

# *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 Brooklyn Community Board 8's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2017.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

### b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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

### c) Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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## **1. Community Board Information**

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## 2. Community District Profile

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

# Brooklyn Community District 8



**Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>:** Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, Weeksville

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
96,076	96,317	0%
2011-2015 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		125,410
Square Miles		1.6
Population Density		60,198/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 8 in 2017:

1. Affordable housing
2. Neighborhood preservation
3. Quality of life issues

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 8's [Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	2,733	19%
Multifamily Walk-up	3,116	32%
Multifamily Elevator	170	12%
Mixed Use	1,038	9%
Commercial	117	3%
Industrial	116	3%
Transportation/Utility	48	2%
Public/Institutional	211	10%
Open Space	19	5%
Parking	169	3%
Vacant	278	2%
Other	56	<1%

### A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	42
Public Libraries	1
Hospitals and Clinics	12
Parks	8
<a href="#">Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer</a>	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>44%</b>	Brooklyn 46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC 45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>92%</b>	Citywide Target 85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>41</b> minutes	Brooklyn 42 minutes
NYC 40 minutes	

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>9%</b>	Brooklyn 24%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC 23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>10.9</b>	Brooklyn 11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC 11.8

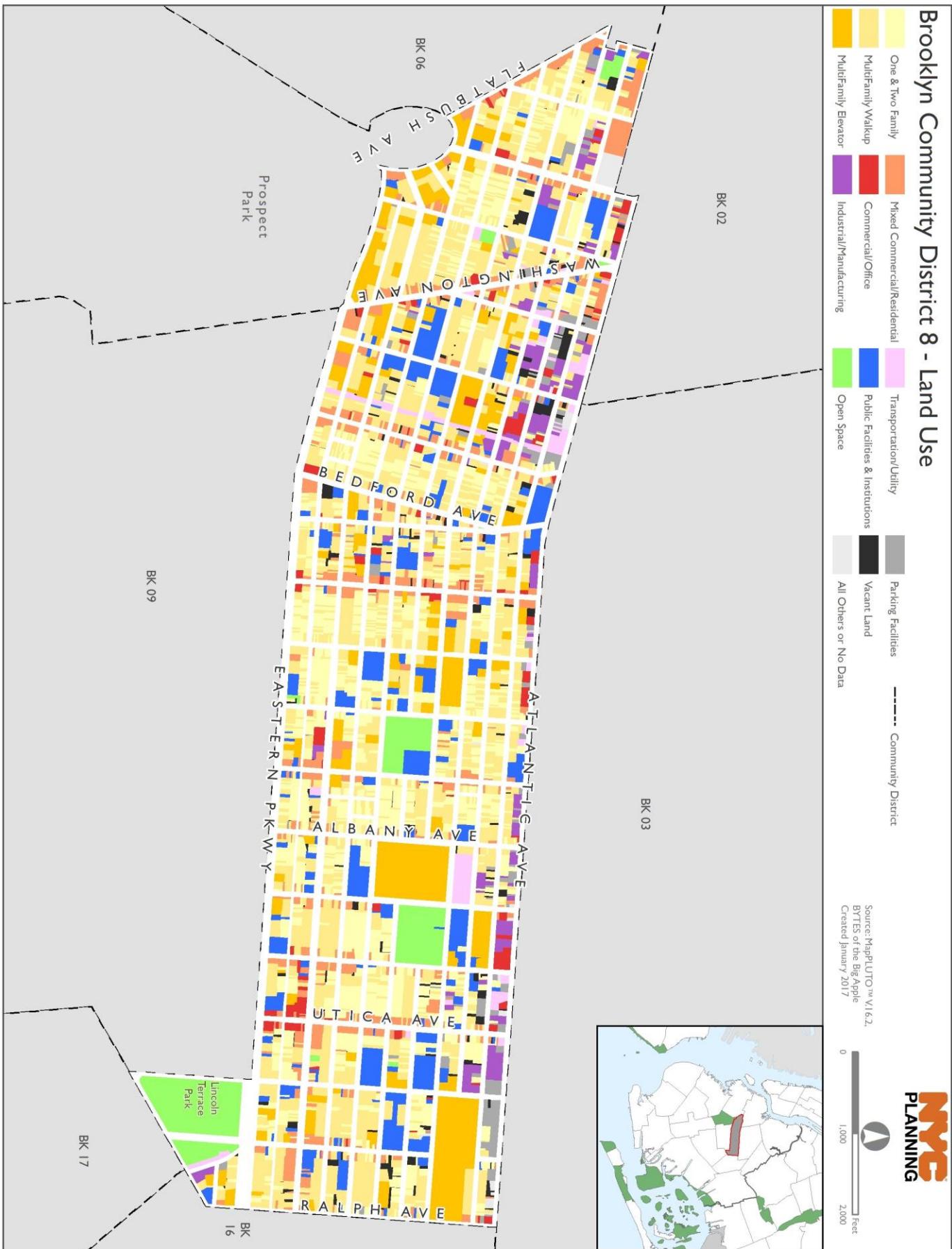
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>36%</b>	Brooklyn 33%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC 36%

UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>10.5%</b>	Brooklyn 10%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC 9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 8 <b>23%</b>	Brooklyn 21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC 21%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). <sup>5</sup>PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>6</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); <sup>7</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>8</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>9</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>10</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); <sup>11</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>12</sup>2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

## 2. Community District Land Use



### **3. Overview of Community District**

Community Board No. 8 encompasses the neighborhoods of Prospect Heights, North Crown Heights, and Weeksville. The community is bounded by Atlantic Avenue on the north, Ralph Avenue on the east, Eastern Parkway on the south, and Flatbush Avenue on the west.

District 8 is one of the most rapidly evolving neighborhoods in Brooklyn. In addition, it remains one of the most populated according to land mass despite a small decrease in population according to results of the 2010 Census. Our population is only growing as the Pacific Park (Atlantic Yards Project) buildings continue to open for residents. The dynamically changing population is creating an abundance of new challenges and needs. Once an economically and culturally diverse community, conditions causing gentrification such as an increase in the construction of luxury condominiums, the construction of housing developments outside of the price range for long term residents despite their "affordable" billing, rising rents due to increased property taxes in the historic districts, and occasionally just basic greed, is causing noticeable shifts in economic status, ethnic, and cultural make-up. This in turn is creating taut tensions between longtime community residents and new residents, resulting in a "tale of two cities." Tensions are frayed between residents that have lived in District 8 for decades and residents that have recently moved into the District. Many long term residents feel as though their needs are being flouted for the sake of the newer and more often wealthier and affluent Caucasian neighbors. Additionally, some new residents are not sensitive to the culture of their neighbors and apply pressure on city agencies to suppress the expression of these cultural staples. Furthermore, to make matters worse, new infrastructure installations such as bike lanes and CitiBike docks are further alienating residents from each other and contributing to the divide. It is the goal of the District office of Community Board 8 to bring residents together on common issues and forge a bridge of understanding while attempting to stifle sentiments of entitlement that have a tendency to infuriate those that are less privileged.

In addition, the historic districts already present in our District (the Park Place Historic District, Crown Heights North Historic District, and Prospect Heights Historic District) are contributing to the changing dynamics of the community. To preserve the charming character of our District, many neighborhood organizations continue to press for an expansion of historic designation. Unfortunately, we do not have as many civic minded residents that participate in the planning and execution of decisions that alter the makeup of the community. Consequently, some residents and homeowners are not prepared for the consequences that these decisions create. Silence and complacency while a certain few make decisions that affect everyone continue the evolving challenges we face as a community. It is our hope that more residents become aware of what is going on in the community and increase their participation.

Due to District 8 remaining at the pinnacle of "hot" destinations in Brooklyn, both residential and commercial gentrification continues to travel further eastward into the District. Commercial spaces face dramatic turnover rates because tenants are ill equipped to cover the excessive amount of rents commercial landlords charge for their properties. Commercial strips that have experienced a resurgence and revitalization in the last decade and a half like Flatbush, Vanderbilt, Washington, and Franklin Avenues, are seeing rapid turnover and also an increase in vacant storefront spaces. Competition for affordable commercial space is causing additional chasms to form between upper and lower tier businesses and creating an influx of businesses that require alternative money making strategies such as possession of a liquor license to meet the high overhead operating costs. Unfortunately, this causes unsustainable competition between businesses and contributes to the rapid commercial turnover. We currently have a minimum of 125 businesses that hold liquor licenses and each month, are faced with at least one business going out of business or being forced to sell because they cannot turn a profit. In fact, many long term businesses are shuttering their doors as they enter new lease agreements with property owners because of the astronomical increase in monies charged for the spaces they rent.

Despite the many positives within the District, there are many blaring challenges that must be faced and overcome. Included in these challenges are the enormously high poverty rate amongst minority and foreign born residents; the glaring unemployment rate of adult minority males; the alarming discomfort of residents because of police and safety uncertainties; the problems that occur with a booming nightlife scene; an alarmingly high decrease in truly affordable housing units available in the district, especially for seniors and low and middle-income residents; lack of medical services and hospital coverage; and uncertain public school options due to constant school closures and co-locations. These issues require special consideration and priority from government officials. Community Board No. 8 is

### **3. Overview of Community District**

committed to participating in the formulation of plans to address service delivery, housing, infrastructure and over all quality of life needs and concerns of the residents within the district.

The furnishing of requests detailed within will facilitate achievement of Community Board No. 8's goals for Fiscal Year 2019 and beyond.

#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 8 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Neighborhood preservation (development trends)*
- *Other/Gentrification and the effects thereof*

Preserving the character of our community from out of scale development projects is one of our greatest priorities. Historic designation of certain areas is designed to assist with this goal, but it does not protect the entire community from large scale luxury development designed to further alienate certain populations from the community. Development must be done in such a way that the neighborhoods are preserved and that truly affordable housing is maximized. Construction of luxury co-op buildings have helped to elevate rents across the District. The Federal AMI for a family of four exceeds the AMI for District 8. Currently, the affordable housing stock is diminishing at an alarming rate, with units being decommissioned from rent stabilization and with private units rising at one of the fastest paces throughout the city. While Mayor deBlasio's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) zoning text amendment at first glance appears as though it should help create affordable housing, the 80/20 split does not suffice in creating enough actually affordable units for residents in any of the income bands the 20% affordable units are supposed to service. Additionally, with 80% of units at market rate and priced at three to four times what units go for in rent stabilized buildings, it is inconceivable that it will keep parity among residents. Part of this is due in part to the Federal government's determination and calculation of the AMI, and part of it stems from development greed and their haste to make a return on their investment as quickly as possible. We do not believe MIH goes far enough in protecting nor creating affordable housing at the rate it is needed. It needs to be heavily fortified and strengthened, and designed to actually serve the City and its residents and not the developers. We need our electeds to take a hard line stance against developers that are making our city unaffordable for its residents. It is unfortunate that the saying, "New York City is not for New Yorkers anymore" is becoming more and more true.

Permanent affordable housing for varying income levels remains one of our highest priorities. Both low and middle income single individuals and families, seniors, and disabled alike, require additional resources for housing. This need is more prevalent in District 8 now more than ever due to gentrification. If an adequate number of additional units of affordable housing are unable to be constructed, existing property owners need to be given incentives to maintain affordable rent rates for their existing units. District 8 is one of the City's leaders in rent increases and lack of affordability. Fewer options and owner greed is helping to push long term residents from their apartments. We must ensure that our residents are not victims of landlord harassment because they reside in rent controlled or stabilized apartments that keeps the rate collected at below what developers have set as market rate for that unit. This lack of affordability and of housing options are leading to an increased rate of displacement and a high number of working homeless individuals and families. We encourage additional social service programs that help residents stay in their homes and prevent them from entering the shelter system and a transitory life.

That being said, public safety concerns are on the rise as the gentrifying population and existing population are occasionally at odds with one another over services provided. Because of the gentrifying nature of business development, we have seen an influx of bars and restaurants and all of the problems that come along with a vibrant night life scene. We often field resident complaints about loud establishments that are left unchecked by the local police department because their resources are too scarce to investigate all complaints. We also field complaints from black owned establishments of police interference and racially charged and motivated police actions against their businesses. The Neighborhood Coordinating Officer Program (NCO) should help rectify some of the individual community complaints, but it will not resolve racially charged issues and police harassment of black owned establishments. It is our goal to help strike an accord between businesses and residents so that residents can enjoy their dwelling spaces while restaurants and bars operate with minimal complaints. We are actively strategizing how best to assuage the feelings of racial bias that black owned businesses have toward the NYPD and are working with our local police precincts to deter false complaints against establishments.

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Other/Resident displacement and gentrification*

Community Board No. 8 has a high resident displacement rate due to rising rents, rising property taxes due to historic designation, and a gentrifying neighborhood. These increases in owner costs are being transferred to tenants. We also have a large number of individuals living in homeless shelters and transitory housing that need permanent abodes. If services and legislation are in place to reduce the rates at which rents are increased and tenants forcibly displaced, we can help stem the tide of the path to homelessness.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Since the closure of St. Mary's Hospital over a decade ago, Community Board 8 has been under-served in terms of health care. We lack a hospital and trauma center, and residents are forced to travel out of the district for care. Despite a growing number of dialysis centers in the District, we still do not have enough centers to meet the demands of the community. There is a major healthcare crisis affecting the residents of Central Brooklyn due to budget cuts on various levels, and consequently, citywide, the healthcare system has been decimated with the number of hospitals closures, currently slated for closure, or recently saved but still struggling to provide adequate services. Hospitals strapped for cash are reducing services and the lack of equipment necessary to treat some patients leaves many without medical attention for so long that their ailments become worse and even more difficult to treat. Our community, in other words, is close to becoming a "medial desert." In addition, the number of clinics in our District continue to dwindle and the subsequent reduction in services causes longer waits for care or leaves residents no other option than to seek care outside of their home area and community.

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

As a growing and occasionally neglected population, the elderly require special services and care that should come automatically to a well-deserving class of citizens. We need to recognize and reward the efforts and hard work of our senior population by providing them the fundamental means of existing above the median poverty line. As proponents of elderly care and in recognition of the special needs of the elderly in District 8, we appeal to a course of action that will make this goal possible. More services focused on improving the quality of life, residential opportunities, home-care and health-care need to be provided by City-operated and neighborhood based agencies. Services should focus on the forgotten population that earns too much to be eligible for Medicaid, and consequently do not qualify for Medicaid paid services as well as those that earn too much to qualify for low income senior housing opportunities. We acknowledge the City's efforts to increase eligibility for certain services such as SCRIE and DRIE and property taxes by raising the maximum yearly income. However, more needs to be done as to be eligible for the programs, seniors must still bear a large cost burden. SCRIE and DRIE should be available to every senior, not just those that are paying more than 30% of their income in rent. Factors such as food, healthcare costs, medication, and the like need to be considered as well. Finally, an emphasis on home-care will help reduce costly institutional care and the burdens placed upon kin that serve as caregivers, and will also provide additional freedom to relatively self-sufficient individuals. Services should include innovative senior centers, easily accessible and reliable transportation, truly affordable housing, prescription drug coverage and assistance, and other social and recreational activities.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Many of the shelters in District 8 lack the adequate tools necessary to provide their residents with the resources to assist them with getting back on their feet and re-entering stable housing environments. This is a disservice to the men, women, and children that reside in these shelters and a greater affront to the community that houses the shelter. Also, as more people strive to stay out of homeless shelters (the population that rely on friends and relatives for overnight housing) additional programs are needed to help them find affordable housing options. If affordable housing is not an option available, then financial assistance programs are needed to help them overcome the difference in rent that is causing their homelessness.



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

As more and more people become economically unstable, it is imperative that adequate services be available to them to make their financial statuses more secure. Education and training programs, housing assistance programs, and cash and food assistance programs are all needed to help the economically vulnerable get back on their feet. Additionally, since cash strapped homes can lead to rising tensions, domestic violence prevention programs are needed to dispel anger and angst that might otherwise be taken out on domestic partners. Moreover, our elderly must be looked after. They must be cared for and their safety from abuse and predatory behavior ensured. Services to help educate them on signs and symptoms of elder abuse and scams are needed.

### **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/23	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>Community Board 8 lacks a hospital or large multipurpose clinic sufficient for caring for a multitude of ailments. Funding should be made available to upgrade our medical service centers and also to build a large scale medical facility that addresses all of the health needs of the community.</i>	Community Wide
10/23	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>Fund a Brooklyn burn center unit. Brooklyn is without a burn unit. It is vital for burn victims to receive treatment for their wounds as quickly as possible to avoid the loss of excess flesh. Currently, Brooklynites have to be transported to Manhattan for burn treatment.</i>	Community Wide
16/23	DFTA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>Funds should be provided to convert all of District 8's senior centers into innovative senior centers to maximize potency and impact. Using the OATS program, we recommend each senior center has at least 10 computers for seniors to use. We also recommend gaming systems to help with memory and motor skills.</i>	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/57	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>After serving our country, no veteran should be in a position facing homelessness. Services and programs are needed to prevent veteran homelessness and joblessness. Our veterans deserve to be treated with a dignity and respect that they simply are not receiving at this time. Their valor and honor in serving our country should be rewarded, and they should not be looked down upon as scourge.</i>	Community Wide
4/57	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Incentives need to be provided to property owners and managing agents to accept the rental assistance vouchers provided to families when trying to move them to permanent housing. Presently, the stigma of homelessness makes people too hesitant to see past the circumstance and act in a humane fashion. It is unfortunate that greed gets in the way, but some form of incentive should be provided to convince property owners and landlords to do the right thing.</i>	Community Wide
5/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	<i>As rent rates in District 8 continue to increase, more and more families and individuals are on the verge of homelessness. Programs should be expanded to help them avoid entering the shelter system and becoming statistics. Rental assistance programs are in dire need to help cover the gap between affordability and unaffordable.</i>	Community Wide
8/57	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	<i>With the large number of development projects scattered throughout the District, and renovation projects ongoing in our historic districts, the number of rodent complaints has skyrocketed. A greater number of exterminators are needed to quickly address baiting concerns and identify rodent havens and burrows.</i>	Community Wide
9/57	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	<i>There is a growing need for outpatient mental health services among children and adults alike. The stigma of admission of having a mental illness such as depression, anxiety, or bipolar disorder to name a few is great, thus preventing those suffering from symptoms to seek help. People should not be forced to suffer in silence lest they be stigmatized by their family and peers. Educational and support services are essential to maintaining the well-being of our residents regardless of age. Services geared toward assistance coping with mental stresses from a myriad of sources should be instituted. These services should include treatment and counseling for grief and bereavement issues, societal stress, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, anger problems, and others.</i>	Community Wide
14/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance adult protective services	<i>We must keep in mind that our elderly population is at risk for abuse from family members and home health aides seeking to take advantage of their frail emotional and physical states. Our elderly population is the most vulnerable and often forgotten. They require considerable attention to maintain their safety and well-being, thus preventing them from being subjected to unnecessary hardship, pain, and mental aggravation in the form of fear.</i>	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/57	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>District 8 is severely plagued by other health ailments including diabetes, heart disease, asthma, stroke, obesity, and many other conditions that require substantial medical care for those afflicted. The inability to afford healthy food options combined with the lack of healthy food options for residents on the eastern end of the district only compounds these problems. Lower income residents without excess expendable cash should have access to quality fresh food and be trained in healthy living without exceeding their budget. Programs stressing proper nutrition should be provided for families.</i>	Community Wide
19/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>HRA's plan for improving how the agency helps its clients develop job skills, obtain employment, and build sustainable careers that provide a path out of poverty is crucial. If the program is adequately funded, HRA would be able to do a better job of helping clients develop skills to find work that pays enough to support their families and leave public assistance for good. Also, HRA could outsource training services to multi service agencies like DREAMS Youthbuild and Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.</i>	Community Wide
29/57	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>As informational resources proceed further into the digital era, and fewer services are provided without the use of online tools, it is imperative that our older population acquire the technical skills needed to navigate the world wide web to gain access to services. Too often, seniors do not possess the technical savvy to research their problem online or access the help available from online resources. Computer literacy programs and purchase assistance programs will help remedy this.</i>	Community Wide
31/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>Not every person lacking job skills and basic training for resume creation and interview success tips lives within a NYCHA development. Job training opportunities need to be expanded beyond those living in NYCHA housing. These programs are needed to help the impoverished and underachieving gain self-sufficiency and move away from a life receiving public services.</i>	Community Wide
38/57	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	<i>While HIV transmission rates are down citywide, transmission of other non-HIV related diseases is on the rise, and in District 8, we rank in the top 10 in all categories of increased STD infection. Adequate education should be provided regarding the use of prophylactics and engaging in safe sexual practices.</i>	Community Wide
40/57	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>Too often, our elders are too ashamed or afraid to speak up for themselves. Additional services must be provided to ensure that they do not fall prey to scam artists and abusive individuals that will take advantage of their frailty.</i>	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
43/57	HRA	<i>Other domestic violence services requests</i>	<i>We support expanded funding for existing Domestic Violence Victim and Intervention Programs. It is extremely important that we protect our families welfare and well-being from destructive forces within the community, regardless of whether it comes from the home/local or external environments. Preventive, protective, and counseling services for families must be provided in order to maintain the health and security of our youth, elderly, and overall family structure. Funding should be provided for preventative services to educate individuals of all ages on the telltale signs of all forms of abuse physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological and how to exit a situation that could be potentially life threatening, not only for themselves, but for any children in the home as well</i>	Community Wide
44/57	DFTA	<i>Increase home delivered meals capacity</i>	<i>The Home Delivered Meals program has proven to be a success. To make sure the program continues, funds for car insurance and additional vehicles to deliver the meals are needed.</i>	Community Wide
45/57	DFTA	<i>Increase transportation services capacity</i>	<i>The elderly have a difficult enough time traveling. Unreliable public transportation options are at times their only choice. An increase in senior transportation, whether via para transit or some other form of transport, should be provided--especially for those that live alone and have minimal contact with the outside world.</i>	Community Wide
55/57	DOHMH	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Out-patient health clinics that cater to womens health are scarce in the community. Lack of sufficient gynecological, prenatal and post-natal care, cancer screening, and attention to other womens health issues forces women to wait longer than necessary for care. In many cases, this prolongs treatment and contributes to unwarranted suffering and unnecessarily early death. Ample health provisions and treatment centers for women in each neighborhood is crucial. As the number of dementia and Alzheimers disease cases grow in the community, additional funds to maintain/increase services are required. Asthma rates have increased due to harsh conditions within the community (i.e. massive construction projects, demolition, renovation efforts). Longer clinic hours need to be initiated.</i>	Community Wide

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

*Other/All of the above*

Early intervention is the key to saving the future of our youth. It is well documented that inner-city children have a higher risk for crime, dropping out of school and other educational deficits, gang involvement, drug use, and incarceration. We urge funding for activities that target at-risk youth, including but not limited to increased after school and out of school time programs, organized activities, and educational enrichment services. Children that are mentally stimulated and active have a lesser likelihood of getting into trouble. Also, we must not forget those youth that have already gotten caught up in the criminal justice system; they must be protected to prevent recidivism and a return to whatever actions caused their legal troubles in the first place. These youth need mentorship programs to provide positive role models that will help them see that anything is possible when one does the right thing and puts in the effort. Often, the ease of quick money and the feeling of power are what leads youth astray and down the wrong path. I should be our goal to eliminate the allure of them and prevent as many youth as possible from succumbing to the "from kindergarten to prison" mentality. Gang intervention is crucial as many youth, especially those in single parent households without the benefit of a strong and stable extended family, often seek alternative forms of "family" life and tend to be more prone to joining a gang. Stronger ties to their peers in constructive activities creates a positive atmosphere of unity rather than division. Unity is of utmost importance now more than ever, especially in today's divisive climate. Integrated activities are necessary to build tolerance and an understanding of difference. These things, we believe, will lead to an automatic reduction in gang activity as gang activity focuses on inclusivity at the exclusion of others. No one should feel as though they have to exclude others in order to belong. Early drug and alcohol usage is rampant in our community. Because of the idolization of certain drugs in urban music and by elders in the community, youth think it is "cool" and ok to dabble in drugs. Unfortunately, this can have dire consequences on their future and their behavior. We need to ensure that our youth are given the incentive to stay in school and stay off drugs. As the present time, that incentive is nonexistent. Combined with positive role models and mentorship, accessible after school programs, positive socializing programs, et al, can all lead to youth stanching the tide of underage drinking and drug use. The most "innocent" culprit is easy access to cigarettes, which lead to a desire to try additional mind altering substances. We need to ensure that tobacco products and alternative to tobacco products such as e-cigs and vapes, as well as substances not usually intended for drug use but that have been appropriated for this purpose (such as K2) are not accessible to our youth.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

We urge the Dept. of Education to provide funds to upgrade the interior and exterior of our schools so that students will not be preoccupied or disheartened by dilapidated conditions, thus reducing their focus on academics. We encourage smaller class sizes for all grades as they are necessary to give each student an equal and ample amount of individual attention and one-on-one interaction with their teacher. Our children require a well-rounded education that includes not only the fundamentals of math, language arts, and reading comprehension, but also science, social studies, art, dance, and music. Each area of instruction should be assimilated in the curriculum of New York City's schools as this would greatly enhance students' active desire to participate in their learning and instruction. We support academic enrichment through creative expression, including but not limited to literature, crafts, dance, music and fine arts. Incorporating all of these disciplines helps to stimulate and enhance brain and logical thinking development, which fosters a more profound learning process in all areas. Furthermore, a broadened curriculum for foreign languages should be implemented in public schools to enhance an appreciation of the various cultural mores and customs that students will encounter throughout life, including the workforce.



#### Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

As the number of children in the foster care system rises, allowances must be made for resources for kinship care and foster parent training and recruitment services. Too many children are being forced into a system that cannot protect them or look after them properly. Oftentimes, the conditions in group homes where children are placed until they find foster homes, or rather, IF they find foster homes, are more dangerous than the situation they were removed from. To make matters worse, ACS officials often remove children from homes when there is no actual cause for removal. Parents in situations like this should have some sort of recourse. While we acknowledge that there exist heinous cases where there is no other means to protecting the child, it must be noted that not every perceived case of abuse is an actual case of abuse. More focus should be placed on educating parents how best to care for and discipline their children in a rapidly changing climate where corporal punishment is viewed as abuse and cause for a child to be taken out of the home. Efforts should be focused more on keeping children in the home except in those dire cases where there is strong evidence that abuse and neglect is rampant and little to no regard is given to the child's or children's well being. We must remember that poverty does not mean that a child is improperly cared for or not loved. A spanking does not equal abuse. Case workers with ACS need to be better trained on recognizing actual cases of abuse and removing those children at great risk rather than removing all children because of protocol. As it stands now, parents are given no authority in their homes and are not given an opportunity to rear their children properly as they are fearful of penalties and fearful of children and youth recognizing that they are granted more power and authority than the parent. This leads to negative behaviors and acting out in many cases for our youth and with severe ramifications for the youth. As the number of children presently in the foster care system greatly exceeds the number of homes available, increased efforts must be made to provide the proper mental health care to prevent children from further losing a sense of self-image, self-worth, and their identity. Efforts must be made to assure children that their lives have meaning despite a lack of parental and familial influences. Identity crises and issues of esteem can easily form when children are institutionalized and begin to question the necessity of their existence. Unnecessarily removing children from a home when there is no evidence of actual abuse or endangering a child and sending said children to live in an institutional setting has the potential to affect their self worth and view of themselves. It is critical that both group and one-on-one therapy sessions be provided immediately after removing the child to prevent these crises of identity from arising. In addition, programs for youth who are aging out of the foster care system are needed. These programs assist in the critical adjustment and transition period for youth who are forced to live and survive on their own with minimal to no supervision just because they have reached a "legal" age. It must be remembered that age of maturity does not always correlate with age in years. In order to assure that these individuals are able to live successfully without resorting to crime, programs must be instituted to assist them with job training and placement, money management, higher learning, and the like.

#### Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Community building exercises should be practiced to validate the "It Takes A Village" approach to child rearing. Too often, young parents reject the advice of a dwindling population of older nurturers, thus leading to a burgeoning violent youth culture. Youth without strong role models in the home need to have access to role models from elsewhere, and neighbors are a great place to look. Adults need to assume their role as parents, guardians, and mentors to our youth. Basic socialization requires that informal authority figures be active social agents.



## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/23	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide a new PA system, new classroom doors, a new cafeteria floor, new curtains for the auditorium, and a new gymnasium floor. The current PA system does not reach the entire building, the doors do not close all the way so they cannot be locked, the tiles are buckling in the cafeteria, and the gym floor cannot be sanded again. These are the specific requests from the school.</i>	PS 243 1580 Dean Street
6/23	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>Provide new electrical system throughout the building, modernize/update the auditorium, provide new tables for the lunchroom, install new doors with locks, upgrade pipes/water system in the building. These requests were made by the school directly.</i>	PS 335 130 Rochester Avenue
11/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	<i>There is a growing need for group and family Daycare services in District 8, spurred by the growing population of working parents moving into the community as well as the number of working parents already in the community. Additional affordable daycare slots for all work shifts, not just the traditional shifts of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, need to be created to accommodate this growing trend of working parents and their need for services. In addition, child care slots for home-based and center-based programs should be restored.</i>	Community Wide
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>We thank the DOE and SCA to agree to create a designated District 13 middle school in the B15 building of the Atlantic Yards/Pacific Park Development. We look forward to the school's design and completion, and the great impact it will have on the parents of middle school students in Prospect Heights.</i>	B15 building 37 Sixth Avenue



## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/57	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for 18 to 21 year olds who have aged out or been discharged from foster care services</i>	<i>Young adults who have aged out of foster care are an extremely vulnerable population. Funding is needed to allow them the opportunity to obtain adequate and safe housing and have money for basic necessities.</i>	Community Wide
24/57	DOE	<i>Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals</i>	<i>As obesity issues continue to plague our youth, we must ensure that they receive healthy school meals to help them understand the value of eating properly. Hopefully, this will transfer to their home lives where they will be able to teach other family members to make better eating choices.</i>	Community Wide
33/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services</i>	<i>These programs provide a structured environment where these young men and women resume their education, acquire high school equivalency diplomas, and obtain skills needed to go on to college and obtain employment.</i>	Community Wide
34/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</i>	<i>Middle school years are important times in our children's lives. It is during middle school that most children begin to veer down the wrong path and begin dabbling in drugs and mild criminal activity that lead to much worse things. Adequate after school programs will aid in keeping kids out of trouble and on keeping them on the right path.</i>	Community Wide
35/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services</i>	<i>The result of poor performing schools, poverty, and the effects of dropping out of school is never more present than in the high adult illiteracy rate. Functionally illiterate adults cannot be expected to succeed in life. Efforts must be made to give them the necessary skills to elevate themselves.</i>	Community Wide
37/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Primary school is an important time in our children's lives. It is in primary school that the foundation for education is laid. After school programs are effective tools in enhancing and enriching education as well as providing social skill building opportunities.</i>	Community Wide
39/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services</i>	<i>A large portion of homeless youth belong to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non binary, non conforming, and queer (LGBTQ) population. They are often ostracized and shunned by their families and are forced to choose to either be comfortable with who they are or change/hide/pretend to be someone they are not simply to continue receiving familial support. In order to be true to themselves, they leave abusive situations and are forced to the streets. Efforts should be made to reach out to these youth to remove them from abusive situations and prevent them from becoming part of the growing homeless population.</i>	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
48/57	ACS	<i>Expand options for kinship foster care services</i>	<i>To prevent children from entering the foster care system and living with strangers, it is imperative that we garner a greater appreciation for kinship care programs so that the child(ren) can stay with familiar faces, and have some semblance of family structure and belonging. When placed in foreign surroundings, the potential for feeling like an "other" is great, and it can affect the child's well-being.</i>	Community Wide
49/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has proven to be invaluable to our youth in terms of the job experience, training, and responsibility given to its participants. Jobs, along with participation in the arts, music, dance, theater, and sports help foster higher self-esteem, positive self-motivation, and elevated levels of self-confidence. It is our firm belief that our youth will excel as a result of their experience with the SYEP. Therefore, we recommend that baseline funding should be adjusted annually to allow for inflation and the number and type of jobs available through SYEP be increased.</i>	Community Wide
53/57	ACS	<i>Other child care requests</i>	<i>Expand funding for Safe Sleep Program to increase awareness among parents and other caregivers about the potentially fatal risks of sharing a bed with an infant, and how to prevent injuries and deaths associated with other unsafe sleep practices, such as excessive bedding, bumpers and toys in cribs.</i>	Community Wide



### Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### *Police-community relations*

Recruits coming from the police academy and all current officers must be equipped with the necessary skills to interact with citizens with the proper respect. The NYPD's CPR (Courtesy, Professional, and Respect) initiative, appears to be forgotten during interactions with minorities. If officers maintain the Department's CPR edict of being courteous, professional, and respectful, it will reduce tensions between officers and minority residents that arise because of racial profiling and blatant disrespect.

### Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

While our police Comp Stat numbers reflect a drop in crime, residents will tell a different story: that crime is increasing or at the very least, remaining the same, especially on the eastern portion of the District. The eastern side of Community Board 8 is more heavily populated than the western and central portions because of NYCHA developments and large apartment buildings in addition to the private single to four family houses. While the Neighborhood Coordinating Officer (NCO) program appears to be achieving success, there is still a need for additional patrol in the area bounded by Troy Avenue and Ralph Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway. The blocks of Sterling and Park Places in this area are especially problematic. Consequently, additional police officers are needed for the 77th and 78th Precincts and PSA #2 to effectively monitor the community and NYCHA developments in our District and to put additional officers in these problem areas. It is troubling to hear that multiple sex trafficking rings were discovered in District 8. We need to monitor the situation closely to ensure that women are protected from predators. Our local precincts need to monitor constant traffic at locations and listen closely to resident complaints that houses are being used for nefarious purposes. Additionally, to quickly solve crimes, it is essential that the number of officers in the detectives' squads investigating crimes be increased and commensurate with the rate of crimes and unsolved felonies.

### **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/23	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>With the construction of Pacific Park around the 78th Precinct, there is a dearth of parking spaces available for officers of the precinct. The 77th Precinct also lacks adequate parking spaces and the result is officers angle parking on the sidewalk in front of private homes, double parking on residential streets, or disobeying alternate side parking rules. The city should look into purchasing vacant lots around the precincts to convert to parking lots for officers and reduce the propensity of officers often breaking the laws they are sworn to uphold.</i>	Community Wide
15/23	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Continue restoring Fire Houses in District 8. Many of the engine and ladder companies are turn of the century buildings that need upgrades such as new roofs, apparatus floor replacements, water proofing, pointing, electrical upgrades, as well as kitchens and bathrooms.</i>	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/57	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Increase staffing levels of Detective Units, especially at the 77th and 78th Precincts and PSA2. This will help officers solve crimes faster and eliminate the backlog of cases.</i>	Community Wide
20/57	NYPD	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</i>	<i>Drug and gang related violence have always been an issue for the eastern end of District 8. We need additional officers to specifically handle these types of complaints and issues before the inevitable violence occurs. We believe preventative measures should be implemented so that crime can be prevented. For the area bounded by Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway from Albany to Ralph Avenues</i>	Community Wide
21/57	NYPD	<i>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</i>	<i>NYPD officers should be provided with sensitivity training to deal with the rapidly evolving community. The training should encompass measures of bridging the gaps between old residents and new residents to prevent conflicts. Too often, the cultural differences between new residents and older residents lead to conflicts because of a lack of understanding of the culture that exists in our diverse, but rapidly gentrifying community. Officers assigned to our local precincts and PSA2 must be able to handle these delicate situations efficiently and without bias.</i>	Community Wide
22/57	NYPD	<i>Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs</i>	<i>The densely populated and yet to be gentrified eastern end of the District is rife with youth crime. It is imperative that funding be allotted for youth crime prevention programs to prevent the onslaught of a lost generation of youth offenders.</i>	Community Wide



## Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### *Air quality and pollution*

Environmental concerns affecting citizens include sewer capacity, flooding issues, noise pollution, air quality, street cleanliness, and vermin. All of these issues have an equal bearing on the CB 8 population and are top concerns for the District. For instance, vermin complaints, especially rodent complaints, have nearly quadrupled in the last year. Complaints are not just for one portion of the District anymore; they have become district wide. Other concerns are noise on our busiest commercial strips from bars and restaurants; flooding because of over-capacity sewers; poor air quality due to massive construction projects throughout the district is of importance because of the high asthma rate; and finally, street cleanliness is of importance because our residents have been clamoring for a reduction in alternate side parking to help alleviate parking woes.

### Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Complaints of flooding in the basements of homes in the District are increasing. The Right of Way Bioswale installation projects occurring throughout the city are designed to assist with runoff and flooding for sewers not equipped to handle the quantity of water running through the system. We hope that the city research other methods to employ to assist with runoff and sewer capacity such as providing incentive for homeowners and developers to create green roofs. Many residents prefer to concrete over their front and back yards in an effort to reduce the possibility of any vegetation attracting rodents. What is not understood is that all of this concrete is impermeable and increases the runoff to the sewer. We need to incentivize residents to have as much green space and vegetation on their property as possible to help absorb rain water.

### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Sanitation issues continue to plague District 8. Whether it is overflowing corner baskets, high litter rates, illegal dumping, untimely trash pick up, or housing development garbage strewn about our streets--it all adds up to a district that looks, in the words of our garage superintendent, "as though a trash bomb has exploded on our streets." While our scorecard reflects clean streets, this is only due to the efforts of BK8 putting additional cleaners on the streets to clean problem areas. Sanitation services are not as they used to be when section supervisors followed brooms and trucks to ensure that they were doing their jobs properly and effectively. Due to not having the watchful eye of supervisors, some DOS personnel have gotten, for lack of a better work, a bit lazy in their work. We get complaints of missed collections, bags that have broken open and the sanmen not using the brooms and shovels on each truck to clean up the resulting mess. It is imperative that section supervisors be restored so that they can assist in raising the scorecard and also ensuring that not only are sanmen doing their jobs, but also that homeowners are doing their part to keep the District clean. They will be able to issue summonses to vehicles that have not moved for Alternate Side Parking, issue violations for improperly disposed of trash, unsightly storage of trash in front yards, etc. They provided an invaluable service and we need them back urgently.

### Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/23	DEP	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>We advocate for timely installation of additional bioswales in our district. We also advocate for incentives for homeowners to create green roofs and as much vegetation on their property as possible to absorb rain water. Finally, we advocate for the increased pit size for trees to not only allow for root growth, but also to create higher permeable surfaces.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/57	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Composting is a viable way to bring in additional revenue to the City and also to cut garbage disposal costs.</i>	Community Wide
18/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>The housing developments that are located on the eastern end of the District create a messy eyesore daily with their improperly placed trash. Garbage is placed curbside daily--sometimes twice daily--thus creating an unsightly mess. Additional collection services are needed to prevent this practice from continuing. Specifically for Weeksville Houses and Kingsboro Houses. If NYCHA is unwilling or unable to pay for additional collections, we strongly urge containerized collections so that it is not seen by passersby.</i>	Community Wide
27/57	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Illegal dumping creates blight and makes it appear as though the community does not care about itself. It must be stopped and penalties strengthened for those that dump. Because current laws target those that dump from vehicles, black market dumpers that use shopping carts and dump near corner baskets are often overlooked. These dumpers need to be penalized for their actions. It should not be acceptable for them or anyone else to dump on our streets and feel as though they can get away with it.</i>	Community Wide
30/57	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Separate organic collection is useful in diminishing the amount of trash sent to landfills daily. Bio-digesters should be installed in manufacturing districts around the city to make this possible. It is time to start thinking more environmentally.</i>	Community Wide
50/57	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Canine waste has the potential to create health hazards for humans and other dogs. Dog owners must be held responsible for properly caring for their pets. The District office has received numerous complaints of dog feces strewn about the community. It is imperative that Pooper Scooper laws be enforced and that signs alerting dog owners that it is their responsibility to clean up after their dogs are installed. As a result, we are asking that funding to re-instate the signage unit be provided. Furthermore, additional Sanitation Police Officers are also needed to issue summonses to dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.</i>	Community Wide

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development*Affordable housing programs*

Permanent affordable housing for varying income levels remains one of our highest priorities. Low and middle income single individuals and families, seniors, and disabled alike, require additional resources for housing. This need is more prevalent in District 8 now more than ever due to gentrification and sharply rising rents. If additional units of affordable housing are unable to be constructed, existing property owners need to be given incentives to maintain affordable rent rates for their existing units. District 8 is one of the City's leaders in rent increases and lack of affordability, and it is quickly becoming one of the leaders in landlord harassment of rent stabilized and controlled tenants. Fewer options and owner greed is helping to push long term residents from their apartments. We must look out for those that are most in danger of losing their homes and becoming victims of landlord greed.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

We urge the City to consider using derelict, fallow housing for affordable housing opportunities rather than attacking community gardens and taking away green space for small scale development projects. Property owners should be held accountable for their property and should know that if they refuse to take care of it, there is the possibility that they can lose it to address a grave need at truly affordable rates, not inflated rates that are grossly unaffordable. We believe that a proper accounting of vacant NYCHA units should be done, especially considering the dire need for affordable units. The units that are deemed uninhabitable because of various repair needs need to be fixed and made available for occupation as soon as possible. It is saddening that we have thousands of families living in temporary shelters when there are over 4,000 vacant NYCHA units that could be used for permanent housing if only they were habitable. We need our local lawmakers to seriously consider the issue of arbitrary market rate rents that developers force on a community. The city needs to take a hard line stance on the amount of rent that can be charged to prevent displacement of residents. Following the federal guidelines for the Area Median Income is not feasible in a city with a high standard of living such as New York City. Charging rents at a rate of 30% of annual income unnecessarily creates a financial burden on residents looking for housing. Taxes and automatically deducted monies for retirement plans need to be factored in. We believe that the Mayor and City Council have the ability to enact legislation that can help reduce this financial burden by capping rent rates that developers can charge, especially when they enter certain underdeveloped or underprivileged communities. No one should be at risk of displacement. Our local government needs to do a better job of ensuring that no one faces this danger.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

The revitalization of our commercial strips is one of our top priorities. We request that Small Business Services and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce continue to work with District 8 for the revitalization of Utica, Kingston, and Nostrand Avenues, each between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway. These under-developed strips have the same potential to be as vibrant as Flatbush, Vanderbilt, Washington, and Franklin Avenues. Also, we seek the assistance of SBS and the Chamber in helping reduce the number of vacant storefronts on otherwise vibrant strips because of rising commercial rent and landlord greed.



## Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Seniors, the disabled, and the homeless are often left out of housing conversations. As vulnerable populations, they need to be watched carefully and catered to just as much as families. Many seniors and disabled individuals live on fixed incomes of minimal amounts, and are thus unable to afford the current housing market. This leads them to homelessness and homeless shelters. Housing needs to be created specifically for these populations to prevent the vicious cycle of people entering homeless shelters.</i>	Community Wide
2/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>Too many city dwellers are living well below the poverty line. As such, many families are forced to combine households in units that are way too small for the capacity they are designed for. Having additional low-income housing opportunities will help rectify this problem of apartment sharing and overcrowding.</i>	Community Wide
3/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>Medium income households, or rather, households that fall between income bands for low income house and middle income housing, are usually ignored--especially for singles. The rent rates charged are usually unaffordable despite being within the federal standard. Additional units need to be created for this forgotten demographic. Housing needs to be created for all income levels and not just certain income bands.</i>	Community Wide
4/23	NYCHA	<i>Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments</i>	<i>The Brownsville power grid is insufficient to support its service base. Con Ed has identified that NYCHA developments place most of the strain on the grid. An audit of energy efficiency and environmental performance should be conducted to ensure that NYCHA developments are running efficiently and using as little energy as possible to function effectively. This will not only help the environment, but will also help the City save money and could possibly prevent brown/blackouts. NYCHA should consider installing solar panels where possible to reduce the amount of electricity purchased from Con Edison.</i>	Community Wide
18/23	HPD	<i>Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings</i>	<i>There are times when small scale landlords desire to do the correct thing by tenants but are unable to afford to do so. Loan programs to help them with rehabilitation projects are necessary to ensure that these landlords and property owners do not have liens levied against their properties because of code enforcement violations.</i>	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/57	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>As the affordable housing market continues to be stressed, more financial rental assistance services are needed to assist tenants with maintaining their housing independence.</i>	Community Wide
6/57	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	<i>More and more landlords are resorting to illegal tactics to evict tenants from their homes or make them want to leave on their own so that they can raise rents. Tenant education services and legal services to inform tenants of their rights are in high demand.</i>	Community Wide
7/57	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Study the rezoning of the manufacturing district bounded by Grand and Franklin Avenues between Atlantic Avenue and Bergen Street (blocks 1125, 1126, 1133, 1134, 1141, and 1142), as well as the south side of Atlantic Avenue between Grand and Vanderbilt Avenues (block 2 1122 and 1124) for mixed residential and manufacturing use according to Community Board 8s M-CROWN proposal as amended and submitted to the Department of City Planning.</i>	Community Wide
23/57	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	<i>More and more small property owners (owners of two to four family houses) are beginning to divide what are supposed to be single units into two to three apartments. We need to ensure that they have the proper permits to do this and are not converting two family homes illegally into three or four family homes.</i>	Community Wide
32/57	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>As more and more landlords succumb to the greed of being able to collect market rate rents, they let currently occupied apartments drift into the ranks of inhabitability to push out long term tenants while gut renovating recently vacated apartments. We need to ensure that enforcement agents use their full power to encourage landlords to make repairs for long term tenants rather than just focusing on improving the habitability for higher rent paying tenants.</i>	Community Wide
41/57	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>As the community evolves, some of our residents are being left behind. These residents need occupational, vocational, and entrepreneurial training in order to maintain their residency and ability to exist in a changing community.</i>	Community Wide
56/57	HPD	Provide emergency housing for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders	<i>People displaced by fires and City-issued vacate orders are a unique population. No one ever expects to be in a position to suddenly find themselves homeless and in need of housing. The shelter should not be their only option; programs that assist with providing emergency housing for stable individuals are needed to prevent taxing the system even further.</i>	Community Wide



## Transportation

### Main Issue Related to Transportation

#### *Traffic congestion*

Over the last few years, District 8 has had several traffic calming studies performed that have proven to be an effective tool in slowing vehicular traffic, thus making our district safer for its residents. However, these calming measures have led to traffic back-ups on key strips and at many high-traffic intersections. These blockages cause irritation in drivers, and sometimes makes them drive erratically or recklessly. This in turn reduces the safety effects of the calming measures. Also, the addition of bike lanes in a community that has its fair share already, is beginning to cause friction between residents. Recently, double parking courtesies issued during Alternate Side Parking were rescinded on blocks with newly installed bike lanes, creating cantankerous attitudes often levied toward District office staff. It is imperative that when DOT looks to install bike lanes and brings their proposal to a Community Board, that the agency takes into consideration the long term effects the bike lanes will have on residents. These effects are not just limited to revocation of double parking courtesies, but also the slowing down of traffic, new threats posed to pedestrians, and the like.

### Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

We urge DOT to expand the Sidewalk Repair Program, thus creating a quicker response to investigate defective sidewalk complaints and facilitate repair. Many of our streets have broken sidewalks due to large street trees uprooting the sidewalk from its foundation. Homeowners should not be held liable for defective sidewalks and damage caused by City street trees. The DOT Sidewalk Repair Unit should repair these damaged sidewalks as soon as possible to prevent lawsuits against homeowners when people trip and fall. In addition, we have received a number of complaints from elderly residents that they need their sidewalks repaired but cannot afford a private contractor. While we recognize the fact that the city holds liable any property owner that requests sidewalk repair, we urge the city to increase resources to repair sidewalks that are trip hazards and that can also lead to frivolous lawsuits against our elderly. We hope DOT considers a program similar to rent and property tax freezes to repair seniors' sidewalks at a much lower cost than for those with fewer financial struggles. While we understand that the city is becoming more bike friendly, bike lanes have become a bane to certain residents (namely car owners) in District 8. The addition of bike lanes to streets in a district already burdened by underutilized bike lanes, has only made conditions worse. We urge DOT to seriously consider the impact that the addition of bike lanes has on car owners and pedestrians, and even request that bike owners be held liable for damage they cause to pedestrians because of their callousness when riding. We request that NYC mandate bike riders to follow certain commonsense laws such as helmets, lights at night, and obeying traffic regulations to prevent bike/pedestrian accidents. While we understand that Vision Zero is intended to create safer streets for bikers and pedestrians, we implore you to realize the negative impact that the program has had on people that rely on vehicles to maneuver around the city. Closing off streets to make pedestrian plazas is not the answer; neither is installing a bike lane on streets too narrow to accommodate one, thus creating a shared lane and slowing traffic to a crawl as vehicle drivers are forced to drive at the speed the biker is riding. It is our belief that DOT is ignoring the needs of car owners and drivers. While driving for some is a privilege, for others it is a necessity that cannot be avoided; their needs should not be sacrificed for the sake of others. We request that DOT use the input of people that are familiar with New York City street infrastructure to help create new initiatives rather than rely on those that hail from other places that can accommodate amenities not suitable for this City's infrastructure. Progress for the sake of being able to tout "progress" can sometimes lead to disastrous results.

### Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on bus service to travel. It becomes disheartening knowing that some people prefer to remain home rather than attempt to rely upon unreliable bus service in District 8. We request better service along our east-west routes on the B 45 and B 65, especially on weekends.



## Transportation

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

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20/23	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The Franklin Avenue Shuttle line is in dire need of repainting. Efforts should be made to ensure that the shuttle line is held to the same quality standards as other major transit stations.</i>	Park Place stop

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
25/57	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Re-instate the B 71 bus line. This line was an integral part of accessing the cultural icons of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Grand Army Plaza Library, and Prospect Park.</i>	Community Wide
52/57	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Weekend service along the B45 and B 65 has been a source of complaint for users of the bus lines for many years. We encourage additional service, especially on the weekends when there is a lot of subway work being performed. Additionally, we request an increased frequency of buses along these routes on weekday mornings and afternoons. Because of ongoing construction and street blockages, people often have to wait extended periods of time for a bus, making them late for work, school, appointments, etc. With increased service, there is the possibility of a lower wait time.</i>	Community Wide
57/57	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>At many intersections within our District, traffic congestion abounds. It is imperative that signal timing be checked along certain segments of roadway to ensure smooth traffic flow.</i>	Community Wide



### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### *Forestry services, including street tree maintenance*

Our parks, cultural institutions, and libraries provide invaluable resources, education and entertainment to our residents. They should be maintained in a manner that will allow them to continue providing pleasure and enjoyment to their users and visitors. That being said, it is unfortunate that many of our street trees are in terrible shape. Many are dying, have dead limbs, newly planted trees are not properly maintained and consequently die young, trees are not pruned and cause damage to peoples houses and make pedestrians have to duck under low hanging branches, and some trees are planted that are not suitable for either shade, beauty, or even this particular climate. While heavily used, our parks are not cleaned and/or patrolled with a frequency that residents are pleased with. We get numerous complaints of people doing drugs in parks very close to children playing, trash complaints, and gang activity. We understand that the Parks Department has limited resources and are unable to clean parks daily and also to provide PEP officers at every park and playground, but more needs to be done to keep our parks and playgrounds cleaner and safer. We encourage a rotation of PEP officers to patrol our parks and playgrounds just to inform people that their activity is monitored. While this will not entirely stop illegal activity, we believe it will help dispel some of it as people will think twice before engaging in activity that can lead to potential fines.

### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The need for safe and well-maintained parks and playgrounds are essential for the children in District 8. A regular maintenance program with adequate manpower is crucial. Currently, maintenance staff needs to be increased for all of our Parks and Playgrounds, malls along Eastern Parkway, and the St. John's Recreation Center. Additional Playground Associates, Park Enforcement Officers, and other personnel are required to keep children at play free from harassment and dangerous elements that lurk in unguarded areas. It has been proven that with personnel in our parks, they are cleaner and safer for those that utilize them.

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

We urge the City to continue its financial support for the renovation of our cultural institutions. The Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is one of New York City's unique educational and cultural treasures. Since its inception in 1899, it has been recognized for educational excellence and innovation and has had strong local and national impact while attendance continues to grow. Funding is required to complete necessary repairs and upgrades, and is also needed to maintain operating hours for the museum and staff levels at a livable wage. Weeksville Heritage Center (WHC) is another cultural jewel in District 8. The newly completed educational center and office space should further enhance the eastern end of the District. WHC is a multi-dimensional museum dedicated to preserving the history of the 19th century African American community of Weeksville, Brooklyn. Using a contemporary lens, the center activates this unique history through the presentation of innovative, vanguard and experimental programs. Unfortunately, there is not enough funding dedicated to WHC to keep it open for enough hours to provide potential visitors with its services and cultural enrichment.

### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

In recent years, the three public library systems serving NYC have been threatened annually with drastic cuts. Libraries provide job seekers assistance, adult literacy, English as a Second Language, computer training, tax preparation, US Passport processing, fine arts exhibits, access to the internet, and serve as a repository for historic material. Taken as a whole, the Brooklyn Public Library system requires its full funding due to its multi-service delivery to youth and adults alike. Specifically for District 8, additional funding for the Brower Park branch is necessary as many students utilize the library's resources for school projects, term papers, and supplementary education means. Additional hours of operation are necessary to allow students and other residents to utilize the library's resources.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Community Boards are the first advocates for community residents facing issues with other city agencies. It is our charter mandated duty to interface with community residents and city municipalities to ensure service delivery in a timely manner. 311 is not an adequate substitution for the interaction of community boards and community residents. Residents increasingly complain about the difficulty of obtaining useful and accurate information from the 311 system concerning resolution of complaints submitted via the central hotline and other general questions. The net result of the 311 hotline has been stagnation in service delivery and complaint resolution. Community Boards in general lack adequate operational funding. The meager budget provided for each of the fifty-nine boards citywide has not kept up with inflation and any increased operating costs. Community Boards possess the only budget that has not seen an increase in the past two decades despite increases in operation costs. We operate on a meager budget yet perform a valuable service to the community and city. With recent directives and proposals by the city council that demand that we conduct voter registration drives and webcast our monthly general meetings, operational costs are going to increase and additional staff training will be needed to ensure that we are capable of performing our new duties. We urge the Mayor and the City Council to consider a much needed increase for operating costs and staff maintenance for all Community Boards. We hope the City Council and Borough President's office will continue to battle with us to keep the voice of local government alive in every community.



## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Install lamp posts around Dean Street Playground. Currently, there is a lighting issue in Dean Street playground. The playground does not have an operating system and in the past relied upon stadium lights to illuminate the area. Light posts placed strategically around the park will illuminate the playground without creating a nuisance situation for the park's residential neighbors.</i>	Dean Street Playground
12/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade the fitness equipment at Lincoln Terrace Park. The equipment in the adult fitness area is highly utilized and in dire need of replacement.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park
13/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Install lights around playground area in Brower Park. There are currently no lights in the playground, and the area is completely dark and encourages dangerous activities.</i>	Brower Park
17/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Construct comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near the tennis court.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park
19/23	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>As the number of people with dogs increases in the community, it is imperative that we have a park with a dog run that allows pet owners a safe and friendly environment to give their pets exercise. Specifically for Brower Park and Lincoln Terrace Park.</i>	Community Wide
21/23	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Acquire land within District 8 for community use to be used for cultural events, steel band and marching band practice, art exhibits, pop up art galleries, etc. A large number of vacant lots in the manufacturing district are used by steel bands and marching bands for practice and for pop up art galleries. If the manufacturing area is developed, these bands and student bands will have no suitable place to practice and artists will have no space to display their art. Land is needed to give these entities proper practice and performance space.</i>	Community Wide
22/23	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Acquire a mixed use residential/commercial space for the District office of Community Board 8 to share with other not for profit organizations.</i>	Community Wide



### Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
23/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Provide funding for the expansion of St. John's Recreation Center. More than 23,000 residents utilize St. John's Recreation Center each year. It is imperative that the facility be expanded to accommodate additional recreational activities and administrative space for the existing building. The city-owned building that currently houses FDNY Rescue Co. 2 is near the St. John's premises and will be vacant soon. The structure could be an adequate source of additional space to accommodate many of the needs for the facility.</i>	1251 Prospect Place
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground at Lincoln Terrace Park is terribly old and outdated, in need of modernizing and repair. Our children deserve a safe place to play and they are not currently getting it in the playground's current condition. Also, there is a water drainage problem in the center of the playground that needs to be addressed.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate and upgrade comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near playground.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park



## Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/57	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>In FY 2016, the Boards' budgets were slightly increased to accommodate the collective bargaining agreement. However, the operating budget for Community Boards are still woefully inadequate, not keeping pace of inflation and any increased operating costs. The costs for acquiring much needed newer technology, computer software, upgraded hardware, as well as internet/web access capabilities is expensive. In addition, according to Chapter 70, Section 2800 (21f) of the City Charter, we are required to have experts such as planners to assist us in our Charter mandated duties. We do not currently have the funds available to hire such experts and/or consultants. It is consequently imperative that all the Community Boards' budgets be increased.</i>	Community Wide
13/57	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP officers) are needed to enforce the rules of the park such as no littering, no fire (BBQ), and no off leash dogs during specified hours and many others. Funding must be provided in order to rectify these problems and make our parks and playgrounds safe and enjoyable for all.</i>	Community Wide
28/57	DPR	<i>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</i>	<i>Too often, we get complaints about trash in neighborhood parks and playgrounds. We urge the Parks Department to increase efforts to keep our parks and playgrounds litter free. Of course, this request does not absolve those that utilize our parks and playgrounds from doing their part to keep the parks clean as well.</i>	Community Wide
51/57	BPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Financial/economic literacy programs for teens are direly needed. Learning to save and invest is essential for economically disadvantaged residents. This information needs to be learned during adolescence so that as adults, residents will be financially stable. The Brooklyn Public Library should engage residents with financial literacy programs and make such programs accessible to all.</i>	725 St Marks Avenue
54/57	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>We are pleased with the number of new trees that have been planted in the district over the last few years. However, many of the recently planted trees are either dead or dying. Better street tree maintenance is needed to prevent these issues from plaguing a valuable resource. Additionally, older trees need better care such as pruning and larger tree pits to remain healthy and vibrant.</i>	Community Wide

## 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/57	HRA	<i>Expand homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>Due to the inevitability of having to stretch their finances even further than they are capable, it is imperative that residents have access to financial planning and budgeting information to learn how to properly plan their monthly spending. They must be educated on which services are not priorities in order to avoid the inevitable if they are not careful: homelessness. People applying for one-shot deals to cover back rent should automatically be enrolled in such courses to obtain the tools to prevent them from needing such dire services again.</i>	Community Wide
16/57	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance residential services</i>	<i>These shelters provide a safe and welcoming temporary shelter, providing immediate short term (up to 30 days) accommodations to homeless youth (16 to 20 years in age) while they receive assistance in obtaining a long term housing agreement.</i>	Community Wide
26/57	HRA	<i>Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs</i>	<i>Funding should be provided for preventative services to educate women and men of all ages on the telltale signs of all forms of abuse physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological and how to exit a situation that could be potentially life threatening, not only for her- or him-self, but for any children in the home as well. This will provide pre-emptive services and prevent further destruction of familial ties and bonds.</i>	Community Wide
36/57	DOE	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services</i>	<i>Students in poorly performing schools have a higher chance of falling behind their peers in higher rated schools. Every effort must be made to bring these youth up to speed so that they can have a successful education career and obtain a vital place in a legitimate work environment. They must have the proper skills and tools for entrance into the work force and not be relegated to menial tasks that require little to no skill and pay minimum wage, thus keeping them locked in poverty.</i>	Community Wide
42/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>Early intervention is the key to saving the future of our youth. It is well documented that inner-city children have a higher risk for crime, dropping out of school and other educational deficits, gang involvement, drug use, and incarceration. We urge funding for activities that target at-risk youth. Funding for youth development and delinquency and prevention programs is necessary to serve our youth and quell the growing trend toward life-ruining activities.</i>	Community Wide

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### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
46/57	HRA	<i>Provide funding for Kinship and Caretaker care programs</i>	<i>Additional services are needed for the homebound elderly to limit the burdens placed on kindhearted friends, significant others, spouses, and other relatives who assume complete responsibility for the care of their loved ones. Support services must be provided to these individuals who perform an invaluable service in the community. These additional services will reduce the stress of having to care for semi-incapacitated individuals and can also reduce the risk of abuse by overworked and anxious relatives and friends encumbered with the financial and mental stresses of care. We urge the Department to provide funding for the Kinship and Caretaker care programs.</i>	Community Wide
47/57	DSNY	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</i>	<i>We advocate for containerized garbage collection for all of CB 8's NYCHA developments. This will help to eliminate maintenance workers putting garbage curbside immediately after the Dept. of Sanitation has collected it. As an immediate side effect, our streets will look much cleaner and people will take more pride in their community. For Weeksville Houses and Kingsboro Houses.</i>	Community Wide

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 23 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Seniors, the disabled, and the homeless are often left out of housing conversations. As vulnerable populations, they need to be watched carefully and catered to just as much as families. Many seniors and disabled individuals live on fixed incomes of minimal amounts, and are thus unable to afford the current housing market. This leads them to homelessness and homeless shelters. Housing needs to be created specifically for these populations to prevent the vicious cycle of people entering homeless shelters.</i>	Community Wide	
2/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>Too many city dwellers are living well below the poverty line. As such, many families are forced to combine households in units that are way too small for the capacity they are designed for. Having additional low-income housing opportunities will help rectify this problem of apartment sharing and overcrowding.</i>	Community Wide	
3/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>Medium income households, or rather, households that fall between income bands for low income house and middle income housing, are usually ignored--especially for singles. The rent rates charged are usually unaffordable despite being within the federal standard. Additional units need to be created for this forgotten demographic. Housing needs to be created for all income levels and not just certain income bands.</i>	Community Wide	
4/23	NYCHA	<i>Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments</i>	<i>The Brownsville power grid is insufficient to support its service base. Con Ed has identified that NYCHA developments place most of the strain on the grid. An audit of energy efficiency and environmental performance should be conducted to ensure that NYCHA developments are running efficiently and using as little energy as possible to function effectively. This will not only help the environment, but will also help the City save money and could possibly prevent brown/blackouts. NYCHA should consider installing solar panels where possible to reduce the amount of electricity purchased from Con Edison.</i>	Community Wide	

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5/23	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide a new PA system, new classroom doors, a new cafeteria floor, new curtains for the auditorium, and a new gymnasium floor. The current PA system does not reach the entire building, the doors do not close all the way so they cannot be locked, the tiles are buckling in the cafeteria, and the gym floor cannot be sanded again. These are the specific requests from the school.</i>	PS 243 1580 Dean Street	
6/23	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>Provide new electrical system throughout the building, modernize/update the auditorium, provide new tables for the lunchroom, install new doors with locks, upgrade pipes/water system in the building. These requests were made by the school directly.</i>	PS 335 130 Rochester Avenue	
7/23	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	<i>We advocate for timely installation of additional bioswales in our district. We also advocate for incentives for homeowners to create green roofs and as much vegetation on their property as possible to absorb rain water. Finally, we advocate for the increased pit size for trees to not only allow for root growth, but also to create higher permeable surfaces.</i>	Community Wide	
8/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Install lamp posts around Dean Street Playground. Currently, there is a lighting issue in Dean Street playground. The playground does not have an operating system and in the past relied upon stadium lights to illuminate the area. Light posts placed strategically around the park will illuminate the playground without creating a nuisance situation for the park's residential neighbors.</i>	Dean Street Playground	
9/23	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Community Board 8 lacks a hospital or large multipurpose clinic sufficient for caring for a multitude of ailments. Funding should be made available to upgrade our medical service centers and also to build a large scale medical facility that addresses all of the health needs of the community.</i>	Community Wide	
10/23	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Fund a Brooklyn burn center unit. Brooklyn is without a burn unit. It is vital for burn victims to receive treatment for their wounds as quickly as possible to avoid the loss of excess flesh. Currently, Brooklynites have to be transported to Manhattan for burn treatment.</i>	Community Wide	

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11/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	<i>There is a growing need for group and family Daycare services in District 8, spurred by the growing population of working parents moving into the community as well as the number of working parents already in the community. Additional affordable daycare slots for all work shifts, not just the traditional shifts of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, need to be created to accommodate this growing trend of working parents and their need for services. In addition, child care slots for home-based and center-based programs should be restored.</i>	Community Wide	
12/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade the fitness equipment at Lincoln Terrace Park. The equipment in the adult fitness area is highly utilized and in dire need of replacement.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park	
13/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Install lights around playground area in Brower Park. There are currently no lights in the playground, and the area is completely dark and encourages dangerous activities.</i>	Brower Park	
14/23	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>With the construction of Pacific Park around the 78th Precinct, there is a dearth of parking spaces available for officers of the precinct. The 77th Precinct also lacks adequate parking spaces and the result is officers angle parking on the sidewalk in front of private homes, double parking on residential streets, or disobeying alternate side parking rules. The city should look into purchasing vacant lots around the precincts to convert to parking lots for officers and reduce the propensity of officers often breaking the laws they are sworn to uphold.</i>	Community Wide	
15/23	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Continue restoring Fire Houses in District 8. Many of the engine and ladder companies are turn of the century buildings that need upgrades such as new roofs, apparatus floor replacements, water proofing, pointing, electrical upgrades, as well as kitchens and bathrooms.</i>	Community Wide	
16/23	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funds should be provided to convert all of District 8's senior centers into innovative senior centers to maximize potency and impact. Using the OATS program, we recommend each senior center has at least 10 computers for seniors to use. We also recommend gaming systems to help with memory and motor skills.</i>	Community Wide	

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17/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Construct comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near the tennis court.	Lincoln Terrace Park	Councilwoman Darlene Mealy; Lincoln Terrace Park Tennis Association
18/23	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>There are times when small scale landlords desire to do the correct thing by tenants but are unable to afford to do so. Loan programs to help them with rehabilitation projects are necessary to ensure that these landlords and property owners do not have liens levied against their properties because of code enforcement violations.</i>	Community Wide	
19/23	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>As the number of people with dogs increases in the community, it is imperative that we have a park with a dog run that allows pet owners a safe and friendly environment to give their pets exercise. Specifically for Brower Park and Lincoln Terrace Park.</i>	Community Wide	
20/23	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The Franklin Avenue Shuttle line is in dire need of repainting. Efforts should be made to ensure that the shuttle line is held to the same quality standards as other major transit stations.</i>	Park Place stop	
21/23	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Acquire land within District 8 for community use to be used for cultural events, steel band and marching band practice, art exhibits, pop up art galleries, etc. A large number of vacant lots in the manufacturing district are used by steel bands and marching bands for practice and for pop up art galleries. If the manufacturing area is developed, these bands and student bands will have no suitable place to practice and artists will have no space to display their art. Land is needed to give these entities proper practice and performance space.</i>	Community Wide	
22/23	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Acquire a mixed use residential/commercial space for the District office of Community Board 8 to share with other not for profit organizations.</i>	Community Wide	

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CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground at Lincoln Terrace Park is terribly old and outdated, in need of modernizing and repair. Our children deserve a safe place to play and they are not currently getting it in the playground's current condition. Also, there is a water drainage problem in the center of the playground that needs to be addressed.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park	Councilwoman Darlene Mealy, 41st Council District; Former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>We thank the DOE and SCA to agree to create a designated District 13 middle school in the B15 building of the Atlantic Yards/Pacific Park Development. We look forward to the school's design and completion, and the great impact it will have on the parents of middle school students in Prospect Heights.</i>	B15 building 37 Sixth Avenue	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate and upgrade comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near playground.</i>	Lincoln Terrace Park	

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 57 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/57	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>As the affordable housing market continues to be stressed, more financial rental assistance services are needed to assist tenants with maintaining their housing independence.</i>	Community Wide	
2/57	HRA	Expand homelessness prevention programs	<i>Due to the inevitability of having to stretch their finances even further than they are capable, it is imperative that residents have access to financial planning and budgeting information to learn how to properly plan their monthly spending. They must be educated on which services are not priorities in order to avoid the inevitable if they are not careful: homelessness. People applying for one-shot deals to cover back rent should automatically be enrolled in such courses to obtain the tools to prevent them from needing such dire services again.</i>	Community Wide	
3/57	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>After serving our country, no veteran should be in a position facing homelessness. Services and programs are needed to prevent veteran homelessness and joblessness. Our veterans deserve to be treated with a dignity and respect that they simply are not receiving at this time. Their valor and honor in serving our country should be rewarded, and they should not be looked down upon as scourge.</i>	Community Wide	
4/57	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Incentives need to be provided to property owners and managing agents to accept the rental assistance vouchers provided to families when trying to move them to permanent housing. Presently, the stigma of homelessness makes people too hesitant to see past the circumstance and act in a humane fashion. It is unfortunate that greed gets in the way, but some form of incentive should be provided to convince property owners and landlords to do the right thing.</i>	Community Wide	
5/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	<i>As rent rates in District 8 continue to increase, more and more families and individuals are on the verge of homelessness. Programs should be expanded to help them avoid entering the shelter system and becoming statistics. Rental assistance programs are in dire need to help cover the gap between affordability and unaffordable.</i>	Community Wide	
6/57	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	<i>More and more landlords are resorting to illegal tactics to evict tenants from their homes or make them want to leave on their own so that they can raise rents. Tenant education services and legal services to inform tenants of their rights are in high demand.</i>	Community Wide	

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7/57	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Study the rezoning of the manufacturing district bounded by Grand and Franklin Avenues between Atlantic Avenue and Bergen Street (blocks 1125, 1126, 1133, 1134, 1141, and 1142), as well as the south side of Atlantic Avenue between Grand and Vanderbilt Avenues (block2 1122 and 1124) for mixed residential and manufacturing use according to Community Board 8s M-CROWN proposal as amended and submitted to the Department of City Planning.</i>	Community Wide	Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo
8/57	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	<i>With the large number of development projects scattered throughout the District, and renovation projects ongoing in our historic districts, the number of rodent complaints has skyrocketed. A greater number of exterminators are needed to quickly address baiting concerns and identify rodent havens and burrows.</i>	Community Wide	
9/57	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	<i>There is a growing need for outpatient mental health services among children and adults alike. The stigma of admission of having a mental illness such as depression, anxiety, or bipolar disorder to name a few is great, thus preventing those suffering from symptoms to seek help. People should not be forced to suffer in silence lest they be stigmatized by their family and peers. Educational and support services are essential to maintaining the well-being of our residents regardless of age. Services geared toward assistance coping with mental stresses from a myriad of sources should be instituted. These services should include treatment and counseling for grief and bereavement issues, societal stress, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, anger problems, and others.</i>	Community Wide	
10/57	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increase staffing levels of Detective Units, especially at the 77th and 78th Precincts and PSA2. This will help officers solve crimes faster and eliminate the backlog of cases.</i>	Community Wide	
11/57	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>In FY 2016, the Boards' budgets were slightly increased to accommodate the collective bargaining agreement. However, the operating budget for Community Boards are still woefully inadequate, not keeping pace of inflation and any increased operating costs. The costs for acquiring much needed newer technology, computer software, upgraded hardware, as well as internet/web access capabilities is expensive. In addition, according to Chapter 70, Section 2800 (21f) of the City Charter, we are required to have experts such as planners to assist us in our Charter mandated duties. We do not currently have the funds available to hire such experts and/or consultants. It is consequently imperative that all the Community Boards' budgets be increased.</i>	Community Wide	

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12/57	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for 18 to 21 year olds who have aged out or been discharged from foster care services	Young adults who have aged out of foster care are an extremely vulnerable population. Funding is needed to allow them the opportunity to obtain adequate and safe housing and have money for basic necessities.	Community Wide	
13/57	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP officers) are needed to enforce the rules of the park such as no littering, no fire (BBQ), and no off leash dogs during specified hours and many others. Funding must be provided in order to rectify these problems and make our parks and playgrounds safe and enjoyable for all.	Community Wide	
14/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance adult protective services	We must keep in mind that our elderly population is at risk for abuse from family members and home health aides seeking to take advantage of their frail emotional and physical states. Our elderly population is the most vulnerable and often forgotten. They require considerable attention to maintain their safety and well-being, thus preventing them from being subjected to unnecessary hardship, pain, and mental aggravation in the form of fear.	Community Wide	
15/57	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	District 8 is severely plagued by other health ailments including diabetes, heart disease, asthma, stroke, obesity, and many other conditions that require substantial medical care for those afflicted. The inability to afford healthy food options combined with the lack of healthy food options for residents on the eastern end of the district only compounds these problems. Lower income residents without excess expendable cash should have access to quality fresh food and be trained in healthy living without exceeding their budget. Programs stressing proper nutrition should be provided for families.	Community Wide	
16/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance residential services	These shelters provide a safe and welcoming temporary shelter, providing immediate short term (up to 30 days) accommodations to homeless youth (16 to 20 years in age) while they receive assistance in obtaining a long term housing agreement.	Community Wide	
17/57	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	Composting is a viable way to bring in additional revenue to the City and also to cut garbage disposal costs.	Community Wide	

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18/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>The housing developments that are located on the eastern end of the District create a messy eyesore daily with their improperly placed trash. Garbage is placed curbside daily--sometimes twice daily--thus creating an unsightly mess. Additional collection services are needed to prevent this practice from continuing. Specifically for Weeksville Houses and Kingsboro Houses. If NYCHA is unwilling or unable to pay for additional collections, we strongly urge containerized collections so that it is not seen by passersby.</i>	Community Wide	
19/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>HRA's plan for improving how the agency helps its clients develop job skills, obtain employment, and build sustainable careers that provide a path out of poverty is crucial. If the program is adequately funded, HRA would be able to do a better job of helping clients develop skills to find work that pays enough to support their families and leave public assistance for good. Also, HRA could outsource training services to multi service agencies like DREAMS Youthbuild and Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.</i>	Community Wide	
20/57	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Drug and gang related violence have always been an issue for the eastern end of District 8. We need additional officers to specifically handle these types of complaints and issues before the inevitable violence occurs. We believe preventative measures should be implemented so that crime can be prevented. For the area bounded by Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway from Albany to Ralph Avenues</i>	Community Wide	
21/57	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>NYPD officers should be provided with sensitivity training to deal with the rapidly evolving community. The training should encompass measures of bridging the gaps between old residents and new residents to prevent conflicts. Too often, the cultural differences between new residents and older residents lead to conflicts because of a lack of understanding of the culture that exists in our diverse, but rapidly gentrifying community. Officers assigned to our local precincts and PSA2 must be able to handle these delicate situations efficiently and without bias.</i>	Community Wide	
22/57	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	<i>The densely populated and yet to be gentrified eastern end of the District is rife with youth crime. It is imperative that funding be allotted for youth crime prevention programs to prevent the onslaught of a lost generation of youth offenders.</i>	Community Wide	

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23/57	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	<i>More and more small property owners (owners of two to four family houses) are beginning to divide what are supposed to be single units into two to three apartments. We need to ensure that they have the proper permits to do this and are not converting two family homes illegally into three or four family homes.</i>	Community Wide	
24/57	DOE	Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals	<i>As obesity issues continue to plague our youth, we must ensure that they receive healthy school meals to help them understand the value of eating properly. Hopefully, this will transfer to their home lives where they will be able to teach other family members to make better eating choices.</i>	Community Wide	
25/57	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Re-instate the B 71 bus line. This line was an integral part of accessing the cultural icons of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Grand Army Plaza Library, and Prospect Park.</i>	Community Wide	
26/57	HRA	Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs	<i>Funding should be provided for preventative services to educate women and men of all ages on the telltale signs of all forms of abusephysical, emotional, sexual, and psychologicaland how to exit a situation that could be potentially life threatening, not only for her- or him-self, but for any children in the home as well. This will provide pre-emptive services and prevent further destruction of familial ties and bonds.</i>	Community Wide	
27/57	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Illegal dumping creates blight and makes it appear as though the community does not care about itself. It must be stopped and penalties strengthened for those that dump. Because current laws target those that dump from vehicles, black market dumpers that use shopping carts and dump near corner baskets are often overlooked. These dumpers need to be penalized for their actions. It should not be acceptable for them or anyone else to dump on our streets and feel as though they can get away with it.</i>	Community Wide	
28/57	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Too often, we get complaints about trash in neighborhood parks and playgrounds. We urge the Parks Department to increase efforts to keep our parks and playgrounds litter free. Of course, this request does not absolve those that utilize our parks and playgrounds from doing their part to keep the parks clean as well.</i>	Community Wide	
29/57	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>As informational resources proceed further into the digital era, and fewer services are provided without the use of online tools, it is imperative that our older population acquire the technical skills needed to navigate the world wide web to gain access to services. Too often, seniors do not possess the technical savvy to research their problem online or access the help available from online resources. Computer literacy programs and purchase assistance programs will help remedy this.</i>	Community Wide	

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30/57	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Separate organic collection is useful in diminishing the amount of trash sent to landfills daily. Bio-digesters should be installed in manufacturing districts around the city to make this possible. It is time to start thinking more environmentally.</i>	Community Wide	
31/57	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>Not every person lacking job skills and basic training for resume creation and interview success tips lives within a NYCHA development. Job training opportunities need to be expanded beyond those living in NYCHA housing. These programs are needed to help the impoverished and underachieving gain self-sufficiency and move away from a life receiving public services.</i>	Community Wide	
32/57	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>As more and more landlords succumb to the greed of being able to collect market rate rents, they let currently occupied apartments drift into the ranks of inhabitability to push out long term tenants while gut renovating recently vacated apartments. We need to ensure that enforcement agents use their full power to encourage landlords to make repairs for long term tenants rather than just focusing on improving the habitability for higher rent paying tenants.</i>	Community Wide	
33/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment	<i>These programs provide a structured environment where these young men and women resume their education, acquire high school equivalency diplomas, and obtain skills needed to go on to college and obtain employment.</i>	Community Wide	
34/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Middle school years are important times in our children's lives. It is during middle school that most children begin to veer down the wrong path and begin dabbling in drugs and mild criminal activity that lead to much worse things. Adequate after school programs will aid in keeping kids out of trouble and on keeping them on the right path.</i>	Community Wide	
35/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>The result of poor performing schools, poverty, and the effects of dropping out of school is never more present than in the high adult illiteracy rate. Functionally illiterate adults cannot be expected to succeed in life. Efforts must be made to give them the necessary skills to elevate themselves.</i>	Community Wide	
36/57	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Students in poorly performing schools have a higher chance of falling behind their peers in higher rated schools. Every effort must be made to bring these youth up to speed so that they can have a successful education career and obtain a vital place in a legitimate work environment. They must have the proper skills and tools for entrance into the work force and not be relegated to menial tasks that require little to no skill and pay minimum wage, thus keeping them locked in poverty.</i>	Community Wide	

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37/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Primary school is an important time in our children's lives. It is in primary school that the foundation for education is laid. After school programs are effective tools in enhancing and enriching education as well as providing social skill building opportunities.</i>	Community Wide	
38/57	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	<i>While HIV transmission rates are down citywide, transmission of other non-HIV related diseases is on the rise, and in District 8, we rank in the top 10 in all categories of increased STD infection. Adequate education should be provided regarding the use of prophylactics and engaging in safe sexual practices.</i>	Community Wide	
39/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services	<i>A large portion of homeless youth belong to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non binary, non conforming, and queer (LGBTQ) population. They are often ostracized and shunned by their families and are forced to choose to either be comfortable with who they are or change/hide/pretend to be someone they are not simply to continue receiving familial support. In order to be true to themselves, they leave abusive situations and are forced to the streets. Efforts should be made to reach out to these youth to remove them from abusive situations and prevent them from becoming part of the growing homeless population.</i>	Community Wide	
40/57	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>Too often, our elders are too ashamed or afraid to speak up for themselves. Additional services must be provided to ensure that they do not fall prey to scam artists and abusive individuals that will take advantage of their frailty.</i>	Community Wide	
41/57	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>As the community evolves, some of our residents are being left behind. These residents need occupational, vocational, and entrepreneurial training in order to maintain their residency and ability to exist in a changing community.</i>	Community Wide	
42/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	<i>Early intervention is the key to saving the future of our youth. It is well documented that inner-city children have a higher risk for crime, dropping out of school and other educational deficits, gang involvement, drug use, and incarceration. We urge funding for activities that target at-risk youth. Funding for youth development and delinquency and prevention programs is necessary to serve our youth and quell the growing trend toward life-ruining activities.</i>	Community Wide	

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43/57	HRA	<i>Other domestic violence services requests</i>	<p><i>We support expanded funding for existing Domestic Violence Victim and Intervention Programs. It is extremely important that we protect our families welfare and well-being from destructive forces within the community, regardless of whether it comes from the home/local or external environments.</i></p> <p><i>Preventive, protective, and counseling services for families must be provided in order to maintain the health and security of our youth, elderly, and overall family structure. Funding should be provided for preventative services to educate individuals of all ages on the telltale signs of all forms of abuse physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological and how to exit a situation that could be potentially life threatening, not only for themselves, but for any children in the home as well</i></p>	Community Wide	
44/57	DFTA	<i>Increase home delivered meals capacity</i>	<p><i>The Home Delivered Meals program has proven to be a success. To make sure the program continues, funds for car insurance and additional vehicles to deliver the meals are needed.</i></p>	Community Wide	
45/57	DFTA	<i>Increase transportation services capacity</i>	<p><i>The elderly have a difficult enough time traveling. Unreliable public transportation options are at times their only choice. An increase in senior transportation, whether via para transit or some other form of transport, should be provided-- especially for those that live alone and have minimal contact with the outside world.</i></p>	Community Wide	
46/57	HRA	<i>Provide funding for Kinship and Caretaker care programs</i>	<p><i>Additional services are needed for the homebound elderly to limit the burdens placed on kindhearted friends, significant others, spouses, and other relatives who assume complete responsibility for the care of their loved ones. Support services must be provided to these individuals who perform an invaluable service in the community. These additional services will reduce the stress of having to care for semi-incapacitated individuals and can also reduce the risk of abuse by overworked and anxious relatives and friends encumbered with the financial and mental stresses of care. We urge the Department to provide funding for the Kinship and Caretaker care programs.</i></p>	Community Wide	
47/57	DSNY	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</i>	<p><i>We advocate for containerized garbage collection for all of CB 8's NYCHA developments. This will help to eliminate maintenance workers putting garbage curbside immediately after the Dept. of Sanitation has collected it. As an immediate side effect, our streets will look much cleaner and people will take more pride in their community. For Weeksville Houses and Kingsboro Houses.</i></p>	Community Wide	

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48/57	ACS	<i>Expand options for kinship foster care services</i>	<i>To prevent children from entering the foster care system and living with strangers, it is imperative that we garner a greater appreciation for kinship care programs so that the child(ren) can stay with familiar faces, and have some semblance of family structure and belonging. When placed in foreign surroundings, the potential for feeling like an "other" is great, and it can affect the child's well-being.</i>	Community Wide	
49/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has proven to be invaluable to our youth in terms of the job experience, training, and responsibility given to its participants. Jobs, along with participation in the arts, music, dance, theater, and sports help foster higher self-esteem, positive self-motivation, and elevated levels of self-confidence. It is our firm belief that our youth will excel as a result of their experience with the SYEP. Therefore, we recommend that baseline funding should be adjusted annually to allow for inflation and the number and type of jobs available through SYEP be increased.</i>	Community Wide	
50/57	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of canine waste laws</i>	<i>Canine waste has the potential to create health hazards for humans and other dogs. Dog owners must be held responsible for properly caring for their pets. The District office has received numerous complaints of dog feces strewn about the community. It is imperative that Pooper Scooper laws be enforced and that signs alerting dog owners that it is their responsibility to clean up after their dogs are installed. As a result, we are asking that funding to re-instate the signage unit be provided. Furthermore, additional Sanitation Police Officers are also needed to issue summonses to dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.</i>	Community Wide	
51/57	BPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Financial/economic literacy programs for teens are direly needed. Learning to save and invest is essential for economically disadvantaged residents. This information needs to be learned during adolescence so that as adults, residents will be financially stable. The Brooklyn Public Library should engage residents with financial literacy programs and make such programs accessible to all.</i>	725 St Marks Avenue	

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52/57	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Weekend service along the B45 and B 65 has been a source of complaint for users of the bus lines for many years. We encourage additional service, especially on the weekends when there is a lot of subway work being performed. Additionally, we request an increased frequency of buses along these routes on weekday mornings and afternoons. Because of ongoing construction and street blockages, people often have to wait extended periods of time for a bus, making them late for work, school, appointments, etc. With increased service, there is the possibility of a lower wait time.</i>	Community Wide	
53/57	ACS	Other child care requests	<i>Expand funding for Safe Sleep Program to increase awareness among parents and other caregivers about the potentially fatal risks of sharing a bed with an infant, and how to prevent injuries and deaths associated with other unsafe sleep practices, such as excessive bedding, bumpers and toys in cribs.</i>	Community Wide	
54/57	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>We are pleased with the number of new trees that have been planted in the district over the last few years. However, many of the recently planted trees are either dead or dying. Better street tree maintenance is needed to prevent these issues from plaguing a valuable resource. Additionally, older trees need better care such as pruning and larger tree pits to remain healthy and vibrant.</i>	Community Wide	
55/57	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Out-patient health clinics that cater to womens health are scarce in the community. Lack of sufficient gynecological, prenatal and post-natal care, cancer screening, and attention to other womens health issues forces women to wait longer than necessary for care. In many cases, this prolongs treatment and contributes to unwarranted suffering and unnecessarily early death. Ample health provisions and treatment centers for women in each neighborhood is crucial. As the number of dementia and Alzheimers disease cases grow in the community, additional funds to maintain/increase services are required. Asthma rates have increased due to harsh conditions within the community (i.e. massive construction projects, demolition, renovation efforts). Longer clinic hours need to be initiated.</i>	Community Wide	
56/57	HPD	Provide emergency housing for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders	<i>People displaced by fires and City-issued vacate orders are a unique population. No one ever expects to be in a position to suddenly find themselves homeless and in need of housing. The shelter should not be their only option; programs that assist with providing emergency housing for stable individuals are needed to prevent taxing the system even further.</i>	Community Wide	

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57/57	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>At many intersections within our District, traffic congestion abounds. It is imperative that signal timing be checked along certain segments of roadway to ensure smooth traffic flow.</i>	Community Wide	