

Statements of Community District Needs

and

Community Board Budget Requests

for

Brooklyn Community District 5 Fiscal Year 2019

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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 Brooklyn Community Board 5's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. Community Board Information

Brooklyn Community Board 5

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2. Community District Profile

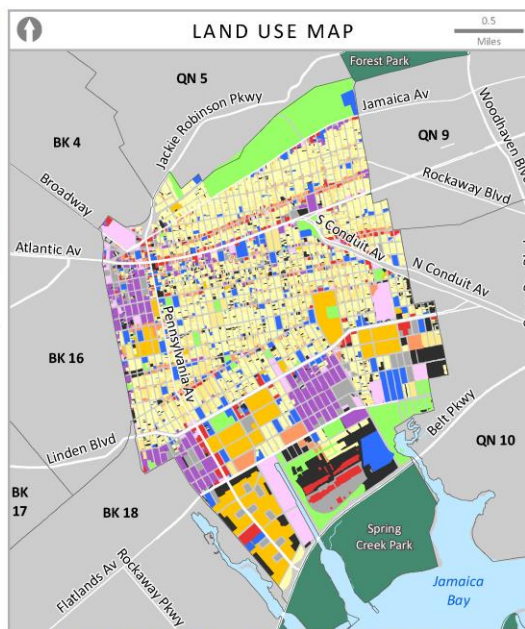
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Brooklyn Community District 5



Neighborhoods¹: Broadway Junction, City Line, Cypress Hills, East New York, Highland Park, New Lots, Spring Creek, Starrett City

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
173,198	182,896	+6%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		154,119
Square Miles		5.6
Population Density		32,660/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 5 in 2017:

1. Affordable housing
2. Cultural facilities & programs
3. Unemployment

To learn more, please read [Brooklyn CD 5's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	12,542	27%
Multifamily Walk-up	4,119	11%
Multifamily Elevator	50	10%
Mixed Use	1,170	3%
Commercial	299	4%
Industrial	395	7%
Transportation/Utility	152	4%
Public/Institutional	343	8%
Open Space	98	13%
Parking	585	6%
Vacant	1,030	8%
Other	212	1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 5](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	106
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	23
Parks	38
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
48%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 5	Citywide Target
84%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
45	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
16%	24%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
20.9	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

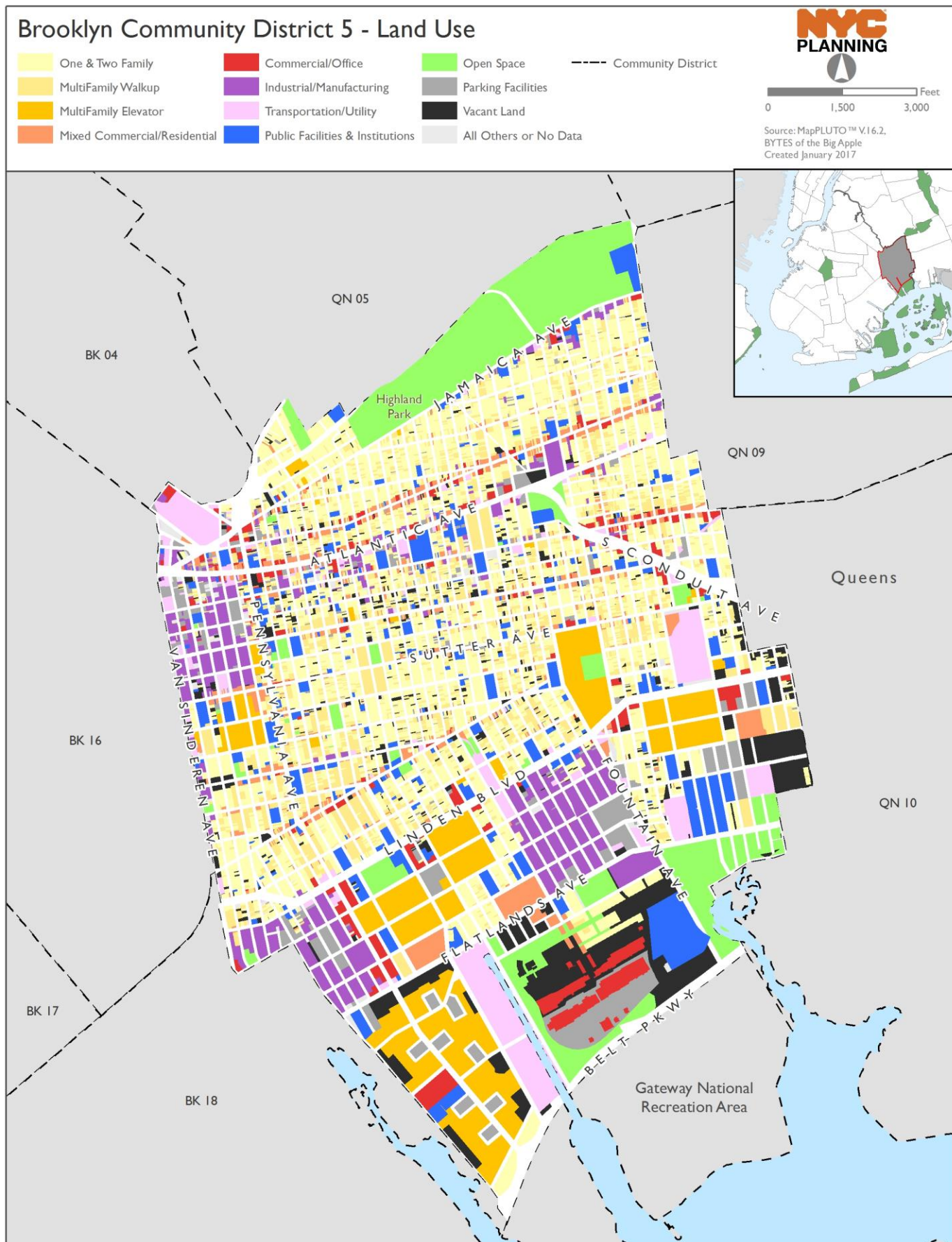
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
15%	33%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
11.2%	10%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 5	Brooklyn
32%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community District 5 in Brooklyn, services over 184,000 residents living in the community of East New York; and neighborhoods of Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots 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 on the borderline of Queens.

East New York is a community that is rich and deeply rooted in its history; and on the verge of one of the most intense landscape transformations across the city. The District has been identified as the premier community for New York City's vision for future development through the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability, which was voted up in the New York City Council. (a) Under the new MIH and ZQA implementations - the construction of taller buildings in denser neighborhoods is allowed with the mandate that developers set aside a certain portion of "affordable" housing units in new developments. This will assuredly change the landscape of a community that once featured its tallest developments as a protected affordable housing stock under Mitchell Llama and NYCHA.

Brooklyn's Community District 5, is ever-growing in its uniquely fascinating history; with the discovery of one of New York City's recognized African Burial Grounds, in the New Lots section of the district. In 2013, the former City Council Member of the 42nd CD, Charles Barron, submitted for the street co-naming of the 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 financial allocations from Council Member Inez Barron and Assembly Member Charles Barron, for the renovation of Schenck Park and further excavation work through the efforts of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

The district has also houses one of the largest retail expansions in New York City - the Gateway Center Mall, (Gateway Center Phase II) covering over 600,000 sf in the Spring Creek area. The community is home to twelve NYCHA developments; four outstanding Brooklyn Public Library branches, over 40 public schools from K through 12; beautifully constructed religious institutions of various faiths; two thriving industrial business zones boasting some of the borough's oldest manufacturing companies; delicious eateries in every section; and community based organizations that provide invaluable services to thousands of children, families, and businesses across the city.

Community District 5, over the past decade, has 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. Additionally, the district has 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 people of the district are just as unique as the neighborhoods in which they live; however, there is an obvious common interest to address the very basic needs that provide true foundation for a community and allow for successful growth and development.

Community District 5 has an overwhelming need to effectively address "Quality of Life" issues such as - consistent maintenance and upgrades to 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 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, and all the robust initiatives that are attached to it, is the major focus right now in Community District 5. Through the plan, East New York is slated to receive \$267 million in capital investments with direct support for new and existing affordable housing; small business growth and development; roadway repairs and upgrades; new educational and community facilities, and much more. Here is an outline of some of the key components of the East New York Plan:

3. Overview of Community District

- 1200 units of new affordable housing
- Eviction prevention support through the Tenant Support Unit
- Homeowner Helpdesk which provides direct financial and legal counseling for homeowners
- Up to \$15,000 for first time homeowners with the Home First Down Payment Assistance Program
- Renovations and upgrades to public parks spaces
- Repairs and renovations to the historic PAL building (127 Pennsylvania Avenue) which has served as the home base for Community Board 5 for over 30 years; and will be one of ENY's newest state-of-the art community centers.
- Activation of a Community NYC Retrofit program to encourage smaller housing buildings to participate in the Green Housing Preservation Program
- A Workforce 1 center to provide direct access to employment opportunities and training
- Support for commercial corridors and other small businesses throughout the district
- A new 1000 seat educational facility for elementary and middle school-aged children
- Technological and structural upgrades to East New York's Industrial Business Zones
- Wi-Fi access on many commercial corridors and within city buildings

These are some of the wonderfully creative strategies being implemented that will assuredly work together in making East New York an even greater community. However, we aggressively appeal to all to Mayor de Blasio, our City Agencies, Authorities, and Elected Officials – across the board, to PRIORITIZE the very basic needs, and long-time concerns around “Quality of Life” issues in Community District 5. These are the things that we, as a community, have been advocating and fighting for – so now is the time, under this new focus, to address those issues so that we can live, work, and thrive in this wonderful community.

(a): For information on ENY Rezone - <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/east-new-york/east-new-york-1.page>

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 5 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Cultural facilities & programs*
- *Unemployment*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING - East New York is home to some of the largest public and private affordable housing developments in the city; however, the balance for affordable housing that meets the needs of all the existing residents of the community is still a factor. With over 48% of the residents of the district being rent-burdened, the need for a truly comprehensive formula for affordable housing is still a very pressing need. The proposed future development through the ENY Rezoning Plan, NIHOP, NCP, and others - must present home ownership and rental opportunities that are created based on a formula that includes residents who are within the "neighborhood median income"; which is about \$36,000 annually, without excluding the smaller percentage of residents who are well above it. Within this formula, incentives to include an increase of affordable senior housing opportunities and housing for single young adults returning to the community. In addition, the current housing lottery system must increase the percentage for "preference for residents of Community Board 5".

The existing public housing stock (NYCHA) in Community District 5 houses thousands of families and yet has fallen well below the adequate lines of "quality" living. NYCHA developments in the district are far too often not maintained; plagued with hazardous conditions; within the buildings and grounds; residents are subjected to policing tactics that penalize the entire resident body; and many overall quality of life issues that need to be addressed through various capital investments and increase in qualified on-site maintenance and management staff.

UNEMPLOYMENT - Unemployment remains one of the challenges of the community with over 32% of the district's residents earning incomes that fall below the poverty threshold for New York City. One of the clearer solutions is to create adequate training facilities that offer certifications in the industry/fields that currently fuel our neighborhoods. Construction based certifications and trade school facilities must be a focus when we evaluate workforce centers and employment training in the district. The East New York based WorkForce 1 center which opened in late 2016, while offering an array of employment opportunities, does not offer the necessary focus in the areas of labor/construction. This is a major concern since the district is currently getting an influx of construction opportunities due to the large development projects happening. Training would provide a district-based pool of qualified employees and potential tradesmen and women. It is one of those obvious oversights in the decision-making process for this center. This information was shared with SBS during their preliminary information sessions with local CBOs to gain knowledge on what should be offered in the new center, however the construction trade component is not highlighted in their services.

Additionally, a clear and concerted effort to incorporate greater emphasis on College-level education (CUNY/SUNY/and others) for first-year middle school students in district schools is a real need. Creating a consistent platform for middle school students to understand the process of applying, and how to navigate the Higher Education systems will address the need for more college graduates in CB5. As it stands, less than 15% of residents 25 years or over, have earned a Bachelors degree or higher. (a) A vaster pool of college educated adults within our communities opens more windows of opportunities for career choices, and greater employment options; which strengthens our economic base and safeguards housing, resources, and more.

CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS - Historically, Community Board 5 has lacked the presence of culturally infused hubs and dedicated arts/music institutions. The disconnect with culture, music, and arts in the district was obvious and residents were usually forced to take their families to other districts and boroughs for experience and exposure. Although we are heading in the right direction with many of the CASA funded programs in our schools, and the opening of the community based program at ARTs East New York, CB5 is still deficient in its cultural presence. School District 19 in Community Board 5 houses some of the most beautiful school buildings in the city, however the cultural arts and music programs in the schools are scarce, if they exist at all. A very clear solution to this issue - the arts/music programs must be returned to our schools to allow for greater exposure to cultural education for our children.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

Permanent instruction with fully equipped music and art courses are a mandate to allow for our children to obtain a well-rounded education. It is proven that music and arts fuel a student's learning process; and to solely depend on CASA funding, afterschool, or beacon programs to provide a robust and comprehensive arts / music programming is non-realistic.

East New York also houses four Brooklyn Public Library branches - Arlington; Cypress Hills; New Lots; and Spring Creek - which all provide the adequate space for a focused infusion of cultural awareness and education. Programs funded through the Department of Cultural Affairs can be identified and evaluated to determine the feasibility of partnerships with local library branches to allow for specific cultural and music/arts awareness initiatives. The New Lots branch, which was constructed in an area of an original African Burial Ground site, is a prime location to begin. This library is historical and is soon to become the center for the Cultural Hub in the East New York Community. Council Member Inez Barron has allocated \$4 million and additional story to the building to begin the process of creating a space that is overflowing with cultural reflections and literacy. Additional capital allocations are underway at the adjacent park site through the Council Member - for Schenck Playground to reflect a cultural theme as well.

Additionally, community centers that exist through DYCD's cornerstone, beacons, and other programming - must incorporate a culturally based curriculum that infuses arts and music. Community Centers are not just a place to house idle adolescents, it is an opportunity to develop minds and shape promising futures for the young people of this great district.

(a) For more information on district residents earning college level education see the following link:
<https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/brooklyn/5>



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

According to the 2015 Neighborhood Health Profile for East New York, heart disease and cancer rank as the top two causes of death in this district; 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 discomfort for themselves and their immediate families. The result becomes the 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.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

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Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[Violence A Public Health Issue](#)

[Epi Data Brief - Shop Healthy Results \(1\)](#)

[Tobacco Free Kids](#)

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

The Senior population in the community must be prioritized and provided with access to quality housing; fresh food and hot meals; activities that encourage longevity and happiness; and each Senior Center should be equipped with vehicles that provide shuttle services for events throughout the district and borough.



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community Board 5 has homeless housing and services that support families, as well as single women and men. Although the community has made a very clear statement about not wanting any new facilities that provide temporary shelter; we also recognize the need to have the resources that aid residents in temporary housing to transition to permanent housing. In that regard, all facilities in CB5 that provide temporary housing (families / single adults), should be surveyed and evaluated. Additionally, the community is completely against the careless decision from DHS/DSS to utilize new commercial hotel sites for emergency placement of homeless individuals in this city. There is an immediate tension and feeling of disrespect that is expressed from community members to our Board and it carelessly puts the new residents who will occupy the space in a neighborhood that is not prepared or willing to embrace their presence. Furthermore, any private land transfer that involves the potential contractual agreement with a city agency, should include community input. The participation and involvement of community, is currently only encouraged for Community Advisory Boards (CABs) upon completion of the and execution of the contract - this is not the way to build strong communities. All Community Advisory Boards should have a mandate for Community Board membership - to include either the Chairman of the Board, the District Manager, or the Chair of the relevant committee - e.g. Chair of Social Services / Health Committee.

Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

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.



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/35	DOHMH	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Funding to further the SHOP Healthy Brooklyn (NYC) program in CB5, to include zip codes 11208 and 11239. The original study completed in CB5 only included zip code 11207. 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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/35	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Create partnerships with NYC Department of Education schools in School District 19, to expand physical education programs to include nutrition education and specific instruction on how to prevent illnesses and ailments that are common to the residents of 11207, 11208, and 11239. Physical Education classes in schools must be made a priority to ensure that the levels of childhood obesity are directly combated and eliminated in our district.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
11/35	DOHMH	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	<i>CB5 has received an increase in constituency complaints that include rodent infestation and it is evident that an increase of rodent infestation is a definite increase in disease and illness. We are requesting that the DOHMH conduct a survey/study of the district - in particular in the following areas: surrounding blocks with new construction; commerical strips in the district that are heavily populated with restaurants and eateries; remaining vacant lot areas that are slated for or pending programming or development assignments; NYCHA developments.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
16/35	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Create promotional material on nutrition and healthy living options - for the target population of youth between the ages of 11 to 21; to be placed in every DYCD Cornerstone Community Center and Beacon Center in zip codes 11207, 11208, 11239. The Community centers that provide recreational activities and safe havens for that population should be flooded with images of healthy food options, as well as the dangers of bad food choices and lifestyle practices. The centers are populated by our young people during the course of the week, so it is a perfect opportunity for direct impact.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/35	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Create promotional material for local medical facilities, clinics, educational institutions and youth centers, that outlines the direct impact of healthy eating on mental health. Studies have shown that healthy diet and exercise promote physical as well as mental wellness. This message has to be "super-sized" in CB5. Unfortunately, our district is currently plagued with poor quality food choices, an over abundance of fast food restaurants, and a clear disconnect in education on how to eat and live healthier.	Community Wide
18/35	DOHMH	Promote Quit Smoking Programs	Create bus station poster campaigns that include messages and images from Truth.com and/or tobaccofreekids.org. These campaigns should be primary in places of public transportation, in particular stations/stops closest to school buildings in the district. CB5's District Office team would like to participate in the dissemination and promotion of any materials created through DOHMH to address this very serious matter. It was stated in a publication by tobaccofreekids.org, that lifetime smoking and other tobacco use almost always begins by the time children graduate from high school. Help CB5 to create the kinds of initiatives that prevent our children from long-term illnesses.	Community Wide
19/35	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	Commission a task force to fully evaluate existing shelters in the district to ensure adequate living environment; quality of life basics; and active progressive transition initiatives, in particular for family shelters. An increasing number of complaints are submitted to the office for loitering and other issues surrounding shelter facilities in the district. This is a direct result of un-met needs of shelter residents. Additional resources, activities, and mental health assessments are needed.	Community Wide
20/35	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Create additional public health awareness materials that can be disseminated from our District Office as well as from the offices of local elected officials and other public spaces where constituency frequents. Although there is a rise in local medical facilities that specialize in mental health awareness in the district - the stigma still exists and furthering the public's education on the subject matter will encourage more members of the community to seek assistance and guidance on how to address it.	Community Wide
28/35	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Targeted funding for community patrol initiatives that address crime prevention/violence intervention. Patrol teams would receive funding to be trained in emergency response care and CPR as well as violence intervention and mediation. The issue of violence is currently recognized as a health epidemic and should continue to be studied and funded as a health initiative. This funding should be geared towards organizations that currently service at-risk populations in the district and have existing crime prevention/intervention and cure violence initiatives.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
29/35	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	Create partnerships with local service agencies that directly support senior living - e.g. HRA, SS, SNAP, etc. to allow for on-site services in each senior center to assist seniors with monthly responsibilities and documentation submission deadlines. Seniors are sometimes faced with deadlines and monthly, quarterly, or annual responsibilities that can be forgotten or mismanaged. This is a way to ensure that they have support in fulfilling requirements that dictate the continuation of fixed incomes and other subsidies that they may be receiving.	Community Wide
31/35	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs	Homelessness prevention programs should be expanded to include quarterly workshops with residents of both private and public developments in the district. Workshops should include financial literacy; career advancement; and introduction sessions on homeownership. Increase programming for homeowners and landlords that includes energy efficiency methods; 2nd generation property ownership; and understanding the value of your property. This is a great way to preserve the existing housing stock and provide the educational tools and resources that will prevent loss of housing for residents.	Community Wide
32/35	DFTA	Provide additional senior center staffing	Increase senior center staffing to include on-site nutritionist/physical fitness director. Seniors should not be deprived of the latest information on healthy living and ways to improve and maintain mobility. Also they should have routine exercise that focuses on healthy heart rates, positive reinforcement through physical activity, and healthy living practices.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Community District 5 is home to School District #19. The need for greater focus on those programs and initiatives that encourage learning and increase student activity must be implemented in District 19 schools. Our schools need to have permanently funded arts and music programs with instructors and musical instruments in every music class. Arts and music are proven methods to increase student grades and productivity, however most of our art and music programs only exist through CASA initiatives which are not permanent and depend on annual allocations from council members; or they are programs that are a part of an afterschool initiative that does not fully address the need. Arts and Music should be a part of in-school time instruction. With the percentage of residents (25 or over) who have attained college level education, being lower than 15%, there is a real need to connect our students to pathways to higher education. The earlier that students are introduced to the possibilities of college level education, the more likely it is for them to attend. The discussion of college and all that it has to offer must always be connected to formal education, within our schools. Additionally, District 19 Parent Associations need more support to aid in encouraging greater participation from parents. A parent who is deeply involved in their child's education, provides a greater support system for the child's learning. Physical Activity is also an issue - gymnasiums should be fully equipped with materials and equipment that allow for more interactive programs for the students. Childhood obesity is still at an all-time high in the district with youth diabetes being one of the predominant results, along with youth depression - these are factors that deplete children's self-esteem and increase the potential of early drop out. Consistent Physical Activity in the schools is a base-line necessity and should be taken very seriously. We need a survey to be conducted to assess the current PA programming in each school and follow up with direct and permanent funding to advance those efforts and save our children. Drug and alcohol use, including cigarette smoking is something that young people are indulging in more often, and at much younger ages than in the past. The social use of marijuana and other drugs must be brought to the forefront of education as well. More campaigns must be created to address this very serious matter. The early exposure to drugs and alcohol creates the potential for long term use. Cigarette smoking needs to be pushed as drug use. It is still not a strong enough message, yet more teenagers pick up the habit of smoking and carry it into their adult lives, than those that indulge in experimental alcohol use.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

There is a great need to eliminate overcrowding in our schools. Any and all barriers that would prevent a child from learning must be eliminated. There is a great need for multi-service after school programs in all schools. School co-location has not proven to improve the performance of the schools in our district. The multiple administrations and school systems in proximity takes a focus away from the quality of education. The continuity of existing schools need to be a priority.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

We would like for a Multi Purpose Youth Center to be built. Acquire a site west of Pennsylvania Avenue. This will accommodate the growth in the area. 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.



Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Youth programming and the retention rates of youth participants, within schools as well as in local community centers, is something that needs greater focus. Vulnerable youth populations, in particular, NYCHA resident youth have to be provided with comprehensive and consistent support and resources. Local cornerstone programs in NYCHA community centers, in its current structure, are not operating with the consistency that allows for the necessary build up of trust and security that our young people need. All services have to be taken advantage of, but how they are presented, the staff that is hired to provide the services, and the consistency of the services is a major priority. Additionally, RFPs for youth service contracts should always include an arts and culture component. This should not be a secondary or specialized curriculum, but a mandated inclusion within the full program.

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/35	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide permanent funding for arts/music programs in all middle schools in District 19. Music programs must be restored and/or implemented back into middle schools to prepare students for Performing Arts high schools. Funding should be focused on hiring of certified/trained instructors to maintain music programs during school hours.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/35	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Create more programs that introduce college level education as a common continuation of formal education. Higher Education along with its connection to career choice and education are a part of "Life Skills" training for students. It further prepares them for real life experience and how to expand and support their goals for the future.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
21/35	ACS	<i>Other child care requests</i>	<i>Create incentives where building/property owners will allow for longer lease terms for Day Care providers with the city being given the "first right of refusal", as a mandate in lease terms - as applicable.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
34/35	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>Enhance preventive services to include "More than My Block" initiative. This initiative coined by Community Board 5 includes a program where young "at-risk" or "potentially at-risk" youth are introduced to school systems, arts, cultural facilities in other states and one out of the country trip. This allows the young person to understand that life exists beyond their block, building, or development. A high number of young people, outside of those who may have family in other states and/or countries, do not experience travel. This is a direct detriment to their overall development and perspective on their futures and self-expectations. Please contact CB5 District Office to further discuss the initiative and how it can be implemented for District 19 middle and high school students.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other/Public Safety in CB5, as in most districts across the city, includes an array of issue - crime prevention, emergency preparedness, police-community relations, public nuisance, and more.

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 of it; it impacts the entire community. It is a real 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 component that assesses individuals' employability and levels of education; and offers job readiness and placement; and educational referrals. • An assigned team of Trained and Certified Mentors who will maintain the relationship 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. Local Precinct - 75th precinct as well as PSA2 in CB5 to work more closely with Resident Associations and Block Associations to create more preventative measures to address public nuisance, crime, and community relationship building. Far too often, the officers from the Public Service Areas and the precincts are called in to address crime and matters of concern that exist or that have already happened. The result is usually strategies that lean more on the side of criminalizing the entire resident body as opposed to working together to improve overall quality of life.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

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 ripple 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>

Community District Needs Related to 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.



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

East New York is a beautiful community filled with well maintained and new homes, 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.

Community District Needs Related to 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. VERY IMPORTANT: Community Board 5 requests that no permits be issued for any construction work including water mains, water supply systems, installations, etc. - before 7:00am. Work that is currently underway in the Spring Creek area of the district on Elton Street near Vandalia Avenue & Schroeders was in direct violation of the issued permits for 6:00am under DDC. There was preliminary work and trucks entering into the area before 5:00am. This is a total disrespect to the residents in the Gateway Elton development as well as the homeowners in Spring Creek Nehemiah homes. There should be no work permitted prior to 7:00am and if there are emergency conditions that require work to take place during other hours - that should be communicated to the Community Board office to allow for proper notification. We are awaiting your response on this matter in writing.



Community District Needs Related to 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 Avenue bet. Berriman Apartments – new development – 6 story 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

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/26	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>What is the status on the Capital Project for the Jewel Street and Linden Boulevard Roadway Reconstruction Project. The details are as follows: Roadway reconstruction including the installation of new storm and replacement of sanitary sewers and water mains. DDC project to be completed on Linden Boulevard including Sapphire Street, Emerald Street, Ruby Street between South Conduit Boulevard and Lindenwood Howard Beach</i>	<i>Linden Boulevard Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby South Conduit Boulevard</i>
4/26	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Conduct immediate survey of the area to determine the necessary repair work that needs to be done below ground level. Provide the Board with a complete list of infrastructure replacement/construction plans (funded and un-funded) in the district. The area on Flatlands Avenue between Schenck and Hendrix Street has consistent standing water that rises above curb level during any rain. The curbside aligns the 26th Ward Waste Water Treatment Plant. This directly impacts traffic flow on Flatlands avenue which is a major connecting avenue from Pennsylvania to Fountain; as well as one of the main roads that connects traffic to the Gateway Center Mall, the Gateway Elton development, Nehemiah homes, Starrett City, and Meadowwood development.</i>	<i>Flatlands Avenue Schenck Avenue Hendrix Street</i>
9/26	DSNY	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	<i>Increase number of vehicles for collection in the district and increase the snow removal equipment and vehicles to allow for cleaner and safer streets during storms.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/35	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</i>	<i>Convert CB5 to a tri-day pick up district. Conduct an immediate survey of the district to track the amount of tonnage that is collected; as tonnage determines additional pick-up days. The increase in development and population is an absolute reflection of an increase in tonnage.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
24/35	DEP	<i>Other water supply system maintenance requests</i>	<i>For any infrastructure work that requires water service interruption - create a comprehensive emergency plan that allows for residents to have access to emergency kits or water in the case of extended service interruption. Recent repair work conducted in CB5 resulted in emergency repair due to a pipe bursting during repair work. Residents were forced to endure water service interruption for over 17 hours; but no emergency plan was in place to accommodate the residents in this situation. They were left to leave their homes within a NYCHA development building and walk over to another building to collect cold water with whatever jugs, containers, buckets they had within their homes. There was no plan in place to address elderly or handicapped.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Other/The most important issues in CB5 include affordable housing, poor living conditions in public housing, youth and mbwe business opportunities, unemployment/underemployment and small business support

With a focus on the East New York Rezoning Plan, it is imperative that housing that is slated for the community be truly affordable for the current members of the community, and all income levels that exist within the neighborhood. Also, new development is not just an opportunity for new affordable housing - community resources must be attached to all new housing to provide benefits that impact all levels of community development and economic growth.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

The homes constructed on Loring Avenue between Sapphire Street and Amber Street cleared for development without certificate of occupancy data. Homeowners have properties that are in an area that needs structural repair and they are unable to sell or move forward with the status of the properties. How can the Department of Buildings assist with this matter?

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

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 development that comes into the community should be mixed use with businesses as well as community space, as a "Mandatory Inclusion". With an every 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. 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 from college, military, etc. The majority of the development constructed in the community has less than 10% of the units available for single adults. This forces people returning to the district or those that have not yet embarked on the path of building families and have lived with parents/family members - to seek housing in other communities. We need to ensure that we can embrace the single members of the community. 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 Siclen shelter - operated by Samartin Village, that they have an increase in senior residents. This is due to the fact that affordable housing for seniors has not increased at an equal rate with overall new development in the district. 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. (Coordinate with SBS) 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. (Coordinate with DOHMH): 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. Flood lighting, according to NYCHA, was a pilot program to determine the impact of lighting on decreasing crime – so there should be an immediate plan to implement the proper lighting (LED) to allow for crime reduction while complimenting the developments' resident's quality of life.



Community District Needs Related to 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 facility in the space at Broadway Junction. The community has outlined that the need for higher education in the district, 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 patronize existing and future businesses.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to include senior housing in larger development sites, where there are multiple phases and/or buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/26	SBS	<i>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</i>	<i>Creation of a vocational training facility (new construction or acquisition of existing community space) to provide hands on skill training in Solar Panel Installation /Green Job Initiatives; Scaffolding; General Construction; Maintenance; Plumbing; Carpentry and other vocational certifications that would increase employability and potential small business incentives.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/26	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Security cameras installed within all district NYCHA developments that currently do not have CCTV system installations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
8/26	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Install (affix) effective LED safety lighting to NYCHA buildings in place of existing NYPD stationed lighting.</i>	<i>Louis H. Pink Houses</i>
10/26	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Include in the Anchor Tenant Strategy plan for Broadway Junction a CUNY facility instead of the proposed HRA facility. To include HRA in this new structure would be redundant and the community's voice would be ignored. The community has outlined that the need for higher education in the district, 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 patronize existing and future businesses.</i>	<i>Broadway Junction</i>
11/26	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>Construct new homes and rental buildings to accommodate existing residents of East New York with annual income requirements that predominately cater to the Neighborhoods Median Income but also includes a small percentage of units for residents who have annual incomes that are well above it.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
12/26	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>Increase affordable housing opportunities for single adults returning to the district from college, military, etc.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/26	EDC	Improve the availability, speed, or cost of broadband access to local businesses and residents	Allocate funding to expand the LINK NYC program in areas where other recognized commercial strips exist: a. Pennsylvania Avenue (from Atlantic Avenue to Flatlands Avenue) b. Sutter Avenue (from Pennsylvania Avenue to Van Sinderen) c. New Lots Avenue (from Ashford Street to Van Sinderen) d. Liberty Avenue (from Drew Street to Crescent Street)	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/35	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Increase the amount of qualified and well-trained maintenance staff to allow for greater frequency of routine cleanings for interior and exterior of all developments.	Community Wide
4/35	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	Increase frequency of grounds cleaning and interior cleaning for all NYCHA developments in CB5. Currently there are developments that are not cleaned as frequently and the exterior grounds are not kept up. Grass is overgrowing and curbside bulk trash and regular trash is piled up along the streets; creating an environment that is infested with rodents and other infestations.	Community Wide
15/35	EDC	Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces	Create focused funding to local development corporations that provide incubator resources for small businesses and cooperative business ventures	Community Wide
22/35	NYCHA	Other housing support requests	(Coordinate with DOHMH): Work with developer to provide greater incentives for Fresh Food markets to be included in mixed use development as healthy, community-friendly anchor tenants	Community Wide
25/35	EDC	Expand access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	Provide greater access for small businesses that were included in the Commercial District Needs Assessments under the NDGI grants - to obtain financing to improve facades, interior renovations, and marketing tools to compete effectively with the Gateway Center Mall. Strips include: City Line-Liberty Ave between Eucild and Forbell; New Lots between Ashford and Van Sinderen; Fulton Street.	Community Wide
35/35	NYCHA	Other housing support requests	(Coordinate with SBS) 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.	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Other/Major transportation issues in CB5 include ADA compliance, freight movement, pedestrian safety, roadway maintenance, and traffic safety

Currently, the district is undergoing various roadway maintenance and pedestrian safety projects through the Department of Transportation. With that said, there is still a need to do a community wide survey for necessary trench work, recurring sink hole spaces, need for speed hump installations around known speeding areas and around community schools, and further development of the pedestrian plazas in the community. Safety projects slated for CB5 have to include more direct outreach from NYC Dept. of Transportation. The level of street outreach is minimal and creates negative feedback once projects are implemented. NYC Dept. of Transportation's has an aggressive approach to bike lane expansion in the city. Addressing safety does not always include the installation of bike lanes. Some areas require further studies to understand current traffic patterns and how community members who live in those immediate areas would like to improve safety.

Community District Needs Related to 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, in particular 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. Complaints still exist for the one-way conversion of Fountain Avenue and Loring Avenue – study to be done to revert back to two-way traffic and identify other ways to address safety measures at the intersection of Euclid Avenue, Fountain Avenue, and Loring Avenue

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/26	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Convert Egan Street between Elton Street and Essex Street to a one-way. The street is narrow and causes congestion from residential traffic as well as commercial vehicles that deliver to smaller businesses on Elton Street and the Gateway Mall retailers.</i>	<i>Egan Street Elton Street Essex Street</i>
15/26	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Construct paved sidewalks on Loring Avenue between Drew Street and Amber Street.</i>	<i>Loring Avenue Drew Street Amber Street</i>
16/26	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Install speed hump at Fountain Avenue between Glenmore & Liberty Avenue</i>	<i>Fountain Avenue Glenmore Avenue Liberty Avenue</i>

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Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/35	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	New Bike Lanes on Loring Avenue between Autumn Avenue and Emerald Street are counterproductive to successful traffic flow. They should be removed on that strip.	Loring Avenue Autumn Avenue Emerald Street
9/35	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	Install No Large Commercial Vehicle or No Freight Traffic signage in the Spring Creek area of the district on Erskine and Vandalia, Elton and Vandalia, and Elton and Flatlands. Currently cars, medians and property are being damaged due to freight deliveries to the Gateway Center Mall. The area needs to be included in the Smart Truck Freight Management Plan with NYC Dept. of Transportation.	Elton Street Vandalia Avenue Erskine
10/35	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	No Commercial Vehicle 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	Drew Street Loring Avenue Linden Boulevard
12/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct study to determine which areas in the district need speed hump installations; where DOE buildings, Child Day Care and pre-k facilities are based.	Community Wide
13/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a study to address the need for alignment of the traffic lights along Pitkin Avenue from Euclid to Pennsylvania Avenue	Pitkin Avenue Euclid Avenue Pennsylvania Avenue
23/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a study to determine areas in the district that are in need of repairs, upgrade or installation of pedestrian ramps (ADA accessible curbs) and sidewalk repairs	Community Wide
26/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Create a system which mandates all potential projects (safety, otherwise) proposed for the district - to include comprehensive field studies conducted by DOT - with residents to ensure proper feedback and input prior to implementation of the project. The field study should include surveys, on-line comment, and a generated report from the feedback that can be provided to the community board to aid in determining their support or denial of the proposed project.	Community Wide
27/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Provide a final report on how traffic will be mitigated in the area surrounding the Dinsmore-Chestnut site where the new school building will be built	New School at Dinsmore Chestnut
30/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Provide a list of trench restoration work that is proposed for CB5 and conduct a survey to determine those areas that are in need based on failed surface work that was done in the past.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)

Community Board 5 is currently servicing one of the most important districts in the city, yet the District Office is currently co-located and without the necessary operating essentials to provide optimum service. There are daily issues with network systems, telephone functionality, and constituents do not have direct access to the office due to its location within the building. Community Board 5 is home to some of the most beautiful and well utilized park spaces in the borough of Brooklyn. We have Linden Park, which was renovated through the 42nd Council District and has become the main park space in the district for youth sports leagues like, Brooklyn Panthers; Brooklyn Chiefs, Brooklyn Warriors - and it is the "Community's Choice" park for early morning workouts, jogs, and walking. Then there is Spring Creek Park, which outlines the Gateway Center Mall - now the home of the East Brooklyn Outdoor Jazz and Movies and the EastBrooklyn 5K. Also, Robert Venable Park which was once a broken down, desolate space that was crime ridden and avoided by neighborhood children - it was transformed into a beautiful and vibrant public space for families and children of all ages with a skating area, workout area, and even a small hill for reading or rolling. Of course, we have to mention one of the major highlights of not just the district, but the borough - the historic Highland Park; which offers hiking, barbecuing, snow boarding, nature sites and so much more. However, there is one park in the district that is in desperate need of immediate financial attention - Breukelen Ball Fields. This ball field is located in two Community Boards but is the home park for one of Community Board 5's veteran Little League teams - The Latin Souls Little League. This team has been in existence for over 40 years with the same coach who trains and plays with his team at the site. Unfortunately the park has been neglected for repairs and now the children from the league do not even have access to the comfort station. We implore the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to do a full assessment of the space and determine what can be done to immediately address the need for upgrades, renovations, and most importantly - repairs.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Community Board 5 is also slated to receive 3 small parks in the Spring Creek Area of the district. This was a part of the development of the Gateway Elton Street development, Spring Creek Nehemiah Homes Phase II / III and the Gateway Center Mall. We are asking that the plans for the 3 parks be expedited and that the community be kept involved in the process. Allocate capital funding to the renovations and upgrade of Breukelen Ball Field. Although the park is not in the CB5 district, it services the CB5 community predominantly and is home to one of CB5's most respected and renowned youth athletic leagues – Latin Souls Youth Baseball League.

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

CB#5 needs a Cultural Center along with a Community Facility erected in our district that will be fully staffed.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The New Lots Library in Community Board 5 is one of the cultural hubs of the community and has the support of the elected officials, block associations, and community based organizations for the renovation plans to develop the library and completely transform it into a research center and cultural library for the district. 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. Cypress Hills branch and Arlington branch are in need of technology upgrades and programming. New Lots branch is in need of more programming to encourage use of technology (laptops) that have been purchased at the site.



Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Community Board 5 needs an increase in the budget to hire additional staff dedicated to research and analysis. This will increase the data that is used to effectively impact how we operate and service the board and community at large. Additionally, being one of the largest community districts in the borough, we are in need of two locations. Currently, the District Office is operating in a temporary shared space in a city agency building after being re-located from our former office, where we were for over 30 years. Although we will be returning to that location upon the completed renovations, it is imperative that we also have a satellite office in another part of the district.



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Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Allow for Community Board 5 district office to obtain a ground floor commercial space in the district to allow for greater accessibility and presence in the district. The CB5 office has been co-located in the HRA facility at 404 Pine Street for over a year. In the facility, daily operations are stifled due to HRA network compatibilities, consistent issues with phone service, mail delivery which directly impacts response for time-sensitive materials, and overall disconnection from constituency due to the placement of the office, among other very serious matters. We would like space in Livonia Commons commercial site.	Livonia Commons
5/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete upgrade to Breukelen Ball Field with emphasis on new Comfort Station and repair of drainage issues. Renovation plans to be modeled after plans submitted to local elected officials to bring Ballfields to full upgrade and functionality for native youth league teams.	BREUKELEN BALLFIELD
17/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Cypress Hills Branch is in need of a Boiler	Cypress Hills Branch
18/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Arlington Branch is in need of Fire & Life Safety	Arlington Branch
19/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Arlington Branch is in need of an HVAC Upgrade	Arlington Branch
20/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Cypress Hills Branch is in need of an HVAC Upgrade	Cypress Hills Branch
21/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Spring Creek Branch is in need of an HVAC & Controls	Spring Creek Branch
22/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Spring Creek Branch is in need of a Boiler	Spring Creek Branch
23/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	New Lots Branch is in need of an HVAC & BMS	New Lots Branch
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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
25/26	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Construct the East New York Recreational Center. A three-story state of the art community recreational facility with provisions to include dual gymnasiums; swimming pool; athletic complex / multi-purpose exercise room; small technology center with computer stations to accommodate a minimum of 8 stations; smaller program rooms to accommodate community programs, meetings, workshops; rooftop garden and science stations for green thumb and energy efficient programming.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
26/26	BPL	<i>Provide more or better equipment to a library</i>	<i>Arlington Branch is in need of Boiler & BMS Upgrade</i>	<i>Arlington Branch</i>
CS	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>BPL to contribute towards renovations of New Lots Library for the cultural upgrade, addition of 3rd story, and renovations. Construction of 3rd level for New Lots Library upon completion of roof repairs. Funding to complete cultural renovations on ground floor and lower level implement community archive for native residents; cultural statues; paintings; and complete installation of culture corner to reflect reading materials; visual graphics; and pre-recorded audio archives station. New Lots Library and Schenck Playground are bordered on/by New Lots Avenue, Schenck Avenue, Barbey Street, and Livonia Avenue now officially co-named African Burial Ground Square through the New York City Council 42nd Council Member (former) Charles Barron.</i>	<i>New Lots Branch Library 665 New Lots Ave</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
33/35	DCLA	<i>Provide more public art</i>	<i>Provide more cultural art spaces in public areas of the district i.e. pedestrian plazas, mta underpasses, and in playgrounds to encourage cultural connection and increase arts exposure where community members frequently gather.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/35	DOB	<i>Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants</i>	<i>District based city agencies and service centers should receive annual inspections to monitor hazardous conditions and healthy environment practices. Community Board 5 was formerly housed in the 127 Pennsylvania Avenue building for almost 40 years. During the tenure of the previous District Office administration, the building continued to operate and provide service to the public, despite its hazardous conditions. The stairwells were poorly lit; the ceiling in the offices and other locations throughout the building were peeling and falling; the elevators needed constant service; the public restrooms were outdated and in poor condition; and the infestation was evident for staff as well as other organizations and agencies that worked and/or visited the space.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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2/26	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Create greater incentives for developers to include senior housing in larger development sites, where there are multiple phases and/or buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
3/26	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>What is the status on the Capital Project for the Jewel Street and Linden Boulevard Roadway Reconstruction Project. The details are as follows: Roadway reconstruction including the installation of new storm and replacement of sanitary sewers and water mains. DDC project to be completed on Linden Boulevard including Sapphire Street, Emerald Street, Ruby Street between South Conduit Boulevard and Lindenwood Howard Beach</i>	<i>Linden Boulevard Sapphire, Emerald, Ruby South Conduit Boulevard</i>	
4/26	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Conduct immediate survey of the area to determine the necessary repair work that needs to be done below ground level. Provide the Board with a complete list of infrastructure replacement/construction plans (funded and unfunded) in the district. The area on Flatlands Avenue between Schenck and Hendrix Street has consistent standing water that rises above curb level during any rain. The curbside aligns the 26th Ward Waste Water Treatment Plant. This directly impacts traffic flow on Flatlands avenue which is a major connecting avenue from Pennsylvania to Fountain; as well as one of the main roads that connects traffic to the Gateway Center Mall, the Gateway Elton development, Nehemiah homes, Starrett City, and Meadowwood development.</i>	<i>Flatlands Avenue Schenck Avenue Hendrix Street</i>	<i>Council Member Inez Barron; Assembly Member Charles Barron</i>

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5/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete upgrade to Breukelen Ball Field with emphasis on new Comfort Station and repair of drainage issues. Renovation plans to be modeled after plans submitted to local elected officials to bring Ballfields to full upgrade and functionality for native youth league teams.	BREUKELEN BALLFIELD	Council Member Inez Barron; Assembly Member Charles Barron
6/26	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	Creation of a vocational training facility (new construction or acquisition of existing community space) to provide hands on skill training in Solar Panel Installation /Green Job Initiatives; Scaffolding; General Construction; Maintenance; Plumbing; Carpentry and other vocational certifications that would increase employability and potential small business incentives.	Community Wide	
7/26	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Security cameras installed within all district NYCHA developments that currently do not have CCTV system installations.	Community Wide	
8/26	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Install (affix) effective LED safety lighting to NYCHA buildings in place of existing NYPD stationed lighting.	Louis H. Pink Houses	Council Member Inez Barron; Assembly Member Charles Barron
9/26	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Increase number of vehicles for collection in the district and increase the snow removal equipment and vehicles to allow for cleaner and safer streets during storms.	Community Wide	
10/26	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Include in the Anchor Tenant Strategy plan for Broadway Junction a CUNY facility instead of the proposed HRA facility. To include HRA in this new structure would be redundant and the community's voice would be ignored. The community has outlined that the need for higher education in the district, 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 patronize existing and future businesses.	Broadway Junction	
11/26	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	Construct new homes and rental buildings to accommodate existing residents of East New York with annual income requirements that predominately cater to the Neighborhoods Median Income but also includes a small percentage of units for residents who have annual incomes that are well above it.	Community Wide	

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12/26	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	Increase affordable housing opportunities for single adults returning to the district from college, military, etc.	Community Wide	
13/26	EDC	Improve the availability, speed, or cost of broadband access to local businesses and residents	Allocate funding to expand the LINK NYC program in areas where other recognized commercial strips exist: a. Pennsylvania Avenue (from Atlantic Avenue to Flatlands Avenue) b. Sutter Avenue (from Pennsylvania Avenue to Van Sinderen) c. New Lots Avenue (from Ashford Street to Van Sinderen) d. Liberty Avenue (from Drew Street to Crescent Street)	Community Wide	
14/26	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Convert Egan Street between Elton Street and Essex Street to a one-way. The street is narrow and causes congestion from residential traffic as well as commercial vehicles that deliver to smaller businesses on Elton Street and the Gateway Mall retailers.	Egan Street Elton Street Essex Street	
15/26	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Construct paved sidewalks on Loring Avenue between Drew Street and Amber Street.	Loring Avenue Drew Street Amber Street	
16/26	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install speed hump at Fountain Avenue between Glenmore & Liberty Avenue	Fountain Avenue Glenmore Avenue Liberty Avenue	
17/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Cypress Hills Branch is in need of a Boiler	Cypress Hills Branch	
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24/26	BPL	<i>Provide more or better equipment to a library</i>	<i>Spring Creek Branch is in need of Safety & Security Enhancements</i>	<i>Spring Creek Branch</i>	
25/26	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Construct the East New York Recreational Center. A three-story state of the art community recreational facility with provisions to include dual gymnasiums; swimming pool; athletic complex / multi-purpose exercise room; small technology center with computer stations to accommodate a minimum of 8 stations; smaller program rooms to accommodate community programs, meetings, workshops; rooftop garden and science stations for green thumb and energy efficient programming.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
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1/35	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</i>	<i>Convert CB5 to a tri-day pick up district. Conduct an immediate survey of the district to track the amount of tonnage that is collected; as tonnage determines additional pick-up days. The increase in development and population is an absolute reflection of an increase in tonnage.</i>	Community Wide	
2/35	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide permanent funding for arts/music programs in all middle schools in District 19. Music programs must be restored and/or implemented back into middle schools to prepare students for Performing Arts high schools. Funding should be focused on hiring of certified/trained instructors to maintain music programs during school hours.</i>	Community Wide	
3/35	NYCHA	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>Increase the amount of qualified and well-trained maintenance staff to allow for greater frequency of routine cleanings for interior and exterior of all developments.</i>	Community Wide	
4/35	NYCHA	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</i>	<i>Increase frequency of grounds cleaning and interior cleaning for all NYCHA developments in CB5. Currently there are developments that are not cleaned as frequently and the exterior grounds are not kept up. Grass is overgrowing and curbside bulk trash and regular trash is piled up along the streets; creating an environment that is infested with rodents and other infestations.</i>	Community Wide	
5/35	DOHMH	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Funding to further the SHOP Healthy Brooklyn (NYC) program in CB5, to include zip codes 11208 and 11239. The original study completed in CB5 only included zip code 11207. 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.</i>	Community Wide	NYC Council Member Espinal; NYC Council Member Barron
6/35	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Create more programs that introduce college level education as a common continuation of formal education. Higher Education along with its connection to career choice and education are a part of "Life Skills" training for students. It further prepares them for real life experience and how to expand and support their goals for the future.</i>	Community Wide	

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7/35	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Create partnerships with NYC Department of Education schools in School District 19, to expand physical education programs to include nutrition education and specific instruction on how to prevent illnesses and ailments that are common to the residents of 11207, 11208, and 11239. Physical Education classes in schools must be made a priority to ensure that the levels of childhood obesity are directly combated and eliminated in our district.	Community Wide	
8/35	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	New Bike Lanes on Loring Avenue between Autumn Avenue and Emerald Street are counterproductive to successful traffic flow. They should be removed on that strip.	Loring Avenue Autumn Avenue Emerald Street	
9/35	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	Install No Large Commercial Vehicle or No Freight Traffic signage in the Spring Creek area of the district on Erskine and Vandalia, Elton and Vandalia, and Elton and Flatlands. Currently cars, medians and property are being damaged due to freight deliveries to the Gateway Center Mall. The area needs to be included in the Smart Truck Freight Management Plan with NYC Dept. of Transportation.	Elton Street Vandalia Avenue Erskine	
10/35	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	No Commercial Vehicle 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	Drew Street Loring Avenue Linden Boulevard	
11/35	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	CB5 has received an increase in constituency complaints that include rodent infestation and it is evident that an increase of rodent infestation is a definite increase in disease and illness. We are requesting that the DOHMH conduct a survey/study of the district - in particular in the following areas: surrounding blocks with new construction; commercial strips in the district that are heavily populated with restaurants and eateries; remaining vacant lot areas that are slated for or pending programming or development assignments; NYCHA developments.	Community Wide	
12/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct study to determine which areas in the district need speed hump installations; where DOE buildings, Child Day Care and pre-k facilities are based.	Community Wide	
13/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a study to address the need for alignment of the traffic lights along Pitkin Avenue from Euclid to Pennsylvania Avenue	Pitkin Avenue Euclid Avenue Pennsylvania Avenue	

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14/35	DOB	<i>Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants</i>	<i>District based city agencies and service centers should receive annual inspections to monitor hazardous conditions and healthy environment practices. Community Board 5 was formerly housed in the 127 Pennsylvania Avenue building for almost 40 years. During the tenure of the previous District Office administration, the building continued to operate and provide service to the public, despite its hazardous conditions. The stairwells were poorly lit; the ceiling in the offices and other locations throughout the building were peeling and falling; the elevators needed constant service; the public restrooms were outdated and in poor condition; and the infestation was evident for staff as well as other organizations and agencies that worked and/or visited the space.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
15/35	EDC	<i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i>	<i>Create focused funding to local development corporations that provide incubator resources for small businesses and cooperative business ventures</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
16/35	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Create promotional material on nutrition and healthy living options - for the target population of youth between the ages of 11 to 21; to be placed in every DYCD Cornerstone Community Center and Beacon Center in zip codes 11207, 11208, 11239. The Community centers that provide recreational activities and safe havens for that population should be flooded with images of healthy food options, as well as the dangers of bad food choices and lifestyle practices. The centers are populated by our young people during the course of the week, so it is a perfect opportunity for direct impact.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
17/35	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Create promotional material for local medical facilities, clinics, educational institutions and youth centers, that outlines the direct impact of healthy eating on mental health. Studies have shown that healthy diet and exercise promote physical as well as mental wellness. This message has to be "super-sized" in CB5. Unfortunately, our district is currently plagued with poor quality food choices, an over abundance of fast food restaurants, and a clear disconnect in education on how to eat and live healthier.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams</i>

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18/35	DOHMH	Promote Quit Smoking Programs	Create bus station poster campaigns that include messages and images from Truth.com and/or tobaccofreekids.org. These campaigns should be primary in places of public transportation, in particular stations/stops closest to school buildings in the district. CB5's District Office team would like to participate in the dissemination and promotion of any materials created through DOHMH to address this very serious matter. It was stated in a publication by tobaccofreekids.org, that lifetime smoking and other tobacco use almost always begins by the time children graduate from high school. Help CB5 to create the kinds of initiatives that prevent our children from long-term illnesses.	Community Wide	
19/35	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	Commission a task force to fully evaluate existing shelters in the district to ensure adequate living environment; quality of life basics; and active progressive transition initiatives, in particular for family shelters. An increasing number of complaints are submitted to the office for loitering and other issues surrounding shelter facilities in the district. This is a direct result of un-met needs of shelter residents. Additional resources, activities, and mental health assessments are needed.	Community Wide	
20/35	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Create additional public health awareness materials that can be disseminated from our District Office as well as from the offices of local elected officials and other public spaces where constituency frequents. Although there is a rise in local medical facilities that specialize in mental health awareness in the district - the stigma still exists and furthering the public's education on the subject matter will encourage more members of the community to seek assistance and guidance on how to address it.	Community Wide	
21/35	ACS	Other child care requests	Create incentives where building/property owners will allow for longer lease terms for Day Care providers with the city being given the "first right of refusal", as a mandate in lease terms - as applicable.	Community Wide	
22/35	NYCHA	Other housing support requests	(Coordinate with DOHMH): Work with developer to provide greater incentives for Fresh Food markets to be included in mixed use development as healthy, community-friendly anchor tenants	Community Wide	
23/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a study to determine areas in the district that are in need of repairs, upgrade or installation of pedestrian ramps (ADA accessible curbs) and sidewalk repairs	Community Wide	

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24/35	DEP	Other water supply system maintenance requests	For any infrastructure work that requires water service interruption - create a comprehensive emergency plan that allows for residents to have access to emergency kits or water in the case of extended service interruption. Recent repair work conducted in CB5 resulted in emergency repair due to a pipe bursting during repair work. Residents were forced to endure water service interruption for over 17 hours; but no emergency plan was in place to accommodate the residents in this situation. They were left to leave their homes within a NYCHA development building and walk over to another building to collect cold water with whatever jugs, containers, buckets they had within their homes. There was no plan in place to address elderly or handicapped.	Community Wide	Council Member Inez Barron; Assembly Member Charles Barron
25/35	EDC	Expand access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	Provide greater access for small businesses that were included in the Commercial District Needs Assessments under the NDGI grants - to obtain financing to improve facades, interior renovations, and marketing tools to compete effectively with the Gateway Center Mall. Strips include: City Line-Liberty Ave between Euclid and Forbell; New Lots between Ashford and Van Sinderen; Fulton Street.	Community Wide	
26/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Create a system which mandates all potential projects (safety, otherwise) proposed for the district - to include comprehensive field studies conducted by DOT - with residents to ensure proper feedback and input prior to implementation of the project. The field study should include surveys, on-line comment, and a generated report from the feedback that can be provided to the community board to aid in determining their support or denial of the proposed project.	Community Wide	
27/35	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Provide a final report on how traffic will be mitigated in the area surrounding the Dinsmore-Chestnut site where the new school building will be built	New School at Dinsmore Chestnut	
28/35	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Targeted funding for community patrol initiatives that address crime prevention/violence intervention. Patrol teams would receive funding to be trained in emergency response care and CPR as well as violence intervention and mediation. The issue of violence is currently recognized as a health epidemic and should continue to be studied and funded as a health initiative. This funding should be geared towards organizations that currently service at-risk populations in the district and have existing crime prevention/intervention and cure violence initiatives.	Community Wide	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5 submitted 35 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
29/35	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>Create partnerships with local service agencies that directly support senior living - e.g. HRA, SS, SNAP, etc. to allow for on-site services in each senior center to assist seniors with monthly responsibilities and documentation submission deadlines. Seniors are sometimes faced with deadlines and monthly, quarterly, or annual responsibilities that can be forgotten or mismanaged. This is a way to ensure that they have support in fulfilling requirements that dictate the continuation of fixed incomes and other subsidies that they may be receiving.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
30/35	DOT	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>Provide a list of trench restoration work that is proposed for CB5 and conduct a survey to determine those areas that are in need based on failed surface work that was done in the past.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
31/35	DHS	<i>Expand homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>Homelessness prevention programs should be expanded to include quarterly workshops with residents of both private and public developments in the district. Workshops should include financial literacy; career advancement; and introduction sessions on homeownership. Increase programming for homeowners and landlords that includes energy efficiency methods; 2nd generation property ownership; and understanding the value of your property. This is a great way to preserve the existing housing stock and provide the educational tools and resources that will prevent loss of housing for residents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
32/35	DFTA	<i>Provide additional senior center staffing</i>	<i>Increase senior center staffing to include on-site nutritionist/physical fitness director. Seniors should not be deprived of the latest information on healthy living and ways to improve and maintain mobility. Also they should have routine exercise that focuses on healthy heart rates, positive reinforcement through physical activity, and healthy living practices.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
33/35	DCLA	<i>Provide more public art</i>	<i>Provide more cultural art spaces in public areas of the district i.e. pedestrian plazas, mta underpasses, and in playgrounds to encourage cultural connection and increase arts exposure where community members frequently gather.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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34/35	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>Enhance preventive services to include "More than My Block" initiative. This initiative coined by Community Board 5 includes a program where young "at-risk" or "potentially at-risk" youth are introduced to school systems, arts, cultural facilities in other states and one out of the country trip. This allows the young person to understand that life exists beyond their block, building, or development. A high number of young people, outside of those who may have family in other states and/or countries, do not experience travel. This is a direct detriment to their overall development and perspective on their futures and self-expectations. Please contact CB5 District Office to further discuss the initiative and how it can be implemented for District 19 middle and high school students.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
35/35	NYCHA	<i>Other housing support requests</i>	<i>(Coordinate with SBS) 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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services



Violence A Public Health Issue

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E530C149-8160-41C3-AAAA-59D56A7DCC3F>

Epi Data Brief - Shop Healthy Results (1)

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=8BDF21A5-7AC2-460E-A930-8C878163344F>

Tobacco Free Kids

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=77F7D12F-C00C-44BD-8D9F-6AD835C8A13B>