A map of New York City is shown in the background, with the five boroughs outlined. Brooklyn, located in the southeast, is highlighted in a solid purple color. The map shows the coastline and the internal boundaries of the boroughs.

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY22 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov.

Brooklyn Community District 7 - Land Use

One & Two Family Buildings

MultiFamily Walkup Buildings

MultiFamily Elevator Buildings

Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings

Commercial/Office Buildings

Industrial/Manufacturing

Transportation/Utility

Public Facilities & Institutions

Open Space

Parking Facilities

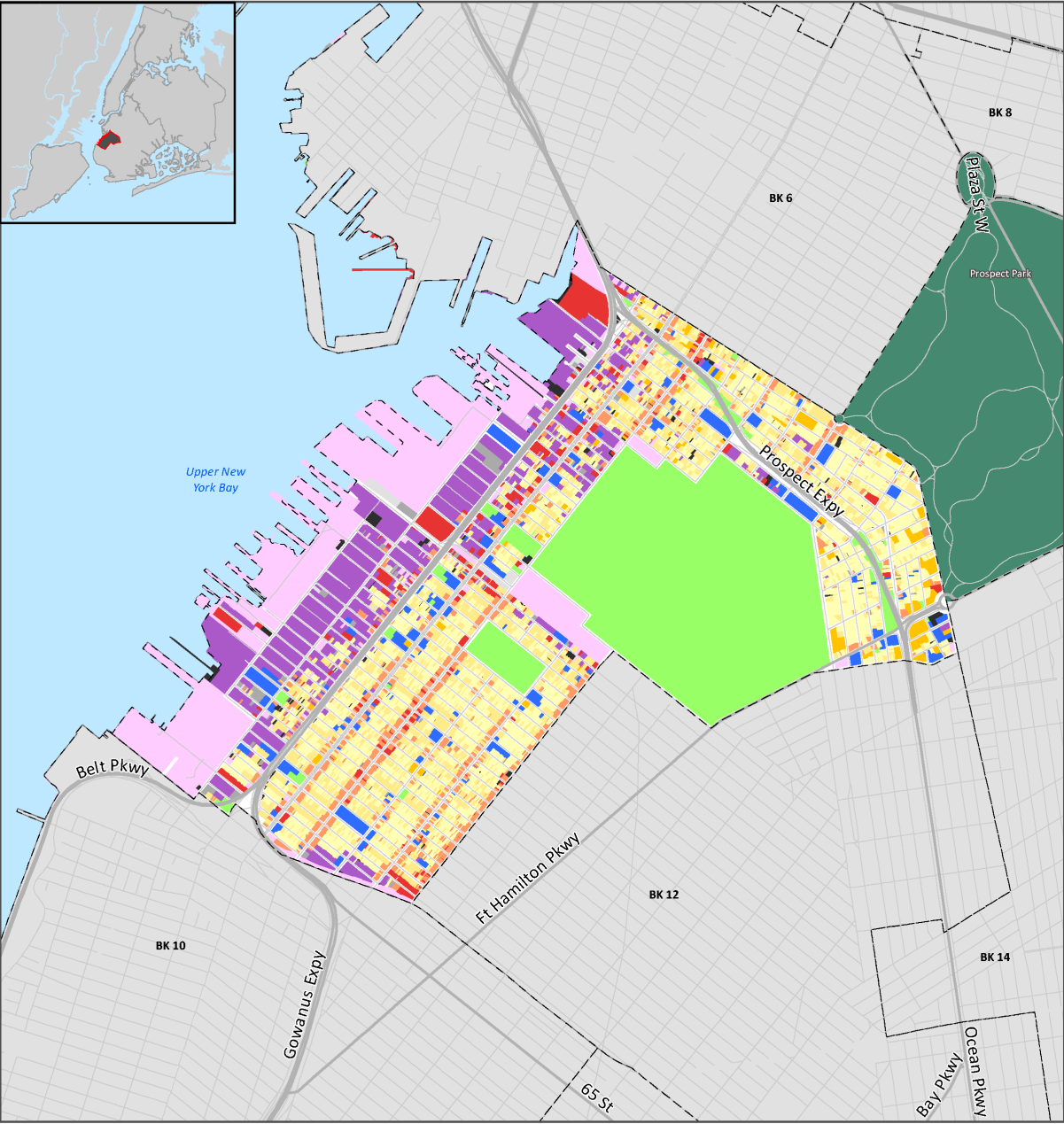
Vacant Land

All Others or No Data

Community Districts

0 1,500 3,000 Feet

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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

These past several months since coronavirus has had its terrible impact locally and around the country and world, it has grown obvious that that disparities of services and infrastructure that has been discussed in these annual statements of community needs are even more obvious and in dire need of immediate correction and community investment. A lack of resources or will has led to health, education, employment, housing, environmental, public safety, transportation deficits that members of our community must overcome every day. The following document will continue to highlight these disparities. Is there a will to correct generations of neglect?

Community District 7 is a mixed residential, industrial and commercial community. Home to a diverse and integrated population, the District is comprised of two main communities: Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace. Other community identities have gained popularity and become more established recently, including Greenwood Heights and South Park Slope. Sunset Park consists of a strong residential community, two prominent commercial strips and a large industrial area, mainly along the waterfront. It is bifurcated by the Gowanus Expressway and is bordered to the south by the Long Island Rail Road cut. The 23-acre facility, Sunset Park, has an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a recreation center and a large open space with spectacular views of the harbor. Windsor Terrace and the northern part of the district consist of a smaller residential community with smaller commercial strips avenues. Windsor Terrace is surrounded by the natural boundaries of Prospect Park and Green-Wood Cemetery. The Gothic Brownstone “gatehouse” at the cemetery’s entrance is a New York City landmark and the most widely known symbol of the community. The District has been home to generations of immigrants, Irish and Italian and Scandinavian in the early 20th century and before. Mid-century saw an influx from Puerto Rico, then immigrants from the Dominican Republic and from central and South America. The 1980s saw a large increase in residents from China and the 90s began an influx from Mexico, more rural areas of China and, to a lesser extent, the Middle East. Our community is extremely diverse and yet our populations live mostly in peace, making for a family-friendly neighborhood. The residents have learned to organize to fight for resources and demand change and our collective action has produced positive results. We defeated a floating power plant in 2004 that would have been taller than any building in the area and longer than the Titanic. We rezoned most of our residential community in 2005 and 2009. After a 40-year effort, we finally built a local high school in 2009 and followed that up with four additional schools and five more in progress. We finished our 197-a Plan, which calls for the enhancement of our industrial waterfront, improved environmental performance and additional recreation opportunities on our waterfront and it was passed by the City. New businesses are bringing investment and jobs to our waterfront. We have led the local effort to improve pedestrian safety and redesign our streets for safety and mobility improvements. Clearly, some positive changes and investments have been made in our community, but more needs to be done for a community that had been left behind in the past and who’s lack of equitable investment and resources have left us behind. New private investments need to be matched, if not exceeded, by a commitment from the city to invest in our people and community. Our Board has been forward-looking and aggressive in our pursuit of investments and infrastructure improvements that will enhance the lives and livelihoods of our residents, workers and business owners. However, much of our community that has not received sufficient investments and improvements and this continues to leave many of our residents behind. Our community has overcrowded schools, an insufficient amount of parkland, second oldest housing stock in NYC according to NYU, and not nearly enough affordable and senior housing units. Our waterfront access is extremely limited. Old infrastructure leaves access limited in many ways. There are major concerns that the investments being made may not have a positive impact on the local residents and may exacerbate economic pressures and displacement. Many of our streets remain dangerous to cross and have crumbling infrastructure. Public transportation does not extend far enough and is in need of upgrades. We do not have fiber-optic cable and more than 20% of households in Sunset Park do not have internet service, exacerbating already disparate resources and outcomes in the age of coronavirus. The Gowanus Expressway is under constant construction and continues to bring 50 million emission-spewing vehicles through our community every year.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Affordable Housing With increasing income inequality and a tightening market for affordable housing, long-time residents of Community Board 7 Brooklyn are being displaced and or forced to live in severely overcrowded conditions. Few units of affordable housing are being built and existing affordable housing is being lost through landlords opting-out, speculative development and tenant harassment. There are a range of new insights into the relationship between affordable housing and life outcomes for children and families. **Development and Job Creation** With recent development and proposed development projects along the district's waterfront many opportunities and challenges present themselves. Some of the opportunities include community-led SMART growth strategies; in the other words the planning of community development that is sustainable, compact, transit-oriented, walkable, bicycle-friendly land use, including neighborhood schools, complete streets, and mixed-use development with a range of housing choices. Billions of dollars in public and private development is being invested in the Sunset Park waterfront, potential creating thousands of new jobs with good wages. CB 7 has long sought to protect its industrial community because of the economic benefits that can come. However, there are negatives associated with proximity to industry, including heavy truck traffic and emissions. We believe the residents who must endure these hardships should be prioritized when it comes to reaping the benefits of these investments.

Schools

Education and Early Childhood Development Despite the construction of new schools since 2009 and new construction on six new sites, CB 7 still lacks an adequate number of seats and facilities, particularly for pre-k students, students with developmental disabilities and students whose native language is not English. The district lacks space of appropriate size for additional school development and we must think creatively to find new spaces. Sunset Park has a birthrate that is nearly double that of New York City's. The high birthrate of our community creates the need for vital support services; initiatives to support parents, promote child health and safety, and improve access to high-quality childcare can help the district in five key ways: Positive experiences between birth and school entry boost a child's healthy development and future prospects. Research clearly demonstrates that the "hard wiring" of a child's brain occurs during these early years. Children who get off to a good start are less likely to be held back or to get into trouble in school. Studies have even shown that early childhood success can lead to higher college graduation rates, lower crime rates, and reduced need for emergency services many years later. Families are more stable when the needs of their young children are met. When children are healthy and in reliable care, their parents are more likely to maintain steady employment and are typically more productive workers. When children enter school ready to learn, schools are better able to meet high standards and student needs. Successful schools benefit all students, improve a city's livability, and help develop a strong future workforce. Strong early childhood programs are a valuable asset for local economic development. In the short term, these programs can help attract better workers and support working parents. In the longer term, a city that has made the necessary investments to maintain a quality workforce over time is likely to be more appealing to businesses looking for a stable location. Early childhood initiatives that expand access to quality services help "level the playing field." Economic, racial, and ethnic disparities are too often perpetuated from one generation to the next unless children from disadvantaged households have the kinds of early childhood opportunities that are commonplace among their more advantaged peers. Far too many cases have been reported in Sunset Park about children bused to school facilities far away from the district, in one extreme case a set of autistic twin kindergarteners commute over an hour to get to a school with the facilities to that can attend to their needs. Nowhere is the challenge for fulfilling the promise of academic achievement greater than in the work with diverse learners (aka students with learning disabilities). All students deserve an education that prepares them for postsecondary success and a lifetime of unlimited opportunity. Related services include Occupational Therapy (fine motor skill focus), Physical Therapy (gross motor skill focus, Speech Therapy, Language Therapy. In addition to the services, school buildings should be equipped with relevant facilities like sensory gyms and other technologies such as assistive technologies. Full Funding of the IDEA is necessary to provide early identification and early intervention services. Increased and enhanced early childhood programs. Reduced class size and caseloads. Incentives to attract and retain qualified personnel, including teachers, related services

personnel, special education administrators, and paraprofessionals. Parent training. Alternative placements for children with behavior disorders and school-wide positive behavioral support programs. After-school, extended-day, and extended-year programs. School- and community-based life skills and vocational training. Technology, both computer-aided instruction and assistive technology devices. School repair, renovation, and construction.

Traffic

The wide boulevards of Community District 7 have long attracted a heavy volume of traffic, often including commuters who shun the constant construction on the Gowanus Expressway to pick their way through local traffic and heavy truck traffic due to the large industrial community. Often frustrated drivers try to get around the local traffic by moving through narrower more residential blocks to get to another avenue, which is often just as crowded. The wide boulevards are home to much of our important community infrastructure, including schools, transportation hubs, businesses and libraries. Pedestrians need to traverse these wide streets that are often clogged with large, highway travelling trucks. These "conflicts" have too often led to tragic outcomes in our community. The modern economy heavily relies on trucks for delivery and our industrial area is often the starting and ending point for these trucks and they move through the local community, which has poor highway connections and the aforementioned driver-angering traffic. DOT, to its credit, has installed many speed humps and bicycle lanes in the community, but these solutions feel like one-size-fits-all solutions to larger issues. They do not necessarily address the specific conditions and needs of the local community. For example, Community Board 7 has been waiting for nearly two decades for DOT to conduct a pedestrian safety study for the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 60th Street, the most dangerous intersection in the community with more than 150 accidents a year and now home to four schools. DOT sent a non-sequitor response in 2019 to the Board's request to conduct a traffic study for 3rd Avenue, making the request after three bicyclists were killed in the avenue in the previous six months and referencing the increased truck traffic. CB 7 has been waiting ten years for the completion of the 20th Street truck route study. Even the 4th Avenue bike lane, announced at a press conference by the commissioner to be expedited and completed by the end of 2019, still awaits completion. CB 7 believes DOT should listen to the needs and lived experiences of the local community to determine what should be prioritized for study and improvement, not inform the community what our priorities should be.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

* The, hopefully, short term answer should actually be health care issues related to coronavirus, including testing and tracing, physical and mental health care services, domestic violence prevention and substance abuse counselling/treatment. With regard to homelessness, DHS's past failure to communicate with the local residents or even elected officials and government agencies about new and existing shelters makes the local community believe the City is hiding something, such as placing pedophiles in the community. Even after DHS has corrected these missteps, giving us six months notice in one of the most recent placements, the lack of trust is a terrible disservice to the clients the agency serves. The lack of information prior to opening coronavirus-related shelters locally led to rumors and distrust in multiple city agencies. Ours is a welcoming community and embraces people of all backgrounds and economic status, but the City's past failure to disclose builds distrust for the City and the vulnerable population they are trying to serve. Efforts must be made to improve DHS's negative image. That starts with communication. As new hotel-based shelters open with little or no community notice, we find the city's pledge to be out of the hotels by 2023 to be another likely empty promise. Back in 2008 we foresaw the potential of speculative as-of-right hotel development in our manufacturing areas fearing housing intrusion of manufacturing areas, driving up industrial property values, potentially making industrial businesses unviable. We worried that these hotels could also become homeless shelters. Our City Councilman at the time pledged to submit legislation to prevent as-of-right hotels. That Councilman's name was Bill deBlasio. This is why we do not trust the city's policies and promises on this issue.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

Under the FY22 Capital Priorities for the Board, our members call for an increase in programmatic funding for existing senior centers in the district. Our members are concerned about the proliferation of for-profit adult day services around the city and believe the city's senior centers provide a much higher level of service and more opportunities for seniors. Unfortunately, the city centers are not eligible for the Medicaid funding and therefore are not playing on an even field. CB 7 believes the city should provide additional funds to allow for the centers to increase the number of seniors they serve.

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

CD 7 has a high rate of poverty (28%), a very large foreign-born population (47.2%) and well below average for English proficiency and educational attainment so it could be argued that all services provided are for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/23	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Increase funding for adult ESOL, adult literacy and adult education programs in CD 7.</i>	
19/23	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.</i>	
22/23	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>CB 7 believes city senior centers are now in competition with for-profit facilities that have access to federal reimbursement. Programs at city facilities should be enhanced to compete.</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Support services for special needs youth (disabled, immigrant, non-English proficient, etc.)

The coronavirus emergency has closed our schools twice and reduced us to a hybrid model during the beginning of the school year. Admittedly, DOE has had to scramble to provide resources for students and families due to the unprecedented emergency, but the needs of our largely immigrant and poor community, with its infrastructure deficiencies were already greater than most of the city and now the chasm is even wider. Poor wi-fi service in many areas of the community lead students to rely on mobile connections, which cannot properly update their technology. Much of our community still relies on outdated copper wire and lacks fiber optic cable. A lack of technology services for teachers, administrators and especially families and students who may may not be technologically and English-proficient, has left our students further behind likely increasing a disparity of income, often due to a lack of appropriate infrastructure investment over decades. At the very least the city should commit to ensuring that all households have the ability to access wifi. Students should not be forced to go to fast food restaurants or sit outside closed libraries and schools to gain their education. To reduce these disparities and help correct the inequities of the past, New York City should commit to providing free wifi services for our entire community.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

CB 7 has worked recently collecting sites for future school construction. Recent school construction belies the fact that our schools are overcrowded for lack of appropriate planning in the past as our community's population has grown 50% in 20 years. Our lack of seats in public schools and the closure over the past decade of private schools at OLPH, St. Michael's and Bishop Ford, put additional pressures on our existing facilities but also creates opportunities for our not-for-profits. The overcrowding makes the search for additional school sites even more urgent and we believe some of the smaller sites we have identified may be appropriate for Pre-K programs and perhaps even charter schools, which can alleviate the overburden on existing facilities. We recognize the importance of early childhood education and this deficit of seats leaves our children, who are mostly poor and/or from immigrant families, at a terrible disadvantage. New seats also sometimes have negative consequences, as well. The new PS 516 opened in the building that previously held the Sunset Park Head Start program, which had to move and whose 400 student population was cut in half. With the ever-growing and diverse immigrant populations within our community, there is an immediate need for augmented bilingual/ESL education for our Latino, Asian, Middles Eastern and Eastern European populations. Additionally, English proficiency programs, perhaps through our schools using the very students who are mastering language skills, for older residents would serve a great need for our community. Work skills and experience programs, such as SYEP and internships, must be expanded to prepare our students for the job market. We are very pleased that our high school's curriculum embraces such learning outside the classroom and that two AmeriCorps programs serve our community through the Red Hook Community Justice Center and NYU Family Health Care.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

The population of the District has a large percentage of young people (30% under age 19) and programs for youth are greatly needed. Since our District has a minimum of public recreation space our children must rely on afterschool and other community-based programs for arts, entertainment, sports and academic help. Many of our residents fall beneath the poverty line and parents often have to work more than one job to support their families. These programs are vitally important to the life, learning and social skills of our youngest residents. The City must do more to support our children and our community-based organizations by providing additional funds. We must consider the need for afterschool and vacation care for children whose parents work. Additional funds must be available to support organizations that provide these services to create more day care slots for the local community and facilities. This could have an added benefit of creating jobs. Our local SYEP program is run through a program located at our high school and the school has an aggressive internship program for upperclassmen, but these options are not enough for a community with such a large youth population. The approximately 1600 SYEP slots are the

same amount we had a decade ago, when our population was smaller. When the economy turned bad, there was increased competition from older workers for precious few jobs, increasing youth unemployment. These programs provide some of the few opportunities our young people have to gain work experience. CB7 held two gang awareness forums for youth and parents to make people aware of the local gangs in the community and alternatives. NYPD and former gang members provided dozens of people with stark information. Awareness, avoidance and alternatives are keys to combating this problem in our community.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/39	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Rehabilitate all non-ADA compliant schools and facilities within schools to ensure they are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	
3/39	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Ensure that all new schools built in CD 7 are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	
17/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.</i>	
30/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.</i>	
31/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.</i>	
36/39	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5. As such, the play equipment is inadequate for older children.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance primary prevention services to strengthen families	<i>Increase day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increased significantly, but we have lost seats due to competition for space. Head Start had to move for a new public school and lost half its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space was used for Pre-K.</i>	

5/23	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Ensure all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (NEST, bilingual, ESL, ASD, G&T, OTPT, etc.) in the district receive such programs and services at schools within the district in a continuum of services from pre-K to grade 12</i>
6/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services	<i>Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.</i>
7/23	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers for all schools, especially serving schools with District 75 students. Safety officers should not be from the NYPD.</i>
13/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.</i>
15/23	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Allocated funding for after school music and arts programs and comprehensive ASP, ELA, STEAM, sports and math programs districtwide</i>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

CB 7 is a relatively low crime community, with a serious crime rate of 8.7/1000 residents. However, high profile events in the past, including some that have taken place outside of our community and even city, have reopened a rift between some parts of the community and the 72nd Precinct. We acknowledge that the precinct and Brooklyn South has worked diligently to overcome this divergence. We believe community relations have been enhanced with the implementation of the Neighborhood Coordination Officers. We are strong believers that positive relations between our precinct and our residents will lead to even better results in reducing crimes and particularly quality-of-life complaints. Much of the credit for improved relations belongs to former Deputy Inspector Gonzalez who demonstrated that communication and respect for the community leads to communication and respect from the community. We believe Captain Castro, our new commander who joined the precinct just before the first coronavirus emergency, is committed to continuing this policy.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

The implementation of the Neighborhood Coordination Officer program (NCO) has helped to foster improved community relations and dialogue. Residents now have direct access to their local officers, who are essentially community specialists. The diverse NCO officers reflect the diversity of our community, improving understanding, trust and communication. However quality-of-life concerns are the most frequent constituent complaints addressed through the Community Board. The top QOL complaints we recent include: * Double-parking. Changes to and construction on 4th Avenue have highlighted the need for vigorous double-parking enforcement; * Noise. Noise complaints, which are most prevalent in the summer, include residential, but usually concern noise and illegal behavior at businesses (particularly one's with liquor licenses); * Prostitution. We have seen recent spike in our prostitution complaints, particularly on 39th Street, at or near newly built hotels in the manufacturing district; * Vagrancy/public intoxication: We have also seen an uptick in complaints about vagrancy/public intoxication, particularly in or near parks. The recent introduction of a homeless population to the district through hotels in the manufacturing zones may have led to this increase; * Nightlife. Our community has become popular for weekend raves and party boats have come to the 58th Street Pier (without community approval). This has stretch NYPD resources thin during weekends. Pedestrian safety is also a top concern and we are trying to address this issue through DOT, however, it is vital that appropriate NYPD resources be made available, including an increase in the number of school crossing guards allocated to our community. We have new schools, annexes, pre-K facilities and charters in the past 20 years, as well as a burgeoning population, but have not seen an increase to crossing guards in decades. Several children have been injured or even killed in our district in the past years making this an essential need.

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7 and increase hours to reflect afterschool programs. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.</i>	
3/23	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 7

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

All of the above choices are of great concern, however street cleanliness has always been a big issue for our community. Recent efforts made by the DSNY, including enhanced cleaning and additional basket pick up along with resources provided by the Councilman and Borough President have helped improve our ratings to where we are above average for Brooklyn, but still below City average. Cleanliness concerns remain on the cleanliness of our commercial strips, near transit hubs, our industrial area, beneath the Gowanus Expressway and alongside the MTA properties. These concerns have been exacerbated by the reduction of mechanical street sweeping and the backlog of rat abatement complaints by DOHMH during the coronavirus emergency.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The sewers, watermain and catch basins in this community are among the oldest in Brooklyn. There are a number of sewer collapses and undermined roadways reported to the Board each year. Several street reconstruction projects have been on our roster of Capital Budget requests for more than twenty years. The heavy volume of traffic, particularly on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and Caton Avenues, major thoroughfares and truck routes, causes severe wear and erosion on these streets and off-route trucks put an additional heavy burden on our side streets, which were not meant to accommodate such heavy vehicles. Our old streets and infrastructure are crumbling and additional contracts and resources must be made available for trenching activities. While the City occasionally paves streets, we are fearful that the underlying causes of the street degradation are not being addressed and repaving merely covers over the problems. We believe that DOT and DEP must address these concerns much sooner and more comprehensively, otherwise it may simply be a waste of funds as streets keep sinking despite new asphalt. Three years ago, a pipe thirty feet below 43rd Street broke leaving residents and businesses on the block without water, sewer and other city services, months of construction and a lack of access, as well as other hardships, on the block. Two years ago, a street collapse on 64th Street prevented travel on the heavily-used Fifth Avenue, including the rerouting of the bus for several days, causing hardships and loss of revenue for residents and businesses alike. It took over a year to repair. We believe that if the sewer and water pipes were replaced in 1988, as they were scheduled to be, this expensive, year-long plus infrastructure problem would not have occurred. We still are waiting on this work, nearly thirty years later.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Community District 7 continues to host more than its fair share of sanitation facilities. In addition to numerous private carters and recyclers, we are also home to the SIMS Municipal Recycling Facility, which will take most of NYC's metal and plastic recyclables; the garage for BK-7 and BK-10 (which serves CB10); the Hamilton Avenue Marine Transfer Station. IESI, a private company that takes 1000 tons of city residential trash. We will soon be home to an industrial grease recycling facility, as well. All these facilities require additional trucks in our community and, unfortunately, sometimes we are taken advantage of. Many of the private municipal waste truck drivers take liberties by parking beneath the Gowanus Expressway, along 3rd Avenue or next to Green-Wood Cemetery.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.</i>	5 Avenue 34 Street 34 Street
10/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.</i>	1st Avenue 39th Street 39th Street
23/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure on 33rd and 34th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.</i>	34th and 35th Streets 4th Avenue 4th Avenue
29/39	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Acquire site to relocate and construct a new BK-7 garage. CB 7 strongly believes the sanitation garage should not be located on a waterfront property. Additionally, BK-10's garage, currently housed in the same building as BK - 7, should be located in its home district.</i>	
32/39	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Purchase and place "big belly" garbage pails at intersections with heavy pedestrian use</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/23	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.</i>	
14/23	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.</i>	

16/23	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 17th Street and Caton Avenue</i>	Kermit Place East 7th Street East 7th Street
20/23	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	<i>Restore 5-day-a-week pick up at all schools districtwide. Many schools do not have capacity for storing garbage multiple days. Most of our schools are overcrowded and have more garbage than capacity.</i>	
21/23	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 on commercial streets.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 7

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

Affordable housing creation

There is a rising concern that new housing development is not affordable for local residents, as the median income in CB 7 is approximately \$43,000/year, while the standard for affordability includes the median income from more affluent communities. Additionally, affordable units that are mandatory within a project that includes developer incentives need to include family-sized units and not just studio and one-bedroom units. Many in the community find the city's current MIH program insufficient for creating the number of affordable units our community needs and the levels of affordability still out of reach for most of our community. We often are asked whom these units are meant for as it is noted that Area Median Income is calculated using more affluent communities and counties, meaning units that are affordable in general to NYC residents remain outside of the price range of many most of our local residents. Many look to the Fifth Avenue Committee's projects at the Sunset Park Library and at 4th Avenue and 63rd Streets as a model for not-for-profit based housing development that is affordable to local residents.

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

Needs for Land Use

CB7 is greatly concerned that hotels are allowed as-of-right in manufacturing districts, as we believe this is a back door way to promote housing expansion. We have spent almost two decades promoting and trying to safeguard our industrial waterfront, through our 197-a study and plan, and wish DCP would close this loophole, which could have devastating consequences for businesses and local employment if additional hotels are allowed to open in our manufacturing area. Many of the most recent hotels built in our community are either being used for homeless shelters. We are concerned these uses may one day make our manufacturing zones unaffordable, opening the door for housing, and throwing thousands of local residents out of their jobs. This as-of-right loophole for hotels in manufacturing zones must be closed. When he was Councilman for this community, Mr. deBlasio promised legislation to close the loophole to allow hotels in manufacturing zones as of right. A decade later we are still waiting for that legislation. In the meantime, those hotels have now become the City's homeless plan.

Needs for Housing

No comments

Needs for Economic Development

Our Board welcomes economic development along our waterfront, but insists that any development immediately adjacent to the water be limited to water-dependant and community uses. Our waterfront is our greatest physical asset with spectacular views and large areas ripe for development. We strongly believe that any development in our community must be sensitive to our current residents and businesses. Should businesses be required to move as part of a major development, priority should be given to relocating the businesses within the community. Our priority is to bring additional jobs to the community, not to force some businesses to leave. Our community has seen much of its potential wasted in the past from the placement of negative-impact facilities, such as the Metropolitan Detention Center, power plants and waste transfer stations. The community has received a disproportionate number of these facilities while many of the other neighborhoods in the City receive money to lessen the impact of such facilities or relocated them altogether. Our community has received millions, and promised additional billions, in public and private investments in recent years and there is a concern that such developments and changes will not reach the local residents and may even have negative consequences, such as making housing unaffordable. This issue is especially important now as we will soon have to make a determination on Industry City's proposed rezoning.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/39	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	<i>Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.</i>	
9/39	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	<i>Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons as well as a properly designed bus turn around and speed humps for the pier</i>	
35/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Establish a contract and provide construction funding with a local not-for-profit to build affordable housing in CD 7.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/23	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.</i>	
18/23	SBS	Other expense workforce development requests	<i>CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.</i>	
23/23	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	<i>Allocate funds for security in off-peak hours in order to maintain public access at BAT Pier 4</i>	

Brooklyn Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Roadway and traffic design

DOT should immediately committee to study and make changes to the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 60th Street as well as a truck route efficiency and safety study for the community in the interest of public safety for the safety of all users and to move goods as efficiently as possible with as little conflict with pedestrians and bicyclists as possible. We do not understand why these are not a priority of DOT. The intersection at 3rd Avenue and 60th Street is the most dangerous in the community with more than 150 traffic accidents a year. This year we opened two new schools at the intersection, which along with PS 503 and PS 506 across the street will bring hundreds of small stature pedestrians to this intersection every school day. We have been waiting for what was called a "Safe Routes to School" study for this intersection since at least 2003. DOT's intransigence is baffling. A truck route study is also a necessity for our community. We previously discussed the danger these trucks present to other users of the streets, but the need is increasing as more trucks are necessary to deliver goods both locally and in other communities and our community is often the starting point for these trucks as delivery services and depots are expanding at an unsustainable pace in our community and nearby. Instead of these studies, DOT has twice brought the Ft. Hamilton Parkway Bike Lane to us this calendar year. While worthy in its own right, our priority should be the most dangerous crossing and corridors in the community. There are many other corridors and intersections that deserve DOT's attention and study. The prioritization should come from the community who most navigate these streets every day and know which are in immediate need.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation issues are amongst our most pressing. This is because we are home to two major highways, a large industrial area that requires trucks and because transportation issues have a strong impact on public safety and the quality-of-life in our community. State DOT also plays a crucial role in how trucks access our community as most come via the Gowanus and Prospect Expressways. Unfortunately, constant repair of the Gowanus and terrible traffic on both highways encourages drivers to get off the highways and travel local streets. In addition, a lack of appropriate highway entrances and exits, coupled with our large industrial area, mean that we constantly have problems with off-route trucks looking for ways to get around traffic. These additional trucks on our streets, with more coming due to welcomed economic development along our waterfront, mean additional conflicts with and dangers for pedestrians. City DOT, however, has recognized these conflicts and has worked with the Community Board and others to develop a traffic and pedestrian safety plan for 4th Avenue that has reduced the number of traffic lanes from three to two (north and south), widened the pedestrian medians and vehicle turning lanes, added high visibility paint and plastic bollards. Additional improvements are expected, including sheltered bike lanes and planted medians. However, because the City failed to keep up with these infrastructure needs for decades, many of the projects are happening at the same time, as the City rushes to support our economic growth in the industrial area, including simultaneous lane closures on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues, daily work on the Gowanus Expressway structure, and side street closures in the 40s and 50s. This leads us to worry that agencies are not properly communicating and coordinating on projects, producing extra burdens on our residents and businesses.

Needs for Transit Services

While we are happy that MTA is finally adding an elevator to the 59th Street station, it is not nearly enough. All station rehabilitations should include elevator and/or ramps. We are very happy the 53rd Street and Prospect Avenue stations have recently been rehabilitated, we feel accessibility is much more important than cell phone charging. More frequent bus service is necessary on Eighth and particularly on 5th Avenue, especially when school is in session. MTA failed to provide traffic agents along 4th Avenue, as promised creating a safety hazard for all traverse the boulevard.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection</i>	3rd Avenue 17th Street 17th Street
6/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue</i>	3 Avenue 15 Street 15 Street
8/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Establish a design and reconstruction contract for the 20th Street - McDonald Avenue truck route between 4th Avenue and Caton Avenue to make the entire corridor safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars/trucks</i>	20th Street/McDonald Avenue 4th Avenue 4th Avenue
12/39	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons</i>	
13/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Rehabilitate 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets and remove unused rail. EDC was supposed to have done this in a 2005 project but removed it without community notice.</i>	2 Avenue 29 Street 29 Street
14/39	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Add 3 elevators and rehabilitate the 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line to improve station and ensure it is handicap accessible</i>	
22/39	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Add 3 elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible</i>	
24/39	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Increase funds for pothole repair in CD 7</i>	

25/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Western Terminus</i>	39th Street 2nd Avenue 2nd Avenue
26/39	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the bridge over the Prospect Expressway. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	Ft Hamilton Parkway East 5th Street East 5th Street
33/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7</i>	3rd Avenue 15th Street 65th Street
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Add 3 elevators to the 59th Street subway station for handicap accessibility</i>	59 Street and 4 Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/23	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several school inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.</i>	
11/23	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 7

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

Park care and maintenance

While some of our parks have undergone rehabilitation recently, many remain in need of upgrades, including: • Martin Luther Playground • John Allen Payne Park (half rehabilitated) • D'Emic Park • Pena-Herrera Park Bush Terminal Park opened in 2014, but we still only have half the park the community was promised. Its been 6 years and the park still doesn't even have lighting or other promised amenities, such as a picnic area, playground, environmental center or even a plan for Pier 5 as part of the park. In a community that has less than half of the city's standard for parkland per capita and where nearly 25% of our population is more than ¼ mile from a park, it should stand to reason that the few facilities we have should be kept in top condition.

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

Needs for Parks

Our parks are oases within the concrete City where people of all generations, socio-economic statuses and ethnic and national backgrounds can gather, relax, play or simply enjoy a more pastoral setting within the City. They are for mental rejuvenation, physical fitness and stress relief. However, during difficult economic times our parks see an increase in use because of limited personal recreation funds, but often experience a decrease in programming and upkeep. Together these facts spell trouble for our parks as overused equipment falls into disrepair or natural settings are overtaxed. Unfortunately for local parks, the City's main parks seem to get all the attention while our facilities become eyesores. Facility upgrades are left to our Councilmembers' discretion and ability to negotiate and while our elected officials have done a great job bring these funds to the community, we believe it is unfair to them to have to concentrate funds in parks that should be funded directly by the agency. As such, we call upon the City to establish a capital program for local parks that does not rely on limited discretionary funds from elected officials.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/39	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Rehabilitate Community Board 7 rest rooms (to ensure ADA compliance), lobby, plumbing, electrical and hvac systems and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant.</i>	4201 4 Avenue
11/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.</i>	
15/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Replace all windows in the Sunset Park Recreation Center.</i>	4200 7 Avenue
16/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.</i>	
18/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruct Rainbow Playground.</i>	5523 6 Avenue
19/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park.</i>	4601 3 Avenue
20/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park.</i>	
21/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Sherman Street Park at Ocean Parkway.</i>	318 Sherman Street

27/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues</i>	
28/39	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	East 4th Street Ft. Hamilton Parkway Ft. Hamilton Parkway
34/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated</i>	
37/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add accessible swings and other accessible equipment to all playgrounds in CD 7</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/23	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers</i>	4200 7th Ave
17/23	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Increase funding for tree planting and pruning district-wide in order to expedite schedule</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
38/39	NYCEM	Other capital budget request for NYCEM	<i>Purchase PPE for local community and not-for-profit groups</i>	
39/39	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>DoITT should provide free wifi access to all of CD 7</i>	

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection</i>	3rd Avenue 17th Street 17th Street
2/39	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Rehabilitate all non-ADA compliant schools and facilities within schools to ensure they are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	
3/39	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Ensure that all new schools built in CD 7 are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	
4/39	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Rehabilitate Community Board 7 rest rooms (to ensure ADA compliance), lobby, plumbing, electrical and hvac systems and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant.</i>	4201 4 Avenue
5/39	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	<i>Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.</i>	
6/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue</i>	3 Avenue 15 Street 15 Street
7/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.</i>	5 Avenue 34 Street 34 Street
8/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Establish a design and reconstruction contract for the 20th Street - McDonald Avenue truck route between 4th Avenue and Caton Avenue to make the entire corridor safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars/trucks</i>	20th Street/McDonald Avenue 4th Avenue 4th Avenue

9/39	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	<i>Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons as well as a properly designed bus turn around and speed humps for the pier</i>	
10/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.</i>	1st Avenue 39th Street 39th Street
11/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.</i>	
12/39	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons</i>	
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15/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Replace all windows in the Sunset Park Recreation Center.</i>	4200 7 Avenue
16/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.</i>	
17/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.</i>	

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23/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure on 33rd and 34th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.</i>	34th and 35th Streets 4th Avenue 4th Avenue
24/39	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Increase funds for pothole repair in CD 7</i>	
25/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Western Terminus</i>	39th Street 2nd Avenue 2nd Avenue
26/39	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the bridge over the Prospect Expressway. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	Ft Hamilton Parkway East 5th Street East 5th Street

27/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues</i>	
28/39	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	East 4th Street Ft. Hamilton Parkway Ft. Hamilton Parkway
29/39	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Acquire site to relocate and construct a new BK-7 garage. CB 7 strongly believes the sanitation garage should not be located on a waterfront property. Additionally, BK-10's garage, currently housed in the same building as BK - 7, should be located in its home district.</i>	
30/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.</i>	
31/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.</i>	
32/39	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Purchase and place "big belly" garbage pails at intersections with heavy pedestrian use</i>	
33/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7</i>	3rd Avenue 15th Street 65th Street
34/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated</i>	

35/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Establish a contract and provide construction funding with a local not-for-profit to build affordable housing in CD 7.</i>	
36/39	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5. As such, the play equipment is inadequate for older children.</i>	
37/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add accessible swings and other accessible equipment to all playgrounds in CD 7</i>	
38/39	NYCEM	Other capital budget request for NYCEM	<i>Purchase PPE for local community and not-for-profit groups</i>	
39/39	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>DoITT should provide free wifi access to all of CD 7</i>	
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Add 3 elevators to the 59th Street subway station for handicap accessibility</i>	59 Street and 4 Avenue

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7 and increase hours to reflect afterschool programs. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.</i>	
2/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance primary prevention services to strengthen families	<i>Increase day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increased significantly, but we have lost seats due to competition for space. Head Start had to move for a new public school and lost half its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space was used for Pre-K.</i>	
3/23	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.</i>	
4/23	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several schools inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.</i>	
5/23	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Ensure all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (NEST, bilingual, ESL, ASD, G&T, OTPT, etc.) in the district receive such programs and services at schools within the district in a continuum of services from pre-K to grade 12</i>	

6/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services	<i>Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.</i>	
7/23	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers for all schools, especially serving schools with District 75 students. Safety officers should not be from the NYPD.</i>	
8/23	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.</i>	
9/23	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.</i>	
10/23	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers</i>	4200 7th Ave
11/23	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service</i>	
12/23	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Increase funding for adult ESOL, adult literacy and adult education programs in CD 7.</i>	
13/23	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.</i>	
14/23	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.</i>	
15/23	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Allocated funding for after school music and arts programs and comprehensive ASP, ELA, STEAM, sports and math programs districtwide</i>	

16/23	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 17th Street and Caton Avenue</i>	Kermit Place East 7th Street East 7th Street
17/23	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Increase funding for tree planting and pruning district-wide in order to expedite schedule</i>	
18/23	SBS	Other expense workforce development requests	<i>CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.</i>	
19/23	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.</i>	
20/23	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	<i>Restore 5-day-a-week pick up at all schools districtwide. Many schools do not have capacity for storing garbage multiple days. Most of our schools are overcrowded and have more garbage than capacity.</i>	
21/23	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 on commercial streets.</i>	
22/23	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>CB 7 believes city senior centers are now in competition with for-profit facilities that have access to federal reimbursement. Programs at city facilities should be enhanced to compete.</i>	
23/23	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	<i>Allocate funds for security in off-peak hours in order to maintain public access at BAT Pier 4</i>	