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BROOKLYN
COMMUNITY BOARD 13

**Statement of
Community District Needs
and
Community Board Budget Request**

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) 2027. 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, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

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

2. **Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

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

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

Brooklyn

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	2,504,700	100.00	2,736,074	100.00	231,374	9.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	594,378	23.7	595,703	21.8	1,325	0.2	-1.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	2,504,700	100.0	2,736,074	100.0	231,374	9.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	496,285	19.8	516,426	18.9	20,141	4.1	-0.9
White non-Hispanic	893,306	35.7	968,427	35.4	75,121	8.4	-0.3
Black non-Hispanic	799,066	31.9	729,696	26.7	-69,370	-8.7	-5.2
Asian non-Hispanic	260,129	10.4	370,776	13.6	110,647	42.5	3.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	15,904	0.6	37,579	1.4	21,675	136.3	0.8
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	40,010	1.6	113,170	4.1	73,160	182.9	2.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	1,000,293	100.0	1,077,654	100.0	77,361	7.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	916,856	91.7	1,009,804	93.7	92,948	10.1	2.0
Vacant housing units	83,437	8.3	67,850	6.3	-15,587	-18.7	-2.0

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

Brooklyn Community District 13

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	104,278	100.00	108,905	100.00	4,627	4.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	19,385	18.6	20,282	18.6	897	4.6	0.0
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	104,278	100.0	108,905	100.0	4,627	4.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	17,423	16.7	17,508	16.1	85	0.5	-0.6
White non-Hispanic	59,405	57.0	56,345	51.7	-3,060	-5.2	-5.3
Black non-Hispanic	13,401	12.9	13,045	12.0	-356	-2.7	-0.9
Asian non-Hispanic	12,294	11.8	17,929	16.5	5,635	45.8	4.7
Some other race, non-Hispanic	453	0.4	894	0.8	441	97.4	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,302	1.2	3,184	2.9	1,882	144.5	1.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	46,298	100.0	46,672	100.0	374	0.8	0.0
Occupied housing units	43,555	94.1	44,531	95.4	976	2.2	1.3
Vacant housing units	2,743	5.9	2,141	4.6	-602	-21.9	-1.3

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Overview of Community Board 13

Community Board 13 is composed of Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Sea Gate, and Gravesend—communities surrounded by water and experiencing significant growth through new residential, commercial, and amusement developments. We have one of the largest NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) populations in New York City, whose needs must be prioritized. We also serve a large and diverse immigrant population. The demographics of the NYCHA developments and nearby high-rises in Coney Island continue to change with an influx of Russian-speaking immigrants. Additionally, Brighton Beach has seen a growing Pakistani and Mexican immigrant population.

Dwindling Effects of Superstorm Sandy

From March through October, residents continue to struggle with increased traffic congestion and a severe shortage of parking. Since Superstorm Sandy, rebuilding critical infrastructure has posed major challenges. Streets remain in various states of disrepair, and when construction is underway, traffic delays worsen. In 2012, the community was not prepared for Sandy, and thirteen years later, we still lack adequate protection should another major storm occur. Protecting our shoreline must be a top priority, with both short-term and long-term solutions urgently needed.

Infrastructure Improvements

Since the last Community District Needs report, EDC, DDC, and the Parks Department have made progress on infrastructure improvements. Coney Island Phase 3A continues construction on West 16th Street between Hart Place and Surf Avenue, with completion expected in early 2026. Triumph Construction is restoring streets and installing porous pavement—used for the first time in the area—to mitigate stormwater overflow and reduce flooding. We request that all future street reconstructions include porous pavement wherever feasible.

We are still awaiting EDC's reconstruction of the bulkhead along Coney Island Creek from Cropsey Avenue to West 22nd Street. The Parks Department has continued shoreline protection efforts by planting sea grass along Coney Island Beach and Coney Island Creek Park; we hope this work will continue for several more years.

Long-term resiliency requires collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers, the federal government, and ORR to fund and construct flood protection infrastructure such as seawalls and floodgates. We have learned that \$52 billion in federal funding has been allocated for shoreline protection studies in the NYC area. Community Board 13 must strongly advocate for these funds to reach our district.

Senior Population Assistance

According to NYC Planning, Community Board 13 has the largest senior population in the city, with 23.9% of residents aged 65 and older. The needs of this rapidly growing population must be addressed, including the development of more senior housing, expansion of senior centers, and increased access to healthcare services tailored to older adults. Our NORC population has valuable work experience and time to engage in community life—we should expand intergenerational programs that foster mentorship and community support.

Needs Across Our Seven Policy Areas

Our most pressing needs include:

Health: Establish a Level 1 Trauma Center at South Brooklyn Health.

Youth: Develop a Recreational/Educational Center serving youth and seniors.

Public Safety: Increase the number of uniformed officers in the area.

Environmental: Protect the shoreline from future disasters.

Housing & Economic Development: Address overdevelopment, high-rise construction, and the ongoing need for more jobs.

Transportation: Conduct a comprehensive traffic study for summer months and improve mass transit.

Parks: Complete permanent repairs to the Riegelmann Boardwalk.

More details are provided in the sections that follow.

ESOL Services and Immigration Rights

With a rapidly growing immigrant population, Community Board 13 must expand ESOL services, know-your-rights programs, and multilingual community resources. We have worked with city agencies and the Brooklyn Public Library to highlight the challenges faced by immigrant residents. According to NYC Planning District Profiles, Community Board 13 ranks among the top three districts citywide for Limited English Proficiency. We need more ESOL classes, conversation groups, and culturally responsive educational programs to help residents gain English proficiency.

Issues with New Area Developments

Several large developments are currently under construction. Eight development sites—each adding 200 to 500 units—will strain local infrastructure, further worsening congestion and parking shortages. Additional housing units mean more families, more students, and more seniors, placing pressure on existing schools, senior centers, and community services. Infrastructure upgrades, particularly sewer capacity improvements, must be prioritized before these buildings open. We know with these new developments, they will eventually overtax the water treatment system at Knapp Street. We need the City to monitor and make accommodations to the aging system with the new developments. Since 2021, eight major developments—including West 33rd Street Apartments, Rybak/Seabreeze, Ocean Dreams, Surf Vets, Raven Hall, the L&M Project, the BFC Project, and 1515 Surf Avenue—have opened, with four more large developments expected to open in the coming year.

Flood Insurance Rate Increases

We are deeply concerned about rising flood insurance rates, which affect homeowners, renters, and local businesses. GOSR's backflow prevention program had minimal participation due to the pandemic, with only two income-qualified homeowners in Community Board 13 receiving installations. The remaining households remain vulnerable. FEMA's preliminary flood insurance maps suggest increases that will also affect high-rise developments, where building management may pass on costs to residents. Many seniors on fixed incomes may struggle to afford these increases, potentially leading to displacement—what we refer to as "insurance gentrification."

Traffic Impacts and the Future of the Coney Island Ferry Line

Traffic congestion continues to worsen due to new developments. DOT is currently conducting an 18-month comprehensive transportation study to identify problem areas and propose solutions. The NYC Ferry will no longer service Coney Island due to the high cost of dredging Coney Island Creek. Councilmember Brannan has proposed a new study exploring more cost-effective ferry access from the oceanside.

Subway Stations Becoming ADA Compliant

ADA accessibility remains a critical issue. Stations frequently used by seniors—such as Neptune Avenue (F), Ocean Parkway and Brighton Beach Avenue (Q), West 8th Street, and Bay 50th Street—must be prioritized for elevator installation.

Future Needs After COVID-19

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, new challenges have emerged, including the need for school retrofits, addressing unemployment, supporting businesses that have closed, adapting to remote work, and ensuring ongoing vaccine and booster distribution, as well as long-term public health preparedness. Operating budgets for businesses must increase to accommodate emergency needs, such as more frequent cleaning and the purchase of additional cleaning supplies.

Illegal Vendor Situations in Coney Island and Brighton Beach

Illegal vending has become unmanageable—seasonally in Coney Island and year-round in Brighton Beach. A coordinated multi-agency task force is urgently needed. This year, DSNY Sanitation Police, Q Team, and the Parks Department have cooperated to address the issue on the boardwalk, but long-term solutions are still required.

New Technology: Drones, Automatic Bus Lane Enforcement (ABLE), and More

We need drones to support public safety operations. FDNY, NYPD, and Parks. Drones can be used to assist with fire response, crowd management, and locating swimmers in distress. Drones can deliver life preservers to drowning victims and significantly improve rescue response time.

The ABLE camera system, now used on MTA buses to enforce bus lane and double-parking violations, should also be installed on DSNY sweepers and NYPD traffic enforcement vehicles. This would reduce confrontations with drivers and generate additional revenue for the City. However, these agencies will require increased funding to purchase and maintain these technologies.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 13

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Infrastructure resiliency

Sandy Recovery and Future Resiliency:

High-rise buildings—particularly those managed by NYCHA—still show clear evidence of Superstorm Sandy's devastation. Issues such as mold, shuttered community centers, abandoned homes, empty storefronts, and damaged civic facilities remain ongoing concerns. NYCHA is currently installing second-floor generators to prevent future flooding, but many homes were not eligible for the backflow prevention program that the State had promised to residents.

Another major concern is our shoreline. Little has been done to protect us from the next major storm. We need short-term solutions such as planting beach grass and constructing dunes along the shoreline. Long-term projects will require working with the Army Corps of Engineers to build a seawall in the Rockaway Inlet.

Additionally, there are currently plans to construct six large residential developments in our community, each containing between 200 and 500 units. Our infrastructure must be upgraded to support this increased population. Sewer lines must be improved to manage the additional load, and, as noted in the traffic section below, these developments do not provide adequate parking. Without proper planning, new residents will inevitably rely on already limited street parking, further straining the neighborhood.

Traffic

Traffic is one of the most overwhelming problems on the peninsula. During the summer season, motorists traveling to and from Coney Island and Brighton Beach search for free parking spots. When they realize none are available, they circle the area waiting for a space to open. This happens throughout the summer, leaving residents feeling trapped in their homes, afraid to leave and lose their parking spot. With a limited number of parking spaces and parking lots, once they fill up, the streets become gridlocked.

This congestion creates a traffic nightmare. Emergency vehicles—Fire, Police, and EMS—struggle to reach their destinations, where every second counts.

One solution is to shift more people toward mass transit. We now have express service on the F train to Coney Island, which is a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, ferry service is no longer coming to Coney Island due to the enormous dredging costs associated with Coney Island Creek.

Another potential solution is to create off-site parking facilities, with visitors being shuttled into the area via jitney buses. This could partially reduce congestion, limit unnecessary circling, and provide an alternative way for people to access and leave the community.

Parks and open space

Fixing the Riegelmann Boardwalk – The Riegelmann Boardwalk has been neglected for many years, and Community Board 13 has identified its restoration as a top priority. We recognize that a significant amount of funding is required to repair and maintain the boardwalk, but these investments are essential. The boardwalk must be fully restored, and a long-term maintenance plan must be established to ensure it remains safe and in good condition, preventing these issues from recurring.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Other - Write In (Required)

Community Board 13 strongly advocates for the establishment of a Level 1 Trauma Center at South Brooklyn Health (formerly Coney Island Hospital). Our growing population urgently needs access to advanced trauma care within the community. Every minute counts when a trauma patient is transported outside the area for treatment, and the absence of a nearby Level 1 Trauma Center can mean the difference between life and death.

By incorporating a Level 1 Trauma Center into South Brooklyn Health, we can significantly reduce response times and improve outcomes for critically injured patients. While we recognize that this is not a City Budget item, we must bring this matter to the attention of city, state, and federal officials. Establishing this facility is not only a health priority—it is a vital step in ensuring the safety and well-being of our neighborhood.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Community Board 13 strongly advocates for the establishment of a Level 1 Trauma Center at South Brooklyn Health (formerly known as Coney Island Hospital). The hospital must be equipped to meet the needs of our rapidly growing population. Time is critical when a trauma patient is transported out of the area, and the absence of a nearby Level 1 Trauma Center can mean the difference between life and death. Establishing this facility within South Brooklyn Health would significantly reduce response times and improve outcomes for critically injured patients.

We understand that this is not a City Budget item, but we urge the city, state, and federal government to recognize this as a priority for our neighborhood.

Some health programs have received funding this year, and we ask that these funding streams continue and expand to address the increasing medical needs of our community. South Brooklyn Health must be able to respond to pressing public health concerns, including obesity awareness, diabetes prevention, cancer awareness, high blood pressure reduction, asthma management, pediatric care improvement, and heart disease prevention. As the population grows, so must the hospital's capacity and resources to meet community demand.

We also emphasize the need to expand and promote smoking cessation programs, particularly within the immigrant community. These programs must be translated into multiple languages—including Pakistani, Ukrainian, Russian, Spanish, and Asian languages—to effectively reach their intended audiences. Many immigrant residents are either unaware of available health services or hesitant to seek care due to language barriers or fears related to immigration status.

Neighborhood health facilities must adapt to the cultural and linguistic diversity of the community and actively engage in outreach to ensure that all residents, regardless of background, have access to essential healthcare services.

Needs for Older NYs

Community Board 13 is home to a growing Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) and has the largest senior population in New York City, with 23.3% of residents over the age of 65. As our community continues to age, it is critical that we address the expanding needs of our senior population.

Many older residents prefer to live independently, relying on nearby services and support networks. As household sizes decrease and incomes remain fixed, residents often downsize their homes but continue to live within the community. This makes accessible healthcare, wellness checks, and neighborhood-based services increasingly important. Senior centers have grown to meet some of these needs by providing meaningful daytime activities and social engagement opportunities.

With new housing developments being built in the neighborhood, we anticipate that additional seniors will occupy some of these units. This will place greater demand on already limited senior services. The City must plan for this growth by creating new senior centers or combining senior and recreation centers to form intergenerational recreation hubs, helping to bridge the gap between generations and strengthen community ties.

Community Board 13's diversity also calls for culturally responsive senior services. For example, the Asian population makes extensive use of the JCCGCI center on West 37th Street, with clients coming from across the borough. Their cultural and traditional needs differ and should be addressed through multicultural programming that fosters inclusion and integration within the broader community. Similarly, in the Brighton Beach area, the APNA Brooklyn Center serves the Muslim and Pakistani communities, providing essential support and expanding services to meet local needs. The Shorefront Y and Shorefront Jewish Community Council also play a vital role in supporting the Russian and Ukrainian populations, offering programs that are increasingly focused on NORC residents.

Despite these efforts, the demand for senior services continues to grow. More resources, programming, and community-based facilities are needed to ensure that our aging residents can live safely, independently, and with dignity within Community Board 13.

Needs for Homeless

Community Board 13 has experienced an increase in seasonal homelessness in recent years. Many unhoused individuals arrive during the warmer months and remain in the area until the onset of severe winter weather. This is a year-round issue that requires a comprehensive and sustained approach.

While we recognize the importance of addressing homelessness, a new shelter is not the appropriate solution for our community at this time. The area already includes more than seven NYCHA developments within a half-mile radius, and Coney Island has long carried a disproportionate share of the City's low-income housing. Additionally, new affordable housing is already being developed in the neighborhood. To ensure a balanced community, we must avoid further overconcentration of low-income and supportive housing facilities.

The City must first address the existing challenges in the neighborhood before introducing additional shelters or housing developments. We appreciate that some programs have received funding in the current year and strongly urge that these funding streams continue and expand to better serve our community.

Specifically, we request:

Increased rental assistance programs to help prevent homelessness.

Expanded anti-eviction legal services to keep residents in their homes.

Additional personnel for the Department of Homeless Services and Breaking Ground, to support outreach and case management efforts.

Enhanced street outreach initiatives during the warmer months to better manage the rise in seasonal homelessness.

By focusing on prevention, outreach, and service coordination, we can more effectively assist vulnerable residents and address homelessness without further straining community resources.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Community Board 13 is committed to supporting our low-income and vulnerable residents through increased access to job training, employment placement, food assistance, and social services. Our community needs improved delivery of emergency food and shelter in times of crisis, as well as ongoing support for domestic violence survivors and individuals living with HIV or AIDS.

With more than seven NYCHA developments in our area, there are insufficient programs to address the complex challenges residents face. While we strongly support investment in social services, we do not support the placement of a homeless shelter in our district, as it would overburden an area that already carries a high concentration of low-income housing.

Some programs have received funding in the current year, and we urge that these funding commitments continue and expand, with a focus on the following priorities:

Job Training and Employment: Expand job training and placement programs for community residents. The existing Workforce1 program, initially established for Hurricane Sandy recovery, should be made permanent. We need a dedicated training and vocational center to help residents learn marketable skills and secure long-term employment. Sustained job placement and retention support is essential to help participants remain employed.

Food Assistance: Increase access to nutritious food options through expanded food assistance programs and improved distribution of healthy choices for low-income families.

Domestic Violence Services: Provide expanded social services and outreach for survivors of domestic violence, including education on victims' rights and access to confidential assistance.

HIV/AIDS Support: Establish community-based case management and support services for residents living with HIV or AIDS. Currently, there are no local organizations addressing this critical health issue, and funding is urgently needed to fill this gap.

Pandemic Recovery and Resilience: The pandemic exposed deep inequities in our community. Many low-income children lacked digital tools needed for remote learning, while families faced job losses, food insecurity, and business closures. Continued emergency assistance, workforce support, and digital access programs are necessary to ensure our community's recovery.

By investing in training, prevention, and supportive services, we can empower residents, strengthen families, and promote long-term stability for all who live in Community Board 13.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	Need a new Multi-Use Recreational Senior Center
HHC	1 / 1	Need a Level 1 Trauma Center

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 3	Enhance NORC programs and health services
DFTA	2 / 3	Increase staffing for homebound adult programs
DFTA	3 / 3	Increase transportation services capacity
DOHMH	1 / 7	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
DOHMH	2 / 7	Air Quality Study for our community board
DOHMH	3 / 7	Promote educational programs: obesity, healthy eating, etc.
DOHMH	4 / 7	Addressing teen pregnancy issues
DOHMH	5 / 7	Support immunization programs for the immigrant community
DOHMH	6 / 7	Support drug prescription awareness campaign
DOHMH	7 / 7	Need more mental health services

Brooklyn Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

One of the greatest concerns in our neighborhood is the reopening of community centers that were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. After thirteen years, several community and daycare centers remain closed and must be reopened as soon as possible.

The youth in our community have nowhere to go and limited resources to keep them engaged throughout the year. While Workforce1 has been helpful for young adults seeking employment, younger children still lack safe, supportive spaces for recreation, learning, and development.

We urgently need to rebuild safe and resilient community centers that can withstand future storms and continue to serve the neighborhood in times of need. In the long term, we recommend the creation of a comprehensive recreational facility—one that is intergenerational, multicultural, educational, and multi-use—to meet the diverse needs of our residents and strengthen the fabric of our community.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

One of the biggest concerns in our neighborhood is the reopening of community centers that were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. After thirteen years, several community and daycare centers remain closed and must be reopened as soon as possible.

Our youth have nowhere to go and face limited access to resources and programs throughout the year. Safe, resilient community centers must be rebuilt to meet the ongoing needs of local residents. In the long term, we strongly advocate for the creation of a comprehensive recreational facility—one that is intergenerational, multicultural, educational, and multi-use. This facility could also include a boathouse to provide opportunities for water-based activities, connecting youth to the waterfront and promoting healthy recreation.

We recognize that some programs have already received funding in the current year, and we request that these funding streams continue until the projects are fully completed. Our additional requests include:

School Libraries: Every school should have a fully stocked, functional library. Many current libraries are underutilized and lack adequate materials or programming. Expanding and revitalizing school libraries will foster literacy and lifelong learning.

Nutrition Education: As schools provide healthier meal options, students should also receive nutrition education to understand how these choices contribute to a healthier lifestyle. Implementing youth nutrition programs will teach children the difference between healthy and unhealthy foods.

Greenhouse/Hydroponics and Gardening Programs: Schools should develop greenhouse/hydroponic gardens to help students learn where their food comes from and how to grow and prepare healthy meals. These hands-on experiences promote sustainability and encourage better eating habits.

School Safety and Preparedness: School buildings must be retrofitted and upgraded to ensure that both teachers and students have safe, resilient spaces in case of future public health emergencies or pandemics.

Workforce1 Access: We urge the return of a permanent Workforce1 storefront office in the community. The current mobile unit does not provide the same accessibility or continuity of services that residents need.

By investing in youth programs, educational resources, and community infrastructure, we can create a stronger, healthier, and more resilient future for the residents of Community Board 13.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

The early stages of child development are critical, and our community urgently needs access to high-quality childcare and early education services in our daycare and Head Start centers. Many of these facilities were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy and required rebuilding. Unfortunately, some centers are still not operational, leaving a void in childcare services. In some cases, centers have been forced to double up or have ceased to exist altogether. We must prioritize rebuilding and expanding childcare centers to ensure that families have access to safe, reliable, and high-quality early childhood programs.

We recognize that several programs have received funding this year, and we strongly urge that these funding commitments continue and expand to include the following priorities:

Kinship Foster Care Services: Expand support for kinship foster care programs to help families successfully integrate children into stable, nurturing environments.

Juvenile Justice and Prevention Programs: Establish and expand juvenile justice and preventive services within our neighborhood to reduce youth delinquency and provide positive alternatives for at-risk youth.

Childcare Center Resiliency: All childcare and Head Start centers affected by Superstorm Sandy must be renovated, upgraded, and made resilient to withstand future disasters and ensure the safety of children and staff.

Monitoring and Oversight: Continue funding to increase personnel for daycare monitoring and inspections to maintain quality standards and ensure children's well-being.

Preventive and Child Protection Services: Allocate adequate funding for preventive and child protection services, particularly in low-income neighborhoods where these programs are often overlooked.

Support for Youth Transitioning from Foster Care: Provide targeted funding for programs serving youth ages 18 to 21 who have aged out or been discharged from foster care. These young adults often struggle to adapt to independent living without adequate education, employment, or support, putting them at high risk of homelessness.

By investing in early childhood care, youth development, and family support services, we can strengthen our community, reduce long-term social challenges, and ensure that every child in Community Board 13 has the opportunity to thrive.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 2	Fix the soccer field and goal post at Century Playground
DOE	2 / 2	Hydroponic Labs for Lafayette Educational Campus
SCA	1 / 4	New School - elementary schools
SCA	2 / 4	New School - middle schools
SCA	3 / 4	New School - high school
SCA	4 / 4	Renovate the athletic field at Lafayette Educational Campus

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
ACS	1 / 3	Enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care
ACS	2 / 3	Provide funding to support higher education and/or workforce development opportunities for youth who are leaving foster care
ACS	3 / 3	Continue to fund Headstart Programs
DOE	1 / 4	Assign more teaching staff
DOE	2 / 4	Need more performing and cultural arts
DOE	3 / 4	Need more school psychologists and social workers
DOE	4 / 4	Need standard electronic devices protocols
DYCD	1 / 3	Provide adolescent literacy programs and services
DYCD	2 / 3	Provide English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) services
DYCD	3 / 3	Expand skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

We are focusing on improving quality-of-life issues, particularly traffic congestion and parking challenges.

During hot summer days and large events, our community experiences severe traffic gridlock, making it difficult for residents and visitors to enter or leave the area. Many residents feel trapped in their own neighborhood, unable to find parking when they return home.

This is not just an inconvenience—it is a public safety concern. Emergency vehicles often struggle to navigate through congested streets, risking delays in critical response times. We must work with the appropriate City agencies to develop and implement traffic management strategies that ensure safe and efficient movement throughout our community year-round.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

The 60th Precinct currently receives a summer detail to manage increased seasonal activity; however, the growing crowds in our area indicate that additional personnel are urgently needed. We request more uniformed officers to maintain law and order, especially during the summer months when attendance in the community reaches into the thousands.

At present, when officers are reassigned to crowd control, the rest of the community becomes understaffed and neglected, creating gaps in local patrol and response coverage. We also need additional Traffic Enforcement Agents to help direct vehicles entering and exiting the area, maintain traffic flow, and issue summonses for double parking and illegal obstruction that contribute to congestion and safety hazards.

We recognize that some public safety programs have been funded this year and request that these funding commitments continue and expand with the following priorities:

Targeted Crime Reduction: Continue support for additional personnel and specialized units to address specific crimes such as drug activity and gang-related violence.

Community Policing and Training: Maintain and enhance the Q Team. Ongoing training and resources are essential to strengthen relationships between officers and the community.

Equipment and Preparedness: Provide heavy-duty protective equipment, including helmets and vests, to ensure officer safety during large-scale events. Given the massive summer crowds, our area could be a potential target for security threats, and officers must be properly equipped to respond.

Technology and Innovation: Explore the use of drones to assist in monitoring chronic problem areas and managing large-scale events, enhancing both safety and operational efficiency.

With continued support and adequate resources, the 60th Precinct will be better equipped to protect residents and visitors, manage summer crowds effectively, and maintain public safety throughout the year.

Needs for Emergency Services

Our community places a strong emphasis on emergency and disaster preparedness. Since Superstorm Sandy, we have become acutely aware of our vulnerability to environmental hazards and the additional challenges posed by increasing development in the area. We must be ready to respond to any emergency—whether it be another major storm, a blizzard, a blackout, or a public health crisis.

The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the need for a local emergency and disaster assistance center—a central, community-recognized location where residents can access information, resources, and support during emergencies. Establishing such a center would greatly enhance our community's ability to coordinate relief and recovery efforts in real time.

Additionally, we would like to explore the use of drones to assist in public safety operations, including monitoring high-rise fires, surveying trains for subway surfing and locating drowning victims along the beach. Integrating this technology into emergency response plans could significantly improve situational awareness and save lives.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 4	More FDNY Ambulances
FDNY	2 / 4	Gators for FDNY
FDNY	3 / 4	Drones to assist with fighting fires
FDNY	4 / 4	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response
NYPD	1 / 6	Build a new Precinct
NYPD	2 / 6	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses
NYPD	3 / 6	Fleet vehicles for CB13 area
NYPD	4 / 6	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	5 / 6	Need to purchase light weight vehicles to use on the boardwalk
NYPD	6 / 6	Use Drones for preventing Subway Surfing and assisting in public safety

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 5	Hire additional uniformed officers
NYPD	2 / 5	Hire additional school safety agents
NYPD	3 / 5	Hire additional crossing guards
NYPD	4 / 5	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents
NYPD	5 / 5	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 13

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

Protective infrastructure (sea walls, flood walls, etc.)

After Superstorm Sandy, our community recognized that our shorelines remain highly vulnerable and that it is essential to protect our coastal infrastructure.

Short-term measures, such as planting sea grass, the construction of sand dunes, are urgently needed to provide immediate protection against storm surges and erosion. At the same time, long-term solutions, including the development of living breakwaters and other resilient shoreline systems, must continue to move forward, even though they will take time to design and build.

We urge the City and relevant agencies to move forward with a definitive, coordinated coastal protection plan for our area—so that another hurricane season does not pass without critical preventive measures in place to safeguard our community, homes, and infrastructure.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Our top priority is to protect our shoreline from future disasters. After Superstorm Sandy, it became clear how vulnerable our coastline is during major storms and hurricanes.

We must upgrade and maintain our sewer infrastructure to prevent future flooding and system failures. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is currently upgrading sewer lines along West 16th Street, and this work must be expanded throughout the entire community. DDC is also reconstructing streets with porous pavement, and we are hopeful that this initiative will be successful so that similar improvements can be made across the neighborhood to help manage stormwater more effectively.

Another long-standing issue is the relocation of the sanitation garage, which has been pending since 1983. Currently, DSNY is still looking for a new garage that will serve two sanitation districts (BK13 & BK15). Although the City has stated that funding is not currently available, we urge that this project be designated as a top priority for our area.

We appreciate that several programs have received funding in the current year, and we request that support continue and expand for the following needs:

Catch Basin Cleaning and Maintenance: Continue and enhance regular cleaning of catch basins throughout the community. During Superstorm Sandy, many catch basins were backed up due to inadequate maintenance, worsening flooding in the area.

Noise Abatement and Enforcement: Strengthen noise control enforcement, especially around the amusement area, where some vendors play excessively loud music that disrupts nearby residents. Regular inspections and fines should be issued for noncompliance.

Air Quality Monitoring: Establish air quality monitoring systems to track pollution levels in our community. Since Superstorm Sandy, residents have reported increased respiratory issues, which must be investigated. Pollution from Coney Island Creek may also be contributing to these air quality problems, underscoring the need for ongoing environmental monitoring and remediation efforts.

By prioritizing shoreline protection, infrastructure upgrades, environmental health, and quality-of-life improvements, we can make our community safer, more resilient, and better prepared for future challenges.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The construction of a new Sanitation Garage for Community Board 13 has been promised since 1980, yet the project remains unfulfilled. The current facility, located on West 21st Street, places sanitation trucks directly behind residential backyards, creating ongoing quality-of-life concerns for nearby residents.

Earlier this year, we were informed that funding for the new garage was no longer available. However, the community remains strongly committed to relocating the garage to the proposed site at 1900 Shore Parkway, and we urge the City to restore funding to move this long-overdue project forward.

We recognize that some programs have been funded in the current year and request that these funding commitments continue and expand, with the following priorities:

Vacant Lot Cleanups: Continue to clean both privately and City-owned vacant lots to demonstrate that our community will not be neglected or treated as a dumping ground.

Illegal Dumping Enforcement: Maintain and strengthen support for the Sanitation Police Illegal Dumping Task Force to prevent illegal waste disposal throughout the district.

Sidewalk and Area Cleanliness: Continue enforcement of dirty sidewalk, dirty area, and failure-to-clean laws. Property owners and commercial businesses must be held accountable for keeping their premises clean, and enforcement officers should ensure consistent compliance.

Illegal Postings: Increase enforcement against illegal postings on poles and public property. Community groups and businesses should be educated about posting regulations, and distributors should face fines for violations.

Organics Collection and Recycling: Continue support for NYC Organics Collection Programs within our neighborhood. Composting organic materials helps create a cleaner, more sustainable environment. We also request more frequent organics and recycling pickups at schools and institutions, as decomposing materials can create health hazards if stored for extended periods.

Summer Enforcement in Amusement Areas: With the Sanitation Police now having expanded enforcement powers over illegal street vendors, we urge continued collaboration with Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers during the summer season to manage sanitation and vendor issues in the amusement district.

By addressing these sanitation and enforcement priorities, we can significantly improve public health, quality of life, and environmental conditions for residents and visitors across Community Board 13.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 4	Need porous pavements and green infrastructures
DEP	2 / 4	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers
DEP	3 / 4	Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed
DEP	4 / 4	Catch Basin Cleaning Vehicle
DSNY	1 / 1	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure
DEP	CS	Installing more porous pavements

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Need DEP inspectors to address water quality complaints
DSNY	1 / 2	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws
DSNY	2 / 2	Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 13

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

Workforce development (including MWBE opportunities)

Workforce1 is essential to the neighborhood. Creating jobs and training skills for young adults are very important. We need to expand the program and give more job opportunities to the community.

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

Needs for Land Use

We need additional building inspectors to properly enforce building codes within our neighborhood. Illegal building conversions continue to be a major concern, with properties being subdivided into unsafe, non-code-compliant units. These conditions pose serious health and safety risks, including unlivable environments, increased fire hazards, and excessive strain on existing utilities.

A comprehensive land use study is also needed to evaluate current conditions, identify available resources, and determine long-term planning needs for the future.

While some programs have been funded in the current year, we request that these funding commitments continue and expand, with the following priorities:

Increase Compliance Division Staffing – Department of Buildings: Strengthen enforcement capacity by allocating additional staff to the Compliance Division.

Assign More Building Inspectors for Code Enforcement: Additional inspectors are essential, as illegal conversions remain widespread. Property owners who violate building codes must be held accountable through fines and enforcement actions.

Address Illegal Conversions and Improper Uses: We continue to receive complaints from residents regarding illegal construction and occupancy. These issues must be resolved promptly to ensure public safety and protect neighborhood stability.

By increasing enforcement and conducting proper land use planning, we can prevent hazardous conditions and ensure that our community remains safe, stable, and prepared for future growth.

Needs for Housing

Our community board remains deeply concerned about the rapid pace of overdevelopment in our district. Apartments are being constructed on increasingly small parcels of land, and the area is becoming oversaturated with large developments. As a result, our existing infrastructure may not be able to handle the growing population, particularly in relation to traffic flow and parking availability. New buildings often fail to provide sufficient parking to meet the needs of incoming residents, worsening congestion and quality-of-life issues.

We must continue addressing housing concerns by supporting local housing organizations and strengthening oversight. Several programs have been funded in the current year, and we request that these funding commitments continue, with the following priorities:

Continue support for the Home Improvement Program, Article 8A, and PLP Loans.

Expand housing inspection programs to address code violations in high-rise buildings. Management must be required to correct violations promptly or face significant penalties for noncompliance.

Continue and expand tenant protection programs to ensure tenants are fully aware of their rights. Our housing groups should be supported and equipped to provide these services.

Renovate and upgrade public housing developments. More than a decade after Superstorm Sandy, many issues—such as boiler repairs, damaged community centers, and other essential needs—remain unresolved.

Repair and reopen NYCHA community centers. These centers remain closed since Superstorm Sandy, leaving youth without safe spaces for recreation and support.

Improve maintenance and cleanliness across NYCHA developments. Lobby areas and building grounds need regular cleaning and upkeep.

Improve management accessibility. Office hours should include evenings and weekends so working renters can access services without taking time off from work.

Ensure translation of notices into tenants' native languages to ensure clear communication and improve compliance.

By prioritizing these actions, we can ensure responsible development, protect current residents, and maintain the quality of life across our community.

Needs for Economic Development

We need strong economic development in our district to stimulate the local economy and create jobs for community residents. Bringing in new businesses will help revitalize the area, but development must be approached responsibly. As residential and commercial projects continue to grow, we must consider the existing traffic congestion, limited parking, and infrastructure constraints. Development cannot continue without assessing and addressing the impact on our already strained services.

Several programs have been funded in the current year, and we request that these funding commitments continue, along with the following priorities:

- Improve streetscapes in our business districts to attract and encourage commercial activity.
- Upgrade street lighting to be more resilient to future storms, including transitioning to solar-powered streetlights to reduce reliance on electrical lines.
- Expand access to low-cost financing for neighborhood businesses to help them construct, renovate, or improve storefronts. Business loans must be easier to apply for and receive.
- Support nonprofit organizational development and capacity-building to strengthen our commercial corridors.
- Provide business recovery assistance after emergencies. Superstorm Sandy made clear that the community was not equipped to support small businesses following a disaster.

Expand job training opportunities for residents, particularly youth who have not completed high school and need job skills to secure employment.

- Support occupational skills training programs and job placement services to prepare residents for stable employment.
- Continue and strengthen Workforce1 services and restore a permanent storefront office in our neighborhood.
- Improve disaster preparedness for small businesses so they can better withstand and recover from future emergencies.

- Support programs for local entrepreneurs and small businesses. After Superstorm Sandy and COVID-19, many businesses struggled to reopen, and some closed permanently. We need programs to help revitalize these corridors and attract new businesses.
- Support immigrant, minority, veteran, and women-owned businesses. These groups often face additional barriers—including discrimination and language obstacles—and require targeted assistance.
- Provide support to minority- and women-owned businesses to help them navigate the bidding and RFP process for government contracts.
- Offer economic subsidies, tax incentives, and grants to help bring back businesses, promote investment, and create local jobs. We need to create an empowerment zone for Mermaid Avenue to help existing businesses succeed and entice new businesses to come to the area.

With sustained investment and targeted support, we can rebuild a stronger, more resilient, and more inclusive local economy.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 6	Need a ferry at Steeplechase Pier
EDC	2 / 6	New recreation center incorporated into Abe Stark Skating Rink
EDC	3 / 6	Need an incubator/research lab spaces
EDC	4 / 6	Need more wi/fi speed for our area
EDC	5 / 6	Need to occupy the large vacant stores
EDC	6 / 6	Public restrooms on the street
NYCHA	1 / 1	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 1	Need tax incentive programs
HPD	1 / 2	Provide community outreach on HPD programs and services
HPD	2 / 2	Continue to support emergency housing programs
NYCHA	1 / 3	Need more skilled trade workers in NYCHA developments
NYCHA	2 / 3	Air Quality testing in NYCHA developments
NYCHA	3 / 3	Bring Swim Safety Corps to Community Board 13
SBS	1 / 4	Need a Coney Island BID
SBS	2 / 4	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance
SBS	3 / 4	We need Workforce1 office in our community
SBS	4 / 4	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program

Brooklyn Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)

With increasing housing developments come increasing traffic challenges. Traffic congestion has become one of the most significant concerns on the peninsula. Motorists traveling in and out of Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Sea Gate, and Gravesend routinely find themselves stuck in bumper-to-bumper conditions. During major events or hot summer weekends, the situation escalates into a complete traffic nightmare, now posing a serious safety risk as emergency vehicles struggle to move through the neighborhood.

It is unfortunate that residents of Coney Island, Brighton Beach and Sea Gate can spend up to an hour in gridlock just trying to leave the area—forcing some to simply turn around and go back home. To address this urgent issue, we need traffic enforcement officers assigned to the community to issue tickets for illegal double parking and to actively direct traffic during major events to ensure smoother, safer travel throughout the peninsula.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

As previously noted, traffic congestion and limited parking are major issues in our community, especially during the summer months. A comprehensive traffic study is needed to identify solutions and determine how best to alleviate congestion. One potential option is the construction of multi-deck parking facilities to accommodate the increasing number of vehicles entering the area. Additionally, the MTA must provide more express service to Coney Island so residents and visitors can travel to and from the neighborhood in under an hour.

Several programs have been funded in the current year, and we request that these funding commitments continue, along with the following priorities:

- Reconstruction of streets and sidewalks throughout the district.
- Installation of streetscape improvements to enhance public safety.
- Replacement of streetlights with resilient, storm-proof models. After Superstorm Sandy, the community was without power for two weeks, leaving the area completely dark after sundown. Solar-powered streetlights would help ensure lighting remains available during outages and improve the overall sense of security.

Needs for Transit Services

The City, Borough, and community all encourage the use of public transportation—and during the summer season in Coney Island and Brighton Beach, it is often the most practical option. However, weekend subway construction frequently disrupts service on the F, D, and other lines, causing delays, confusion, and frustration for riders. As a result, many people choose to drive, which further contributes to traffic congestion.

We need to improve bus service into the area to provide a reliable alternative. This includes:

- Establishing weekend express bus service to accommodate the high volume of visitors.
- Extending SBS B82 service directly into Coney Island, rather than stopping at Cropsey Avenue and 25th Avenue.

- Installing additional electronic real-time bus information kiosks so riders know when the next bus is expected.

While ferry service to Coney Island Creek is not being pursued, we still need a ferry study for the beach side to improve access to the peninsula and relieve pressure on existing transit systems.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 6	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads
DOT	2 / 6	Reconstruct Brighton Beach Avenue
DOT	3 / 6	Repair or provide new street lights
DOT	4 / 6	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	5 / 6	Barnes Dance - Various locations
DOT	6 / 6	New ramp onto Stillwell Ave from the Belt Parkway.
NYCTA	1 / 2	Need elevators at subway stations
NYCTA	2 / 2	Remove and repaint subway polls along Brighton Beach Avenue

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 3	Conducting traffic congestion study
DOT	2 / 3	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals
DOT	3 / 3	Off-site parking on city-owned properties
NYCTA	1 / 3	Expand SBS B82 bus to Stillwell Avenue
NYCTA	2 / 3	Expand B Train to Stillwell Avenue
NYCTA	3 / 3	Bring the G Train to Coney Island during the summer season

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 13

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

Other - Write In (Required)

With the boardwalk's landmark status, the Community Board is committed to ensuring that it is properly restored, maintained, and preserved. While we recognize the challenges involved in repairing the boardwalk—such as limited off-season work time and the availability of skilled carpenters—the current conditions have deteriorated to the point where safety is at risk. Several areas are now unsafe, with loose planks and protruding screws creating hazards that could lead to injuries and potential lawsuits.

A more effective and timely repair plan is essential. The boardwalk must be addressed before conditions worsen and public safety is compromised. As this is the Community Board's number one priority in our capital budget, we strongly urge that repairs and preservation efforts move forward as quickly as possible.

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

Needs for Parks

As mentioned earlier, protecting our shoreline from the next major storm remains a top priority. If we do not secure the waterfront, we risk severe damage—or total loss—when the next major storm arrives. In addition, we must repair and properly maintain the boardwalk. Portions of the boardwalk are deteriorating, and continued neglect could lead to injuries and costly lawsuits against the City.

We also need to repair existing beach bathrooms and rebuild the facilities on the west end of Coney Island. Beyond these immediate needs, the community urgently requires a new recreational center at West 23rd Street/Kaiser Park. This center must be affordable and designed to serve all ages and cultures. We envision an intergenerational, multicultural, educational, and multi-use facility, potentially including:

- Adult vocational training center
- Emergency response center
- Sports facilities
- Boxing ring
- Greenhouse/Hydroponic garden
- Nature conservatory
- Boathouse
- Ice skating rink
- Indoor skate park
- Additional recreational and community spaces

The proposed location would be adjacent to and behind Mark Twain JHS, extending from West 23rd Street to West 25th Street, and should include on-site parking or a parking garage. Also, we understand the Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink has to be relocated and renovated. We would be open to

see if this site would be able to build this proposed community center. The community would like this center to be modeled after the Ocean Breeze Complex in Staten Island.

Tragically, we lost a child to drowning at the beach in an area without lifeguards. To prevent future loss of life, we need more lifeguards and modern lifesaving technology. We strongly encourage the Parks Department to invest in drones that can help lifeguards spot swimmers in distress and rapidly deliver life preservers. While this technology may be costly, no price can be placed on saving a child's life.

Several programs are already funded in the current year, and we request that funding continue until all projects are completed, including the following:

- Hiring more lifeguards to prevent drownings.
- Renovation of Asser Levy Park, including the burnout playground and infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding and improve landscaping.
- Upgrading Scarangella Park, including installing a comfort station and additional amenities.
- Increasing the number of mobi-mats for improved beach accessibility.
- Deploying more PEP officers on the beaches, boardwalk, and at Asser Levy Park to address illegal vending.
- Extending the hours of operation for boardwalk bathrooms.
- Increasing Parks Department staffing to support maintenance needs.
- Adding and maintaining light-weight vehicles for boardwalk and beach operations.
- Tree removal and replacement, and continued support for street tree maintenance throughout the community.
- Expanding public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites.
- Supporting local Operation GreenThumb gardens, including Santos Community Garden, West 29th Street Surfside Gardens, and West 23rd Street Community Garden.

Needs for Cultural Services

We need a new recreational center in Kaiser Park. The community requires an affordable facility that is intergenerational, multicultural, and educational, and that offers a wide range of services and activities, including an adult vocational training center, emergency center, nature conservatory, greenhouse/hydroponic garden, boathouse, sports facilities, ice skating rink, indoor skate park, boxing ring, and more.

The proposed center would be located behind Mark Twain JHS, extending from West 23rd Street to West 25th Street, and should include on-site parking or a parking garage for visitors. Also, we understand the Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink has to be relocated and renovated. We would be open to see if this site would be able to build this proposed community center. The community would like this recreational center to be modeled after the Ocean Breeze Complex in Staten Island.

Needs for Library Services

We need to upgrade our library facilities by adding more computers and incorporating innovative programs that attract readers and engage the community. Library hours should be expanded to include weekends, ensuring greater accessibility for residents. Additionally, we need a more diverse collection of books in multiple languages to better serve our immigrant population.

Needs for Community Boards

We need to continue strengthening our presence in the community so that residents view the Community Board as the central agency for addressing local and neighborhood-wide issues. To better meet these needs, we must expand our staff and hire consultants who can help resolve ongoing challenges. In order to do this, our budget needs to be increased.

Additionally, relocating the Board office to a ground-floor space will make us more accessible to the public and increase our visibility in the neighborhood.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Need a community cultural/performing arts facilities
DPR	1 / 18	Repairing the boardwalk
DPR	2 / 18	Protect the shoreline
DPR	3 / 18	Provide a new recreational center in Kaiser Park or Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink
DPR	4 / 18	Support our local Operation GreenThumb Gardens in our community
DPR	5 / 18	Pickleball and Tennis Courts need to be upgrade in Kaiser Park
DPR	6 / 18	Upgrade Luna Playground
DPR	7 / 18	Neptune Playground - upgrade
DPR	8 / 18	Grady Playground Upgrade
DPR	9 / 18	Construct permanent bathrooms on the boardwalk
DPR	10 / 18	Reconstruct Parks building at Bay 1st
DPR	11 / 18	Demolish bandshell and put up recreational activities
DPR	12 / 18	Drones to help with lifeguards in saving lives
DPR	13 / 18	Drones to help with identifying illegal vendors and maintain public crowd safety
DPR	14 / 18	Upgrade Calvert Vaux - Phase 3
DPR	15 / 18	Upgrade Bike Lane on Ocean Parkway
DPR	16 / 18	Upgrade Kaiser Park second handball courts and the park circle
DPR	17 / 18	Lightweight vehicles for boardwalk maintenance
DPR	18 / 18	Upgrade Banner Avenue Triangle
DCAS	CS	Relocate Community Board office
DPR	CS	Reconstruct the Parks Maintenance building
DPR	CS	Asser Levy Park - Dog Run

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
BPL	1 / 1	Expand cultural and educational programs
DCLA	1 / 1	Provide more public art
DPR	1 / 6	Need more lifeguards
DPR	2 / 6	Need to maintain boardwalk and beaches amenities
DPR	3 / 6	Hire more carpenters for boardwalk maintenance
DPR	4 / 6	Park Administrator for Coney Island and Brighton Beach
DPR	5 / 6	Boardwalk study on storm surges

DPR	6 / 6	Need recycling containers on the boardwalk and beaches
OMB	1 / 2	Increase funding for Community Board operations
OMB	2 / 2	Provide more community board staff

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 18 **Repairing the boardwalk**

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Rehabilitation of the Riegelmann Boardwalk in Coney Island and Brighton Beach. The boardwalk has been falling apart and needs to be fixed. It also needs more maintenance to prevent any future accidents from happening.

2 of 18 **Protect the shoreline**

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

We need shoreline protection for the entire shorefront. This task requires multi-agencies to address this issue. The Army Corp of Engineers, Office of Resiliency and Recovery, Department of Environmental Protection, Parks Department, and other agencies needs to have short term and long term plans to handle the next storm. This is a long process that needs immediate attention and funding. Plans include but not limited to planting sea grass, green street gardens (bio swelles), back flow prevention valves, sea walls, etc.

3 of 18 **Provide a new recreational center in Kaiser Park or Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink**

DPR

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

We need a new recreational center in our community. The community needs an affordable recreational center that will be intergenerational, multicultural, educational, nature conservatory, adult vocational training center, emergency center, greenhouse, boathouse, sport related activities, indoor skate board park, boxing ring, etc. This center could be located behind Mark Twain JHS which would wrap around to West 23rd Street to West 25th Street. This would also include parking space/garage for people using the facility. We would like to model the recreational center like Ocean Breeze Complex in Staten Island. If this site is not available, we would like to look at the Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink for a possible site. It will be renovated in the near future, we would like to incorporate some additional ideas for the space.

4 of 18 **Support our local Operation GreenThumb Gardens in our community**

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

We need Operation GreenThumb to assist Surfside Community Garden at W. 29 Street, Santos Community Garden and West 23rd Street Garden in providing materials and technical assistance to the gardeners.

5 of 18 **Pickleball and Tennis Courts need to be upgrade in Kaiser Park**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The Tennis and Pickleball courts at Kaiser Park needs to be upgraded. The courts are in no good conditions to play on. With the modified pickleball courts, there are existing cracks that cannot be patched up.

6 of 18 **Upgrade Luna Playground**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

We need to reconstruct Luna Park playground and upgrade the athletic field. The comfort station has not worked since Superstorm Sandy and the play area has not been upgraded since Superstorm Sandy.

7 of 18 **Neptune Playground - upgrade**

DPR

New equipment for maintenance

Location: 2840 West 12th Street - Neptune Avenue & Surf Avenue
Neptune Playground needs to be upgraded. It has been neglected over the years and needs to be fixed.

8 of 18	Grady Playground Upgrade New equipment for maintenance	DPR
Location: Brighton 4th Street Grady Playground has been neglected over the years. We need to fix the playground and the courts.		
9 of 18	Construct permanent bathrooms on the boardwalk Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	DPR
Construct permanent bathrooms on Boardwalk, on the west end of Coney Island. Add more drinking fountains and boardwalk showers.		
10 of 18	Reconstruct Parks building at Bay 1st Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	DPR
Location: Brighton 15th Street & Boardwalk Sufficient funds are requested to reconstruct the Parks building at Bay 1 in Brighton Beach to replace the existing unwanted activities (homeless encampments, etc.) resulting from the abandonment of the area with a state-of-the-art facility that could include some passive recreation and cultural uses that would be compatible with the surrounding residential uses.		
11 of 18	Demolish bandshell and put up recreational activities Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
We would like to put some type of recreational activities in lieu of the bandshell at Asser Levy Park.		
12 of 18	Drones to help with lifeguards in saving lives Provide new type and/or specific type of program	DPR
With the new technology using drones, we feel that this can help the lifeguards in spotting drowning victims and provide help by transporting life preservers to victims to far to reach by lifeguards. Also, attach speakers to the drones to warn beachgoers of rough tides and riptides when there are no lifeguards present.		
13 of 18	Drones to help with identifying illegal vendors and maintain public crowd safety Provide new type and/or specific type of program	DPR
With the new technology using drones, we feel that this can hinder illegal vendors on the boardwalk and beach. The drones can warn the illegal vendors by announcing they are breaking the law and they will be ticketed and merchandise confiscated if caught. This can monitor where hot spots need to be addressed and survey the crowded areas when enforcement is not available.		
14 of 18	Upgrade Calvert Vaux - Phase 3 Other capital budget request for DPR	DPR
Location: Shore Parkway Community Board 13 would like to have Calvert Vaux Park complete Phase 3 of the Project. Phase 1 & 2 have been completed. We would like Phase 3 to be funded and completed.		
15 of 18	Upgrade Bike Lane on Ocean Parkway Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Location: Ocean Parkway - Avenue X & Surf Avenue We need to reconstruct the bike lanes along Ocean Parkway between Avenue X to Surf Avenue.		

16 of 18	Upgrade Kaiser Park second handball courts and the park circle Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Work needs to be done at Kaiser Park handball court and the circle area adjacent to Mark Twain School.		
17 of 18	Lightweight vehicles for boardwalk maintenance New equipment for maintenance	DPR
There needs to be a solution to get rid of the heavy vehicles and replace them with lightweight vehicles on the boardwalk. We do not need the Parks heavy vehicles to continue to weigh down the boardwalk.		
18 of 18	Upgrade Banner Avenue Triangle Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Location: Banner Avenue - Brighton 8th Street & Shore Parkway Banner Avenue Triangle has long been neglected and need to be upgraded. Cars parked illegally on the sidewalk and garbage are dumped there.		
CS	Reconstruct the Parks Maintenance building Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	DPR
We need to reconstruct the Park Maintenance building on West 25th Street		
CS	Asser Levy Park - Dog Run Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
A dog run at Asser Levy Park has been funded. They are in the design stage and hopefully will be completed in two years.		

Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)

1 of 1	Need a Level 1 Trauma Center Other Capital health care facilities request	HHC
A Level 1 Trauma Center is urgently needed at South Brooklyn Health (formerly Coney Island Hospital). With the rapidly increasing population from new housing developments, along with the influx of tourists during the summer season, the demand for immediate, high-level emergency care has grown significantly. A Level 1 Trauma Center in the neighborhood would help ensure timely, life-saving treatment for residents and visitors alike.		

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 1	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	DSNY
Construction of Sanitation Garage for Community Board #13 has been promised to the community since the 1980s. The current site on West 21 Street and Neptune Avenue, are situated behind people's backyards. We need to relocate the garage to proposed site at 1900 Shore Parkway. This site can hold one garage instead of two garages. We hope this site will accommodate the new garage. Also, with a new owner at the old Shell Road site, can DSNY ask the new owner if they can construct a new garage for BK13/BK15?		

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 6	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	DOT
We need to upgrade our seawalls and bulkheads. After Superstorm Sandy, our seawalls and bulkheads could not hold back the tides. We have to upgrade them before the next storm comes.		

2 of 6 Reconstruct Brighton Beach Avenue**DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: Brighton Beach Avenue - West 5th Street & Corbin Place

We need to reconstruct Brighton Beach Avenue. The avenue is built with concrete, not asphalt, and is costly to replace.

3 of 6 Repair or provide new street lights**DOT**

Repair or provide new street lights

Brighton Beach Avenue is exceptionally wide, and the existing street lighting does not extend to adequately bathe pedestrians in light. This is especially true on the southside of Brighton Beach Avenue adjacent to the public park at the Oceana where the lush trees obscure the sidewalk and keep it in darkness. Pedestrian-level lighting in the form of (what are called by DOT) B-pole lights would greatly enhance visibility and remove the element of vulnerability which is currently the pedestrian experience. We have a growing number of seniors with low vision who need better lighting for their safety. Currently, we noticed there are additional light fixtures attached to the existing lamp posts near parks and schools. We hope DOT can extend this to other existing lamp posts.

4 of 6 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Traffic safety is a very real concern. When motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians don't follow the rules of the road, public safety is endangered. Neckdowns provide safe refuges for pedestrians to wait to cross the street. They shorten the effective crossing distance for pedestrians and do not take away parking spaces. They should be in place at every intersection in every commercial corridor in Southern Brooklyn.

5 of 6 Barnes Dance - Various locations**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

We have the largest NORC community in NYC. Seniors and disabled residents are having a hard time crossing the streets. We need to bring back the Barnes Dance for Coney Island Avenue and Brighton Beach Avenue, Neptune Avenue and West 5th Street, Cropsey Avenue and Neptune Avenue, etc.

6 of 6 New ramp onto Stillwell Ave from the Belt Parkway.**DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

We need a study to see if an on/off ramp can be constructed at Stillwell Avenue and Shore Parkway to alleviate traffic in the area.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**1 of 4 Need porous pavements and green infrastructures****DEP**

Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds

We need to provide new green infrastructure such as stormwater green streets and green playgrounds and porous street pavements along the shoreline. We realize that short term solutions are needed until the long term plans are approved and financed.

2 of 4 Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers**DEP**

Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers

Coney Island infrastructure (sewer lines) is currently being upgraded from West 12th Street to West 21st Street. We need to upgrade Surf Avenue, Mermaid Avenue, and Neptune Avenue with new sewer lines from West 22nd Street to West 37th Street.

3 of 4 Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed**DEP**

Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed

Location: Neptune Avenue - West 33rd Street & West 36th Street

West 33rd Street to West 36th Street on Neptune Avenue continues to flood during a heavy rainstorm. We would like it to be repaired or replaced. There is a school (P.S. 188) adjacent which is affected every time it rains. We would like to suggest putting porous pavement streets to alleviate part of the problem.

4 of 4 Catch Basin Cleaning Vehicle**DEP**

Other capital budget request for DEP

Our community is surrounded by sand from the beach and the creek. We need a Catch Basin Cleaning Vehicle dedicated for our district for sand build-up and other garbage accumulating at the corners. The vehicle will help with the flooding in the area when the catch basins are cleaned out.

CS Installing more porous pavements**DEP**

Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds

We need green infrastructure projects throughout the community. Since Superstorm Sandy, we realized that our infrastructure could not handle the overflow of water on the sewer lines and we need to fix it. One project is to have porous street pavements to handle the excess rain water. Strategically placed porous street pavements will be able to assist and handle the onslaught of water.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 1 Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades****NYCHA**

Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades

Sufficient funds are requested for the installation of Secure Building Entrance Systems for all NYCHA housing developments including but not limited to security cameras (digital, high-resolution closed-circuit television cameras), televised intercom units, vandal-proof entrance doors, and any safety upgrades, etc. to provide enhanced security for tenants and additional monitoring capability for housing management and law enforcement.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)**1 of 1 Need a new Multi-Use Recreational Senior Center****DFTA**

Renovate or upgrade a senior center

With the growing senior population in the district, we urgently need additional senior centers. Because public land in the area is limited, a multi-use facility should be constructed to serve as a multicultural, intergenerational recreational center on City-owned property. One potential site is the City-owned land at the West 23rd Street Pumping Station, which could be developed into this much-needed facility. Another viable location is the Abe Stark Skating Rink site, which will require relocation and renovation due to upcoming housing developments.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 2 Need elevators at subway stations****NYCTA**

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Our district has the highest proportion of senior at 24% than any other neighborhood in New York City. As a naturally-occurring retirement community (NORC) our community is extremely dependent on the public transit. The Brighton Beach, Ocean Parkway, Neptune Avenue, West 8th Street and Bay 50th Street subway stations are also gateways to regional attractions such as the beach and our commercial corridors and local schools, and they provide essential intermodal connections for transit riders. These stations must be retrofit to build an elevator and make it ADA compliant to enhance access and mobility regionally and locally, and permit our seniors to continue to age-in-place.

2 of 2 Remove and repaint subway polls along Brighton Beach Avenue**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Location: Brighton Beach Avenue - West 5th Street & Coney Island Avenue

We have found out that there is paint peeling from the subway polls along Brighton Beach Avenue. We need to get the MTA to remove and repaint the polls on Brighton Beach Avenue from West 5th Street to Coney Island Avenue.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**1 of 1 Need a community cultural/performing arts facilities****DCLA**

Other cultural facilities and resources requests

There is a lack of cultural/performing arts facilities in the area. We need to give the community choices other than sports facilities. We need a performing arts facility that will attract Southern Brooklyn people to the area.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**1 of 6 Need a ferry at Steeplechase Pier****EDC**

Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront

We need a ferry at the oceanside at Steeplechase Pier. Currently, a study is underway to determine if the project can be completed at an affordable price.

2 of 6 New recreation center incorporated into Abe Stark Skating Rink**EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

With the growing senior population in the district, we need more senior centers. Public land is limited in the area. A multi-use facility must be built as a multicultural, intergenerational, recreational center on City owned land. The Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink (city owned building) can be renovated into this needed facility.

3 of 6 Need an incubator/research lab spaces**EDC**

Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime

We need to build an incubator/research lab spaces to entice small businesses to grow. With the increasing rental space and huge overhead cost to start a business, an incubator can address these issues.

4 of 6 Need more wi/fi speed for our area**EDC**

Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts

With the rise of smartphones and other portable electronic devices, we need to improve the availability speed and cost of broadcast access to local businesses and residents.

5 of 6 Need to occupy the large vacant stores**EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

With large corporate businesses (drug stores, etc.) leaving the area, they leave vacant storefronts that are hard to occupy their space. We need other large corporate anchor stores to come into the community to rent the vacant stores. Incentive programs and tax subsidies are needed to attract new businesses.

6 of 6 Public restrooms on the street**EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

There is a need for public restrooms on the street for the community. With people coming into the neighborhood, not everyone is near the boardwalk to use their restrooms, and they have to relieve themselves in the streets. The restrooms are only open during business hours and there has to be a place where people can pay to use a restroom after hours.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 6 **Build a new Precinct**

NYPD

Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct

Location: West 8th Street - Surf Avenue & Sheepshead Bay Road

The 60th Precinct building was built in 1971. It is in desperate need of a new building. Since Superstorm Sandy, the building has been rebuilt but is not protected from the next storm. It needs to be floodproof and parking space built into the new design. It also lacks ADA compliance for the disabled and elderly who need to get to the station. There is a need for an elevator for residents who need to get to the second floor. It also needs to be upgraded for electric stations for their fleet and needs a place to store lightweight vehicles for emergency use for the boardwalk. The basement has been damaged and has not been cleaned since Superstorm Sandy. There are hazardous, toxic mold still remain in the condemned basement. It is now a health and safety issue concerning the welfare of the officers and workers in the precinct. Something has to be done before someone gets hurt.

2 of 6 **Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses**

NYPD

Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses

We need to renovate the 60th Precinct station and make it ADA compliant and expand the area. People cannot get to the second floor without an elevator and there isn't one available. Also there is need to expand the community meeting room on the second floor.

3 of 6 **Fleet vehicles for CB13 area**

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

There is a need for fleet vehicles for the 60th Precinct, PSA1, and TD34. We understand the Q Team has more officers than patrol cars. We need more patrol cars to accommodate the officers in our community.

4 of 6 **Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**

NYPD

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Sufficient funds are requested for surveillance cameras in chronic troubled locations to provide enhanced security to enable law enforcement efforts to better monitor high crime areas including but not limited to the Coney Island and Brighton Beach areas but also the amusement area including the Riegelmann Boardwalk.

5 of 6 **Need to purchase light weight vehicles to use on the boardwalk**

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Sufficient funds are requested to immediately allocate additional bicycles, Segways and Gators to the 60th Precinct to reduce reliance on heavy motorized vehicles, to enhance mobility and to increase public safety. Our goal is to reduce the volume of heavy motorized vehicles driven on the boardwalk which creates preventable vehicular-pedestrian conflicts, significantly adds to the wear-and-tear maintenance requirements for the boardwalk, and takes away valuable public space needed for social distancing.

6 of 6 **Use Drones for preventing Subway Surfing and assisting in public safety**

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

With the new technology using drones, we feel that this can help in public safety with crowd management and traffic problems in the area. Also, drones can assist with Transit District with watching and preventing potential Subway Surfing from happening at stations.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

CS Relocate Community Board office

DCAS

Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment

We need to move the Community Board office to the ground level. Currently, we are located on the 3rd floor, above two bars and a gentlemen's club. Our entrance is located in the back of the building through a dark alley. We need to move.

School Construction Authority

1 of 4 **New School - elementary schools**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

With all the new apartments being built in the area, there is a growing need for additional elementary schools to serve new residents. The current schools are old, overcrowded, and in need of significant repairs and upgrades.

2 of 4 **New School - middle schools**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

With all the new apartments being built in the area, there is an increasing need for additional middle schools to serve new residents. The current schools are old, overcrowded, and in need of significant repairs and upgrades.

3 of 4 **New School - high school**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing high school

With all the new apartments being built in the area, there is a growing need for additional high schools to serve new residents. The current schools are old, overcrowded, and in need of major repairs and upgrades.

4 of 4 **Renovate the athletic field at Lafayette Educational Campus**

SCA

Renovate or upgrade a high school

We need to renovate the athletic field at Lafayette Educational Campus.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

1 of 4 **More FDNY Ambulances**

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

We need more ambulances for the residents due to the growth of the population from the new developments and with the increasing population.

2 of 4 **Gators for FDNY**

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

Sufficient funds are requested immediately to allocate additional Gators for the ASAP (Alternate Support Apparatus Program) Program. These Gators are life-saving vehicles that can maneuver through the crowded boardwalk and beach during the summer. The goal is to reduce the volume of heavy motorized vehicles driven on the boardwalk.

3 of 4 **Drones to assist with fighting fires**

FDNY

Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests

With the new technology using drones, we feel that this can help in high-rise fires where the drones can view from above to see what danger are in the buildings.

4 of 4 **Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response**

FDNY

Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response

We need to upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response such as digital/wifi towers.

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 2 Fix the soccer field and goal post at Century Playground**DOE**

Other capital budget request for DOE

The soccer field at P.S. 100 Century Playground has not been properly maintained. The missing soccer nets have not been replaced, and the field itself needs to be upgraded.

2 of 2 Hydroponic Labs for Lafayette Educational Campus**DOE**

Other capital budget request for DOE

Lafayette Educational Campus needs Hydroponic Labs for their students.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 6 Need more lifeguards**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

We need to hire more lifeguards for the beaches. We do not need to lose another life due to the lack of lifeguards.

2 of 6 Need to maintain boardwalk and beaches amenities**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Additional operational resources are needed to meet the increasing demands for maintaining the Riegelmann Boardwalk in Coney Island and Brighton Beach in good condition. The safety and cleanliness of the boardwalk must be prioritized to protect our residents and the millions of tourist who visit each year. Sufficient resources are necessary for the regular repair of benches, drinking fountains, railings, signage, boardwalk surface treatments, access ramps and removal of excessive weed growth causing serious trip hazards.

3 of 6 Hire more carpenters for boardwalk maintenance**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

We would like to request the Parks Dept to hire additional carpenters and expand their schedule from seasonal to year-round in order to keep up with the increasing demands and backlog of complaints related to the condition of the planking of the Riegelmann Boardwalk.

4 of 6 Park Administrator for Coney Island and Brighton Beach**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Sufficient funds are requested for the creation and hire of a new Park Administrator for the 2.7 mile-long Coney Island and Brighton Beach beach/boardwalk area, which receives over 5 million annual visitors, to provide focused management services to address the special needs for this unique area, to leverage additional resources for further public reinvestment, and to work with stakeholders to develop policies and practices to support the constructive use of this recreational area.

5 of 6 Boardwalk study on storm surges**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

There needs to be a boardwalk study on the storm surge and its effect on the different type of materials for the boardwalk before reconstructing the boardwalk.

6 of 6 Need recycling containers on the boardwalk and beaches**DPR**

Improve trash removal and cleanliness

We need to have Parks to partner with DSNY to extend recycling collection options to include the Riegelmann Boardwalk using smaller collection equipment that would not damage the boardwalk.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 3 **Conducting traffic congestion study**

DOT

Address traffic congestion

In 2024, DOT started the Transportation Survey for Coney Island and Brighton Beach. The study aims to identify traffic problems, improve mobility and reducing congestion. The area is experiencing development pressures and continues to experience a significant seasonal surge in traffic volume demand which our local street network cannot adequately process.

2 of 3 **Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals**

DOT

Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

We need new traffic and pedestrian signals to coordinate with traffic flow coming and going out of the area.

3 of 3 **Off-site parking on city-owned properties**

DOT

Improve parking operations

We need to coordinate to use city-owned properties for off-site parking. during the summer season. The parking site should have a shuttle for people to travel to and from the parking lot.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

1 of 7 **Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations**

DOHMH

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Increase personnel for Rat Abatement. There has been a large increase of rats being displaced by the new construction, they are running into existing buildings and causing problems to the neighborhood. We need to do a district wide abatement to tackle the rodent problem. In addition, we need to hire more exterminators to handle the increase of rodents issues.

2 of 7 **Air Quality Study for our community board**

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests

We need to address air quality issues in Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Gravesend and Sea Gate. The community historically suffers from a high incidence of respiratory illness affecting the neighborhood population, thought to have been initially caused or worsened by the infiltration of mold and poor air quality resulting from the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Some people did not properly eliminate molds from their buildings. People who are sensitive to molds have become sick and we need to test the air quality at these locations. With better technology, air monitors can isolate the problem. The current DEC study does not include the west end of Coney Island, and Brighton Beach area. We need a separate study to address our issue. An epidemiological study of the area's respiratory illnesses, including an in-depth examination of the neighborhood's air quality and other contributing factors, is requested to enable us to effectively advocate for strategies that would improve the quality of the health of our neighbors and our environment.

3 of 7 **Promote educational programs: obesity, healthy eating, etc.**

DOHMH

Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.

We need to emphasize on more educational programs dealing with obesity, healthy eating, nutrition, etc.

4 of 7 **Addressing teen pregnancy issues**

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests

We need to address teen pregnancy for our community. We need more programs in schools and in the community to bring attention to the issue.

5 of 7 Support immunization programs for the immigrant community**DOHMH**

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Continued to support to promote flu shots, measles shots and other immunization for the immigrant community. The outreach must be translated into other languages to reach the target audience. It must be explain to them that it is essential to vaccinate the family in order not get sick or die. There are growing Asian, Pakistan, Hispanic, Russian and Ukrainian community that needs translation for immunization programs.

6 of 7 Support drug prescription awareness campaign**DOHMH**

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Continue Support - There needs to be a drug prescription awareness campaign for the community. Families need to know if there is any CBO to address this problem.

7 of 7 Need more mental health services**DOHMH**

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

Allocate funds for an existing social services and legal organization to set up a branch in Community Board 13 area in order to provide assistance to the vulnerable population, domestic violence victims, single mothers, and low-income residents living with serious mental health concerns. This funding would disrupt and dismantle cycles of hospitalization, homelessness, and incarceration by providing direct legal and social work services.

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**1 of 2 Provide community outreach on HPD programs and services****HPD**

Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services

We need to continue support to provide community outreach on HPD programs and services i.e. CCC program. Our housing groups are in need of funding for the area to help the tenants, homeowners and landlords. With tenants/landlords on the verge of losing their apartments due to the pandemic, more grants and programs need to help both deal with the problems. We need to expand the funding to anticipate the future emergencies, i.e. pandemic

2 of 2 Continue to support emergency housing programs**HPD**

Provide, expand, or enhance emergency housing programs for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders

We continue to support emergency housing for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders. Tenants need to be housed in other locations while repairs are made.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)**1 of 3 Enhance NORC programs and health services****DFTA**

Enhance NORC programs and health services

We need to expand NORC programs and health services to assist the aging population. In our area, we have 23.3% of the population over 65 and it continues to increase each year.

2 of 3 Increase staffing for homebound adult programs**DFTA**

Increase staffing for homebound adult programs

Increase personnel for Home Bound programs for disabled seniors. Due to the increasing NORC population, home bound programs for seniors are needed.

3 of 3 Increase transportation services capacity**DFTA**

Increase transportation services capacity

Fund Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island Senior Citizen Transportation (Project Ride) and other access a ride services for the Frail Elderly population. Traveling for seniors are limited due to their limited mobility. More funding are needed to address this in a growing NORC area.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)**1 of 4 Need a Coney Island BID****SBS**

Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district

We currently have a BID in Brighton Beach and it is successful in the area. We are looking to form a BID in Coney Island to handle the commercial and amusement area.

2 of 4 Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance**SBS**

Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance

We continue to support the need to provide retail attraction and retention assistance to revitalize the commercial strip in the area.

3 of 4 We need Workforce1 office in our community**SBS**

Other workforce development requests

We need to bring back Workforce1 to a storefront office. We understand they are currently mobile but we need a place for people to go and discuss employment opportunities.

4 of 4 Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program**SBS**

Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program

We need to support storefront/facade improvements for the area.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**1 of 1 Need DEP inspectors to address water quality complaints****DEP**

Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments

We Need more DEP Inspectors for industrial waste and water lines. Since the illegal dumping from Beach Haven Apartments, the community wants ongoing investigation of illegal connections and if found closed off.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**1 of 3 Provide adolescent literacy programs and services****DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services

We need to continue support our adolescent literacy programs and services for our young adults. We need to give them a chance to get a GED diploma to get to the next level. We need to provide wrap-around services (breakfast, lunch, childcare, etc.) so the people in need of adolescent literacy programs can attend.

2 of 3 Provide English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) services**DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) services

Community Board 13 has a growing population of immigrants. We need to address their concern and issues. English as a second language services are needed.

3 of 3 Expand skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out

We need to expand the skill training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out. We have an alternate high school that is filled and needs to be expanded and enhanced. We need to provide wrap-around services (breakfast, lunch, childcare, etc.) to assist these students.

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 4 Assign more teaching staff DOE
Assign more teaching staff

With the overdevelopment of our community and the overcrowding in classrooms, there is a need for more qualified teaching staff. We cannot justified overcrowded classrooms and not have enough teachers for the classes. We need to expand the budget for hiring teachers. Also, there is a need to have smaller class size in schools.

2 of 4 Need more performing and cultural arts DOE
Other educational programs requests

We realized that the performing and cultural arts have been cut out from the curriculum. The children have no place to express themselves except through academic and sports. Their creative learning has been cut off and it is desperately needed.

3 of 4 Need more school psychologists and social workers DOE
Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services

We need additional school psychologists and social workers in our school system. We would like to see if this could include a Chaplaincy Program for the children.

4 of 4 Need standard electronic devices protocols DOE
Other educational programs requests

We need to address the issue with electronic devices brought into the public schools. We need to have a budget for schools to purchase protective electronic bags and/or lockers to secure the electronic devices.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

1 of 1 Need tax incentive programs EDC
Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment

We need to expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space. This would help entice businesses to come into the area.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 2 Increase enforcement of canine waste laws DSNY
Increase enforcement of canine waste laws

We need to increase enforcement of canine waste laws to catch the dog owners in the act of littering the street.

2 of 2 Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste DSNY
Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste

We need to expand disposal events for hazardous household waste. We would like to have the event locally so people do not have to travel half way across Brooklyn to dispose hazardous items.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)

1 of 1 Provide more public art Provide more public art

DCLA

Southern Brooklyn is a public art desert. Additional funding is requested for the expansion of the Percent for Art program that will allow the department to expand its portfolio of active art projects associated with new capital projects in the district.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

1 of 2 Increase funding for Community Board operations Other community board facilities and staff requests

OMB

Continue support to increase funding for Community Board operations.

2 of 2 Provide more community board staff Provide more community board staff

OMB

Community Boards require access to consultants who offer professional services not currently available to us, particularly land use and planning services to address local issues, which would enable us to fulfill our Charter mandates as planners and advocates for our community.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 5 Hire additional uniformed officers Hire additional uniformed officers

NYPD

We need additional summer detailed and uniformed officers for our communitywide area. With the growing developments, we are facing a population boom. We need additional uniformed officers to help keep down crime.

2 of 5 Hire additional school safety agents Hire additional school safety agents

NYPD

There is a need to improve school safety with security guards and crossing guards around the schools. We need to get the elected officials and the D.A. office involved with this problem.

3 of 5 Hire additional crossing guards Hire additional crossing guards

NYPD

We need assign additional funding to hire full time crossing guards for the school to keep the children safe.

4 of 5 Hire additional traffic enforcement agents Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

NYPD

We need to add traffic-control personnel to move motorists eastward to Ocean Parkway entrances to Belt. With traffic enforcement agents, they can curtail bumper-to-bumper traffic on Neptune Ave. and Cropsey Ave. during busy hours. Also, we need to address Brighton Beach Avenue and Coney Island Avenue intersection, too.

5 of 5 Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs

NYPD

We need to increase resources for youth crime prevention programs such as the Explorers Program and Saturday Night Lights. Also, we would like to set up a Drone Soccer league for our youth. We realized that not all youth are athletic and should have other options instead of sports. We need to offer the youth more positive activities and not fear law enforcement officers.

Administration for Children's Services (ACS)

1 of 3 Enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care**ACS**

Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care

We need to enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care. We understand that at the age of 18 the young adult does not have a secure job to afford an apartment, or some type of housing assistance is needed or supplemented to the rent.

2 of 3 Provide funding to support higher education and/or workforce development opportunities for youth who are leaving foster care**ACS**

Provide, expand, or enhance funding to support higher education and/or workforce development opportunities for youth who are leaving foster care

There is a need to provide funding for higher education and/or workforce development opportunities for youth who are leaving foster care. We see youth without a college degree or trade skills to compete for a job. We feel at least a CTE (certified technical education) degree would offer them a skill once completing.

3 of 3 Continue to fund Headstart Programs**ACS**

Other expense budget request for ACS

Currently, Headstart Programs have been cut back from the budget. We need to find ways to supplement the program for early child development.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 3 Expand SBS B82 bus to Stillwell Avenue****NYCTA**

Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation

SBS B82 Bus that ends at Cropsey Avenue - it should continue to Stillwell Avenue especially during the summertime and on weekends. This will be part of the Bus Redesign plan to extend this line.

2 of 3 Expand B Train to Stillwell Avenue**NYCTA**

Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations

Request the B train service to start at Stillwell Avenue terminal during the morning rush hours when pulling the trains out of the yard.

3 of 3 Bring the G Train to Coney Island during the summer season**NYCTA**

Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations

With subway construction happening during the summer time in our area, we are proposing a summer embargo to halt construction to stop the interruptions on the weekend. We need the MTA to work around the busy summer weekend when amusement operators must make their money in the summer months. If emergency work needs to be done, we need to expand the G Train to Coney Island on weekends in the summer. This will make it quicker for people to come into the area and have more subway options.

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)**1 of 1 Expand cultural and educational programs****BPL**

Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

Need to expand cultural and educational programs for residents to learn about other cultures in the neighborhood.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

1 of 3 Need more skilled trade workers in NYCHA developments**NYCHA**

Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness

Additional fundings are needed for skilled trade workers in NYCHA developments to reduce the unreasonably long wait times for maintenance and repairs. Increasing staff capacity will help address backlogged tickets more efficiently, thereby improving the safety and quality of life for residents.

2 of 3 Air Quality testing in NYCHA developments**NYCHA**

Other expense budget request for NYCHA

There has been complaints about the air quality in NYCHA developments since Superstorm Sandy hit the area. Concerns were around NYCHA developments where the elevators shafts were never cleaned properly and residents were getting sick from this. We need a air quality study to see if there are molds still remains in the developments and how do we get rid of them.

3 of 3 Bring Swim Safety Corps to Community Board 13**NYCHA**

Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests

We need lifeguards for Coney Island and Brighton Beach. NYCHA's Swim Safety Corps will train NYCHA's youth to become lifeguards. This pilot program started in Far Rockaway and was very successful. We need this program to our youths.