

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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 FY21 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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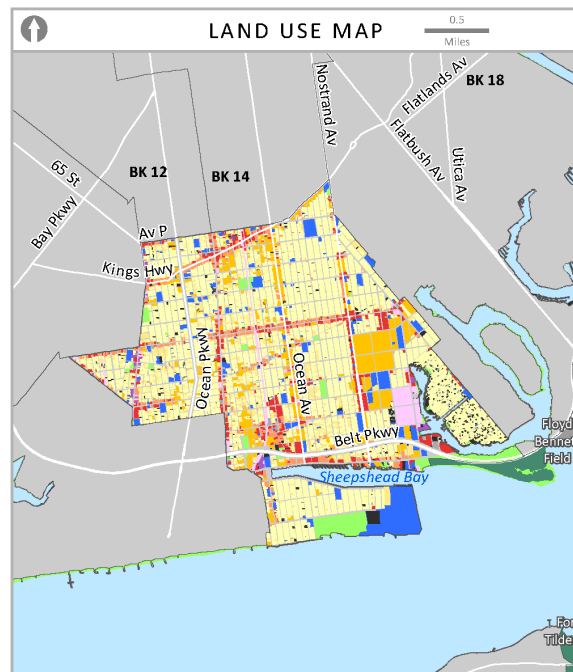
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Brooklyn Community District 15

See BK 15's profile online at
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods¹: Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend, Homecrest, Kings Highway, Manhattan Beach, Plumb Beach, Sheepshead Bay

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
160,319	159,650	0%
2013-2017 Estimate ⁴		154,037
Square Miles		4.7
Population Density		33,968/sq mi



Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 15 in 2019:

1. Traffic
2. Transit
3. Trash removal & cleanliness

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 15's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	17,711	49%
Multifamily Walk-up	2,158	8%
Multifamily Elevator	288	10%
Mixed Use	1,221	4%
Commercial	653	5%
Industrial	34	0%
Transportation/Utility	68	4%
Public/Institutional	251	8%
Open Space	53	4%
Parking	174	1%
Vacant	661	6%
Other	62	1%

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	23
Public Libraries	6
Hospitals and Clinics	18
Parks	11
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
48%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 15	Citywide Target
76%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
45	42
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	41
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
35%	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
7.9	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	NYC
	11.8

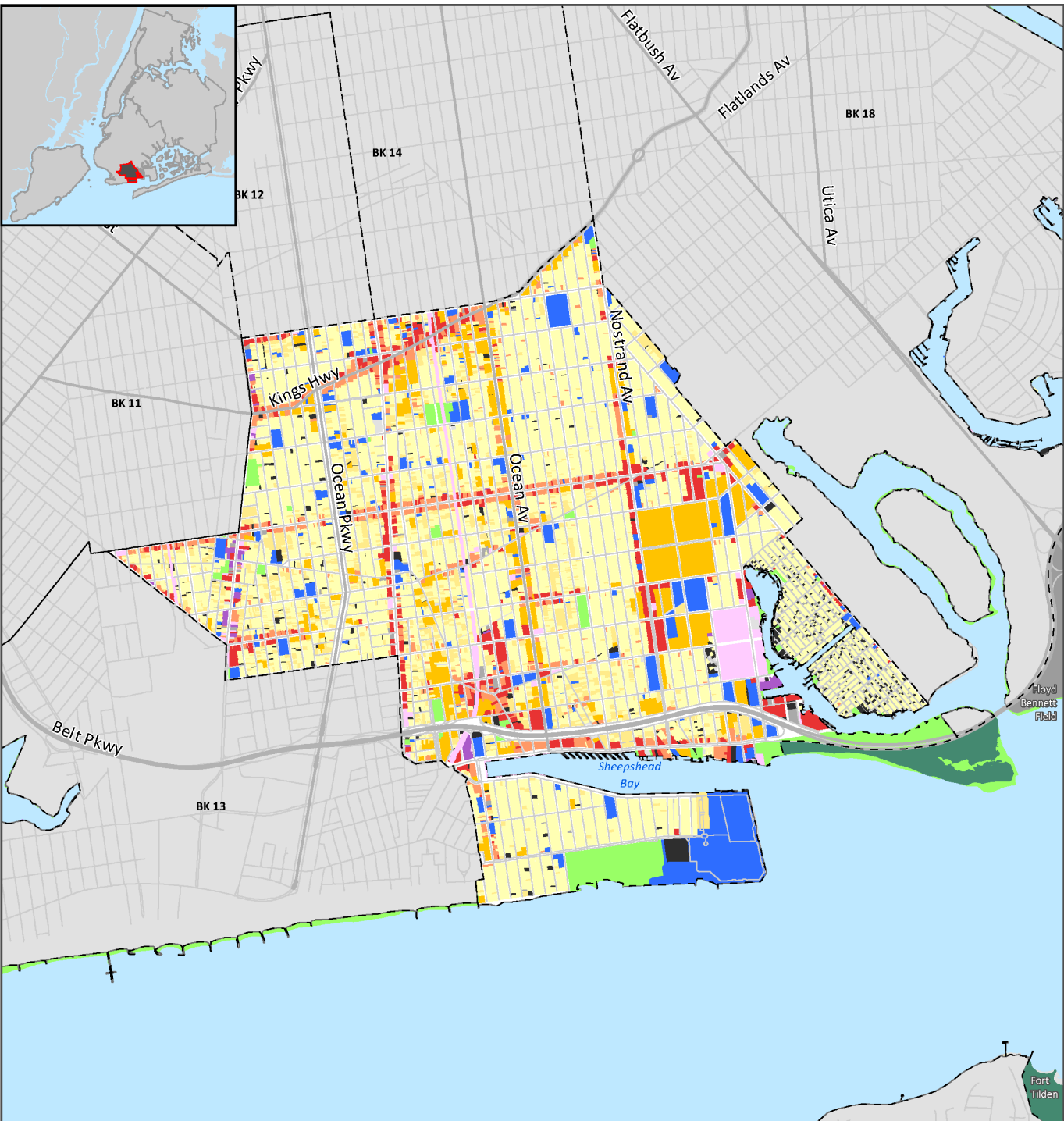
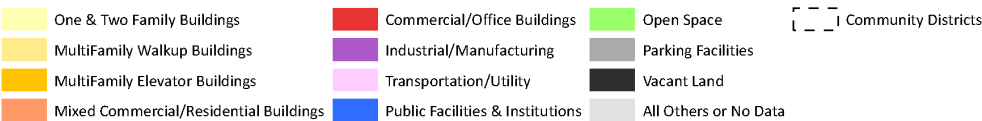
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
40%	35%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	37%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
4.1%	5.1%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC
	4.9%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 15	Brooklyn
19%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Brooklyn Community District 15 - Land Use



3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 15 is a vibrant mixed-use community. The District is bordered to the North by the large commercial strip of Kings Highway, to the West by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the South by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the East by the year round recreational community of Gerritsen Beach, other residential areas include Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach. It is the policy of Community Board 15 to see to the needs of the local residents it serves and ensure they are given not only a voice, but also receive timely, quality and efficient delivery of city services to the District. Open communication between residents and the Community Board is an essential part of maintaining public safety, development and prosperity for all. According to the Department of City Planning (current), the total land area of Community Board 15 is 4.7 square miles, 53.9% persons per acre. The population statistics supplied by New York City Planning's FactFinder from the American Community Survey conducted from 2013-2017, stated the overall population of Community Board 15 (Brooklyn) is 172,268. Population aged 65+ 18.0%, median age is 40.1, households with children under 18 years old 22.0%, Hispanic Population 10.3%, White 65.5%, Black or African American 3.7% , and Asian 18.2%. The median household income for 2017 is \$56,487, and 30% of the population graduate college. The District includes: 68,670 housing units, with 41.5% having 20 or more units, units authorized by new residential building permits 268, units issued new certificates of occupancy 229, homeownership rates are at 46.7%, rental vacancy rate 2.7%, median asking rent \$1800, median sales price per unit, (2-4 unit building projected 2018) is \$440,000 and housing choice vouchers 5.7%.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 15

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Traffic

Traffic: Every single one of our Commercial areas Sheepshead Bay Road - from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from Gerritsen Avenue to McDonald Avenue are congested with double parking, truck deliveries and illegal parking. Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P through Guider Avenue, is inundated with double parked cars and people making illegal U-Turns. Most of these Avenues are also major transit hubs causing illegal TLC parking. We need better Traffic Enforcement, improved policing and DOT input on how to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Because parking is at a premium, the biggest 311 complaints in the district are, blocked driveways with people desperate to park and illegal parking. Response times are high because they are not deemed emergencies, so we need a dedicated unit to focus on these quality of life traffic issues. Lastly, there is an issue throughout the community with people selling multiple cars on our streets taking up valuable parking spaces, in Sheepshead Bay - on Jerome Avenue and Avenue Z and along McDonald Avenue from Avenue V to Avenue X these pop up street car dealers can be found utilizing our much needed parking spaces.

Transit (buses & subways)

Transit: In recent years, our transit system has been failing. The infrastructure isn't being properly maintained and very often our train lines B, Q, F and N have been faltering with electrical problems, derailments and being put out of service for long periods of time. We are in a remote area, the southern most terminus of Brooklyn and our community relies heavily on our mass transportation system to get to and from work. Many of our train lines are elevated and because our community has one of the largest concentration of seniors, most of our stations are not ADA compliant. We need transit to take a look into correcting this by making more stations accessible. In particular, we would like to see the Sheepshead Bay station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street equipped with an elevator.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Trash: Our bustling commercial corridors don't have the maintenance or enforcement they require to keep the areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents. Sheepshead Bay Road, from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from Ocean Avenue to Ocean Parkway, Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P on any given day will have baskets overflowing from household trash and illegal dumping of construction materials as well as trash strewn along the streets. Our office is inundated with calls on a daily basis complaining how filthy and uninviting these shopping corridors are. We also have a problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B & Q train lines on East 16th Street and F train line on McDonald Avenue, as well as our service road Shore Parkway which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

We have seen an influx of homeless people throughout our district, they can be found by our elevated train lines the Q and B begging for money. They can be found by the following train stations Sheepshead Bay, Avenue U and Kings Highway. Our underpass at Ocean Avenue and Shore Parkway, our municipal parking lot on East 17th Street and Avenue Z. By our movie theater on Knapp Street. Pan handling along our roadways, like Ocean Parkway between Avenue U and Brighton Beach Avenue. We need more assistance and resources to help provide them affordable housing, access to the necessary medications they need, treatment programs and any other social services we can provide them.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Coney Island Hospital, after Super Storm Sandy, has come back to its previous state. But, funding has been allocated by FEMA to construct a new tower which would be flood resistant. During Hurricane Irene, Coney Island Hospital was evacuated putting many lives in danger. During the height of Sandy, patients were being moved from the flooding main tower to an alternate location. This new tower would make Coney Island Hospital a state of the art health care facility. That is the reason to implement a Level 1 Trauma Center at this time. Valuable time is wasted transporting patients to other trauma centers when we could have one in our community now. Planning this at this time is imperative.

Needs for Older NYs

No comments

Needs for Homeless

New York City is facing a homeless epidemic. With affordable housing becoming more of a rarity in the city many are priced out of their homes. Community Board 15 has seen an influx of homeless in the community and believes there should be more outreach from the Department of Homeless Services, to actively seek to permanently shelter the displaced and bring them the social programs they need, such as drug rehabilitation, mental illness counseling and job skills training with placement. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street (right next to the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway underpass, the Municipal Parking lot on East 17th Street and Avenue Z, Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue in the green street parks.

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is the closest Hospital to our district, it is near every major road artery in the community, the Belt Parkway and Ocean Parkway. Severely affected by Super Storm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovations and is in the process of constructing a new flood-proof tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital should be given the additional funding it needs to become a Level 1 Trauma Center, they currently don't have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to achieve this trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/28	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>Purchase FibroScan System for GI - \$198,000. Lenstar Optical System - \$35,999.00. Replace existing 2D mammographic unit with Pristina 3D unit - \$497,629.00. Stryker Laparoscopic and Arthoscopic towers and cameras - \$199,562.00 Leica Neurology Microscope \$172,057.00 Total Needed \$1,103, 247.00</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/34	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as section 8, which need better policing are over saturated and closed.</i>	

**Expand street
outreach**

Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Brooklyn is facing a boom with more development and people moving to the area our schools have not kept up with the demand. Overcrowded classrooms do not provide the best education. We need to look into our local schools to see what schools need to be expanded and how we can best achieve this, so that our classrooms remain manageable and our children get the attention they need and deserve.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Community Board 15 has several schools in our district with an overcrowding problem. Overcrowded classrooms are not beneficial to our children receiving an excellent education. We need to create additional classrooms or develop new schools to provide our students with the best education available, so they will one day have the tools to competently compete in tomorrow's job markets. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools over capacity.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/28	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. We would appreciate funding for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/34	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1970 Homecrest Avenue
14/34	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1401 Emmons Avenue

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other

Increase in Row Tow Capabilities by adding automobile lifts at existing facility to handle more vehicles.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the District being almost 5 square miles in size there is an immediate need for additional Police Officers to adequately patrol the District. The 61st Precinct is under staffed and at times many of our Officers are reassigned to work the beach patrol, at the 60th Precinct, or larger events throughout the City. Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints from residents on how low-priority crimes, such as car break-ins or traffic accidents are taking hours for a police response. Along with low priority crimes our community is plagued with blocked driveways, from people losing patience to looking for a legal parking spot, choosing to park in a way that prohibits a homeowner from accessing their driveway. We have cars that don't move for alternate side and cars that are either abandoned or being sold on our streets taking up valuable parking real estate. Row tow capabilities are limited in that they have no real place to store the vehicles outside of one tow pound cross town in north brooklyn and the time it takes to tow across town limits how many cars they can capture in a day. Either fines need to be increased each time a person's vehicle is caught disobeying the law or a new facility be created in southern Brooklyn to house violators or expand the capacity of the existing north facility with car lifts.

Needs for Emergency Services

All Firehouses in the District are aging and in need of electrical upgrades. These firehouses should also be outfitted with emergency back-up generators in the event of a power outage. .

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/28	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently Brooklyn has only one police tow pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's almost at full capacity. Southern Brooklyn needs a tow pound to expedite the tow needs of our communities. The current pound being so far away allows for limited ability to remove illegally parked or abandoned cars in any given day from southern Brooklyn because of long travel times. This is a growing problem in our community. Additional automobile lifts at the existing facility would increase capacity until a new pound can be located and created.</i>	
5/28	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>We are requesting any additional funding necessary in the rebuilding of a EMS station in our neighboring area by Coney Island Hospital.</i>	2600-2698 East 6th Street
9/28	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to tow a heavy vehicle such as a semi-truck. We have to wait and rely on a tow truck being sent from Manhattan. We would like Brooklyn to have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
CS	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 : 1635 East 14th Street New Commercial Dishwasher, a Washing Machine and a Clothes Dryer (Gas) Engine 254/Ladder 153 901 Avenue U New Intercom system in firehouse Back-up Generator 1 inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations Forcible entry training door Low profile floor jack Metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. Engine 321: 2165 Gerritsen Avenue New Apparatus (Truck Room) Floor Dishwasher Engine 246/Ladder 169 2731 East 11th Street Electrical Upgrades to Firehouse including Back-up Generator New Refrigerator Commercial range hood for outdoor grill</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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1/34	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>Community Board 15 is in need of additional police officers at our 61st Precinct, located at 2575 Coney Island Avenue. Although our crime rates are low, issues such as minor traffic accidents, car break- ins and mischief in our school yards and parks can go hours before an officer is able to respond because the department is currently spread too thin handling more urgent calls.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/34	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We would like to see additional cars purchased for our precinct. Often cars are in the shop. We would also like funds to be allocated for repairs of these vehicles.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
9/34	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>All the schools in the District are in need of additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around schools at dismissal, crossing guards are imperative. Currently when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work.</i>	
10/34	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd
11/34	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>All of our commercial corridors are backed up with traffic due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Avenue Z, on Avenue U from McDonald Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, on Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue and on Kings Highway from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue.</i>	

12/34	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
26/34	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>There is a fee of \$24.00 a year an Explorer wanting to participate in the police program must come up with to be a part of this worthwhile group. We would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the city of New York.</i>	
28/34	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>The stations along the B and Q train lines are inundated with illegal merchants outside the train stations. Whether Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U or Kings Highway, illegal vendors block the station entrances causing safety issues as well as sanitation problems.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Water pollution control

Community Board 15's District as a Waterfront Community has two major waterways that have been severally impacted by run-off from the Coney Island Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. The system has had some major breakdowns this year, releasing a horrible stench into the air which lingered for weeks. Our main concern is how the runoff from this plant is negatively impacting on our waters in both Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay. After Superstorm Sandy when the electricity was cut off stopping any safeguards that were in place, the amount of toxins released from our overflowing sewage system has never been fully addressed. We are still feeling its affects. The stench of both Gerritsen Creek (located on Knapp Street across from the plant) and Sheepshead Bay Outfall on Ocean Avenue and Emmons Avenue, during high tides is unbearable. An environmental impact study should be conducted on these bodies of water and work should be done to restore these once thriving waterways back to the people of the community to safely enjoy for recreation. Many of our storm drains are heavily impacted with sludge or are backed up with debris having never been properly cleaned and don't flow the way they should causing major flooding on our roadways. These aging storm sewers do not seem capable of handling the impact of heavy rain storms and often back up causing flooding on our streets. This is most evident along our low-lying areas Shore Boulevard in Manhattan Beach between Ocean Avenue and Irwin Street and all along Gerritsen Avenue in Gerritsen Beach and along many of the streets in the old section of Gerritsen Beach.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

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

Needs for Sanitation Services

Our main concern is that our Brooklyn 15 Sanitation garage has been operating out of a temporary location on Knapp Street in trailers for over a decade. Recently, we have learned due to an emergency the secondary lot used by Sanitation for equipment has been taken back by DEP, who owns the land for their equipment. We would like to see them permanently housed in the district or a proposed joint Sanitation garage for Community Board 13 and 15 expeditiously come together.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/28	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Sanitation 15 is currently in temporary housing on Knapp Street in trailers. They require additional trailers to better serve the staff they currently have.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
20/28	DEP	Investigate odor complaints about a wastewater facility and address/repair or make equipment improvements as needed (Capital)	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street
25/28	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Sanitation 15 requires a 4 X 4 truck to get its personnel out and about to assess snow conditions.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent location to house Sanitation 15, Brooklyn.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/34	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed (Expense)	<i>Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventors throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Sandy and these preventors would help with the back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.</i>	

6/34	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Blvd., between Pembroke and West End Avenue. Oriental Avenue between Oxford and West End Avenue. On Gerritsen Avenue from Channel Avenue to Seba Avenue.</i>	
7/34	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove all floatables in the Bay and in the Creek. This pollution is a severe health hazard, as well as making these heavily visited locations undesirable and unsightly for the community to fully enjoy.</i>	
18/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on every upright structure. Signs for moving men and lately "Cash for Cars" signs have appeared everywhere. There must be severe penalties for such acts. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
23/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch them in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street from Avenues U thru Z, contain, tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about each week by illegal dumpers. We need to stop this.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue Z
25/34	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>To keep up with the demands of our district, like many we need more manpower. The Malls along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Knapp Street
29/34	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests (Expense)	<i>Sanitation 15 requires additional manpower for their derelict vehicle unit. Our area is inundated with calls about abandoned cars and having the additional manpower would decrease response times in removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
30/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Over grown tree pits, illegal dumping and filthy sidewalks exist all along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Ocean Avenue

32/34	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B & Q train line by Homecrest Avenue, between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Neptune Avenue
33/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road a once thriving retail corridor has become a neighborhood eyesore. Very few merchants maintain in front of their stores. We receive numerous complaints from residents who walk along that road.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Affordable housing creation

With a growing aging population our seniors can not afford to maintain or stay in their homes and rentals are just not affordable on their fixed incomes.

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

Needs for Land Use

Throughout Community Board 15 there are many stop work orders that are being violated. Many homes are being converted illegally from 1-2 family dwellings to multi-family dwellings without the proper permits. It is our hope that with additional inspectors, inspections can be done in a more timely fashion. Many of the violations we have reported have been backlogged for months helping illegal construction to be completed.

Needs for Housing

We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken ovens, other broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews are need to expedite the warrant of habitability.

Needs for Economic Development

We have a large number of small commercial areas in our district, Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X with rents escalating to ludicrous heights, these storefronts either turn over rapidly, or sit vacant not enticing or attracting anyone to invest in opening a new business. Empty store fronts don't entice consumers. The City needs to offer Small Business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer store owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/28	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes and rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With a growing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class has extremely diminished. Real Estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community and it's becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high, that families are taken up residence in illegally created apartments.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/34	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed, non hazardous and rated a C still take months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	
20/34	EDC	Expand access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	<i>We have commercial areas, such as Sheepshead Bay, Avenue X, Avenue U with empty storefronts causing a blight on the community. Barren storefronts don't entice consumers. Our commercial districts are deteriorating. Rents are high and mom and pop shops can't compete with large online retailers. We need incentives to encourage and assist would be shop keepers to invest in our neighborhoods.</i>	

21/34	EDC	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews are need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V
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Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Traffic congestion

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

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The old section of Gerritsen Beach is plagued with flooding after a minor rain event. The streets must be repaved with the proper drainage. The DOT must assign an additional speed hump installation crew to expedite installation of speed humps, two years is too long to wait for the installations.

Needs for Transit Services

Due to Community Board 15's large senior population we would like to see an elevator constructed at the Sheepshead Bay Station. Sheepshead Bay station is a large transit hub and seniors find navigating the large amount of steps to reach the elevated train line very difficult. Also, our stations are filthy!! They smell like urinals, the staircases are lined with debris and graffiti is everywhere both inside and outside the stations.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/28	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>The Bulkheads along Manhattan Beach from Corbin Place to Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
19/28	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>The waiting list to put in a requested and approved speed hump is very excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the time of installation and save lives.</i>	
26/28	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Throughout Community Board 15, we would like to see the addition of solar lighting on street lights and traffic signals in case of storm related outages.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Super Storm Sandy. Flooding and Ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen, (South of Bartlett Avenue), for many years, during the aftermath of Sandy it is critical these upgrades be made. We are requesting a new sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/34	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Shore Boulevard (west bound) and along Sheepshead Bay Road from Emmons Avenue to Voorhies Avenue (both north and south bound). The area is too congested and the city buses can barely get through. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS on Emmons Avenue and East 14th Street causes snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the congestion. So a study should be conducted when school is in session.</i>	
19/34	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

The biggest complaints we receive are from residents complaining about city trees. We need funding for additional staff in the forestry division to improve pruning, replanting and removal of stumps. Waiting times have tremendously increased in tree maintenance throughout the district.

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

Needs for Parks

The Parks in Community Board 15 are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. Parks needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs these parks require on a daily basis. Whether, its trimming the weeds, trimming the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition, when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, comfort stations need to be made a priority, not an after thought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well utilized park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be addressed. In the planning of Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, a rather remote area, a comfort station should be included. Bill Brown Park on Bedford Avenue by Avenue X to Avenue Y has its park building upgrade in limbo for several years, due to the contractor defaulting. However, its the residents who suffer and calls to our office to complain they need the comfort station replaced and as soon as possible. McDonald Park located at McDonald Avenue and Avenue S is in need of having it's main ball field repaved.

Needs for Cultural Services

Our community is vibrant and alive yet we are lacking in the arts. Our children need to travel to other communities to enjoy the fine arts. We need traveling art shows to enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host science fairs and allow our young to experience hands on projects.

Needs for Library Services

Our community (BPL) has seen an increase in library use whether for reading or for the many programs these libraries offer. Many children attend the after school programs offered and seniors avail themselves to the many senior programs available. In recent times library access has become more important than ever before.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Board 15 is in need of an upgraded internet service. We are still working with a antiquated DSL line, which we are told will no longer be supported and the service will cease to exist by the end of the year.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/28	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year, located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given it's remote location, for seniors and children in our community a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Brigham Street
6/28	DPR	Other park facilities and access requests	<i>Mellet Park is in need of an overall drainage repair. Ponding is major problem in this park, leaving murky water dangerously lingering around the area where children play.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
7/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station, it serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard.</i>	Williams Court
11/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd
14/28	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
15/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is need of total reconstruction and updates in its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street
16/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of Astro Turf in the main ball field with running and walking paths. Basketball courts, handball and tennis courts all need resurfacing.</i>	McDonald Avenue and Avenue S

17/28	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
18/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park need its' baseball field and tennis ball courts upgraded.</i>	Falmouth Street and Oriental
21/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Kings Bay Library - Safety & Security Enhancements \$250,000, Exterior & Windows \$1,800,000., and Heating & Cooling \$3,000,00.</i>	3650 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
22/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Gravesend Library needs: Safety and Security Enhancements \$200,000, interior renovation \$2,000, 000, initial outfitting / FF & E 500,000, Heating and Cooling 2,000,000.</i>	303 Avenue X
23/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Homecrest Library needs are as follows, Leased Branch, \$3,000,000.00, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Heating and Cooling, \$2,000,000. and a roof \$850,000.</i>	2525 Coney Island Avenue
24/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Sheepshead Bay Leased Branch, \$2,000,000, ADA Compliance - entire branch \$1,000,000, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Exterior work \$750,000, Site Drainage \$400,000, Interior Renovation, \$3,000,000., Initial Outfitting FF/& E \$600,000., Heating and Cooling \$2,000,000 and a Roof \$850,000.</i>	2636 East 14th Street
27/28	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard, has become a broken up, hazardous looking eye sore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd
28/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The Manhattan Beach Bath House harks back to the days of yesteryear. Yet is sits there a shell of itself, an empty relic of a time gone by. The community would love to see it restored, and once again, providing changing facilities, showers and lockers for the beach going community.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Falmouth Stree

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/34	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community, waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time to have a tree planted and tree pruning can take 7 - 10 years, allowing it to become a hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.</i>	
17/34	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, loud music and noise complaints emulating from the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage this behavior.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
22/34	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	
24/34	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to city trees uprooting them. The current funding is not adequate enough to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair, we are requesting additional funding to combat this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
27/34	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.</i>	Coney Island Avenue
31/34	DPR	New equipment for maintenance (Expense)	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is the closest Hospital to our district, it is near every major road artery in the community, the Belt Parkway and Ocean Parkway. Severely affected by Super Storm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovations and is in the process of constructing a new flood-proof tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital should be given the additional funding it needs to become a Level 1 Trauma Center, they currently don't have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to achieve this trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
2/28	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year, located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given it's remote location, for seniors and children in our community a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Brigham Street
3/28	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>Purchase FibroScan System for GI - \$198,000. Lenstar Optical System - \$35,999.00. Replace existing 2D mammographic unit with Pristina 3D unit - \$497,629.00. Stryker Laparoscopic and Arthoscopic towers and cameras - \$199,562.00 Leica Neurology Microscope \$172,057.00 Total Needed \$1,103, 247.00</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/28	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently Brooklyn has only one police tow pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's almost at full capacity. Southern Brooklyn needs a tow pound to expedite the row-tow needs of our communities. The current pound being so far away allows for limited ability to remove illegally parked or abandoned cars in any given day from southern Brooklyn because of long travel times. This is a growing problem in our community. Additional automobile lifts at the existing facility would increase capacity until a new pound can be located and created.</i>	

5/28	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>We are requesting any additional funding necessary in the rebuilding of a EMS station in our neighboring area by Coney Island Hospital.</i>	2600-2698 East 6th Street
6/28	DPR	Other park facilities and access requests	<i>Mellet Park is in need of an overall drainage repair. Ponding is major problem in this park, leaving murky water dangerously lingering around the area where children play.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
7/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station, it serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard.</i>	Williams Court
8/28	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes and rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With a growing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class has extremely diminished. Real Estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community and it's becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high, that families are taken up residence in illegally created apartments.</i>	
9/28	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to tow a heavy vehicle such as a semi-truck. We have to wait and rely on a tow truck being sent from Manhattan. We would like Brooklyn to have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
10/28	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>The Bulkheads along Manhattan Beach from Corbin Place to Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
11/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd

12/28	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Sanitation 15 is currently in temporary housing on Knapp Street in trailers. They require additional trailers to better serve the staff they currently have.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
13/28	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. We would appreciate funding for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
14/28	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
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18/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park need its' baseball field and tennis ball courts upgraded.</i>	Falmouth Street and Oriental
19/28	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>The waiting list to put in a requested and approved speed hump is very excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the time of installation and save lives.</i>	

20/28	DEP	Investigate odor complaints about a wastewater facility and address/repair or make equipment improvements as needed (Capital)	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street
21/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Kings Bay Library - Safety & Security Enhancements \$250,000, Exterior & Windows \$1,800,000., and Heating & Cooling \$3,000,00.</i>	3650 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
22/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Gravesend Library needs: Safety and Security Enhancements \$200,000, interior renovation \$2,000, 000, initial outfitting / FF & E 500,000, Heating and Cooling 2,000,000.</i>	303 Avenue X
23/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Homecrest Library needs are as follows, Leased Branch, \$3,000,000.00, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Heating and Cooling, \$2,000,000. and a roof \$850,000.</i>	2525 Coney Island Avenue
24/28	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Sheepshead Bay Leased Branch, \$2,000,000, ADA Compliance - entire branch \$1,000,000, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Exterior work \$750,000, Site Drainage \$400,000, Interior Renovation, \$3,000,000., Initial Outfitting FF/& E \$600,000., Heating and Cooling \$2,000,000 and a Roof \$850,000.</i>	2636 East 14th Street
25/28	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Sanitation 15 requires a 4 X 4 truck to get its personnel out and about to assess snow conditions.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
26/28	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Throughout Community Board 15, we would like to see the addition of solar lighting on street lights and traffic signals in case of storm related outages.</i>	
27/28	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard, has become a broken up, hazardous looking eye sore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd

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CS	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 : 1635 East 14th Street New Commercial Dishwasher, a Washing Machine and a Clothes Dryer (Gas) Engine 254/Ladder 153 901 Avenue U New Intercom system in firehouse Back-up Generator 1 inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations Forcible entry training door Low profile floor jack Metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. Engine 321: 2165 Gerritsen Avenue New Apparatus (Truck Room) Floor Dishwasher Engine 246/Ladder 169 2731 East 11th Street Electrical Upgrades to Firehouse including Back-up Generator New Refrigerator Commercial range hood for outdoor grill</i>	
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent location to house Sanitation 15, Brooklyn.</i>	

CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<p><i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Super Storm Sandy. Flooding and Ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen, (South of Bartlett Avenue), for many years, during the aftermath of Sandy it is critical these upgrades be made. We are requesting a new sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i></p>	<p>Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue</p>
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Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/34	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>Community Board 15 is in need of additional police officers at our 61st Precinct, located at 2575 Coney Island Avenue. Although our crime rates are low, issues such as minor traffic accidents, car break- ins and mischief in our school yards and parks can go hours before an officer is able to respond because the department is currently spread too thin handling more urgent calls.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/34	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We would like to see additional cars purchased for our precinct. Often cars are in the shop. We would also like funds to be allocated for repairs of these vehicles.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/34	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs,such as section 8, which need better policing are over saturated and closed.</i>	
4/34	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed, non hazardous and rated a C still take months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	

5/34	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed (Expense)	<i>Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventors throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Sandy and these preventors would help with the back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y from Mcdonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.</i>
6/34	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Blvd., between Pembroke and West End Avenue. Oriental Avenue between Oxford and West End Avenue. On Gerritsen Avenue from Channel Avenue to Seba Avenue.</i>
7/34	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove all floatables in the Bay and in the Creek. This pollution is a severe health hazard, as well as making these heavily visited locations undesirable and unsightly for the community to fully enjoy.</i>
8/34	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community, waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time to have a tree planted and tree pruning can take 7 - 10 years, allowing it to become a hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.</i>
9/34	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>All the schools in the District are in need of additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around schools at dismissal, crossing guards are imperative. Currently when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work.</i>

10/34	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd
11/34	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>All of our commercial corridors are backed up with traffic due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Avenue Z, on Avenue U from McDonald Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, on Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue and on Kings Highway from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue.</i>	
12/34	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
13/34	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1970 Homecrest Avenue
14/34	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1401 Emmons Avenue

15/34	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Shore Boulevard (west bound) and along Sheepshead Bay Road from Emmons Avenue to Voorhies Avenue (both north and south bound). The area is too congested and the city buses can barely get through. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS on Emmons Avenue and East 14th Street causes snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the congestion. So a study should be conducted when school is in session.</i>	
16/34	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.</i>	
17/34	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, loud music and noise complaints emulating from the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage this behavior.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
18/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on every upright structure. Signs for moving men and lately "Cash for Cars" signs have appeared everywhere. There must be severe penalties for such acts. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
19/34	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	

20/34	EDC	Expand access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	<i>We have commercial areas, such as Sheepshead Bay, Avenue X, Avenue U with empty storefronts causing a blight on the community. Barren storefronts don't entice consumers. Our commercial districts are deteriorating. Rents are high and mom and pop shops can't compete with large online retailers. We need incentives to encourage and assist would be shop keepers to invest in our neighborhoods.</i>	
21/34	EDC	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews are need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V
22/34	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	
23/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch them in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street from Avenues U thru Z, contain, tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about each week by illegal dumpers. We need to stop this.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue Z
24/34	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to city trees uprooting them. The current funding is not adequate enough to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair, we are requesting additional funding to combat this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
25/34	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>To keep up with the demands of our district, like many we need more manpower. The Malls along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Knapp Street

26/34	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>There is a fee of \$24.00 a year an Explorer wanting to participate in the police program must come up with to be a part of this worthwhile group. We would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the city of New York.</i>	
27/34	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.</i>	Coney Island Avenue
28/34	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>The stations along the B and Q train lines are inundated with illegal merchants outside the train stations. Whether Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U or Kings Highway, illegal vendors block the station entrances causing safety issues as well as sanitation problems.</i>	
29/34	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests (Expense)	<i>Sanitation 15 requires additional manpower for their derelict vehicle unit. Our area is inundated with calls about abandoned cars and having the additional manpower would decrease response times in removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
30/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Over grown tree pits, illegal dumping and filthy sidewalks exist all along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Ocean Avenue
31/34	DPR	New equipment for maintenance (Expense)	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
32/34	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B & Q train line by Homecrest Avenue, between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Neptune Avenue
33/34	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road a once thriving retail corridor has become a neighborhood eyesore. Very few merchants maintain in front of their stores. We receive numerous complaints from residents who walk along that road.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue

