A map of New York City showing the five boroughs. Brooklyn is highlighted in a dark purple color, while the other boroughs are in a light gray color. The map shows the outlines of the boroughs and the surrounding water bodies.

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY22 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.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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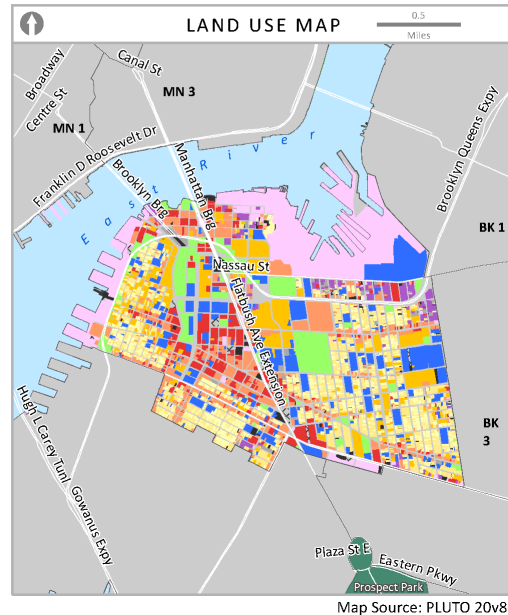
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Brooklyn Community District 2

See BK 2's profile online at
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods¹: Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Clinton Hill, Downtown Brooklyn, DUMBO, Fort Greene, Fulton Ferry, Navy Yard, Vinegar Hill

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
98,620	99,617	+1%
2014-2018 Estimate ⁴		163,075
Square Miles		2.8
Population Density		35,578/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 2 in 2020:

1. Affordable housing
2. Schools
3. Other

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 2's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.

Website: www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyn2/index.page
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	2,494	9%
Multifamily Walk-up	2,914	12%
Multifamily Elevator	261	11%
Mixed Use	1,227	12%
Commercial	302	7%
Industrial	148	3%
Transportation/Utility	71	21%
Public/Institutional	247	14%
Open Space	119	8%
Parking	137	1%
Vacant	186	2%
Other	49	1%

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

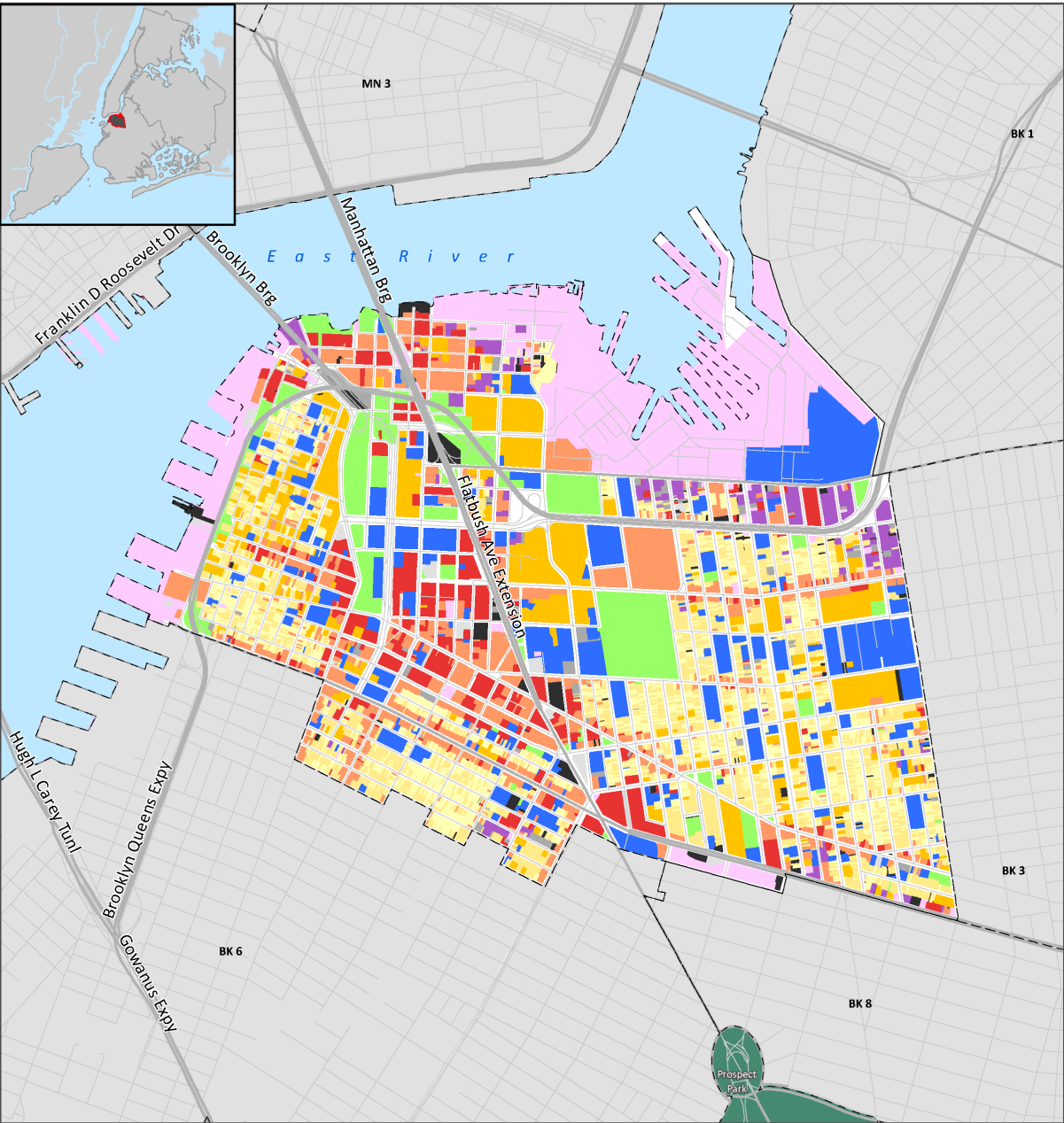
COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵		RENT BURDEN ⁴		ACCESS TO PARKS ⁶	
Public Schools	31	Brooklyn CD 2 30% of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	Brooklyn 45%	Brooklyn CD 2 72% of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	Citywide Target 85%
Public Libraries	4		NYC 44%		
Hospitals and Clinics	32				
Parks	15				
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MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ⁴		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴		CRIME RATE ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 2 34 minutes	Brooklyn 43 minutes	Brooklyn CD 2 7% of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	Brooklyn 22%	Brooklyn CD 2 12.9 major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2019	Brooklyn 10.2
	NYC 41 minutes		NYC 23%		NYC 11
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ⁴		UNEMPLOYMENT ⁴		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ⁸	
Brooklyn CD 2 67% of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	Brooklyn 37%	Brooklyn CD 2 4.4% of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2014 to 2018	Brooklyn 4.4%*	Brooklyn CD 2 12% of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold	Brooklyn 20%
	NYC 37%		NYC 4.4%*		NYC 20%*

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-Year Estimates, approximated by aggregating data from blocks and block-groups. When comparing CD estimates to Borough and City averages, due to survey sampling error values with an asterisk (*) are not statistically significant differences. Visit the Community District Profiles tool online to find Margins of Error (MOEs) for all estimates. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2020); ⁶NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 8 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁷NYPD Complaint Data (2019); ⁸2014-2018 NYCgov Poverty Measure by Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. 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.

Brooklyn Community District 2 - Land Use

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|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| One & Two Family Buildings | Commercial/Office Buildings | Open Space | Community Districts |
| MultiFamily Walkup Buildings | Industrial/Manufacturing | Parking Facilities | |
| MultiFamily Elevator Buildings | Transportation/Utility | Vacant Land | |
| Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings | Public Facilities & Institutions | All Others or No Data | |


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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 2 consists of Downtown Brooklyn, the residential and mixed-use neighborhoods around the downtown core, and the industrial park in the former Brooklyn Navy Yard. Downtown Brooklyn is the city's third-largest central business district and the civic center for the most populous county in New York State. Most of the residential neighborhoods in the district were first developed in the nineteenth-century and primarily consist of rowhouses and low-scale commercial streets. There are also taller buildings constructed in the 1950s and 1960s as part of government housing programs and more recently through private development. These residential neighborhoods are Boerum Hill, Bridge Plaza, Brooklyn Heights, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill. The neighborhoods closer to the East River contain a mix of residential and commercial uses, including traditional and TAMI (tech, advertising, media and information) industry, in buildings developed during various periods in a variety of scales and styles. Dumbo, Fulton Ferry Landing and Vinegar Hill are the waterfront neighborhoods in the community. There are several specially-mapped districts within Community District 2. The community district is home to eight, and a portion of a ninth, business improvement districts. Ten historic districts are located here. Over 100 acres is mapped parkland. Community District 2 overlaps with parts of three congressional, two state senate, three assembly and three city council districts.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

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

Schools

The Department of Education (DOE) seems unable to plan for localized growth in school population. It is understandable that the DOE does not want to construct expensive schools for which there is no need but its 'wait-and-see' approach, in combination with the long lead time necessary to site and construct a school, results in painful waits for additional capacity. The city rezoned Downtown Brooklyn in 2004 and the first school serving the neighborhood may be completed by the 20th anniversary of the land use changes.

Other

The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, on the western edge of Brooklyn Heights, has outlived its engineered life. The New York State Department of Transportation began in 2008 the environmental review and alternative analysis for the renovation or replacement of the structure but walked away from the project in 2011. The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) has restarted the project and achieved some early success; \$1.7 billion in funding and State approval for a design-build procurement process. However, a 2018 proposal to build a temporary highway at the same elevation as the Brooklyn Heights promenade, the highest of the three levels, was met with resounding opposition from the community and some local elected officials. Since then, there has been no public updates about the project. Community Board 2 is sure that NYCDOT continues to work behind the scenes but believes that the agency also has an obligation to keep the public informed. CB2 supports Council Member Stephen Levin's request for task force composed of government and community stakeholders.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Chronic diseases prevention and management (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

Districtwide statistics show the district with fairly high quality of life indicators, unfortunately, the aggregation of data obscures the reality of many residents. A comparison of data drawn from two distinct areas in Fort Greene show that 62 percent make over \$75,000 per annum but none are recorded in the poorer area. The median household income is \$104,642 versus \$28,692. Of households receiving SNAP benefits it is unsurprising that the respective rates are 6.8 and 48.2 percent. Financial insecurity and the inability to provide food for one's self and family is unsettling. The disparity persists into health insurance coverage as only 18 percent of the more affluent area rely on public health insurance as compared to 66 percent of the lower income minority neighborhood. These statistics are related to deliberate public policies that have ensured resources are not invested in minority, low-income neighborhoods either at the same rate as whiter, more affluent neighborhoods or on the basis of demonstrated need. The long-term disinvestment is responsible for the higher rates of poverty, under-employment, chronic diseases, mental health issues and violence. Although we can try to tackle each issue individually, it is much more effective to address the overarching barriers to livelihood, to care, and to treatment. As such, Community Board 2 views systemic racism as its greatest health concern. Research shows that stress increases the incidence of chronic diseases, therefore it is critical to eliminate a primary stress factor – racism – in order to improve the physical and emotional health of our community. The creation and implementation of widespread sensitivity and anti-bias training for professionals in education, law enforcement, medicine, and human resources is long overdue. As essential is a roll out of hyper-local initiatives to build trust between the medical and minority community. We must acknowledge and address the history and fact of racism, as it affects communities of color, primarily our Black and indigenous populations, who have consistently poorer health outcomes relative to other racial and ethnic groups. Our work, our programs, our initiatives, and our priorities must, in each instance, take into consideration how they will exacerbate and/or ameliorate the scourge of racism, along the lines of a racism impact assessment.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

It is well established that CD2 hosts a large number of health care facilities, likely due to its extensive transportation network that makes it accessible to the rest of the borough. CB2 knows that health care facilities are not necessarily bad neighbors and the program management is the determining factor, not the services provided. The board has in recent years not objected to the expansion and consolidation of existing services in the district or the relocation of facilities from elsewhere. However, saturation is always a concern for CB2. The board believes that there should be programming to destigmatize mental health and increase access to services through the use of mobile units.

Needs for Older NYs

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

Needs for Homeless

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

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/27	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Repair the skylight and terminate the ability of birds to use it as a nest. This has been a longstanding, unfunded request to NYCHA.</i>	105 North Portland Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Targeted public education and incentive programs to address chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac disease, and environmental health. Chronic diseases take a toll on the individual as well as their families. The higher rates of these diseases tend to be prevalent in the lower income sections of the district.</i>	
13/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Destigmatizing mental health relies on information and acceptance that health is more than the physical being. Increase awareness of causes, treatments and epidemiology of mental illness through public education campaigns, and expand treatment slots for in- and out- patient services.</i>	
14/25	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Large number of rodent sighting reports influenced the health department to select Brooklyn Heights and Dumbo to be indexed and monitored. However residents in Fort Greene and Boerum Hill are increasingly concerned about the growing rat populations in residences, parks, and Greenstreets. Restaurant owners and owners of large residential buildings should be encouraged to discard garbage in rodent proof containers.</i>	
16/25	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Many of the elderly are healthy but frail and need assistance with errands and, maintenance of their homes. These adults are not provided for in existing programs.</i>	

24/25

DFTA

**Enhance NORC
programs and
health services**

At eight cooperative apartment buildings in Community District 2 (Kingsview Homes, Willoughby Walk, St. James Tower, Ryerson Tower, Pratt Tower, Cadman Plaza North, Cadman Towers and 75 Henry Street), more than 50 percent of the residents are 60-years-old or older. Explore development of new NORC sites and serve new and current sites with expanded services. The population of older adults is increasing and the majority desire to remain in their homes even if they would need assistance. Staying in their homes would increase their mental well being and is much less expensive than being in a congregate setting.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Community District 2 overlaps with approximately half of Community School District 13 and also contains the northernmost portion of Community School District 15. Although there is unutilized capacity in some schools in CD2, it is often not where additional seats are needed. Community Board 2 urges the Department of Education and the School Construction Authority to employ a range of strategies for using capacity in an effective way.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

The Department of Education and School Construction Authority need to construct a new school, or perhaps several schools, for the residents of Downtown Brooklyn.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/27	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>DOE should evaluate the need and potentially create a program that subsidizes a family/student's access to high speed internet similar to the School Foods Program.</i>	
11/27	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Provide new or expanded science labs and technology facilities at district elementary and intermediate schools.</i>	
14/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>School children often don't have access to free, clean water. We recommend that water jets be installed in all school cafeterias so that students have access to clean, safe water without paying for single-use plastic bottles.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Increase funding for after-school, Saturday and summer programs that are grounded in principles of social justice and equity, built on solid youth development principles, and offer a balance of sports, arts, and academics within a strength-based, evidence-based perspective. [Formerly Tracking Code 202199704E]</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

Community Board 2--served by the 84 and 88th precincts as well as the 78th precinct with jurisdiction over the Barclays Center and Atlantic Center and Atlantic Terminal malls--has benefitted from the decrease in crime over the prior decade. Unfortunately, during 2020 there has been an uptick in violent crimes citywide as well as in the community district. The board is concerned about the negative impact that crime, particularly gun violence, has on individual safety, economic investment, and livability within the district. Bias in policing and the criminal justice system against people of color is a concern to the community board. It is essential that more focus is placed on police training to increase awareness of implicit bias and to provide tools for working with persons managing mental health issues. The systemic over-policing of minority groups creates a vicious cycle of high incarceration rates, community disinvestment, disenfranchised neighborhoods, leading to increased crime. Using monies realized from a sincere reallocation of police funding, the board asks that a community court be created to serve our district, along with an expansion of support services to justice system-involved persons to reduce recidivism. As such the board urges the enactment of policies to reduce criminalization and over-incarceration as well as provide support services, affordable housing, educational and health initiatives to reduce crime.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
23/27	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Recent increase in crime including burglaries in commercial areas is troubling. Cameras would assist in possibly reducing the incidence of crime and or increasing the resolve rate.</i>	Fulton Street Washington Avenue St. James Place

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increase officer training in dealing with persons with mental health, homelessness, drug and other issues. Expand opportunities for mental health experts/professionals to be first responders for mental health emergencies.</i>	
8/25	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Address the increase in gun violence by addressing not just the violence itself, but also root causes.</i>	
20/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increased funding to improve and extend implicit bias and sensitivity training as well as de-escalation techniques.</i>	
25/25	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	<i>Expand Police Athletic League programs beyond sport to provide youth with more opportunities away from criminal activity and positive experiences with law enforcement</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Air quality and pollution

Light and noise pollution are commonplace throughout the district and also exert a toll on human health similar to the effects of air pollutants. As per the Community Health Profile, air pollution is of particular concern as Community District 2 has asthma rates higher than all of Brooklyn and one of the highest Citywide.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/27	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Locations to be determined</i>	
26/27	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Construct a District 2 sanitation garage within the boundaries of Brooklyn Community District 2. Co-locating the District 2 garage with another district results in delayed service and unnecessary vehicle exhaust emissions.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Heavy truck and vehicular traffic along the major arteries are responsible for levels of PM2 that are higher than NYC average. Childhood asthma rates are higher within CD2 than anywhere else in Brooklyn, and higher than the citywide average. Conduct regular monitoring, implement policy changes to improve emissions.</i>	
18/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Increase collection to maintain clean street as baskets are often overflowing in the warm weather months.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Affordable housing creation

Clearly, the most important issue in Brooklyn Community District 2 and throughout the city is affordable housing. Community Board 2 (CB2) believes that the issue is even broader, a need for affordable communities. In its report, State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods in 2014, the NYU Furman Center ranked the district's median rent ninth highest in the city, at \$2,995. That is a phenomenal \$2,000 increase from a decade earlier. A survey conducted for Brooklyn Community Board 2 by the Center for Worker Education at City College found the issue to be the most pressing concern for respondents, regardless of income. The survey was taken in the census tracts where the three NYCHA developments are located and in adjacent tracts that had experienced considerable gentrification. Various programs and projects have produced and continue to generate new units of affordable housing. Community Board 2 would like the incentive programs to require a higher proportion of affordable units and for the income thresholds to be lower. The community board would also like to see more two- and three-bedroom apartments constructed so that families can stay in their homes as household size grows. Finally, CB2 encourages the City to put in place policies and programs that will contribute to affordable retail. The value of affordable housing is diminished when residents need to travel to another neighborhood to shop.

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

Needs for Land Use

Almost all of Brooklyn Community District 2 has been rezoned in the past two-plus decades, beginning with Vinegar Hill in 1997. For the most part, the land use actions have accomplished the intended goals but there have been two failures. Little affordable housing has been constructed in the areas where density bonuses were mapped to incentivize its development. The Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan, intended to strengthen the city's third-largest central business district, has instead produced a high-rise, bedroom community.

Needs for Housing

No comments

Needs for Economic Development

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

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>The Coronavirus forced DHS to de-densify its shelters by dispersing residents to hotels. The department should focus capital funding on creating permanent residences and reduce reliance on hotels and other temporary shelters.</i>	
5/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>CB2 believes that the fiscal crisis associated with the COVID-19 pandemic will result in large numbers of evictions, creating a need for additional housing for people who are newly without permanent homes.</i>	
7/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Support persons who are justice-involved to transition into affordable or public housing, working with non-profit social service providers and housing operators.</i>	
10/27	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	<i>Renovation of 75, 77, 99 and 110 Waverly Avenue, which have been wholly or partially vacant for years. [formerly Tracking Code 202201202C]</i>	75, 77, 99 & 110 Waverly Street
17/27	EDC	Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces	<i>This program would provide an affordable workspace option, for new and experienced business owners. Incubators allow small businesses to share resources as well as ideas and fosters innovation and creativity. This program will also support businesses who need to restructure due to impacts from COVID-19.</i>	
19/27	EDC	Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces	<i>Specialized incubators to support different sectors as well as different communities of business owners will support recovery and encourage new startups by creating a space for shared resources and ideas. These spaces would be an accelerator for small business to share resources and space, foster connections with other local business owners, access technical assistance, and provide a hub for resources and guidance.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Offer formerly incarcerated individuals the ongoing support necessary to build career capital and financial stability. Work with adolescents and adults to provide job-readiness training, transitional employment, job coaching and placement, and retention services.</i>	
4/25	SBS	Provide or expand access to capital	<i>Small businesses are the core of a healthy local urban economy. They generate substantial economic benefits, employ local residents, and are vital to community health. They are also the most vulnerable businesses in times of crisis. Short and long-term recovery from COVID-19 for small businesses in the district will remain difficult without additional funding to support recovery.</i>	
5/25	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The district has become unaffordable for many as the number of luxury buildings continue to grow. Continue funding subsidized rental assistance while also studying how to adjust formulas based on federally determined Area Median Income (AMI) to reflect local median income and increase affordability. Rental assistance reduces eviction rates and promotes permanency. For example, this kind of programming could close the gap between total rent and a percentage of a household's adjusted income, as well as reducing or waiving late fees as a way to lift the burden of rent.</i>	
7/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>This proposal supports not just individuals laid off or furloughed due to COVID-19 but our local non-profits who are already supporting this community. By providing funds for retraining and reskilling through local nonprofits the City will be connecting unemployed individuals to wraparound services that provide additional resources and support.</i>	
19/25	SBS	Provide commercial lease support for business owners	<i>In commercial spaces, a voucher program to help maintain small businesses in their existing commercial spaces or incentivize a new MWBE into a vacant commercial space would support small businesses hit by COVID-19.</i>	

21/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Multiple studies and reports indicate the largest barrier to equity in employment is technology and computer training and access. This program will train for the future economy and aim to improve job quality and prospects for the short and long-term.</i>
22/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>This proposal supports not just individuals in need of OSHA training but by providing funds for training through local nonprofits the City will be connecting these individuals to additional resources and support.</i>
23/25	SBS	Support immigrant, M/WBE, and veteran-owned businesses	<i>The program would be designed to increase access to contracting opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBES) and ensure all New Yorkers have an equitable chance to earn business from the City's procurement budget.</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other

The Brooklyn Queens Expressway (BQE) Triple Cantilever, on the western edge of Brooklyn Heights, has outlived its engineered life by almost two decades without the benefit of any major structural maintenance. The BQE is an essential component of the city's transportation network as both a local and regional arterial, with connections to the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, Queens and Staten Island. In a report issued in 2016, New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) stated that if significant repairs and replacements were not made by 2026--now just six years away--vehicle-weight limits and truck diversions may be necessary on the roadway. Re-routing of traffic will send tens of thousands of vehicles into local communities, increasing the risks of crashes, environmental pollution, congestion, and stifling of neighborhood businesses. With no viable plan for the repair, Mayor de Blasio convened an expert panel in mid- 2019. In January 2020, the panel declared an urgent need to begin work immediately as the roadway is constantly deteriorating. Community Board 2 hopes that NYCDOT can find a workable solution for re-routing the 153,000 vehicles (including 15,000 trucks) that use the highway daily and get the project schedule back on track.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/27	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Refurbish or replace the "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, in Brooklyn Heights. The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway is older than its engineered life. Failure of the structure would negatively impact traffic in at least three counties. Although part of the BQE, the Department of Transportation considers the "Triple Cantilever" a bridge. [formerly Tracking Code 202201603C]</i>	I-278 Atlantic Ave Atlantic Ave
8/27	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Increased accessibility features (visual and mobility impairment) and training for NYCT bus operators.</i>	
9/27	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Construct an additional entrance/exit to the York Street subway station.</i>	
12/27	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>In December 2015, the MTA released a report on the A/C line recommending the Classon Avenue entrances of the Franklin Avenue station be reopened, because doing so "would have significant customer benefits." However, project funding still has to be identified. The opening of this entrance would also support and benefit local businesses especially once 1024 Fulton is developed.</i>	
16/27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install school zone speed camera at the Manhattan-bound Flatbush Avenue Extension, between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue.</i>	Flatbush Avenue Extension Willoughby Street Willoughby Street
24/27	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Extend the Flatbush Avenue streetscape improvements from DeKalb to Atlantic avenues. Extension would match the original geographic scope of the project, which was truncated due to budget constraints. [formerly Tracking Code 202201402C]</i>	Flatbush Avenue DeKalb Avenue DeKalb Avenue

25/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Development of a plaza on the triangle bounded by Flatbush, Atlantic and Fourth Avenues, known as Times Plaza. The plaza was expanded as part of traffic calming associated with the Barclays Center but is inhospitable and unattractive. Work with Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, who has developed a master plan, to identify locations for new plazas, traffic calming & pedestrian open space, and green space. [formerly Tracking Code 202201505C]</i>	Atlantic Avenue Flatbush Avenue Fourth Avenue
27/27	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Develop fully the Atlantic Avenue Gateway beneath the BQE at the foot of Atlantic Avenue, incorporating public art, park and green space, in coordination with the reconstruction of the BQE [formerly Tracking Code 202201502C] [formerly Tracking Code 202201502C]</i>	Atlantic Avenue Furman Street Furman Street

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Other

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

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

Needs for Parks

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

Needs for Cultural Services

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

Needs for Library Services

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

Needs for Community Boards

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

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Obtain additional funds for continuing phases of renovation of Commodore Barry Park as per completed master plan. This is the only city-owned athletic field in Community District 2 and is used by large numbers of local residents and those from beyond the district. [formerly Tracking Code 202200006C]</i>	
13/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Create a grading and drainage plan to address erosion problems in Fort Greene Park. [formerly Tracking Code 202201601C]</i>	
15/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the acquisition and construction of additional park space throughout Community District 2 and in particular in the underserved areas of Boerum Hill and eastern Clinton Hill. [formerly Tracking Code 202200203C]</i>	
20/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the bathrooms at Oracle Playground.</i>	
22/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate Cadman Plaza Park north of the War Memorial, including infrastructure and specifically water supply, to coordinate and complement the design with that of the completed southern section and Whitman Park where renovations have been completed. [formerly Tracking Code 202201001C]</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Improve the conditions of the Brooklyn War Memorial and restore the interior to usable space. Bring both the exterior and interior spaces into ADA Compliance. [formerly Tracking Code 202200604C]</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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12/25	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>Increase budgets for all district library personnel and supplies to retain qualified staff and maintain high-quality service throughout the week. Maintain extended library hours and expand library programs. [formerly Tracking Code 202200003E]</i>
15/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Fund full-time seasonal Playground Associates at the following locations: Fort Greene Park, McLaughlin Park, Pierrepont Playground, 16 Sycamores Park, Commodore Barry Park, Crispus Attucks Playground, Underwood Playground, Washington Hall Park, Parham Playground and JHS 113 Playground. [formerly Tracking Code 202200602E]</i>
17/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Open clean bathrooms during the posted hours. Extend hours during the summer.</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	MOCJ	Other capital budget request for MOCJ	<i>Community court is a restorative justice mechanism, linked to lower recidivism, faster processing (improvement of due process), and unlike traditional court system, provides access to social workers who can assess and address the underlying causes of criminal actions with recommended social services (e.g. mental health, drug abuse, anger management). It also offers the opportunity for long-term success by removing the record of the plea after successful completion of the assigned program.</i>	

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Support programs that provide educational, community building, and economic opportunities for teens and young adults. Increase economic opportunities. Redirect funding to educational opportunities, internships, job/technical skills training, health and mental health, and social services initiatives.</i>	
10/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Given that it costs over \$300,000 to keep one person in jail, increase the approved \$3.5M in funding for pre-arraignment diversion in Brooklyn, in collaboration with the District Attorney and Office of Court Administration. Support community based-restorative justice programs (in partnership with non-profits). Given the reduction in the incarcerated population from 11,000 persons to under 4,000, reallocate funding from Dept. of Corrections for this Justice Fund.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	MOCJ	Other capital budget request for MOCJ	<i>Community court is a restorative justice mechanism, linked to lower recidivism, faster processing (improvement of due process), and unlike traditional court system, provides access to social workers who can assess and address the underlying causes of criminal actions with recommended social services (e.g. mental health, drug abuse, anger management). It also offers the opportunity for long-term success by removing the record of the plea after successful completion of the assigned program.</i>	
2/27	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Refurbish or replace the "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, in Brooklyn Heights. The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway is older than its engineered life. Failure of the structure would negatively impact traffic in at least three counties. Although part of the BQE, the Department of Transportation considers the "Triple Cantilever" a bridge. [formerly Tracking Code 202201603C]</i>	I-278 Atlantic Ave Atlantic Ave
3/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>The Coronavirus forced DHS to de-densify its shelters by dispersing residents to hotels. The department should focus capital funding on creating permanent residences and reduce reliance on hotels and other temporary shelters.</i>	
4/27	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>DOE should evaluate the need and potentially create a program that subsidizes a family/student's access to high speed internet similar to the School Foods Program.</i>	
5/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>CB2 believes that the fiscal crisis associated with the COVID-19 pandemic will result in large numbers of evictions, creating a need for additional housing for people who are newly without permanent homes.</i>	

6/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Obtain additional funds for continuing phases of renovation of Commodore Barry Park as per completed master plan. This is the only city-owned athletic field in Community District 2 and is used by large numbers of local residents and those from beyond the district. [formerly Tracking Code 202200006C]</i>	
7/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Support persons who are justice-involved to transition into affordable or public housing, working with non-profit social service providers and housing operators.</i>	
8/27	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Increased accessibility features (visual and mobility impairment) and training for NYCT bus operators.</i>	
9/27	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Construct an additional entrance/exit to the York Street subway station.</i>	
10/27	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	<i>Renovation of 75, 77, 99 and 110 Waverly Avenue, which have been wholly or partially vacant for years. [formerly Tracking Code 202201202C]</i>	75, 77, 99 & 110 Waverly Street
11/27	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Provide new or expanded science labs and technology facilities at district elementary and intermediate schools.</i>	
12/27	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>In December 2015, the MTA released a report on the A/C line recommending the Classon Avenue entrances of the Franklin Avenue station be reopened, because doing so “would have significant customer benefits.” However, project funding still has to be identified. The opening of this entrance would also support and benefit local businesses especially once 1024 Fulton is developed.</i>	
13/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Create a grading and drainage plan to address erosion problems in Fort Greene Park. [formerly Tracking Code 202201601C]</i>	

14/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>School children often don't have access to free, clean water. We recommend that water jets be installed in all school cafeterias so that students have access to clean, safe water without paying for single-use plastic bottles.</i>	
15/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the acquisition and construction of additional park space throughout Community District 2 and in particular in the underserved areas of Boerum Hill and eastern Clinton Hill. [formerly Tracking Code 202200203C]</i>	
16/27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install school zone speed camera at the Manhattan-bound Flatbush Avenue Extension, between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue.</i>	Flatbush Avenue Extension Willoughby Street Willoughby Street
17/27	EDC	Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces	<i>This program would provide an affordable workspace option, for new and experienced business owners. Incubators allow small businesses to share resources as well as ideas and fosters innovation and creativity. This program will also support businesses who need to restructure due to impacts from COVID-19.</i>	
18/27	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Locations to be determined</i>	
19/27	EDC	Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces	<i>Specialized incubators to support different sectors as well as different communities of business owners will support recovery and encourage new startups by creating a space for shared resources and ideas. These spaces would be an accelerator for small business to share resources and space, foster connections with other local business owners, access technical assistance, and provide a hub for resources and guidance.</i>	
20/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the bathrooms at Oracle Playground.</i>	

21/27	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Repair the skylight and terminate the ability of birds to use it as a nest. This has been a longstanding, unfunded request to NYCHA.</i>	105 North Portland Avenue
22/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate Cadman Plaza Park north of the War Memorial, including infrastructure and specifically water supply, to coordinate and complement the design with that of the completed southern section and Whitman Park where renovations have been completed. [formerly Tracking Code 202201001C]</i>	
23/27	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Recent increase in crime including burglaries in commercial areas is troubling. Cameras would assist in possibly reducing the incidence of crime and or increasing the resolve rate.</i>	Fulton Street Washington Avenue St. James Place
24/27	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Extend the Flatbush Avenue streetscape improvements from DeKalb to Atlantic avenues. Extension would match the original geographic scope of the project, which was truncated due to budget constraints. [formerly Tracking Code 202201402C]</i>	Flatbush Avenue DeKalb Avenue DeKalb Avenue
25/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Development of a plaza on the triangle bounded by Flatbush, Atlantic and Fourth Avenues, known as Times Plaza. The plaza was expanded as part of traffic calming associated with the Barclays Center but is inhospitable and unattractive. Work with Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, who has developed a master plan, to identify locations for new plazas, traffic calming & pedestrian open space, and green space. [formerly Tracking Code 202201505C]</i>	Atlantic Avenue Flatbush Avenue Fourth Avenue
26/27	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Construct a District 2 sanitation garage within the boundaries of Brooklyn Community District 2. Co-locating the District 2 garage with another district results in delayed service and unnecessary vehicle exhaust emissions.</i>	
27/27	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Develop fully the Atlantic Avenue Gateway beneath the BQE at the foot of Atlantic Avenue, incorporating public art, park and green space, in coordination with the reconstruction of the BQE [formerly Tracking Code 202201502C] [formerly Tracking Code 202201502C]</i>	Atlantic Avenue Furman Street Furman Street

CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Improve the conditions of the Brooklyn War Memorial and restore the interior to usable space. Bring both the exterior and interior spaces into ADA Compliance. [formerly Tracking Code 202200604C]</i>
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Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Offer formerly incarcerated individuals the ongoing support necessary to build career capital and financial stability. Work with adolescents and adults to provide job-readiness training, transitional employment, job coaching and placement, and retention services.</i>	
2/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Support programs that provide educational, community building, and economic opportunities for teens and young adults. Increase economic opportunities. Redirect funding to educational opportunities, internships, job/technical skills training, health and mental health, and social services initiatives.</i>	
3/25	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Heavy truck and vehicular traffic along the major arteries are responsible for levels of PM2 that are higher than NYC average. Childhood asthma rates are higher within CD2 than anywhere else in Brooklyn, and higher than the citywide average. Conduct regular monitoring, implement policy changes to improve emissions.</i>	
4/25	SBS	Provide or expand access to capital	<i>Small businesses are the core of a healthy local urban economy. They generate substantial economic benefits, employ local residents, and are vital to community health. They are also the most vulnerable businesses in times of crisis. Short and long-term recovery from COVID-19 for small businesses in the district will remain difficult without additional funding to support recovery.</i>	
5/25	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The district has become unaffordable for many as the number of luxury buildings continue to grow. Continue funding subsidized rental assistance while also studying how to adjust formulas based on federally determined Area Median Income (AMI) to reflect local median income and increase affordability. Rental assistance reduces eviction rates and promotes permanency. For example, this kind of programming could close the gap between total rent and a percentage of a household's adjusted income, as well as reducing or waiving late fees as a way to lift the burden of rent.</i>	

6/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increase officer training in dealing with persons with mental health, homelessness, drug and other issues. Expand opportunities for mental health experts/professionals to be first responders for mental health emergencies.</i>
7/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>This proposal supports not just individuals laid off or furloughed due to COVID-19 but our local non-profits who are already supporting this community. By providing funds for retraining and reskilling through local nonprofits the City will be connecting unemployed individuals to wraparound services that provide additional resources and support.</i>
8/25	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Address the increase in gun violence by addressing not just the violence itself, but also root causes.</i>
9/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Increase funding for after-school, Saturday and summer programs that are grounded in principles of social justice and equity, built on solid youth development principles, and offer a balance of sports, arts, and academics within a strength-based, evidence-based perspective. [Formerly Tracking Code 202199704E]</i>
10/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Given that it costs over \$300,000 to keep one person in jail, increase the approved \$3.5M in funding for pre-arraignment diversion in Brooklyn, in collaboration with the District Attorney and Office of Court Administration. Support community based-restorative justice programs (in partnership with non-profits). Given the reduction in the incarcerated population from 11,000 persons to under 4,000, reallocate funding from Dept. of Corrections for this Justice Fund.</i>
11/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Targeted public education and incentive programs to address chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac disease, and environmental health. Chronic diseases take a toll on the individual as well as their families. The higher rates of these diseases tend to be prevalent in the lower income sections of the district.</i>

12/25	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>Increase budgets for all district library personnel and supplies to retain qualified staff and maintain high-quality service throughout the week. Maintain extended library hours and expand library programs. [formerly Tracking Code 202200003E]</i>
13/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Destigmatizing mental health relies on information and acceptance that health is more than the physical being. Increase awareness of causes, treatments and epidemiology of mental illness through public education campaigns, and expand treatment slots for in- and out- patient services.</i>
14/25	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Large number of rodent sighting reports influenced the health department to select Brooklyn Heights and Dumbo to be indexed and monitored. However residents in Fort Greene and Boerum Hill are increasingly concerned about the growing rat populations in residences, parks, and Greenstreets. Restaurant owners and owners of large residential buildings should be encouraged to discard garbage in rodent proof containers.</i>
15/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Fund full-time seasonal Playground Associates at the following locations: Fort Greene Park, McLaughlin Park, Pierrepont Playground, 16 Sycamores Park, Commodore Barry Park, Crispus Attucks Playground, Underwood Playground, Washington Hall Park, Parham Playground and JHS 113 Playground. [formerly Tracking Code 202200602E]</i>
16/25	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Many of the elderly are healthy but frail and need assistance with errands and, maintenance of their homes. These adults are not provided for in existing programs.</i>
17/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Open clean bathrooms during the posted hours. Extend hours during the summer.</i>
18/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Increase collection to maintain clean street as baskets are often overflowing in the warm weather months.</i>
19/25	SBS	Provide commercial lease support for business owners	<i>In commercial spaces, a voucher program to help maintain small businesses in their existing commercial spaces or incentivize a new MWBE into a vacant commercial space would support small businesses hit by COVID-19.</i>

20/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increased funding to improve and extend implicit bias and sensitivity training as well as de-escalation techniques.</i>
21/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Multiple studies and reports indicate the largest barrier to equity in employment is technology and computer training and access. This program will train for the future economy and aim to improve job quality and prospects for the short and long-term.</i>
22/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>This proposal supports not just individuals in need of OSHA training but by providing funds for training through local nonprofits the City will be connecting these individuals to additional resources and support.</i>
23/25	SBS	Support immigrant, M/WBE, and veteran-owned businesses	<i>The program would be designed to increase access to contracting opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBES) and ensure all New Yorkers have an equitable chance to earn business from the City's procurement budget.</i>
24/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>At eight cooperative apartment buildings in Community District 2 (Kingsview Homes, Willoughby Walk, St. James Tower, Ryerson Tower, Pratt Tower, Cadman Plaza North, Cadman Towers and 75 Henry Street), more than 50 percent of the residents are 60-years-old or older. Explore development of new NORC sites and serve new and current sites with expanded services. The population of older adults is increasing and the majority desire to remain in their homes even if they would need assistance. Staying in their homes would increase their mental well being and is much less expensive than being in a congregate setting.</i>
25/25	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	<i>Expand Police Athletic League programs beyond sport to provide youth with more opportunities away from criminal activity and positive experiences with law enforcement</i>