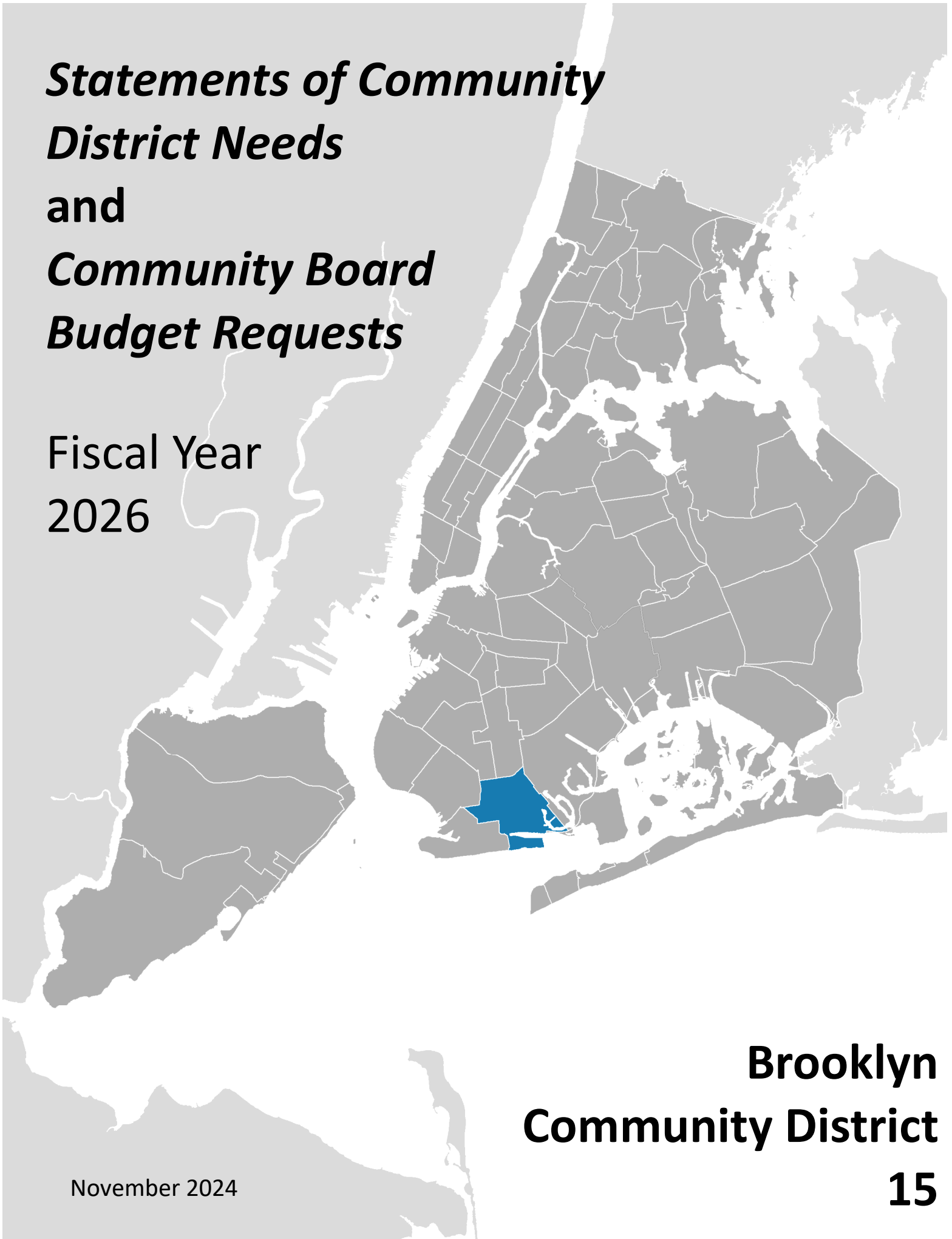


***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

**Fiscal Year
2026**

**Brooklyn
Community District
15**

November 2024



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

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

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

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

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
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 15

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	159,650	100.00	169,632	100.00	9,982	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	33,531	21	36,851	21.7	3,320	9.9	0.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	159,650	100.0	169,632	100.0	9,982	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	13,029	8.2	15,688	9.2	2,659	20.4	1.0
White non-Hispanic	114,721	71.9	105,734	62.3	-8,987	-7.8	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	5,298	3.3	6,649	3.9	1,351	25.5	0.6
Asian non-Hispanic	24,107	15.1	34,358	20.3	10,251	42.5	5.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	428	0.3	1,296	0.8	868	202.8	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,067	1.3	5,907	3.5	3,840	185.8	2.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	70,595	100.0	67,322	100.0	-3,273	-4.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,760	87.5	63,097	93.7	1,337	2.2	6.2
Vacant housing units	8,835	12.5	4,225	6.3	-4,610	-52.2	-6.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 15 (CB15) is a vibrant mixed-use community. The community district is bordered to the north by the Kings Highway commercial corridor, 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 coastal community of Gerritsen Beach. Other residential areas include the neighborhoods of Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach. It is the policy of CB15 to attend to the needs of our local residents and ensure they are given not only a voice, but also receive timely, quality and efficient delivery of municipal services. Ongoing dialogue between our residents and the community board is an essential part of maintaining public safety and encouraging development and prosperity for all. According to NYU's Furman Center the total land area of CB15 is 4.7 square miles. Population statistics supplied by NYU's Furman Center report that the overall population of CB15 is 151,970 of which, (23.4%) are under the age of 18. Racially, the community district breaks down as follows: Hispanic (9.6%), White, 57.1%), Black, (6.7%), Asian, (20.7%), and Racial Diversity (0.62%). Median Household Income in 2022 was \$63, 370, about 18% less than citywide median household (\$77, 550). The poverty rate was 19.1% in 2022 compared to 18.3% citywide. Real median gross rent increased from \$1, 290 in 2006 to \$1,670 in 2022. This represents a 29.5% increase over the same period. Overall, the rental vacancy rate was 4.2% in 2022. In 2022, the homeownership rate was 43.6%, which is higher than the citywide share of 32.7%. The homeownership rate in the community has decreased by 2.9% since 2010.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 15

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and Public Safety

Staffing levels at our local precinct are down and are of a great concern to our community. We attribute the shortage to a few significant factors, their inability to fill positions trickled down from an attrition of those retiring from the force, and the department's struggle to attract qualified candidates to pursue careers in law enforcement. It is critically important to our community that patrol strength be restored. Resources are needed for recruitment, updated vehicles and capital funding to modernize precincts and make them fully ADA compliant to better serve everyone. Quality of Life issues, such as illegally parked vehicles, abandoned vehicles and fender benders have delayed response times because of limited personnel or vehicles available to address these issues.

Traffic

Traffic: All of our commercial corridors, including Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and Avenue U (between Gerritsen Avenue and McDonald Avenue), are congested from double parking, truck deliveries, illegal parking and the never-ending search for parking spaces. Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Guider Avenue) is inundated with double parked cars, people making illegal U-turns and auto-intensive commercial uses which encroach on the roadway. Most of these avenues are also major transit hubs attracting more and more TLC vehicles which usurp parking spaces. Dedicated bus lanes have been implemented, but drivers do not seem to pay much attention to such changes, so they are not working as intended. We need effective Traffic Enforcement, enhanced Police attention and an active and ongoing dialogue with DOT to develop strategies to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Because parking is at a premium, the most frequent 311 reports in our community district include complaints of illegal parking and blocked driveways of constituents who are desperate to park. Response times are lengthy because these complaints are not emergencies. We could use a dedicated unit to focus on these traffic infractions affecting the community's quality of life. Lastly, there is an issue throughout the community with people illegally selling cars on our streets. In Sheepshead Bay (around Jerome Avenue and Avenue Z), and in Gravesend (along McDonald Avenue between Avenue V and Avenue X) these pop-up car dealerships on our streets are illegally usurping much-needed parking spaces.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Trash: The Department of Sanitation needs more personnel, particularly in Sanitation Enforcement. This additional manpower is essential to assure that collections and enforcement divisions have sufficient resources to properly service our district. Our bustling commercial corridors no longer have the maintenance resources or enforcement presence they require to keep our shopping areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents and visitors to the district. On any given day, Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue), Avenue U (between Ocean Avenue and Ocean Parkway), and Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue Z and Avenue P) have overflowing litter baskets from improper uses such as household trash, illegal commercial waste and the illegal dumping of construction materials, as well as trash and loose litter strewn along the streets. Our district office is inundated with complaints about filthy and uninviting conditions on our commercial corridors. We continue to have a serious problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B/Q train lines along East 16th Street and F train line along McDonald Avenue, as well as our Shore Parkway service road which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway between Knapp Street and Coney Island Avenue. Community Board 15 believes that providing the public with more specialized events, that offer convenient drop-off locations for specific recyclable materials and dedicated curbside collections for e-waste, hazardous household waste, paper shredding, leaf/yard waste, food scraps, etc. will increase the likelihood of discarded waste being properly disposed of. Community Board 15 would like to see our Sanitation Department receive size appropriate vehicles and equipment which are needed to service the Gerritsen Beach

neighborhood in our district which is characterized by narrower streets. Sadly, for well over a decade BK15 still lacks a proper district garage, our personnel continue to report to inadequate temporary trailers on borrowed DEP property. These trailers offer substandard work conditions, and we believe negatively impact worker's morale and productivity will suffer.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Animal and pest control services

Conditions necessitating pest control services are at an all-time high. The changing landscape of our post-pandemic city has left us with an abundance of outdoor eating establishments which provide shelter and food to rodents and other vectors. With the city intent on maintaining outdoor eating as a new standard, more resources and attention must be paid to their maintenance and ongoing use including preventive and reactive pest control services. New construction in the district, which is generally above average for the borough, has also led to the disruption of rodents en masse forcing them to search for new places to nest. Between the new construction generating more household waste for collection and the increase in nightlife and street activity, the availability of garbage placed out for collection on our sidewalks has provided a veritable feast for rodents which show no sign of subsiding anytime soon. In addition, the new rules for the collection of compostable trash have us concerned.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Valuable time is wasted transporting critical patients to other distant trauma centers when we could be planning one for our community right now. Planning a new Level 1 Trauma Center for Coney Island Hospital at this time is imperative.

Needs for Older NYs

Many of our seniors, live in isolation with family members living out of state. They have come to rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are taken to assure our older New Yorkers are doing well. Capacity for meals along with new replacement fleet vehicles should be expanded at this time.

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 concentrations of people living under the Sheepshead Bay subway station (at East 15th Street), adjacent to the municipal parking lot at 1602 Voorhies Avenue (at East 16th Street), in Holocaust Park (at Shore Boulevard), at the Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway underpass, at the municipal parking lot at 2602 East 17th Street (at Avenue Z), and at the Corporal Wiltshire Square triangle park (at Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue). It should be noted that some of these locations are seasonal in nature.

Needs for Low Income NYs

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.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
24 / 25	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children, while giving them the tools they will need to develop into successful motivated adults. It's important we make sure there is proper funding in place to maintain and expand these important programs.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

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 cannot provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
23 / 25	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Our community has been plagued with increased incidents ranging from violent unprovoked attacks preying on our elderly, to burglaries and a variety of quality of life infractions, like illegal parking, illegal fireworks and excessive noise. We need increased police presence through a combination of increasing patrol strength and enhancing police visibility.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the community district being nearly five square miles in area there is an immediate need for additional police officers to provide sufficient patrol coverage. The 61st Precinct is understaffed and many of our officers are pulled away and reassigned to work the seasonal tour at the 60th Precinct or larger events throughout the city. Brooklyn Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints on how response times to low priority events, such as car break-ins or non-fatal traffic crashes, have suffered. We attribute this to diminished staffing levels. Another example of a frustrating low priority event are complaints from homeowners about blocked driveways from drivers losing patience hunting for legal on-street parking. We also have vehicles that are not moved for alternate side street cleaning and vehicles that are either abandoned or being sold on our streets usurping valuable parking real estate. The Police Department's Rotational Towing (Row Tow) capabilities are limited in that they have insufficient space to store vehicles. There is only one Tow Pound located across the borough in Northern Brooklyn and the time it takes to tow across the borough limits how many vehicles they can capture in a work shift. Something needs to change. Either fines need to be increased on an escalating scale as a more effective deterrent, or the capacity at the existing Tow Pound needs to be expanding with the addition of car lifts (stackers), or an entirely new tow pound facility be created in Southern Brooklyn to expand the department's holding capacity and reduce the turnaround time for Row Tow operators.

Needs for Emergency Services

Currently, our EMS training facility is too small and insufficient to accommodate and train a larger sized class. We need to find a larger location, that is more modernized to adequately recruit, train and retain our EMS personnel/

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 25	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities
2 / 25	FDNY	Bariatric Ambulance Request
3 / 25	NYPD	61st Precinct New Cars
4 / 25	FDNY	FDNY GATOR VEHICLES
6 / 25	FDNY	Saw Platform for Training

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 23	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers
2 / 23	FDNY	FDNY Staffing
3 / 23	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards
4 / 23	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents
8 / 23	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

We need to make sure our Sanitation Department is fully funded. We are seeing an influx of complaints in our district office from residents regarding filthy sidewalks, illegal dumping, overflowing litter baskets and unsanitary conditions. DSNY is doing all they can do with the manpower and equipment they have, but it's impossible to keep up with the increasing demands. We need to provide them with the manpower they require, the vehicles and tools needed to see that our community remain clean, viable places to live, shop, work and visit. Above all, we need a new garage for BK15.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of an 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 to address floatables due to two CSO outfalls located in Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Our main concern is that our Department of Sanitation's Brooklyn 15 garage has been operating out of a temporary location on Knapp Street in trailers for over a decade. Recently, we have learned that the secondary lot used by Sanitation for equipment storage has been reclaimed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Our Sanitation forces and equipment need a permanent home in our community district. Brooklyn Community Board 15 is also advocating for additional funding for our Sanitation Department. We need more manpower, more frequent litter basket service, cleaning services to address illegal drop-off and dump out conditions, vacant lot cleaning and curbside e-waste collection.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 23	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests
10 / 23	DEP	Clean catch basins
12 / 23	DSNY	Other cleaning requests
13 / 23	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments
15 / 23	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
16 / 23	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal
18 / 23	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
19 / 23	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
21 / 23	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
22 / 23	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Affordable housing preservation

Our community is a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) with many of our seniors aging in place. With fixed incomes and insufficient cost of living increases to their social security, aging in place has become increasingly challenging in Brooklyn with the rising costs of rent and other living expenses. We need programs which provide assistance to our seniors, especially those who helped build our communities and want to remain in their homes. If rental assistance is not possible then tax relief to landlords to allow seniors to spend their years with peace of mind securely with a roof over their head.

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

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Needs for Land Use

We are seeing a surge in construction, now that the pandemic is over. We need proper inspections to make sure properties are following suit with their approved plans. We would like to see more inspectors trained and hired to keep up with the influx.

Needs for Housing

We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.

Needs for Economic Development

We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed. Small businesses have been shown to be the backbone of a local community's economy. They are worthy of our support.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
11 / 23	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)
23 / 23	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and with the amount of new construction, 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 are increasingly parking 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 at dismissal causing congestion throughout the community. We need to develop traffic plans to alleviate the congestion and address the increasing demand for more parking.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Gerritsen Beach is plagued with flooding, even after a minor rainfall event. The neighborhood received some funding to address the older area, but not Gerritsen Beach in its entirety. Gerritsen Avenue from Bartlett Avenue to the Dead End also needs to be studied and upgraded. Streets must be resurfaced and proper drainage provided. Also throughout our community, the Department of Transportation must assign an additional roadway construction crew to expedite the backlog of approved speed humps which must be installed within a matter of months not years. Trench restorations have emerged as a significant consideration given the ongoing dispute over responsibility between the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection. While agencies point fingers at each other, roadways are collapsing. Additional HIQA inspectors are needed to keep up with the growing demand for structural integrity and maintenance inspections related to the new class of outdoor eating facilities that were constructed during the pandemic.

Needs for Transit Services

Our stations are filthy! They smell like urinals, the staircases are lined with debris and graffiti is everywhere both inside and outside the stations. Illegal vendors can be found outside each of our large commercial shopping districts along the B/Q lines, Sheepshead Bay, Avenue U, and Kings Highway, blocking access to the station and leaving their garbage strewn about.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 25	DOT	Manhattan Beach Roadway Restoration
25 / 25	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
14 / 23	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
17 / 23	DOT	Address traffic congestion

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

Our parks serve as an oasis for both our young and senior residents to enjoy, but many are in dire need of upgrades. Throughout the district we need more inviting spaces with even pavement, ample seating, good lighting and more modern play equipment to serve all ages and all needs.

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Needs for Parks

Brooklyn Community Board 15's parks are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. The Department of Parks & Recreation needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs our parks require on a daily basis, whether it is trimming the weeds, pruning 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 afterthought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court between East 12th Street and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well-utilized popular park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be provided. Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, is in a rather remote area. A comfort station must be included.

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. Traveling art shows would enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host arts, cultural, recreational and educational events such as science fairs which would allow our youth to experience hands-on projects. We would also like to see funding go to the Percent for Art program that introduces art elements to Capital projects in our district.

Needs for Library Services

Our libraries are the heartbeats of our community providing invaluable tools and resources to our young and older residents. It's important we properly fund these institutions to keep them current with the times, safe and accesible to all our residents who heavily rely on them as an important community resoure.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
7 / 25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
8 / 25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
9 / 25	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
10 / 25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
11 / 25	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
12 / 25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
13 / 25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
14 / 25	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
15 / 25	DPR	Homecrest Playground
16 / 25	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
17 / 25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
18 / 25	DPR	Kelly Playground Phase 2 and Phase 3
19 / 25	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
20 / 25	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
21 / 25	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
22 / 25	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 23	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
6 / 23	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests
7 / 23	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
20 / 23	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 25 Add NYPD parking facilities

NYPD

Add NYPD parking facilities

Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.

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

2 of 25 Bariatric Ambulance Request

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

FDNY has limited access to a Bariatric Ambulance should a Brooklyn resident require one and placing someone on the floor of an existing ambulance, that does not have the capacity to accommodate them, places the patient at risk and does not provide them with the dignity they deserve. We would like to see Brooklyn have such a dedicated vehicle. The current range is \$250,000 to \$300,000 a vehicle.

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

3 of 25 61st Precinct New Cars

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

The 61st Precinct, operates 24/7, 7 days a week and because of the wear and tear on these vehicles and the constant need for servicing, we would like to see new cars purchased for the precinct. We want to make sure their fleet is at a sufficient amount, so that lower priority calls are answered in a timely manner.

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

4 of 25 FDNY GATOR VEHICLES

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

Community Board 15 is a shorefront community, we have Manhattan Beach, Gerritsen Beach and Bungalow areas along Sheepshead Bay. We believe that providing gators to the firehouses in southern Brooklyn that service these areas would be a most helpful and welcome tool. The current cost is approximately \$50,000 a piece.

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

5 of 25 Manhattan Beach Roadway Restoration**DOT**

Reconstruct streets

The Roadways throughout Manhattan Beach have been dug up to allow for a much-needed sewer main replacement project, but no funding was allocated for curb-to-curb restoration and the roadbeds are dangerously uneven and sinking from all the trenches that were created. We like to see these roadways full repaired and functioning well. It's now an unfortunate roller coaster ride to navigate these streets.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will review streets in Manhattan Beach for possible resurfacing now that the DEP work has completed

6 of 25 Saw Platform for Training**FDNY**

Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests

The FDNY has a vigorous training program and to fully accomplish the critical work they perform they need the proper equipment to work with. We would like to see the 13 Battalions receive a "Saw Platform" device at approximately \$750 a unit that they can work with so they can train properly on accessing areas that may require they saw through to gain access such as a roof.

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

7 of 25 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

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

Location: Oriental Boulevard - Ocean Avenue & Mackenzie Street
Manhattan Beach Park's Baseball Field need \$4 Million to reconstruct natural turf baseball field on Oriental Blvd., including all new fencing, horticulture, seating areas, spray mister, backstop, fix drainage issues, and provide filter for water bottles.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. project is not yet funded

8 of 25 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

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

Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. project is not yet funded

9 of 25 Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park**DPR**

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

Location: Brigham Park - Brigham Street & Emmons Avenue
Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding is not secured for this project

10 of 25 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

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

Location: Bedford Avenue - Avenue V
Funding in the amount of \$5.5 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Galapo Playground to completely reconstruct the playground with equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and drainage systems.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. project is not funded

11 of 25 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
We need funding to replace the sidewalk adjacent to Holocaust Park on the Sheepshead Bay side. The sidewalk is broken up, a trip hazard and appears to be sinking in certain spots. Our main concern is that it's over water, so we need to locate the source of the sidewalk failure and correct and restore it as soon as possible.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. sidewalk work here is not funded, it would be DOT funded</i>
12 of 25 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	DPR
Funding in the total amount of \$6.5 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Bill Brown Playground for Phase 2 to completely reconstruct the playground with play equipment for children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and draining systems. Phase 3 requires \$1 million to repave perimeter sidewalks, which are all in poor condition.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding is not secured for this project</i>
13 of 25 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Location: Williams Court 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 and quality of life condition.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding is not secured for this project</i>
14 of 25 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Location: Shore Boulevard Promenade - West End Avenue & Pembroke Street Shore Boulevard Promenade is in need of a make-over. It needs repaving, new benches, landscaping and new refuse/garbage cans.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding is not secured for this project</i>
15 of 25 Homecrest Playground New equipment for maintenance	DPR
Location: Homecrest Avenue - East 12th Street & Williams Court Sections of Homecrest Playground are in need of an upgrades: Phase 2 - \$3 Million for Handball Courts and Playground Expansion Phase 3 - \$4.5 Million to convert basketball courts to small synthetic turf play area with a walking track, benches and water service. Phase 4 - \$2 Million for Asphalt Field; and \$6 Million for Synthetic Turf	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding is not secured for this project</i>
16 of 25 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Location: Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement can be seen in certain areas and needs to be restored. It could be repurposed as a sitting area.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. project is not funded</i>

17 of 25 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Total needed to upgrade \$9 million dollars. Phase 1 -\$5 million is needed to completely reconstruct the playground with all new play equipment, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscape, water and drainage systems. Phase 2 requires \$4 million dollars to reconstruct asphalt multipurpose play area to synthetic turf play area, reconstruct handball and basketball courts.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. project is not funded</i>
18 of 25 Kelly Playground Phase 2 and Phase 3 New equipment for maintenance	DPR
Location: Avenue S - East 17th Street Phase 2 - \$6 million needed to convert asphalt (or natural) field into synthetic turf for a multipurpose field, including, drainage, water service, accessible drinking fountains, mister, goals, (recreational lighting), benches, fences, bleachers and landscaping. Phase 3 \$3 million dollars to renovate basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add adult fitness area	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding is not secured for this project</i>
19 of 25 Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	BPL
\$11,350,000 is needed to upgrade and enhance the Sheepshead Bay Library Branch. The breakdown is as follows: \$2 million - Acquisition currently leased. \$1 million ADA compliance for entire branch \$200, 000 for safety and security enhancements \$750,000 exterior work \$400.000 Site Drainage \$3 million for interior renovation 1 million for outfitting ff&e 2 million for heating and cooling 1 million for roof	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. BPL supports funding requests to ensure library services are delivered in well-maintained, welcoming, and beautiful spaces for this neighborhood.</i>
20 of 25 Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	BPL
Sufficient funds \$3 million dollars is needed for Kings Bay Library for the following: \$1.2 million dollars for their roof and \$1.8 million for exterior and windows.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. A renovation of Kings Bay Library is currently in the planning phase and will address some of these capital needs.</i>
21 of 25 Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	BPL
Sufficient funds of \$1 million dollars needed for initial outfitting of FF&E,	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. In Spring 2025, the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will launch an infrastructure project to address Gravesend Library's longstanding flooding and outdated infrastructure issues. The scope includes facade work, window replacement, and other sitework around the branch to prevent water accumulation and infiltration. In addition to this DDC project, BPL will replace the decades-old rooftop heating and cooling units. While the scope of this project is set, an additional \$1M in funding could be used to further enhance Gravesend Library in the future.</i>

22 of 25 Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library**BPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Sufficient funding of \$6.2 million dollars is needed to upgrade Homecrest Library. The amount needed is as follows: \$3 million dollars for acquisition of leased branch \$2 million dollars Heating and Cooling \$1 million for roof \$200,000 for safety and security enhancements

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. BPL supports funding requests to ensure library services are delivered in well-maintained, welcoming, and beautiful spaces for this neighborhood.

23 of 25 Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school**SCA**

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

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 cannot provide that. PS 153 is a prime example of a school at capacity.

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

24 of 25 Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility**HHC**

Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility

Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway. Coney Island Hospital needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.

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

25 of 25 Other transit infrastructure requests**NYCTA**

Other transit infrastructure requests

Sufficient funds are requested for the upgrading and installation of wrought-iron fencing along the transit berms and properties adjacent to the B/Q subway lines including properties (1) across from 2750 Homecrest Avenue to 2735 E 13th Street; and (2) along East 15th Street between Avenue Z and Avenue Y.

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

CS Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure**DSNY**

Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure

Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. No alternate site has been identified to support the proposed action.

CS Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school**SCA**

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

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

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

We need a total of \$6 million for Kelly Playground for Phase 2 to convert cracked asphalt field to synthetic turf for a multi-purpose field, including drainage, water service, accessible drinking fountains, mister, goals (recreational lighting) benches, fences, bleachers and landscaping. Phase 3 requires \$3 million dollars to renovate the basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add an adult fitness area.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. project is not funded

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**1 of 23 Hire additional uniformed officers****NYPD**

Hire additional uniformed officers

Staffing levels are low. We are losing seasoned officers to retirement and promotions. We are seeking funding to entice people into police service. We need more money for recruitment and perhaps financial incentives or better starting salaries.

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

2 of 23 FDNY Staffing**FDNY**

Provide more firefighters or EMS workers

FDNY is one of New York City's most crucial agencies, these are our first responders, we need them fully staffed, well rested and in sufficient numbers to safeguard our residents. It's so important to keep these staffing levels up and we want to assure every firehouse has the manpower they need to perform the courageous work that they do.

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

3 of 23 Hire additional crossing guards**NYPD**

Hire additional crossing guards

All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. 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. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.

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

4 of 23 Hire additional traffic enforcement agents**NYPD**

Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).

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

5 of 23 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Brooklyn 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. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We agree that additional funding would help to increase the capacity of our forestry division, but that funding cannot be determined at this time. As part of our new Neighborhood Tree Planting approach, we will be planting trees in every viable location across the city on a predictable 9-year cycle, while also removing dead trees and stumps. More details can be found on the Parks website:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting>. Funding for our block pruning program was restored to pre-COVID levels, and our 7-year pruning cycle matches industry standards. Any individual trees that need attention for public safety reasons should be reported by locating the tree on the NYC Tree Map (and clicking on the "report a problem" tab), calling 311, or using our online tree service request system. Our inspectors will visit the tree and determine the appropriate action in accordance with our Tree Risk Management Program.

6 of 23 Other street trees and forestry services requests**DPR**

Other street trees and forestry services requests

We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We agree that additional funding would increase the capacity of our Trees & Sidewalks Program, but additional funding cannot be determined at this time.

7 of 23 Provide better park maintenance**DPR**

Provide better park maintenance

Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. will be done with current resources

8 of 23 Other NYPD programs requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD programs requests

Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program. We would like to see PAL and other youth programs offered by the NYPD fully funded to get our children off the streets and into safe, learning and nurturing environments. They are our future. We need to get them on the right path.

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

9 of 23 Other garbage collection and recycling requests**DSNY**

Other garbage collection and recycling requests

Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

10 of 23 Clean catch basins**DEP**

Clean catch basins

Location: Shore Boulevard - Pembroke Street & West End Avenue
Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).

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

11 of 23 Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)**DOB**

Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.

Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. If all complaints are categorized equally there is a potential for immediate hazardous complaints not to be inspected in a timely manner. Complaints must be prioritized based on urgency and severity.

12 of 23 Other cleaning requests**DSNY**

Other cleaning requests

Location: Emmons Avenue - Ocean Avenue & Knapp Street
Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

13 of 23 Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments**DEP**

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

In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.

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

<p>14 of 23 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</p> <p>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</p>	<p>DOT</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Due to a significant backlog and ongoing limited resources, speed reducer studies are experiencing delays at this time; duplicate of 209202616C</i></p>
<p>15 of 23 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</p> <p>Location: Avenue U - Coney Is Avenue & Coney Is Avenue Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14h Street and Emmons Avenue).</p>	<p>DSNY</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.</i></p>
<p>16 of 23 Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</p> <p>Sufficient funds are requested for dedicated curbside e-waste collection days included with recycling schedules to assist our technologically growing community to properly dispose of e-waste and ensure it does not end up on our streets and in our landfills.</p>	<p>DSNY</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. Special Waste sites are expanding to a total of 2 locations per borough, open 3 days per week, 8 hours per day, starting in the end of December 2024. Additional information can be found on DSNY's website. No funding has been allocated to a curbside program.</i></p>
<p>17 of 23 Address traffic congestion Address traffic congestion</p> <p>Location: Sheepshead Bay Road - Emmons Avenue & East 14th Street We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy flow of traffic compounded by illegally parked cars and trucks. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly.</p>	<p>DOT</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
<p>18 of 23 Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</p> <p>Location: East 16th Street - Avenue R & Avenue Z Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues R and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</p>	<p>DSNY</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.</i></p>

19 of 23 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Location: Avenue U - Ocean Parkway & Bedford Avenue
We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

20 of 23 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)**DPR**

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

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, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. funding for additional staff is through expense funding

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Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Location: Sheepshead Bay Road - East 14th Street & Emmons Avenue
Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This is not a budget request. The matter in question is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy. Contact the Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Public Affairs to determine how best to resolve this issue.

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Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for these acts of vandalism, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This is not a budget request. The matter in question is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy. Contact the Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Public Affairs to determine how best to resolve this issue.

We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheephead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. SBS has recently invested in the commercial district through a variety of grants. Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce received \$300,000 from SBS for FY22-FY24. During the first year of the program, Brooklyn Alliance conducted a Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA) of Avenue U, Coney Island Avenue, and Gravesend Neck Road in Homecrest, examining the neighborhood's business landscape. Based on the key issues and opportunities identified, Brooklyn Alliance deployed select interventions along the commercial corridors for the remainder of the program. SBS also supports local commercial revitalization through the Kings Highway BID, which received a Small BID and a Commercial District Lighting grant in FY24. SBS offers an array of resources to support small businesses including support in accessing financial assistance, commercial lease assistance and other legal supports, and business courses. Interested business owners can access resources through our website (nyc.gov/business) or by calling our hotline (888-SBS-4NYC). Lastly, to incentivize business creation and growth, the Adams administration advanced the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity, adopted in summer 2024, which removed outdated restrictions on businesses uses on commercial corridors. These historic zoning changes cut red-tape and enable small business creation across the city.