now live on the corridor. Open Community Space in larger development projects must be mandated and incentivized to encourage developers to invest in them. Affordable housing is just the first step in building healthy, thriving communities. Create an addendum for all RFPs, RFQs, etc. - to include community board comment/suggestion. Currently community boards are not included and therefore the full proposal lacks the voice of the community in which the proposed project will exist. Given the recent re-zoning and influx of housing development - CB5's input is crucial in creating comprehensive community development projects. Increase affordable housing opportunities for single adults returning to the district - a Returning Citizens approach to supportive housing. Create greater incentives for developers to include senior housing in larger development sites, where there are multiple phases and/or buildings. It was reported from the Van Sicken women's shelter - operated by Sammartin Daytop Village, they have an increase in senior residents. This is the result of a lack of affordable housing for seniors and housing stock for older adults has not increased at the same rate as other affordable housing formulas. Supportive housing has become the common addition to larger development sites which brings in new residents from other areas - however, our seniors are being pushed out and into temporary housing facilities. Create incentives for developers of mixed-use development to include local small businesses for tenant opportunities. Currently, the mixed-use development in CB5 has vacant ground floor commercial space due to high rents. Work with developer to provide greater incentives for Fresh Food markets to be included in mixed use development as healthy, community-friendly anchor tenants. While Dollar Tree and other similar corporations provide a service that the community members are familiar with - they do not add to the overall benefit of the community which includes healthy living primarily, and employment diversity. Provide a report on the amount of maintenance staff that are assigned to each NYCHA development in CB5. Increase amount of maintenance staff to address frequency of interior cleaning schedules and grounds-keeping maintenance schedules. Commit funding for LED lighting within all CB5 NYCHA developments.

### **Needs for Economic Development**

Economic empowerment in a community requires participation from small business owners, community based organizations, elected officials, and city agencies. The efforts in revitalizing the commercial corridors in East New York through the Department of Small Business Services, is a great start but it must be continued. Additionally, community based organizations need greater resources when they are tasked with engaging business owners; to increase the outcomes. Currently East New York is home to three Local Development Corporations, Cypress Hills; ENY Restoration; and LDC of East New York, along with Highland Park Community Development Corp. They each have participated in the commercial revitalization efforts through SBS. The results were printed in SBS's Avenue NYC report. Additionally resources have to be increased for those organizations that offer specific services that encourage entrepreneurship and small business development. ENY Restoration LDC provides the only small business incubator spaces for small businesses and LDC of East New York provides services for women in business as the only recognized Small Business Development Center in the community. These are services that strengthen the economic standing of the community and they need to be in receipt of increased focused funding to continue in those efforts. Issue: Office Anchor Strategy plan for East New York must be re-visited. The proposed solution to revitalizing the community to increase office/commercial space for job creation is overlooking the most obvious concern - education. The current proposal identifies a specific area at the Broadway Junction location to be developed for commercial use. The East New York Community has a varied number of commercial strips and one

of the largest strip malls in the city with Gateway Center; however, the available employment does not provide the kind of wages that match the cost of living in our borough. Additionally, the EDC has proposed to have HRA as the Anchor tenant in the space at Broadway Junction - and this is redundant as HRA has an existing multiservice center in CB5, at 404 Pine Street; which provides SNAP, Medicaid, and more. Request: Create the plan that includes a CUNY institution in the potential development site at Broadway Junction. The city must commit to expanding CUNY to support greater accessibility to higher education. Broadway Junction is an essential transportation hub and the site is well positioned to host a large campus that can bring to life educational courses, degrees, and adult learning in cooperative economics, various trades and new industries, landscaping, urban planning, engineering, and more. The community has outlined that the need for district-based higher education institutions, is an absolute necessity to prepare our young people for long-lasting career opportunities - not minimum wage positions. Economic growth in a community is not centered on the growth of business but the growth of economic empowerment of the residents who will own and patronize existing and future businesses.

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## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 21	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 26	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC
3 / 26	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests
13 / 26	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC
16 / 26	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD

# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## Brooklyn Community Board 5

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

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

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

See budget requests.

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

Transportation needs in the district vary depending on the section of the community in question. However, there is a need to conduct surveys to determine the feasibility of speed humps specifically near schools, day care facilities, and playgrounds. Additionally, safety improvements must include greater community feedback and input. Surveys should be comprehensive and provide residents with an opportunity to give input on paper as well as on-line. Conduct additional surveys at Loring Avenue, Drew, Emerald, and Fountain Avenue - to review the safety measures that were implemented and how they have negatively or positively impacted the flow of traffic for businesses and residents. (a.) New Bike Lanes on Loring Avenue between Eldert Lane and Emerald Street are counterproductive to successful traffic flow. They should be removed on that strip. (b.) Signage on Drew Street between Loring Avenue and Linden Boulevard to address the commercial (large trailers vehicles) trucks parking for extended periods of time. It obstructs vision and creates unsafe walkways, and takes away from potential residential parking (c) Safety measures and bike lanes implemented on Fountain Avenue and Loring Avenues have had a reverse effect on traffic flow. Traffic congestion has increased due to the implementation of the bike lanes. Additionally the recent implementation of the ENY Safety Plan under the NYC Department of Transportation which installed three miles of protected bike lanes on Cozine and Wortman Avenues have caused more concern and removed more residential parking than any other project in the district. The ENY Safety Improvement plan was implemented after the tragic vehicular deaths of two children in the district - one on Pennsylvania Ave and Dumont and the other near Wortman Avenue. However, the protected bike lanes on Cozine and Wortman were completed before the necessary speed humps near our district schools. We need DOT to reassess this area to determine how we can address the new concerns and also to provide a full report on all speed humps installed following the studies conducted during the data collection of the ENY Safety Plan.

<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/east-new-york-safety-improvements-jul2022.pdf>

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

As the community continues to grow in population, transit services must be assessed to ensure that public transportation methods meet the demand of an increasing community. We are requesting that NYC Transit Authority assess the reactivation of the B12 lines in CB5 to accommodate that area of the district. Additionally, the Gateway-Spring Creek area of East New York will house thousands of new residents with the Alafia project, the EBC Senior development, last phase of Nehemiah Spring Creek rentals, and the existing developments that have been completed over the last 10 years - in that regard there is an obvious need for additional bus service



lines to connect residents to nearby subway systems for commuting and greater access to Gateway Center Mall. Currently the bus lines do not adequately provide the frequency of service needed, so the increase in population over the next five years will only widen that gap.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
15 / 21	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
21 / 21	DOT	Speed Hump Request - Vermont Street

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 26	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements
11 / 26	DOT	Address traffic congestion
12 / 26	DOT	Improve parking operations
22 / 26	DOT	One Way Conversion Request
23 / 26	DOT	One Way Conversion Request
24 / 26	DOT	Traffic Signal Study
25 / 26	DOT	Traffic Calming Request

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Brooklyn Community Board 5

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

##### **Community facility access and programming**

As the population in Brooklyn, Community Board 5 continues to rise through large affordable housing projects with higher percentages of 2-3br units, it creates an increased need to incorporate resources and programming that can effectively accommodate the populations of families moving in. The need for a facility that can provide a multitude of services for all ages is an even greater need than in years past. We are requesting that a full recreation center be constructed in the boundaries of CB5 - The East New York Recreation Center (ENYRC) which would replicate the wonderful programming and services offered in the existing Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC). There is a potential site that has been identified, which is currently Parks Land at the Sutter Ball Fields. We are requesting that a full study be conducted to report on the feasibility of the proposed project, including estimated funding costs and projected timelines.

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

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

See budget requests.

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

CB5 is extremely proud of the existing investments that we have in our parks and green spaces in the district. We have celebrated the historic ground breaking for Sankofa Playground - one of the most incredible park transformations to come, on the most historic site - the East New York African Burial Ground Square. It was discovered that remains of african ancestry (enslaved Africans) were identified and retrieved through the dedicated efforts of the Brooklyn Parks Department, under Commissioner Martin Maher in conjunction with Mr. Charles & Inez Barron who represented both the 42nd Council Districts and 60th Assembly Districts in CB5. This park, formerly Schenck Playground, has received over \$4.8 million in capital investment from Mr. & Mrs. Barron with future highlights that will include a full reinternment ceremony and a site to encapture african american history and culture. The full renovation of Sankofa Playground will be one of CB5's proudest gems and the newest cultural hub, with the projected full renovation of the adjacent New Lots Library. Collectively, the elected couple have dedicated over \$102 million in capital allocations to parks and playgrounds throughout the 42nd Council District, with a great percentage of that investment in the CB5 district. We would like to the Parks Department to work with CB5 to help promote the "Friends of the Parks" initiative through Partnership for Parks to increase more community involvement in the upkeep and maintenance of our highly favored parks sites. Additionally, we are asking that the Brooklyn Parks Department conduct a study to determine resident usage of parks in the district to provide us with the data to help us understand where comfort stations should be implemented or prioritized for repairs. We understand that not every park will have a comfort station, but if we are equipped with the information on which sites have the greatest usage, we can advocate accordingly. 2019 has been filled with various ribbon cuttings and ground breaking ceremonies on parks land projects. We recently learned that joint allocations from NYC Council Member Barron and NYS Assembly Barron totaled over \$70 million in our district parks. This is a true investment in community and healthy living. However, we want to address that some projects still require a comittment from our Brooklyn Parks Department to ensure that the project is comprehensive. For example, the recent allocations to Lion's Pride Park and Success Gardens Playground does not include a comfort station in either park. The two parks encompass a large existing community and development projects that will bring in hundreds of new families.

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

CB5 is in need of cultural institutions or activation of existing spaces to incorporate programming and educational experiences that expose our children to ongoing opportunities that promote cultural inclusion and community connection. These services can be activated in our local

community centers and libraries. Additionally, the construction of the ENY Recreation Center would be a perfect opportunity to have a dedicated central location to host ongoing cultural programming and services for all families across the district.

### **Needs for Library Services**

CB5 is proud of all of our BPL branches in the district. Spring Creek, New Lots, Cypress, and Arlington Spring Creek Library is one of the libraries in the district that is situated in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods. It is surrounded by Starrett City, Council Towers, Meadow Wood Gardens, Gateway Elton apartments and nearby NYCHA developments Penn Wortman, Linden Houses, and Boulevard Houses. However, the amount of book rotation and usage of the space is at bare minimum. We need to create incentives to bring more neighboring residents into the Spring Creek branch. An outreach plan must be implemented and a promotion to attract more visitation to this branch. CB5 has been prioritized as it relates to funding on one of our library sites - New Lots Library. This BPL branch is slated for complete renovations totaling over \$20million with combined allocations from former Mayor deBlasio and former NYC Council Member Inez Barron. Through Council Member Barron's allocation, there will be dedicated areas created to highlight cultures and literature for people of african descent. This provides our district with a location to house cultural programming and additonal services that promote cultural inclusion and educational experiences for community families. We would like to advocate for funding to ensure those programs exist through permanent funding streams. SEE DETAILS ON NEW LOTS LIBRARY RENOVATIONS & VIDEO BELOW: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/locations/new-lots/reconstruct#:~:text=Construction%20is%20anticipated%20to%20begin,accommodate%20library%20staff%20and%20patrons.>

### **Needs for Community Boards**

Brooklyn, Community Board has been housed in the historic 127 Pennsylvania Avenue site in the 37th Council Distirct. Following the ENY Rezone, the building received major renovations through a \$9.4million capital allocation through the office of former NYC Council Member Espinal. Funding was activated through the management of the NYC Police Department and houses their Youth Strategies, School Safety, and Community Affairs divisions. Moreover, Brooklyn Community Board 5 also returned to the building, which was home to the District Office for over 40 years. [https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/east-new-york/east\\_new\\_york\\_progress\\_highlights\\_12-2021.pdf](https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/east-new-york/east_new_york_progress_highlights_12-2021.pdf) The much needed renovations restored the building's beautiful interiors and helped in creating new spaces for youth programming, older adult services, a gym, dance room, and much more. The 127 Pennsylvania Avenue Police Community Center now services children and families on a daily basis with programming being provided till 10pm. However, there are still structural issues that must be addressed in the building. Unfortunately, there are still leaks in the ceilings and some construction matters that are still pending. Although the site is now filled with programming and CB5 is back in the building - the ADA lift has been a cause for consistent concern for residents who require those accommodations. We are in need of a building assessment and capital investment to address roof issues and other structural matters that are still pending.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 21	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment
3 / 21	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR
5 / 21	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
17 / 21	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR
20 / 21	DPR	Lower Highland Park - Soccer Field Lighting

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 26	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR
7 / 26	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
9 / 26	OMB	Provide more community board staff
10 / 26	DCLA	Provide more public art
20 / 26	BPL	Extend Library Hours
26 / 26	DPR	Comfort Station Study

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
16 / 21	DOITT	Other capital request
18 / 21	CUNY	Other capital request

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
15 / 26	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### 1 of 21 **Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment**

**DCAS**

Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment

127 Pennsylvania Avenue - The NYPD Community Center / CB5 Office was renovated and re-opened in 2019. However, there are still pending structural issues that cause ceiling flooding and other structural issues. Additionally the ADA lift is consistently in need of repair, so we require - as a full service community center site - to have the lift replaced. The building is now fully occupied and active with children, young adults and older adults on a daily basis. Additionally there is the full District Office of Brooklyn, Community Board 5 and NYPD officers of varying ranks from Youth Strategies, Community Affairs, and School Safety also in the building daily. The pending structural issues are a serious cause for concern and potential hazard. It would be tragic to not address these issues now and avoid any further damage to this site.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The community board issues are concerning indeed. Nonetheless, this was an NYPD capital project in a City owned property under NYPD jurisdiction. Therefore, all issues need to be referred to NYPD for resolution.*

#### 2 of 21 **Provide a new or expanded health care facility**

**HHC**

Provide a new or expanded health care facility

Due to the ongoing expansion of large housing developments in the district, the population and increase in family size is evident. We are in need of a new hospital based in the district to provide the necessary medical needs of existing and new residents. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: CB5 is resubmitting this request to emphasize the obvious need to conduct a study to assess the need based on existing & historic health concerns and time frame since a public hospital has existed in the district.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

#### 3 of 21 **Other capital budget request for DPR**

**DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

Secure funding to Construct the East New York Recreation Center (ENYRC)  
Explanation: The district is still in need of a stand alone, full-service community center, that provides state-of-the art amenities, youth, family, and senior programming, and swimming pool. The existing model for this facility is the Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC) in CB16. CB5 RESPONSE TO THE AGENCY: The Community Board is in communication with Parks Department to understand potential capital allocation estimates, site viability.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have funding available for a study or construction of a new recreation center.*

#### 4 of 21 **Other capital budget request for EDC**

**EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

Secure funding for the construction or utilization of existing available space within the Industrial Business Zone, for a Green Initiative / Trade & Labor Training Facility. CB5 RESPONSE TO THE AGENCY: The recent opening of the "ENY Industrial Building", which is based in CB16, is a great resource and will be utilized for cooperative spaces for small business owners and entrepreneurs. However, the emphasis on a dedicated site for trade school programming and non-tradition employment training/certification opportunities. We are requesting that additional studies be conducted to help identify space or shared space to implement such services.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The Industrial Building is fully tenanted at the moment. EDC will look at other opportunities in the IBZ.*



**5 of 21 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Secure funding for construction of comfort station at Lion's Pride Playground • EXPLANATION: Funding has been allocated to renovate the upgrade the playground and adjacent site but a comfort station is still not included in the renovation. CB5 RESPONSE TO AGENCY: The recent renovations at Lion's Pride Playground can be complimented with the install of a comfort station. We are requesting that a study be conducted to see if the comfort station can be implemented through funding under Local Law 114/2022 for our district.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have capital funding available to construct a new restroom at Lion's Pride Playground. These facilities are called public restrooms now, not comfort stations.*

**6 of 21 Renovate interior building component****SCA**

Renovate interior building component

Request: Cafeteria Renovation/ Upgrade Educational environment is just as important to the learning process, as the instruction that a student receives. This is why there is a real need to ensure that our city capital budget continues to invest in the upkeep and quality upgrade of school buildings and spaces where students populate - cafeterias, libraries, auditoriums, etc. Providing a safe and aesthetically pleasing educational environment is a basic requirement in the formula for educational excellence.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

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*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**11 of 21 Renovate exterior building component****SCA**

Renovate exterior building component

Request: New Playground Construction School buildings that are connected to yards provide a great opportunity for students to learn positive social interaction skills and peer to peer connection. However, if the yard space is not equipped with play/learning equipment, it dulls the experience and lessens the opportunity for creative interaction and developmental growth. School yards should be updated with play areas or full playgrounds, if possible. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: How can we get this prioritized for our students?

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

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*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**13 of 21 Renovate interior building component****SCA**

Renovate interior building component

Request: Upgrade Air Condition/Heating System in School Building Air conditioning and heating systems within our public schools must be maintained as a health mandate. School buildings must be maintained to support a completely healthy environment for student learning and for administrative instruction. With absenteeism still ranking high in Brooklyn, Community Board 5, it is imperative that all school buildings be maintained and supportive of optimum student participation and overall academic success. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: How can we get this prioritized for our students?

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**14 of 21 Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment****DSNY**

Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

Secure an additional haulster to accommodate the 20+ miles of narrow streets in the district. This is the only way we can successfully ensure that those residents will receive the same quality service that our garage provides throughout the district. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Thank you for your consideration. We are re-submitting this request in anticipation of the need for this addition to our BK5 Garage equipment stock, to support the great work and dedication of the teams that execute the trash removal throughout our district.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Any request for an increase in Department of Sanitation fleet size is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy.*

**15 of 21 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure****NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Exterior upgrades and lighting at the New Lots Avenue "L" station underpass. This line is a major feed between Brooklyn Community Boards 5 and 16 and provides ridership for thousands of customers daily. However, the underpass has extremely poor lighting, leaks, and consistent trash scattered about. The station is in need of an overhaul and a collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs to bring public art installations to the exterior of the station.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**16 of 21 Other capital request****DOITT**

Other capital request

Location: Pennsylvania Avenue - Fulton Street & Flatlands Avenue  
Budget Request for OTI - expand LinkNYC kiosks along Pennsylvania Avenue. The investment in the initial Link kiosks were implemented through funding from the ENY Rezone. However, there is a need to expand the kiosks in areas of the district where there is greater pedestrian traffic. Most residents of the district don't know that we have some installations of Link, therefore they are not serving their purpose of connectivity and information access.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**17 of 21 Other capital budget request for DPR****DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

Implement signage in Brooklyn Community Board 5 to identify the district as the "Public Garden District." Brooklyn, Community Board 5 is home to over 60 garden spaces and a host of community residents who volunteer their time to manage, clean, utilize and enhance the green spaces throughout the district. We are requesting that signage be implemented to reflect this fact and to help change the negative narrative that once plagued the East New York community. CB5 is the Garden District.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. We do not understand what specifically is being requested. Please contact us to discuss.*

**18 of 21 Other capital request****CUNY**

Other capital request

Budget request for the City University of New York to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a CUNY facility in CB5. This can potentially be implemented in the Broadway Junction area of the district. Brooklyn, Community Board 5 has a growing population and the creation of over 5,000 units of affordable housing, completed or slated for construction within our district. Although there have been resources that were implemented along the way to compliment some of the housing projects, there is still the long-time request for a full CUNY facility to be erected in the district. According to the NYC Department of Health's Neighborhood Profile - only 1 in 5 adults has a college degree in CB5.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Please submit request through CUNY'S Government and Community Relations office. 205 West 42nd Street, 7th floor.*

**19 of 21 Thomas Jefferson Campus AC Upgrade****SCA**

Renovate interior building component

Request: Upgrade Air Condition in School Building Air conditioning within our public schools must be maintained as a health mandate. School buildings must be maintained to support a completely healthy environment for student learning and for administrative instruction. With absenteeism still ranking high in Brooklyn, Community Board 5, it is imperative that all school buildings be maintained and supportive of optimum student participation and overall academic success.  
RESPONSE TO AGENCY: How can we get this prioritized for our students?

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

<b>20 of 21 Lower Highland Park - Soccer Field Lighting</b> Other capital budget request for DPR	<b>DPR</b>
Please install lighting at the Soccer Field in Lower Highland Park	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Highland Park is managed by our Queens Borough Office. A number of capital improvements at Highland Park have been funded but there does not appear to be funding available for installation of new lighting at the soccer field: <a href="https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/highland-park/projects">https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/highland-park/projects</a></i>

<b>21 of 21 Speed Hump Request - Vermont Street</b> Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<b>DOT</b>
Location: Vermont Street - Hegeman Avenue & New Lots Avenue Please accept speed hump request on Vermont Street between Hegeman Avenue and New Lots Avenue.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>1 of 26 Other expense budget request for EDC</b> Other expense budget request for EDC	<b>EDC</b>
Create a report from community input/feedback for the Broadway Junction site plans. The report should include feedback from the original Broadway Junction Working Group as well as more recent communication from community members and any capital/expense funding that has been secured to date. Report details should also include initial community requests for capital investments in street infrastructure upgrades; lighting; street calming methods; CUNY Institution; Trade School; and more. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Please inform CB5 if you have progressed with findings or reports from existing studies. We are emphasizing the need to still incorporate a City University within the Broadway Junction area to provide direct access to higher education and greater opportunity to increase median incomes.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. A document with community feedback will be released shortly. Additional information in regard to findings involving streets and education can be made the appropriate institutions/agencies.</i>

<b>2 of 26 Other enforcement requests</b> Other enforcement requests	<b>DSNY</b>
Location: Danforth Street - Hemlock Street & Hemlock Street Increase frequency of street inspection to remove abandoned vehicles and illegally parked vehicles. There are some locations that are targeted more than others, specifically in auto body/repair shops. • EXPLANATION: CB5 has the highest rate of 311 complaints for illegally parked and abandoned vehicles. We need a collaborated agency approach to address the issue. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Please see re-submission of this item to appeal for allocation of any funding that has become available to address the need.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.</i>

**3 of 26 Other business regulatory assistance requests****SBS**

Other business regulatory assistance requests

RESUBMISSION - Request that SBS implement a mandate policy to inform Community Board offices of any and all new lease holders or business owners in IBZ. Business updated reports should come from the contracted non-profit organization that manages the BIDs and the IBZ sites. Our understanding is that SBS is the agency that oversees the IBZ sites through a contractual relationship with a non-profit (for CB5 - that is BOC Network)

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although SBS does not have a real-time database of all businesses in the IBZ, we are able to provide the number of businesses currently operating within your Community Board and insights regarding business composition. Please contact us at [intergov@sbs.nyc.gov](mailto:intergov@sbs.nyc.gov) to request such information.*

**4 of 26 Other programs to address public health issues requests****DOHMH**

Other programs to address public health issues requests

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

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We agree that additional funding is needed to but there are no available resource as this time*

**5 of 26 Other expense budget request for DPR****DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Based on Agency Response: Is the allowance for an increase in headcount something that OMB will be doing to accommodate this request? Please increase personnel budget to include more park rangers for our district. CB5 has over 50 parks/playgrounds and the need for care and consistent maintenance and management of these spaces are vital. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget, has there been any funding identified to address this need?

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have funding available to hire additional maintenance staff or Urban Park Rangers.*

**6 of 26 Other NYPD staff resources requests****NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Please provide update - has there been any movement within the last and/or current administration to accommodate this request? CB5 has the highest incidences of illegally parked vehicles and abandoned vehicles in the city. Our numbers have risen due to the amount of local auto shops and garages that park their junk or for-sale vehicles on public streets; and other abandoned vehicles that are randomly left on public streets for years. We need a very specific focus on this issue and an increase in the officers that search for these incidences in the district. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget submissions - has there been any funding identified/allocated towards this need?

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**7 of 26 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance****DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Increase tree pruning cycles to accommodate growing community and newly developed areas of Brooklyn, Community Board 5 - i.e. Spring Creek / Gateway section which includes the Spring Creek Nehemiah Homes/Gateway Elton, etc. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget submissions - has there been any funding identified to address the need to increase personnel for the Forestry Division to address borough-wide pruning needs?

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Parks' block pruning program provides neighborhood-based, proactive tree maintenance by addressing a portion of the street trees in each CB every year. Parks inspects, then prunes all city-owned street trees above 4" in diameter on a routine 7-year cycle, which is an industry standard. If, in between the 7-year cycle, individual trees need pruning for public safety, we encourage anyone to submit a service request by locating the tree on the NYC Tree Map (and clicking on the "report a problem" tab), calling 311, or using our online tree service request system. Our inspectors will visit the tree and determine the appropriate action in accordance with our Tree Risk Management Program. Funding for block pruning has been restored to pre-COVID levels. We agree that additional funding and resources would increase our overall capacity to perform tree work, but that funding cannot be determined at this time. We accomplished comprehensive block pruning of all street trees in the Spring Creek Nehemiah/Gateway Estates area during the previous fiscal year.*

**8 of 26 Add street signage or wayfinding elements****DOT**

Add street signage or wayfinding elements

Location: Emerald Street - Sapphire Street & Sapphire Street  
Replace Stop sign at the intersection of Emerald Street and Sapphire Street and install approaching stop sign signal/indicator on Emerald. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget submissions, has there been any funding identified to address this need?

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**9 of 26 Provide more community board staff****OMB**

Provide more community board staff

Increase community board personnel budget to allow for experienced, skilled staff hires to assist in data preparation, district assessments, research, procurement document processing, and other community-centered supports.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. As of the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.*



**10 of 26 Provide more public art****DCLA**

Provide more public art

Coordinate with MTA to provide more public art installations on the exterior of transit stations and transit hubs. These are the spaces that are frequented most by residents through daily commuting. Spaces need to be activated with cultural artwork from local artists in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs. This provides community enhancement and results in greater neighborhood pride.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The Percent for Art Artist Directory is used by the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) to consider artists for the commissioning of public artwork in connection with new construction and substantial renovations on City-owned property. Artists included in the Directory may be considered for future Percent for Art opportunities and may be asked to submit proposals for new artwork commissions. Inclusion in the Directory does not guarantee an Artist will be selected to submit a proposal. Artists are selected through a panel process and review of submitted proposals. 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 to request additional funding.*

**11 of 26 Address traffic congestion****DOT**

Address traffic congestion

Location: Fountain Avenue - Sutter Avenue & Linden Boulevard  
Address traffic congestion on Fountain Avenue between Sutter Avenue and Linden Boulevard. It has become a congested area of the district due to the Fountain Avenue bike lanes that were implemented. We are requesting that DOT conduct a study to revisit the Fountain Avenue stretch to assess traffic flow and determine how it can be addressed. It is an important avenue that feeds into Linden Boulevard and also connects to the newly installed Shirley Chisholm State park, however the congestion caused by the bike lane is not conducive to pedestrian safety and ease of traffic.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**12 of 26 Improve parking operations****DOT**

Improve parking operations

Location: Cozine Avenue - Fountain Avenue & Louisiana Avenue  
Assess the traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety conditions of the installed protected bike lanes on Cozine Avenue and Wortman Avenue. Since the installation of the protected bike lanes, the longest protected bike lane project in ENY, there have been a number of complaints from neighboring residents. Not only did the neighborhood lose 200 parking spaces, but it has caused accidents for residents who realize that implemented signage goes against traffic and pedestrian flow in some intersections of the protected lanes.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**13 of 26 Other expense budget request for EDC****EDC**

Other expense budget request for EDC

Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work spaces within mixed use development and other initiatives that would assist with securing local business tenants. CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. EDC provides tax incentives via their IDA program.*



<b>14 of 26 Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b> Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<b>FDNY</b>
Implement additional funding to increase Firefighter personnel and EMS personnel. We need greater incentives and promotional campaigns to increase awareness of open positions within the Fire Department, with an emphasis on promotion in communities of color and high schools seniors.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
<b>15 of 26 Other expense budget request for MOCJ</b> Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<b>MOCJ</b>
Increase and extend budget for Cure Violence programming and the NYC Crisis Management System. Although we have had a decline in gun violence and gun-related incidents in varying neighborhoods in our city - it was proven through COVID, these numbers have the potential of increasing with a vengeance given the climate. We must continue to invest in the men and women who make a difference in preventative measures. Violence is a serious health epidemic and in CB5, homicide is amongst the top five causes of premature death. Therefore we have to expand on funding that focuses on prevention and intervention.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
<b>16 of 26 Other expense budget request for HPD</b> Other expense budget request for HPD	<b>HPD</b>
Conduct comprehensive study of the results of the East New York Basement Legalization Pilot initiative. What were the results and how did it impact the homeowners who participated in the pilot? If results favored homeowners and provided greater opportunities for rental incomes, how can we continue the funding to implement the initiative as permanent program within HPD?	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The pilot identified over 7,800 potentially eligible properties, and did in depth physical and financial assessments for over 100 homes, it became clear that there were significant barriers to financing the legal conversion of basements into habitable dwellings. The pilot has been effective in highlighting some of the financial, administrative, and code challenges to converting legal basement apartments in New York City. The pilot informed the citywide basement legislation that was passed along with the City of Yes plan.</i>
<b>17 of 26 Other senior center program requests</b> Other senior center program requests	<b>DFTA</b>
Provide additional funding for mental wellness programming in existing senior centers and social day care facilities.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding.</i>
<b>18 of 26 Increase transportation services capacity</b> Increase transportation services capacity	<b>DFTA</b>
Identify funding to return the DFTA MY Ride pilot program. Many older adults in CB5 participated in the DFTA My Ride initiative and viewed the program as a much needed resource to provide transportation access.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This program was funded with a Federal Grant. NYC Aging will work with the City Council for additional funding.</i>

**19 of 26 Eldert Lane & Drew Street - Air Quality Concerns****DEP**

Investigate air quality complaints at specific location

Location: Emerald Street - Linden Boulevard & Drew Street  
Please conduct air quality assessments at the intersection of Eldert Lane and Drew Street in CB5. This intersection houses an empty lot that houses diesel trucks and other large vehicles that are now driving in and out of the site. There was no public notification and residents are concerned with the amount of exhaust and smells from fumes resulting in the presence of the vehicles.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**20 of 26 Extend Library Hours****BPL**

Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

Please increase personnel budget to invest in hiring additional staff to accommodate extended library hours for all BPL branches in Brooklyn, Community Board 5 - Spring Creek, New Lots, Cypress Hills, and Arlington.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports this request for additional funding for libraries. New York City's public libraries are trusted and safe community spaces that meet the diverse needs of New Yorkers, regardless of background, income, birthplace, or beliefs. From storytimes to senior services—and everything in between—libraries truly are for everyone. Additional funding would allow BPL to expand our program offerings and better maintain our buildings.*

**21 of 26 Expand Mental Health Programs****DOHMH**

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

Invest in expanding and enhancing mental health programming and Mental Health First Aid Training in Brooklyn, Community Board 5.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH looks forward to discussing further ways we can partner with communities to address mental health concerns*

**22 of 26 One Way Conversion Request****DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Malta Street - Linden Boulevard & Stanley Avenue  
Please conduct a study to determine the feasibility of converting Malta Street between Linden Boulevard and Stanley Avenue to a one-way street, going South. There has been an increased amount of speeding violations due to traffic calming methods implemented on surrounding blocks, so drivers are speeding through Malta to avoid speed control.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. Please formally request this in separate letter from the CB and we can study this.*

**23 of 26 One Way Conversion Request****DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Malta Street - Linden Boulevard & Stanley Avenue  
Please conduct a study to determine the feasibility of converting Malta Street between Linden Boulevard and Stanley Avenue to a one-way street, going South. Due to traffic calming measures implemented on surrounding blocks, drivers are increasingly speeding through Malta to avoid controls.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**24 of 26 Traffic Signal Study**  
Other traffic improvement requests

**DOT**

Location: Jamaica Avenue - Arlington Avenue  
Please conduct a traffic study to determine the feasibility of a traffic signal at the intersection of Jamaica Avenue and Arlington Avenue.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**25 of 26 Traffic Calming Request**  
Conduct traffic or parking studies

**DOT**

Location: Atlantic Avenue - N. Conduit Boulevard & Logan Street  
Please conduct a traffic study to determine safety improvements at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and N. Conduit Boulevard. Currently the traffic pattern merges Atlantic Avenue and N. Conduit Boulevard and they meet at the intersection of Logan Street which also encompasses turning signals. There is a need to implement signage or an additional traffic light to calm merging vehicles.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The agency will explore studying this intersection.*

**26 of 26 Comfort Station Study**  
Other expense budget request for DPR

**DPR**

Please conduct a study to determine the feasibility of installing a comfort station at parks/playgrounds in Brooklyn, Community Board 5. The study should include total amount of parks currently outfitted with comfort stations, criteria for installment, and cost for outfitting qualifying park sites, with new comfort stations. This study will support CB5's ongoing advocacy to ensure our park sites are fully equipped for maximum use.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have funding available for a study or installation of new restrooms at parks within Community Board 5, beyond projects that have already been funded. These facilities are called public restrooms now, not comfort stations.*