

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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Community District
14**

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) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Brooklyn

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

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

Brooklyn Community District 14

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	160,664	100.00	164,568	100.00	3,904	2.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	40,031	24.9	36,180	22	-3,851	-9.6	-2.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	160,664	100.0	164,568	100.0	3,904	2.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	25,165	15.7	24,726	15.0	-439	-1.7	-0.7
White non-Hispanic	59,590	37.1	61,736	37.5	2,146	3.6	0.4
Black non-Hispanic	56,948	35.4	46,445	28.2	-10,503	-18.4	-7.2
Asian non-Hispanic	15,147	9.4	21,317	13.0	6,170	40.7	3.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,131	0.7	2,332	1.4	1,201	106.2	0.7
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,683	1.7	8,012	4.9	5,329	198.6	3.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	60,417	100.0	62,254	100.0	1,837	3.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	56,852	94.1	59,355	95.3	2,503	4.4	1.2
Vacant housing units	3,565	5.9	2,899	4.7	-666	-18.7	-1.2

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Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Located in the heart of Brooklyn, Community Board 14 comprises the diverse and dynamic communities of Flatbush, Midwood and eastern Kensington. The district embraces 2.9 square miles with a growing population of 164,600 up from 160,660 in 2010. CD14 remains among the most diverse in New York City; and is the most diverse in Brooklyn as measured by the racial diversity index. Approximately 37% of the district is White; and 15% is of Hispanic origin and these percentages have been the same from 2010-2020. The Black/African American population has decreased from 35% to 28 percent and Asian population has grown from 9% to 13%. Within these racial categories, there is a rich myriad of nationalities and cultures. About 43% of our District's population is foreign born.

The vast majority of needs previously identified in this annual District Needs Statement have not been met in a meaningful way. The continued recovery Covid 19 pandemic underscores the urgency of addressing health, housing, and socio-economic disparities, and educational, environmental and small business issues, at the local level. Meeting the budget priorities that are identified at the local level represents an investment in the community, which pays off when crises strike and positions our community to be safe, productive, and resilient. To the extent that the city continues to fail to respond meaningfully to local needs, we remain vulnerable. We urge agencies to note lessons learned and to respond meaningfully to our district needs and related budget requests.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 14

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Infrastructure resiliency

First, we reiterate an objection to the Department of City Planning pre-selecting a drop down menu of priorities and limiting what they can be. Many of these priorities are intertwined, and it just doesn't make sense to ask if affordable housing is more important than education (for example). Infrastructure resiliency includes street conditions/roadway, street bridge, mass transit maintenance and infrastructure; street flooding; maintenance and cleanliness of institutions, natural assets, and public space. There are five chronic flooding locations in the district that flood every time it rains more than 1.5 inches an hour. DEP has offered no city-based resolution. Legislation is pending in City Council that would direct DEP to help cover the cost of installing backflow prevention valves. This is a worthy proposal given that the Comptroller's office has paid \$4,826,552 in sewer overflow claims in the past five years (2017-2021). Community District 14 still has not made DOT's list for scheduled trench condition repairs despite a growing number of locations, including in front of the District Office. Three road bridges are scheduled for repair but the full scope has not been determined. The purview issues surrounding Newkirk Plaza disqualify the Newkirk Avenue bridge from a component contract and likely put the timing of repairs beyond the horizon. DOT installs traffic calming devices with no maintenance plan. Weeds are higher than cars on pedestrian islands, delineators litter the roadway. DOT has allowed Citibike to install docks that force people to step into a truck route to dock the bike! DOT's Open Restaurants program competes with other for-profit uses of the streets such as bike parking stations and electrical vehicle charging stations which also compete with public uses such as bike lanes and bus lanes. DOT has not explained how these competing interests will be prioritized, or the process by which local community members will be able to weigh in. It is difficult to have confidence in expanding programs under DOT's watch when the agency has not responded to repair requests, has not maintained other assets, and has not improved the time it takes to respond to (for instance) speed hump requests (typically more than 3 years). A request for a new precinct house has been a priority for three decades, as noted elsewhere in this report. CD 14 is considered a transit zone but there have been no studies of station capacity. Transit zoning text amendments that could increase station accessibility rest on happenstance rather than equity-based planning. To the extent that capacity, accessibility, equity and thus resiliency improvements are being made by agencies and utilities alike, there is insufficient coordination so that roadway disruptions are extended and use of the public right of way and public space in general is poorly planned. Is there any hope for restoring the B23 bus on Cortelyou Road?

Parks and open space

Several of CB14's priorities have lingered on this list for years and even decades without being addressed or in some cases meaningfully acknowledged by the relevant agencies, including open space, relocation of the 70th police precinct house and a variety of baseline sanitation services. Community Board 14 has the highest percentage citywide of residents who live more than a quarter mile away from a park. This is more than an issue of recreation - it has serious public health ramifications. Health disparities are exacerbated by the lack of outdoor recreational amenities and when social distancing orders were enacted, the residents of CD 14 had few outdoor options. Two DOT Safe Streets were opened (ironically one was alongside Prospect Park) and the other, was located along Newkirk Plaza, which CB14 has asked the city to activate as a public plaza for well over 20 years. The African burial ground at Bedford Avenue and Church Avenue has been transferred to the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop an important memorial. This is a location that CD 14 identified as suitable for open space over a decade ago. Now that the site has been identified as hallowed ground we trust that it will be adequately funded and opportunities for community input will be maximized in a variety of forums. CB14 has requested that Umma Park and the Campus Road Tot Lot be fully rehabilitated. We are gratified that there has been a councilmanic allocation for Umma Park from Councilmember Rita Joseph. However, we believe that DPR should have agency over their own capital budget so they do not rely solely on council allocations. This would ensure that parks are rehabilitated according to need, rather than the vagaries of districting. A request to make Newkirk Plaza a public plaza has been denied by three different agencies. Conditions on the Plaza are in a downward spiral despite the fact that the plaza

is already a plaza, MTA has indicated a willingness to sign agreements for plaza use, and the Flatbush Development Corp wants to serve as the community partner. Mayor Adams made this same demand of the di Blasio administration in 2019; therefore, we have high hopes for a resolution now that he is Mayor. The lack of agency accountability for the plaza must end and adoption into the DOT Pedestrian Plaza program makes the most sense. The 70th Police Precinct must balance responding to crime, gang activity, quality of life complaints, and community relations in a racially, ethnically, religiously, and socio-economically diverse community. They do so from a precinct house that is located as far away from the heart of the district as can be. OMB approved a site search for a new precinct house three years ago but only three locations have been reviewed (and all rejected). This is a request that CB 14 has made for over 30 years. We remain stubbornly hopeful that the site search will yield positive results. Every year for over a decade we have had to request for the restoration of some baseline DSNY service or another. For many years in a row, we asked for the restoration of 6 day a week commercial basket service. This year we urge the city to restore Manual Litter Patrol (MLP). Currently MLP is provided in the district only through city council grants so it cannot be provided throughout the district. These are baseline services and should be paid directly through DSNY's own budget so that additional grants can support special projects, such as graffiti removal, catch basin clearing or tree pit maintenance, none of which fall within any agency purview.

Street conditions (roadway maintenance)

We receive more service delivery requests for issues related to DOT than any other agency. Community members generate requests for traffic studies; street conditions; for traffic calming such as speed humps, stop signs, traffic signals; changes in alternate side of the street parking; sidewalk conditions; bike lanes that make sense and more. In addition, DOT has initiated installations of pedestrian islands; curb extensions; bike lane expansions; and safety measures near schools. The requests and initiatives too often do not intersect. With so many projects and requests and with the increased development in the area, CB14 continues to encourage DOT to implement changes based on data and studies of the specifics of the areas that will be affected by projects and to include the community in the early phases of proposal development.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 14

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

There is no single most important issue related to health care and human services since so many needs are intertwined. Services for low income and vulnerable adults, for seniors and those who are homebound overlap with disease prevention and mental health services. Substandard housing has a substantial impact on health and mental health. Once an individual has become homeless, a whole host of services have not been made available or have failed. Prevention is the best care. In a community-wide survey, affordable housing and programs for unsheltered homeless individuals ranked the highest. Housing: CB 14 continues to rank high in severe housing overcrowding. More than 32% of our tenants are severely rent burdened (paying more than 50% of their income on rent) which is up from 29% in 2010. The district ranks second citywide in the number of serious housing code violations per 1000 units of housing. In 2019, 57% of housing units were affordable at 80% AMI, which was 13% fewer than in 2010. The percentage at 30% of AMI has also dropped from 4.9 to 3.9%. This housing insecurity manifests in a growing number of unsheltered homeless individuals who were previously housed in the community. It is exceedingly difficult to move a person off the street, once they have become homeless. Therefore, prevention is of paramount importance. On any given night, nearly 50,000 people will sleep in NYC shelters; this includes more than 10,138 families, including 16,000 children as well as 18,357 single adults. These were the numbers before the overwhelming influx of 70,000 migrant individuals and families with children. Community Board 14 accepts a role in hosting shelters in the community. However, locations, populations served, and provider must be transparently considered. DHS contracted with the Children's Rescue Fund to operate a women's shelter on Kenilworth Place. The lack of transparency in this process is well-documented and the Community Advisory Board (CAB) has met no more than twice in the 3 years it's been in operation. Black Vets for Social Justice operates in a men's shelter on Duryea Place, practically on the loading dock of Kings Theater and next door to a supportive housing facility for people experiencing mental illness. There is still no CAB in place.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Community Health Profile for CD 14 notes that living a long and healthy life is not equally available to all New Yorkers. Secure jobs with benefits, well-maintained and affordable housing, and access to parks, healthy and affordable food, and quality health care are at the root of good health. The poverty rate in the District has fallen from 22% to 12% from 2010 to 2019, but it has remained steady for seniors at about 24%. Sixteen percent of adults have no health insurance, and the rate of avoidable hospitalizations is higher than the citywide and borough wide averages. Nearly 8% of pregnant women receive medical care late or not at all, which is higher than the overall Brooklyn and NYC percentage. Nearly 10% of births are pre-term, also higher than Brooklyn and NYC overall. More than 57% of residents pay more than a third of their income on rent; while only 40% of housing units are adequately maintained by landlords. CD 14 ranks at the bottom citywide in terms of the percentage of residents who live more than a quarter of a mile away from a park. These are issues that have been highlighted in previous years. The city's failure to address any of these issues in a meaningful way continues to leave this community especially vulnerable.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the Department for the Aging's analysis of Census data, the population of older New Yorkers is increasing as a share of the total population. In 2010 it was 9% and in 2019 the population over 65 grew to 17%. The poverty rate in the District dropped, but not for those age 65 and older from whom it held steady at 24%.

Furthermore, those over the age of 85 is increasing the most. In addition, the gender gap between older New Yorkers is decreasing and the number of "younger" older New Yorkers seeking services is increasing. These shifts require new focus on providing support services for aging New Yorkers. The long term suspension of senior centers in response to the pandemic, puts additional pressure on the City to pivot to provide accessible services for our aging population. Recreation, food services, casework and healthcare all must be delivered differently. The Department has been creative in it's response to the needs of older New Yorkers.

Needs for Homeless

On any given night, nearly 50,000 people will sleep in NYC shelters; more than 10,138 families, including 16,000 children as well as 18,357 single adults will sleep in homeless shelters. For those who are homeless unsheltered, reports have increased citywide and our community is no different. Breaking Ground is Brooklyn's DHS contractor and provides excellent service. We understand that it takes on average 250 encounters with street outreach teams before individuals will accept services. This, combined with nearly 200 reports to the CB 14 office in 2019 for homeless assistance, as well as changes to lead agency response, demonstrates that continued expansion of CMT and IMT teams of experts is warranted. The Midwood Safehaven is at capacity. Such programs should be expanded with the best interest of the community in mind. The Department of Homeless services is siting a 200 bed men's general population shelter adjacent to both a supportive housing facility for individuals with mental illness, and the Kings theater. While CB14 appreciates the need for shelters and the community's responsibility for playing a supportive role, this is not an optimal location for this particular facility. It is unfortunate that DHS's efforts to site a family shelter in the district, fell through last year. Now a 200 bed womens shelter is fully operational at that site but no Community Advisory Board as been put into place. One in every 7 elementary students in CD 14 will have experienced homelessness by the 5th grade. The affects are profound.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Community Board 14 continues to host non-profit roundtable events each year in order to stay aware of needs being met by Community Based Organizations (CBO), who they are serving, and what type of support they need to manage and expand caseloads. In the past we brought the CBOs together with city agencies and nonprofit support organizations to expand their capacity and strengthen the CBO network in our community. In 2019 CB 14 focussed on the 2020 Census and formed a Complete Count Committee. Federal funding that is based on the Census helps ensure that residents in poverty, living in overcrowded dwellings and paying 50% of their income to do so, can access education, job, health and other human and support services to which thry are entitled. The 2022 Nonprofit Roundtable featured Comptroller Brad Lander, who spoke about the City's efforts to improve contract registration and timely contract payments. These efforts have not reached out local CBOs as of yet. The need for these changes are critical as organizations continue to serve a growing number of more urgent needs in our community. Two years ago, CB14 organized a lunch and learn series to explore affordable housing for our community. At a time when the wealthier strata of our community is growing, it is important to maintain focus on those in or close to the poverty line. Human services are an investment in the productivity and resiliency of our community.

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
4/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Reports on homeless encampments and regarding individuals who appear to be homeless have increased over the past year. Breaking Ground is the current contractor and provides excellent service. Given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted. These teams must be equipped with professionals who can assist those who are not technically homeless, but are on the street due to substance use. There should be a Support and Connection Center in Brooklyn.</i>	
7/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Nearly one in 25 New Yorkers has experienced mental illness. About 280,000 have major disorders such as schizophrenia. Forty percent of those in city shelters and 53% of those in city jails experience mental illness. From March to December of 2020, more than 17,000 calls were made for mental health assistance. This was 85 times more than the same period in 2019. The city must continue to expand mobile crises teams, and intensive mobile teams as well as HOMESTAT outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals experiencing mental illness. A Support and Connection Center should be provided in Brooklyn.</i>	
10/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Public health programs that address health disparities with an urgent focus on maternal health are of the highest priorities. Ongoing infection disease concerns, barriers to vaccines whether they be knowledge and understanding based, cultural practices based, language access, etc. must be thoughtfully addressed. Access to quality housing, healthy food choices and outdoor space all contribute systemically to health outcomes and thus cannot be considered singularly, let alone in competition with one another.</i>	

13/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Community District 14 ranks 11th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household - 35% up from 30% the year before. The District ranks 8th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Nearly 35% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. Affordability of rentals (at 80% of AMI) decreased from 2010-2017, from 71.3% to only 49%. These are pressures that lend themselves to homelessness and continued expansion of prevention programs is warranted.</i>
15/25	DFTA	Increase staffing for homebound adult programs	<i>Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.</i>
17/25	DFTA	Funding for a new senior center program	<i>Engage in reimagining an RFP for senior centers that could continue some programming that would allow for social distanced but in person services, while expanding needed remote programming. DFTA was amazingly deft in pivoting to providing remote service to a vulnerable population and developing new volunteer programs. This shift to ensure the continuity of service should be fully funded.</i>
22/25	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Rodent complaints have risen throughout the city, While DOHMH continues to increase the number of inspections performed annually, these efforts are outpaced by conditions contributing to rodent infestations. DOT's Open Streets for restaurant policy, DOB's abatement rules for construction sites should have better storage and collection policies. DSNY should be better equipped to address illegal drop offs and dumping. A better public education plan so that people understand the downside of feeding feral cats and birds is needed.</i>

25/25

DOHMH

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment

Street outreach teams, NYPD, and human services organizations report that many people who appear to be unsheltered often have homes but congregate where they can access and use substances. There are few programs available to them unless they are in fact homeless or choose to seek care. This is a woeful and dangerous approach, or lack thereof. Community Mobile and Intensive Mobile teams should be expanded in Brooklyn.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 14

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Juvenile justice and services for at-risk youth

For the past 15 years CB 14 has organized a Youth Conference, which in the past has attracted over 500 young community members to meet with 80 organizations, agencies and job providers. The need for youth workforce development, youth employment, youth justice and youth centered cure violence programs are more urgent than ever and we continue to advocate for an even greater expansion of DYCD, ACS funding and CBO support contracts that are registered and paid on time. Cure violence programs received the highest percentage of support in the public safety section of our community wide needs survey. Community Board 14 has identified the need for expanded school seats as a budget priority for well over a decade and the Department of Education has recognized the need but has not fulfilled it. We urge DOE and SCA to assess the post pandemic need for elementary school seats. In the meantime, new private schools and charter schools have been opened and require support such as crossing guards. There must be a recognition that income disparities, housing disparities, and the disparities in parental educational attainment, as well as first languages spoken at home, family size and more, make learning challenging in different ways in different households. This was especially true for remote learning, which surely exacerbated attainment gaps.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

There are 35 public elementary and secondary schools in the district which served more than 20,000 students pre-pandemic. In addition, there are more than 26 private/parochial elementary and secondary schools with 6709 students. The public elementary schools in our district were over capacity - ranging from 111% to 146% over enrolled. The City has recognized our need for additional seats in the district for well over a decade and a post pandemic assessment is needed to ascertain current needs. Our schools have a higher than citywide average of ELL students. Over 30 different first languages are represented on one of our elementary schools. Given school overcrowding and technology access concerns, this district is at greater risk of grade level and on time graduation backsliding. This will be a long term issue.

Adult literacy, english as a second language and afterschool programs are all rated as a top need on the district's NDA survey.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Twenty-five percent of CD14's population is under the age of 17; 34% is under the age of 24. The poverty rate in CD14 has fallen from 25% in 2000 to 12% in 2020; however the poverty rate for households with children under 18 is still 25%. DYCD programs such as Compass and SYEP are in high demand in the district. The expansion of ACS programs for justice involved youth seem to be increasingly utilized by cure violence groups and by the YNCO's from the 70th Precinct. Support for cure violence programs in the public safety section of CB14's budget priorities survey were the number one priority by far.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/14	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>While numbers might shift post-covid, DOE still acknowledges CD 14 as a district in need of seats. When last measured at full capacity, PS 139 was at 121% of utilization; PS 127 was 125%; PS 249 was at 128%, PS 193 at 111%; PS 315 was at 118% and the PS 152 Annex was at 146%. Since annexes are built to address overcrowding, an overcrowded annex boldly underscores the need for additional elementary school seats in the northern end of the District. The elementary schools listed above are all north of Avenue L.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/25	ACS	Other foster care and child welfare requests	<i>When asked by survey to rank public safety priorities, 85% of respondents ranked support for cure violence groups, number one. ACS's Division of Youth and Family Justice and the efforts to support violence disrupters programs and organizations is a high priority from a youth service and a public safety perspective. There are several programs that ACS has introduced or grown in recent years. The YNCO's at the 70th precinct are aware of some and following up on the introduction to newer programs. As for foster care and casework, the agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads and fostered youth is at an all-time low. This effort must be continued, but there is a concern that demand for casework increased slightly as schools and programs opened and children came into contact wi</i>	

14/25

DYCD

**Provide, expand, or
enhance the
Summer Youth
Employment
Program**

According to our Youth Conference attendees survey, the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended our annual conference was jobs. It is imperative that DYCD jobs programs be expanded and dependably funded. Additional focus on building capacity at the CBO level to expand programming into underserved communities that were more highly impacted by Covid 19 is imperative. Cure violence programs depend on significant alternatives. DYCD is poised to support new models of curing violence and expanding opportunities for future leaders.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 14

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public safety facilities (precinct, fire houses, etc.)

Crime prevention is incredibly important. As the frequency of disasters seems to continue to increase, the need for preparedness and response cannot be overstated. Fire safety and addressing general crime are at the core of a safe community. Public nuisance complaints are on a steep rise in the district. Traffic complaints and request for enforcement are also on the rise. It is very important that the community and its police force work together to benefit from shifts in a violence disruption and harm reduction model to deal with how youth crime and recidivism are addressed. A new precinct house is still a high priority in the district based in part on the number of decades it has been identified as a priority combined with NYPD's investment without return in recent years. In 2018, the NYPD Capital Unit conducted a \$1 million feasibility study to determine that the current location is unsuitable. OMB then green-lighted a site search for a new location. They have considered three locations in three years and all were rejected. A new location will not be easy to identify in our narrow 2.9 square mile district but the community and elected officials are all ready to provide assistance and support. It would be a detriment to the community to let yet another opportunity slip by. Traffic violations and enforcement are also recognize as a pressing need in the district. There has been very little impact on speeding vehicles, trucks that travel off routes, 53' trucks that should not be on city streets, and overnight commercial vehicle parking due to a lack of large tow vehicles, space in tow lots and the strain on human resources.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

The men and women of the 70th Police Precinct serve our community from a Precinct House that is poorly suited to their needs and to the needs of the community. The 70th Precinct House is undersized, antiquated and deteriorated. Adapt Community Network, which serves people with cerebral palsy, and the Joseph Belsky house, which serves low-income mobility impaired residents, share this very narrow, one-way street. Thus one of the most active Precinct Houses is in the midst of one of the largest concentrations of multiply handicapped people in the city. The number of schools in proximity to the precinct continues to increase, with another new school proposed on the corner of Lawrence and Seton.

Changes that put DCWP in the lead for illegal vendor enforcement and tobacco and e-cig sales are not ready to fly solo and still need either more coordinated support from NYPD or should not yet be transferred. The shift to a cure violence model seems well received by the borough and the precinct. The ACS and DYCD programs that support CBOs that have become trusted messengers in the community must be adequately funded. Bringing funding and program support to the community level and making sure they work in tandem with NYPD's responsibilities is a new challenge that we trust will yield positive results. The number of crossing guards has not kept pace with need. Ensuring that the position offers incentives to attract and retain personnel is a priority. Having enough personnel to fill in when guards call in or take leave is another measure that should be brought into practice.

Needs for Emergency Services

None of the firehouses in CD 14 are slated for renovations or generators. Given that mandatory inspections are based on Department of Buildings new construction, alteration and demolition permits and given that those permit applications are increasing, the need to ensure adequate resources for inspections is clear. Education programs to prevent fires and swift response are also key. It remains distressing that response times continue to increase for FDNY and for EMS. The process by which FDNY approves DOT installations such as speed humps, pedestrian islands,

and curb extensions has improved to ensure that local input is emphasized, but as DOT expands street and curb lane use to bike corrals, restaurants, protected bike lanes and more, we must ensure that additional amenities don't conflict with emergency response!

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/14	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>The history of efforts to relocate this aging facility goes back three decades. In 2006, DCAS began property acquisition at 1326 Ocean Avenue and NYPD set aside \$30 million for the property, and OMB stated its commitment to identify additional funding. Construction was set to begin in 2013. It did not and the site was lost to a market rate housing development. A scoping study to assess the feasibility of building a new precinct house on site acknowledges the locational challenges that the current site presents and OMB has just approved a new site search. Relocating the precinct house remains a priority. In the meantime, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, or parking, nor it is handicap accessible.</i>	
11/14	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Fund station house renovations and upgrades at Engine 255/Ladder 157; Engine 281/Ladder 147 and Engine 250 firehouses. Including the addition of a station house generator at one of these fire stations. There are no firehouses in CD 14 with a generator.</i>	
13/14	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>While NYPD continues the search for an appropriate location for a new precinct house, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, parking, nor it is handicap accessible. Work orders should be addressed quickly. The vacant lot on the block should be explored as a potential parking facility for the 70th Precinct.</i>	
14/14	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Increasingly we are told that large tow vehicles are not available, or that there is no space in the tow lot. This has created a backlog and long waits for the removal of illegally parked vehicles and an ongoing issue with overnight commercial parking of tractor trailers on both commercial or residential streets. An increased investment in both tow equipment and tow lots is needed.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Additional crossing guards is an ever increasing request. New schools have opened, new developments are in the pipeline. The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations.</i>	
19/25	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Fund adequate new firefighter, Marshall, EMS and inspector hires. Given the pace of development and the density that is adding to our community, it is imperative that we ensure that staffing remain optimal and that the addition of a 5th firefight on the truck is expanded to firehouses serving our community. The number of fire safety violations has dropped by 98%. The number of firefighters fully trained for all inspections should be at 100%.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 14

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Sanitation and chronic flooding rank equally high in importance. Sanitation complaints are brought to our attention daily. Every time we bring a matter to the attention of BK14 we get immediate response. We could not ask for better community partners. Yet, the demand and pace are difficult to meet. CD14 also has 54 dead end streets, 3 BIDs and 5 additional commercial streets within our 2.9 square miles, which require specific DSNY services such as MLP and basket service. DSNY funding must be fully restored to address both health and economic recovery. There must be enough human resources to clean on every collection shift; MLP, which was completely eliminated, must be fully restored. There are 54 dead ends in CD14 and MLP is the only program that cleans them. Commercial basket collection must be locked in to 7 days a week. It is hard to know what the winter will bring, but outdoor dining will certainly offer snowplow challenges. The department seems to be increasingly reliant on councilmember funding, which only reaches the parts of the District served by that member. CD14 intersects with four councilmembers so baseline services should come from the baseline budget. Restore full funding to DSNY - it is a matter of public health and economic recovery. We have several chronic flooding locations. Our chronic flooding locations have been brought to the attention of DEP for years with no amelioration. Hurricane Ida was an extraordinary event that certainly brought a great deal of attention to our hard-hit community. However, our chronic locations flood in fairly regular rainstorms. How can we mitigate these events and how can we better prepare for emergencies? We look forward to learning more about DEP's Cloudburst Management and Rainfall Ready programs. We will encourage support for legislation that would compel DEP to offset the cost of backflow valve installations. Zoning text amendments that promise flood mitigation are also promising.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Flooding remains an issue in several locations. DEP has assisted Parks to maintain catch basins north of one of our chronic locations along E. 10th Street and Church Avenue, but flooding continues. Ultimately, the overwhelmed system in the city streets is under the purview of DEP and they must address this issue. Bioswales, permeable surfaces, and catchbasin and roadway maintenance are interagency concerns. This makes it all the more difficult to coordinate a response. Trench restoration continues to be an issue in the District. In 2019 DOT was allocated \$60 million to address trench issues citywide, thus DEP was able to pass the ball on these projects. However, not one of the trenches in CD 14 made the DOT list. There has been no progress on this issue. DOT has indicated that it has not begun a single project with the original \$60 million and there have been no further allocations, which indicates a complete policy failure.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The city's drastic cuts to DSNY's budget during the pandemic amounted to an effective 60% reduction in service Citywide. This was the most noticeable negative impact of all agency budget cuts and it seems we are still experiencing the impacts. This is the beauty of DSNY - fund it and it will get done. Currently there is still no baseline MLP. Each and every resident produces more than two pounds of garbage every day. What can we do to change the culture so that people don't think it is OK to litter, leave their dog waste behind or carry their household trash to a corner basket? The efforts of the Department of Sanitation workers at BK 14 to keep pace with the needs of our District are greatly appreciated but can't keep pace with these actions around the clock. Within our 2.9 miles there are 89 road miles and 54 dead ends and several narrow streets. In addition, bike lanes, pedestrian islands, neckdowns, and Open Streets restaurants, installed and managed by DOT offer new challenges to collection, recycling, street sweeping and snow removal. Illegal drop offs and dumping continues to be a persistent issue in the district. Cleanliness had improved and complaints had abated along commercial streets when the six day a week basket truck was restored. We support the return of electronics collection and leaf collection programs. We

appreciate and support additional DSNY services to collect Christmas trees and Chometz alike. Many in the district were eager for household organics recycling, and are not pleased that it is only being reintroduced in the original pilot districts and Queens. We are extremely grateful for BK14's responsiveness to the needs of our community in general and thier interagency work pertinent to storm clean up, homeless encampment conditions, and derelict vehicles that are persistent issues in several locations in the district.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/14	DEP	Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>There are several locations in the District that flood chronically in rainstorms. These locations have all been brought to DEP's attention and we are awaiting determination as to cause. DCP has provided a limited drop down list from which to choose a budget priority. We ask the DEP respond to the requests pending and advise as to what the respective issues are so that we can identify what budget line these requests fall into. The bottom line is that DEP must provide solutions to these locations because property, businesses and public areas should not have to withstand chronic flooding. What capital projects would help in these various locations: bioswales, catch basins, permeable surface additions, holding tanks?</i>	
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>We are gratified that the condemned heating and cooling systems installed on the BK14 roof will be upgraded in the upcoming fiscal year so that the garage has heat in the winter and adequate cooling in the summer.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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3/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>There are 1200 road segments in CD 14. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The evisceration of MLP, which is the only operation that cleans CD14's 54 dead ends streets, the temporary reductions in basket collection and lot cleaning, cancellation of electronics collection and organics is a myopic response in a city striving to recover its health and economy. DSNY stepped up to the plate in the midst of a public health crises like no other agency. BK14 assists DPR in the aftermath of storms, while still maintaining collection. We cannot depend of partially serving the community based on the whims of Councilmembers. Baseline services should come from the baseline budget. Restore full funding.</i>
9/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>There are several locations in the district that flood chronically. There have all been brought to DEP's attention. We ask that DEP respond to pending requests and advise so that filing claims with the city is not the default position. The city paid out over \$2.6 million in the past five years. DEP should help offset the costs of backflow prevention valves.</i>
12/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Residents of CB14 waited a long time for the pilot program just to the west of the district to expand. Rather than expanding the program DSNY is further limiting it in Brooklyn. Given that the program now requires residents to sign up, it seems that new routes can cross district lines similar to how school collection is done. Instead, DSNY is piloting a borough wide effort in Queens. Please reconsider and serve Brooklyn equitably.</i>
20/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Illegal drop offs and dumping at commercial baskets, dead-ends, tree pits, etc is an ongoing complaint. Resident bring garbage to corner baskets, construction and other commercial debris are often found under elevated train tracks. Often the sanitation workers, supervisors and police know who the offenders are but the rules for enforcement require a stake out. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to steak out chronic locations, day and night, could make an enormous difference in the public health, safety and appearance of out District.</i>

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DEP

**Inspect water main
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HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 14

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

Affordable housing preservation

Housing code enforcement and building code enforcement are equally important in the district. Only 40% of renter occupied homes are adequately maintained by landlords. CB14 ranks 12th (up from 18th) of 59 community districts in the number of reported serious housing code violations. Housing code violations are correlated with health issues and is a problem underscored by the fact that the district is also one of the most severely rent burdened and overcrowded. Building new affordable housing with no substantial support to ensure that current inventory is maintained is folly. The ratio of newly built affordable housing to market rate housing has decreased, even as numbers have increased. Given the fact that over 48% of the area of the district is comprised of 1-2 family homes, combined with the fact that we rank 15th in the city in terms of population density, the renters of multi-family dwellings are highly concentrated. This contrasts with how the district's single family homes are economically situated. In CD 14, the median price of a single-family home is among the highest in New York City. Prospect Park South, Ditmas Park, Midwood Park-Fiske Terrace, Albermarle-Kenmore Terraces, are all historically landmarked neighborhoods. They comprise 6% of lots in the district, which ranks us 18th in the City for lots regulated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. There is also a special permit district in the southern end of the district, which permits an increase the floor area ratio of single family homes. Communities should not have to forfeit historic contextual development in order to add to much needed affordable housing stock. It is important to protect the uniquely beautiful, valuable, and significant history of our one- and two-family residential areas while balancing the quality of affordable multi-unit dwellings.

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

Needs for Land Use

Community Board 14 residents live in a mix of housing. Land use is dominated by single and two family homes. Yet our homeownership rate is 24.6%, which ranks CD14 at 35th out of 59 districts citywide. There are four historic districts in CD 14. The capacity to develop in the district is one of the lowest in the city, yet in 2019 DOB issued 706 permits for new residential units, and in 2020 despite the construction slow-down over 400 more were issued. This was up from 359 in 2018 and, the ranking CD 14 the 18th highest among the city's 59 community districts. From 2000-2010 900 units of housing were issued certificates of occupancy. From 2010-2020 that number jumped to 2863. Eighty three percent were market rate and only 10% were low income.

There is no doubt that the pressures for affordable housing are great. We rank 7th in the city in the severe overcrowding rate. In addition, the district is disproportionately rent burdened, with 50% of low-income renter households severely burdened, meaning that rent is at least 50% of household income. Our share of affordable housing is shrinking. Only 3.9% of units were affordable at 30% of AMI in 2019; down from 4.9% in 2010. There was also a fall in the percentage of units affordable at 80% of AMI in that timespan: from 70% to 57%. Only at 120% of AMI did we hold steady at about 98%. This is why people tend to ask, "...affordable for whom?" CB14 ranks second in the city in the number of serious housing code violations. In 2021, approximately 181.5 out of every 1000 units had a serious housing code violation; up from 154 in 2020. This is clearly going in the wrong direction. The social determinates of health, including clean, safe and well maintained housing accounts for 80-90% of community health outcomes. Building new affordable housing seems wasteful if there are no effective efforts to preserve the current stock of affordable units!

Needs for Housing

The District ranks 7th in the rate of severe overcrowding in renter households. The rate of severely rent overburdened households has grown from 28.2% in 2000, to 29.7 in 2010 to 32.5% in 2019! These are households spending 50% or more of their income on gross rent. For low income households the rate has increased from 42% in 2010 to 47% in 2019. This is a harrowing trend given that between being rent burdened and overcrowded contributes to homelessness. Addressing violations, and providing preventative support services, as well as adding affordable housing to the housing inventory must occur simultaneously and urgently. While numbers of housing units have increased, the ratio of affordable housing has decreased.

In 2020 CD14 was 53rd of 59 districts in terms of unused capacity for development. Yet the ranking for units authorized for new building permits soared from 59th in 2000 to 18th in 2019-20. Units issued new certificates of occupancy went from 53rd citywide to 12th in the same period. While those numbers slowed in the following year, those residents are now members of our population and add to the demand for quality public infrastructure and city services. It is important to understand where the units are being developed vis a vis our public infrastructure in terms of schools, parks, transportation and water and sewer systems; and to ascertain the extent to which affordability of newly developed housing corresponds to the needs of our current residents.

Needs for Economic Development

There are several commercial strips in the district serving the needs of residents and beyond. Many small independent stores line Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Avenues J and M and Coney Island Avenue, Flatbush Avenue and Newkirk Plaza. There are three Business Improvement Districts – Flatbush Nostrand Junction BID, the Flatbush BID and the Church Avenue BID - and three merchant associations in our community. We face notable challenges in maximizing commercial activity throughout the District. Triangle Junction shopping mall still has Target as its anchor store but many other national chains have come and gone, suggesting that there are questions about the fate of this development. A large grocery store has just announced that it is closing, which will create a food desert if it's not replaced with a similar store.

The City continues to refuse to assign Newkirk Plaza to DOT or an appropriate agency to allow enforcement, services, and programming for economic development. The Kings Theatre, a 3300 seat live performance venue, which was a \$90 million economic development investment now must manage with the placement of a 200 bed homeless shelter practically on its loading dock. The theater was to provide a vital link in Brooklyn's cultural corridor and offer spillover opportunities for surrounding merchants. They must be well supported to spur economic activity. CB14 was awarded a Planning Fellow from the Fund for the City of New York who was able to research our past and current economic development opportunities. This is useful information for as a benchmark for an economic recovery from unprecedented circumstances. The landmarked Sears store has liquidated, making way for development opportunity but creating a lot of concern given that only as of right market rate housing is planned.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Four out of five top 311 requests are for HPD inspections and violation enforcement. CB 14 ranks 12th in the city in the number of housing code violations per 1000 residents, and only 40% of rental units are considered adequate. Maintaining housing that exists now helps to stem this crisis. Adequate housing is pivotal to health outcomes, and an urgent need in recovering from the ongoing public health crises.</i>	
18/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>DOB is operating with a 25% deficit in human resources. Many of these unfulfilled positions are inspectors. With the continued growing rate of new construction in the district, this is an urgent priority. Too many complaints are closed out due to lack of access while unpermitted work continues to the point of completion. Better timing of inspections, additional attempts and more detailed follow ups would assist in the ability to enforcement myriad violations.</i>	
23/25	SBS	Provide commercial lease support for business owners	<i>Supporting venues that generate social capital and drive economic development is key to post pandemic recovery. Kings Theater was an EDC project that is owned and managed by a private entity and is a for profit enterprise. The city then enacted several policy decisions in the area that undermined the original multi-million-dollar investment in the theater as an economic driver. Greater support to the theater and spillover businesses and a better balance with other city programs such as homeless</i>	

Brooklyn Community Board 14

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Year after year the Department of Transportation has the greatest number of outstanding service delivery requests in the CD14. This is due to the sheer number of requests combined with the length of time it takes DOT to address service delivery items. It can take years for DOT to address requests for speed reducers, signs, traffic lights, street lights, etc. It is increasingly difficult to get DOT to repair street infrastructure. Often, DOT denies responsibility for assets they used to maintain such as dead end infrastructure; or for their own installations. High weeds on the pedestrian islands at Avenue O and N and at Ocean and Church Avenues block safe sight lines yet, DOT claims no responsibility for maintenance. There are 54 dead ends in CD 14, most abut railway or subway tracks and need to be walled off in some way for safety. If DOT is not responsible for maintenance, then who? As DOT's portfolio grows to include Open Streets for restaurants, added to Citibike expansion, electric vehicle charging stations, reserved car share parking, while expanding express bus lanes and the bike lane network, it is unclear how competing uses will be prioritized. The streets surrounding the 70th Precinct are also problematic. These narrow streets are so congested that NYPD has determined that they cannot build a new precinct house on site. DOT committed to review the area and present options by the end of the summer of 2022 but has not met that deadline. The Caton Avenue truck route is used as a through route although it is designated as a local route on the DOT truck route map. It is nearly always congested. Church Avenue, which is technically the through route, according to the DOT truck route map, is also congested and includes an express bus lane for several streets. Given DOT's BQE detour plans and a lack of truck signage and enforcement, safety issues are becoming extreme, especially where Citibike stations require riders have to step into the truck route on Caton Ave. Road bridges are a concern. The Beverly Road bridge was partially repaired to allow parking and local truck traffic, but there is no timeframe for remaining repairs. The Parkside bridge is prioritized for capital repair, yet we have no timeframe for this work either. The Newkirk Avenue bridge cannot be added to a component contract because Newkirk Plaza has not been assigned to the purview of a city agency. DOT initiates proposals for bike paths, pedestrian islands, and pedestrian plazas. DOT has shifted its policy with regard to community input to the end of the process. While gathering local input is time-consuming and often messy, the end result is inevitably better when there is stakeholder buy in. The introduction of safe streets and outdoor dining were positive pivots but as we settle in and identify ways to improve these amenities it is important for local voices to be heard at the inception of a plan, not after DOT has completed proposals without local insight.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

All types of ground transportation are important in District 14 where approximately 11% of commuters walk or ride bikes to work (up 28%), nearly 65% take mass transit (up 3%) and nearly a quarter drive (down 2%). Within the 2.9 miles that comprise the District, there are 89.2 road miles, 54 dead end streets, two through truck routes, several road bridges over the Brighton Line and LIRR tracks and approximately 1200 street segments. Given its Central Brooklyn location and number of thoroughfares in the District including Flatbush Avenue, Coney Island Avenue, Ocean Parkway, Nostrand Avenue running north/south; and Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Foster Avenue and Avenues J and M going east/west, traffic and road conditions are constant concerns. Community Board 14 service delivery data show that DOT requests outnumber those of any other agency with which the Community Board interacts. Part of the reason for this accumulation is the time-lag for many DOT issue responses. In the meantime, DOT has proactively introduced initiatives not requested (and sometimes not supported) by the community. Responsiveness and community input are important. Of great concern is that there is no way to ascertain an overview of DOT traffic calming measures. CB14 processes hundreds of DOT service delivery requests, but there is no way to understand how implementation of all or any combination of these requests would impact traffic flow in the district. Rather, such requests are considered only insofar as they impact the block for which they are

requested. There are nine subway stations, seven of which are Brighton Line outdoor tracks, therefore track work affects road traffic. There are also 15 bus lines that operate in the district including express buses and select bus service routes. CB14 has advocated for the return of the B23 bus even before MTA cancelled the line. Given the level of development along that corridor, it is time to bring it back. However, we don't know how the return of bus service along a commercial corridor with many outdoor restaurants in the curb lane will be prioritized.

New York City must recognize ownership of Newkirk Plaza. The clearest solution we see is for the Plaza to become a formal participant in the DOT's Pedestrian Plaza Program. The City's inability to determine jurisdiction over Newkirk Plaza has left several chronic issues unresolved, including a serious rodent infestation, sanitation maintenance concerns, disrepair of the brick plaza surface, and growing street homelessness challenges. The New York City Police Department, the Department of Sanitation, the Department of Buildings, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, have all been called upon to deal with myriad issues on the Plaza. Many community stakeholders, including business owners, civic and community-based organizations, and local government entities, continue to struggle to meet these challenges with little support and no permanent resolution in sight. While significant resources are being targeted to lift our small business communities from the wreckage of the Covid-19 pandemic elsewhere, merchants on America's first-ever outdoor shopping plaza have been left to rattle their gates to scare away hordes of rats in the morning and clean human excrement and broken beer bottles from the pedestrian paths leading to their stores. Many merchants have had to reach into their own pockets to pay for supplemental sanitation services on the Plaza. In the recent past, DOT provided FDC with minimal, finite funding to support limited sanitation services, painted the corrugated wall (which is their responsibility anyway) and offered but did not follow through on adding the Plaza to the SAPO system. None of these steps resolved the longstanding concerns. Once added to the program, the plaza would be transformed into a vibrant, social public space, as per DOT's Plaza Program stated mission. The lack of clarity around governance of this public space is a detriment to the ability for businesses and community groups to provide additional programming for the community that could also serve as an economic development catalyst for an area that has a higher-than-average poverty rate than Brooklyn and New York City as a whole.

Needs for Transit Services

There are nine subway stations in the District: one Culver Line IND stop; one IRT terminal stop and the remainder Brighton Line BMT stops. Most of the Brighton Line stations have been updated - some in full, others partial renovations. However the Church Avenue station is in serious need up rehabilitation. We look forward to accessibility improvements and hope they will expand to the Culver line. We have asked MTA NYCT to provide us with station capacity data to take into consideration when new developments are proposed so that we can better predict the impact on local transit. This is especially urgent at the Cortelyou Road station. CB 14 will work to maximize community input on MTA's Fast Forward Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign. We trust this will lead to the restoration of the B23 on Cortelyou Road! The community garden on the exterior side of the Church Avenue Brighton Line station house continues to be a positive addition to the community and should serve as a model for use of the commons. It is unfortunate that Transit will not take the same creative initiative with Newkirk Plaza. The East 15th Street MTA house once issued an RFP for development but is now once again back in the hands of MTA and is once again a fallow lot.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/14	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>We urge DOT to include Newkirk Plaza into the Plaza Program. The infrastructure exists. An organization is willing to partner and the Plaza should be under the auspices of a City agency given that it is public property. Open space is one of the social determinants of public health and a well programmed Plaza would serve as an economic development boost to businesses on Newkirk Plaza.</i>	
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5/14	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>DOT must take responsibility for the maintenance of pedestrian islands, dead ends, and sidewalk walls on road bridges. The Beverley Road bridge and the Caton Road bridge both require rehabilitation. The timeframe for repair or reinstallation of street signs continues to increase. Three years ago DOT identified \$60 million for trench repair but none of it was allocated to CD14, despite worsening conditions. There must be an increase in the expense budget for road and street infrastructure repair.</i>	Beverley Road Marlborough Rd Marlborough Rd
6/14	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Church Avenue is the most heavily utilized station in the district and is in disrepair. Improving subway stations was the top transportation need in a CB14 survey. This line has had the most requests for security cameras.</i>	Church Ave and E 18 St

9/14	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The 18th Avenue Stop on the Culver Line is on the same block as the United Cerebral Palsy complex. This stop was recently upgraded. It's unfortunate that accessibility was not one of the improvements.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 14

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

Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)

The Community Board is instrumental in ensuring that cultural and park programming, and facilities; community facility access and programming; forestry services; library facilities and services; parks access, care and maintenance; park safety; quality library programming and other parks, cultural and other community facilities are accessible to the public and maintained by the appropriate agencies. Community service delivery requests for sanitation, abandoned vehicles, constructions complaints, homeless encampments, fallen tree branches, requests for public health, safety and voting information and so many other requests have increased or changed in nature in the wake of the Covid 19 pandemic. The many needs we have identified in previous years that remain unfunded only served to underscore inequities in our district. Our return to a healthy, vibrant, and economically sound community depends now, more than ever on getting services and support to the local community level. That is our role; that is where we are expert. While the number of service delivery requests have increased, the number of proposals to consider have increased, the number of meetings and events continue to increase, training requirements and new mandates have increased, community board funding has not. Community Boards are one of the few city agencies that has not significantly expanded budget or headcount since 2016. Community Board 14 is 59th out of 59 community districts citywide in terms of the number of residents who live more than a quarter of a mile away from a park. New open space upgraded, and well-maintained current parks and playgrounds are high priorities. The Flatbush African Burial Ground must be developed appropriately and with the descendant community's input at the forefront. Rigorous outreach to maximize inclusion is needed to ensure that stakeholders are identified and expanded and provided every opportunity to be heard. Our libraries are needed more than ever. The pivot in services that they provided during the pandemic demonstrated the value that they have in our community. We urge the city to reimagine the design of libraries to increase resiliency and maintain access in response to public health emergencies.

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

Needs for Parks

Residents of CD 14 live further away from a park than any other District in the entire City of New York, with over 70% living a quarter mile away or more. The largest park in our district is the Parade Ground at our northern border, which includes 40 acres of athletic fields, and tennis courts available primarily by permit. Areas that offer open access such as the Det. Dillon Stewart playground and the adult fitness area, are heavily utilized. Kolbert Park is in the southern end of the District and the Deputy Inspector Joseph DiGilio Playground is in the west. Umma Park is a small playground over the BMT tracks in the northeastern end of the District, which has antiquated play equipment and no greenery. There are also two tot lots in the District – on Cortelyou Road and on Campus Road. The Department itself must be adequately resourced to maintain its own inventory, instead of relying on funding provided by elected officials. While Umma Park has finally received funding through Councilmember Rita Joseph's office, it was a long time coming. It's hard to believe that Parks would have delayed so long if the Department held the pocket book. The identification of additional space for parkland and additional greening of green streets areas is essential in our park-poor community. In 2017 a Planning Fellow provided by the Fund for the City of New York researched and provided recommendations for greening CD14. The urgency of the need for outdoor space was highlighted when social distancing orders were enacted and CD 14 had fewer outdoor options for recreation and public health needs.

The Flatbush African Burial Ground will be constructed as a memorial through the Department of Parks and Recreation. Funding has been identified for what seems to be preliminary work. CB14 highly prioritizes funding that is adequate to fully realize a vision of this important, sacred and historic site that is informed by ongoing community engagement. This is a high priority for our community.

Needs for Cultural Services

As we continue to rebound from the economic impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic, the cultural institutions in our community will need focussed support. Performing arts venues create social capital and economic spillover effects. Situated at the approximate center of Flatbush Avenue, the Kings Theatre serves as a cultural fulcrum of Brooklyn's Cultural Corridor. It has sponsored and supported myriad community events. Libraries in the district are highly utilized by the community for both traditional and increasingly creative cultural offerings.

Needs for Library Services

District 14's four existing branch libraries are heavily used and highly valued by the community. The Board continues to strongly support essential improvements needed at these locations and advocated for keeping libraries open seven days a week. Our local branch libraries provide programs and services that relate in important ways to our communities such as the Caribbean Literacy and Cultural Center at the Flatbush Branch, and the Cortelyou Road library's teamwork with other community groups. It is important to ensure that libraries are maintained to maximize healthy access. Community members have urged expanding library space at the Cortelyou branch and adding outdoor space at the Flatbush branch.

Needs for Community Boards

CB 14 staff address hundreds of service delivery requests annually. We organize an annual youth conference and nonprofit roundtable. Increasing responsibilities have been assigned and hiring staff and specialists, such as planners, policy analysts, IT assistance, would help to introduce more initiatives and develop longer range projects. Ultimately, we could better complement a complaint driven role with more proactive, grass roots plans. Technology and consultant needs, as we shift out of virtual-only meetings has been and will continue to be a significant expense. Rules as well and the Board's wish to expand language access is hampered by city support and budgetary constraints. As the most local city agency, we give voice to the individuals who make up our communities. Every city

agency has had a budget expansion over the last decade. Community Boards have not had one in over 20 years. The recent health and resulting budget crisis make it harder for city agencies to reach the most local levels and communities are all the more frustrated. We are their liaison and our role more important than ever.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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8/14	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Umma Park is in need of updating and funding has finally been provided after over a decade of having identified this as a high priority. Now the Hot Spot Tot Lot on Campus Road is the only DPR asset that has not had a capital upgrade in over a decade. Kolbert was only partially upgraded. DPR should have greater control of capital purse strings to maintain parks and playgrounds in communities according to conditions and time between upgrades.</i>	
12/14	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>The following capital improvements are needed at our local libraries: Cortelyou Branch - safety and security enhancements; Flatbush Branch - safety and security enhancements, and abatement; Midwood Branch - safety and security enhancements, boiler, HVAC, roof.</i>	

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5/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Flatbush and Midwood boast 10,327 street trees, including 121 different species according to DPR's census. Argyle Road is considered the "leafiest" in Brooklyn. A more robust pruning cycle is still necessary. Requests for emergency pruning and fallen branches have not subsided in the District. Limbs, branches and entire trees fall during increasing weather events often blocking sidewalks, driveways and streets for days. DPR needs a better funded and more robust contracting practice or, better yet, increase the budget to bring the work in house.</i>
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6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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3/14	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>The history of efforts to relocate this aging facility goes back three decades. In 2006, DCAS began property acquisition at 1326 Ocean Avenue and NYPD set aside \$30 million for the property, and OMB stated its commitment to identify additional funding. Construction was set to begin in 2013. It did not and the site was lost to a market rate housing development. A scoping study to asses the feasibility of building a new precinct house on site acknowledges the locational challenges that the current site presents and OMB has just approved a new site search. Relocating the precinct house remains a priority. In the meantime, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, or parking, nor it is handicap accessible.</i>	
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10/14	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>While numbers might shift post-covid, DOE still acknowledges CD 14 as a district in need of seats. When last measured at full capacity, PS 139 was at 121% of utilization; PS 127 was 125%; PS 249 was at 128%, PS 193 at 111%; PS 315 was at 118% and the PS 152 Annex was at 146%. Since annexes are built to address overcrowding, an overcrowded annex boldly underscores the need for additional elementary school seats in the northern end of the District. The elementary schools listed above are all north of Avenue L.</i>
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14/14	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Increasingly we are told that large tow vehicles are not available, or that there is no space in the tow lot. This has created a backlog and long waits for the removal of illegally parked vehicles and an ongoing issue with overnight commercial parking of tractor trailers on both commercial or residential streets. An increased investment in both tow equipment and tow lots is needed.</i>
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3/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>There are 1200 road segments in CD 14. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The evisceration of MLP, which is the only operation that cleans CD14's 54 dead ends streets, the temporary reductions in basket collection and lot cleaning, cancellation of electronics collection and organics is a myopic response in a city striving to recover its health and economy. DSNY stepped up to the plate in the midst of a public health crises like no other agency. BK14 assists DPR in the aftermath of storms, while still maintaining collection. We cannot depend of partially serving the community based on the whims of Councilmembers. Baseline services should come from the baseline budget. Restore full funding.</i>
4/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Reports on homeless encampments and regarding individuals who appear to be homeless have increased over the past year. Breaking Ground is the current contractor and provides excellent service. Given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted. These teams must be equipped with professionals who can assist those who are not technically homeless, but are on the street due to substance use. There should be a Support and Connection Center in Brooklyn.</i>
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7/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Nearly one in 25 New Yorkers has experienced mental illness. About 280,000 have major disorders such as schizophrenia. Forty percent of those in city shelters and 53% of those in city jails experience mental illness. From March to December of 2020, more than 17,000 calls were made for mental health assistance. This was 85 times more than the same period in 2019. The city must continue to expand mobile crises teams, and intensive mobile teams as well as HOMESTAT outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals experiencing mental illness. A Support and Connection Center should be provided in Brooklyn.</i>
8/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Four out of five top 311 requests are for HPD inspections and violation enforcement. CB 14 ranks 12th in the city in the number of housing code violations per 1000 residents, and only 40% of rental units are considered adequate. Maintaining housing that exists now helps to stem this crisis. Adequate housing is pivotal to health outcomes, and an urgent need in recovering from the ongoing public health crises.</i>

9/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>There are several locations in the district that flood chronically. There have all been brought to DEP's attention. We ask that DEP respond to pending requests and advise so that filing claims with the city is not the default position. The city paid out over \$2.6 million in the past five years. DEP should help offset the costs of backflow prevention valves.</i>
10/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Public health programs that address health disparities with an urgent focus on maternal health are of the highest priorities. Ongoing infection disease concerns, barriers to vaccines whether they be knowledge and understanding based, cultural practices based, language access, etc. must be thoughtfully addressed. Access to quality housing, healthy food choices and outdoor space all contribute systemically to health outcomes and thus cannot be considered singularly, let alone in competition with one another.</i>
11/25	ACS	Other foster care and child welfare requests	<i>When asked by survey to rank public safety priorities, 85% of respondents ranked support for cure violence groups, number one. ACS's Division of Youth and Family Justice and the efforts to support violence disrupters programs and organizations is a high priority from a youth service and a public safety perspective. There are several programs that ACS has introduced or grown in recent years. The YNCO's at the 70th precinct are aware of some and following up on the introduction to newer programs. As for foster care and casework, the agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads and fostered youth is at an all-time low. This effort must be continued, but there is a concern that demand for casework increased slightly as schools and programs opened and children came into contact wi</i>
12/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Residents of CB14 waited a long time for the pilot program just to the west of the district to expand. Rather than expanding the program DSNY is further limiting it in Brooklyn. Given that the program now requires residents to sign up, it seems that new routes can cross district lines similar to how school collection is done. Instead, DSNY is piloting a borough wide effort in Queens. Please reconsider and serve Brooklyn equitably.</i>

13/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Community District 14 ranks 11th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household - 35% up from 30% the year before. The District ranks 8th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Nearly 35% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. Affordability of rentals (at 80% of AMI) decreased from 2010-2017, from 71.3% to only 49%. These are pressures that lend themselves to homelessness and continued expansion of prevention programs is warranted.</i>
14/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>According to our Youth Conference attendees survey, the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended out annual conference was jobs. It is imperative that DYCD jobs programs be expanded and dependably funded. Additional focus on building capacity at the CBO level to expand programming into underserved communities that were more highly impacted by Covid 19 is imperative. Cure violence programs depend on significant alternatives. DYCD is poised to support new models of curing violence and expanding opportunities for future leaders.</i>
15/25	DFTA	Increase staffing for homebound adult programs	<i>Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.</i>
16/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Additional crossing guards is an ever increasing request. New schools have opened, new developments are in the pipeline. The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations.</i>

17/25	DFTA	Funding for a new senior center program	<i>Engage in reimagining an RFP for senior centers that could continue some programming that would allow for social distanced but in person services, while expanding needed remote programming. DFTA was amazingly deft in pivoting to providing remote service to a vulnerable population and developing new volunteer programs. This shift to ensure the continuity of service should be fully funded.</i>
18/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>DOB is operating with a 25% deficit in human resources. Many of these unfulfilled positions are inspectors. With the continued growing rate of new construction in the district, this is an urgent priority. Too many complaints are closed out due to lack of access while unpermitted work continues to the point of completion. Better timing of inspections, additional attempts and more detailed follow ups would assist in the ability to enforcement myriad violations.</i>
19/25	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Fund adequate new firefighter, Marshall, EMS and inspector hires. Given the pace of development and the density that is adding to our community, it is imperative that we ensure that staffing remain optimal and that the addition of a 5th firefight on the truck is expanded to firehouses serving our community. The number of fire safety violations has dropped by 98%. The number of firefighters fully trained for all inspections should be at 100%.</i>
20/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Illegal drop offs and dumping at commercial baskets, dead-ends, tree pits, etc is an ongoing complaint. Resident bring garbage to corner baskets, construction and other commercial debris are often found under elevated train tracks. Often the sanitation workers, supervisors and police know who the offenders are but the rules for enforcement require a stake out. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to stake out chronic locations, day and night, could make an enormous difference in the public health, safety and appearance of our District.</i>

21/25	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	<i>The Community Board supports the continuation and expansion of programs that are so valuable in connecting our community members to literacy and culture. From small children, to teens, adults and older adults, the breadth of library programming is impressive and invaluable. We are grateful that branch managers and program directors are so active with the board and always willing to share and update us regarding new programs and services.</i>
22/25	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Rodent complaints have risen throughout the city, While DOHMH continues to increase the number of inspections performed annually, these efforts are outpaced by conditions contributing to rodent infestations. DOT's Open Streets for restaurant policy, DOB's abatement rules for construction sites should have better storage and collection policies. DSNY should be better equipped to address illegal drop offs and dumping. A better public education plan so that people understand the downside of feeding feral cats and birds is needed.</i>
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8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

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01/15	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Flatbush African Burial Ground will be constructed as a memorial through the Department of Parks and Recreation. Funding has been identified for what seems to be preliminary work. CB14 highly prioritizes funding that is adequate to fully realize a vision of this important, sacred and historic site that is informed by ongoing community engagement. This is a top priority for our community. CD 14 ranks last in the city in terms of the number of residents who live more than a quarter of a mile away from a park. The public health ramifications were demonstrated by the Covid 19 pandemic.</i>	This capital project is included in the agency's departmental estimates for the out years. For details check the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget Statement for Capital Projects and/or the current Commitment Plan.
02/15	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>We urge DOT to include Newkirk Plaza into the Plaza Program. The infrastructure exists. An organization is willing to partner and the Plaza should be under the auspices of a City agency given that it is public property. Open space is one of the social determinants of public health and a well programmed Plaza would serve as an economic development boost to businesses on Newkirk Plaza.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
03/15	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>The history of efforts to relocate this aging facility goes back three decades. In 2006, DCAS began property acquisition at 1326 Ocean Avenue and NYPD set aside \$30 million for the property, and OMB stated its commitment to identify additional funding. Construction was set to begin in 2013. It did not and the site was lost to a market rate housing development. A scoping study to assess the feasibility of building a new precinct house on site acknowledges the locational challenges that the current site presents and OMB has just approved a new site search. Relocating the precinct house remains a priority. In the meantime, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, or parking, nor it is handicap accessible.</i>	Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.
04/15	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Three years ago, DOT identified \$60 million for trench repair but none of it was allocated to CD14, despite worsening conditions. There must be an increase in the expense budget for road and street infrastructure repair. Beverley Road Marlborough Rd Marlborough Rd. DOT had a \$60 million allocation for trench restoration and CB 14 received none of it. Six locations have been submitted to DOT. 564 East 29th Street; 1781 Ocean Avenue/SE corner of Avenue M; 715 Ocean Parkway Service Road; Waldorf Court between East 17 and Dead End; Hillel Place and Kenilworth Place intersection; 464-476 East 16th Street. A seventh location has occurred on East 16th Street between Avenue H and the dead end. The CB14 office is on this block so we will be sure to keep an eye on it.</i>	Funding constraints preclude the hiring of additional personnel at this time.

05/15	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>DOT must take responsibility for the maintenance of pedestrian islands, dead ends, and sidewalk walls on road bridges. The Beverley Road bridge and the Caton Road bridge both require rehabilitation. The timeframe for repair or reinstallation of street signs continues to increase. Three years ago DOT identified \$60 million for trench repair but none of it was allocated to CD14, despite worsening conditions. There must be an increase in the expense budget for road and street infrastructure repair.</i>	This request contains different proposals for locations that are not contiguous. Please resubmit as part of a general area or as individual locations.
06/15	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Church Avenue is the most heavily utilized station in the district and is in disrepair. Improving subway stations was the top transportation need in a CB14 survey. This line has had the most requests for security cameras.</i>	For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.
07/15	DEP	Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>There are several locations in the District that flood chronically in rainstorms. These locations have all been brought to DEP's attention and we are awaiting determination as to cause. DCP has provided a limited drop down list from which to choose a budget priority. We ask the DEP respond to the requests pending and advise as to what the respective issues are so that we can identify what budget line these requests fall into. The bottom line is that DEP must provide solutions to these locations because property, businesses and public areas should not have to withstand chronic flooding. What capital projects would help in these various locations: bioswales, catch basins, permeable surface additions, holding tanks?</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
08/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Umma Park is in need of updating and funding has finally been provided after over a decade of having identified this as a high priority. Now the Hot Spot Tot Lot on Campus Road is the only DPR asset that has not had a capital upgrade in over a decade. Kolbert was only partially upgraded. DPR should have greater control of capital purse strings to maintain parks and playgrounds in communities according to conditions and time between upgrades.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
09/15	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The 18th Avenue Stop on the Culver Line is on the same block as the United Cerebral Palsy complex. This stop was recently upgraded. It's unfortunate that accessibility was not one of the improvements.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

10/15	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>While numbers might shift post-covid, DOE still acknowledges CD 14 as a district in need of seats. When last measured at full capacity, PS 139 was at 121% of utilization; PS 127 was 125%; PS 249 was at 128%, PS 193 at 111%; PS 315 was at 118% and the PS 152 Annex was at 146%. Since annexes are built to address overcrowding, an overcrowded annex boldly underscores the need for additional elementary school seats in the northern end of the District. The elementary schools listed above are all north of Avenue L.</i>	Limited seat need has been identified in the area specified. Location for a school will be based on site availability.
11/15	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Fund station house renovations and upgrades at Engine 255/Ladder 157; Engine 281/Ladder 147 and Engine 250 firehouses. Including the addition of a station house generator at one of these fire stations. There are no firehouses in CD 14 with a generator.</i>	Emergency generators are being installed throughout firehouses on a yearly basis, priority established by Fire Operations, funding is reliant on Federal Grants. Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
12/15	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>The following capital improvements are needed at our local libraries: Cortelyou Branch - safety and security enhancements; Flatbush Branch - safety and security enhancements, and abatement; Midwood Branch - safety and security enhancements, boiler, HVAC, roof.</i>	Partial funding for this request already exists. The BPL requests new funding for the additional components. Contact the BPL for additional information.
13/15	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>While NYPD continues the search for an appropriate location for a new precinct house, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, parking, nor it is handicap accessible. Work orders should be addressed quickly. The vacant lot on the block should be explored as a potential parking facility for the 70th Precinct.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
14/15	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Increasingly we are told that large tow vehicles are not available, or that there is no space in the tow lot. This has created a backlog and long waits for the removal of illegally parked vehicles and an ongoing issue with overnight commercial parking of tractor trailers on both commercial or residential streets. An increased investment in both tow equipment and tow lots is needed.</i>	The NYPD is working with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget in order to secure additional towing facilities.
CS/15	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>We are gratified that the condemned heating and cooling systems installed on the BK14 roof will be upgraded in the upcoming fiscal year so that the garage has heat in the winter and adequate cooling in the summer.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year, the final design work has started

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/25	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>Every year we manage hundreds of service delivery requests, a youth conference, a nonprofit roundtable. We've added a lunch and learn series, and a YLC. Increasing responsibilities have been assigned and hiring staff and specialists, such as planners, policy analysts, IT assistance, would help to introduce more initiatives and develop longer range projects. As the most local city agency, we give voice to the individuals who make up our communities. To support serving communities equitably, it is imperative that the city fund and provide language access services at the CB level.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
02/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>New York City must recognize ownership of the Plaza. The clearest solution we see is for Newkirk Plaza to become a formal participant in the DOT's Pedestrian Plaza Program. The City inability to determine jurisdiction over Newkirk Plaza has left several chronic issues unresolved, including a serious rodent infestation, sanitation maintenance concerns, disrepair of the brick plaza surface, and growing street homelessness challenges.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
03/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>There are 1200 road segments in CD 14. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The evisceration of MLP, which is the only operation that cleans CD14's 54 dead ends streets, the temporary reductions in basket collection and lot cleaning, cancellation of electronics collection and organics is a myopic response in a city striving to recover its health and economy. DSNY stepped up to the plate in the midst of a public health crises like no other agency. BK14 assists DPR in the aftermath of storms, while still maintaining collection. We cannot depend of partially serving the community based on the whims of Councilmembers. Baseline services should come from the baseline budget. Restore full funding.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
04/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Reports on homeless encampments and regarding individuals who appear to be homeless have increased over the past year. Breaking Ground is the current contractor and provides excellent service. Given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted. These teams must be equipped with professionals who can assist those who are not technically homeless, but are on the street due to substance use. There should be a Support and Connection Center in Brooklyn.</i>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.

05/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Flatbush and Midwood boast 10,327 street trees, including 121 different species according to DPR's census. Argyle Road is considered the "leafiest" in Brooklyn. A more robust pruning cycle is still necessary. Requests for emergency pruning and fallen branches have not subsided in the District. Limbs, branches and entire trees fall during increasing weather events often blocking sidewalks, driveways and streets for days. DPR needs a better funded and more robust contracting practice or, better yet, increase the budget to bring the work in house.</i>	This would require a larger expense budget.
06/25	DCA	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>DCWP is the licensing and main enforcement agency for the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes. The pace of inspections is slow, and the enforcement mechanisms seem inadequate. CB14 is just now beginning to assess how many stores sell these items without a license. Report of sales to minors and sales of flavored vapes are prevalent. It seems that NYPD is back to assisting with these investigations but that could make the lines unclear. If DCWP continues to be the lead agency on this a significant investment must be made in adding and training inspectors.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
07/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Nearly one in 25 New Yorkers has experienced mental illness. About 280,000 have major disorders such as schizophrenia. Forty percent of those in city shelters and 53% of those in city jails experience mental illness. From March to December of 2020, more than 17,000 calls were made for mental health assistance. This was 85 times more than the same period in 2019.</i> <i>The city must continue to expand mobile crises teams, and intensive mobile teams as well as HOMESTAT outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals experiencing mental illness. A Support and Connection Center should be provided in Brooklyn.</i>	DOHMH funds a variety of services related to mental health, alcohol, drug abuse, and depression. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon available resources.
08/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Four out of five top 311 requests are for HPD inspections and violation enforcement. CB 14 ranks 12th in the city in the number of housing code violations per 1000 residents, and only 40% of rental units are considered adequate. Maintaining housing that exists now helps to stem this crisis. Adequate housing is pivotal to health outcomes, and an urgent need in recovering from the ongoing public health crises.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

09/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>There are several locations in the district that flood chronically. There have all been brought to DEP's attention. We ask that DEP respond to pending requests and advise so that filing claims with the city is not the default position. The city paid out over \$2.6 million in the past five years. DEP should help offset the costs of backflow prevention valves.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
10/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Public health programs that address health disparities with an urgent focus on maternal health are of the highest priorities. Ongoing infection disease concerns, barriers to vaccines whether they be knowledge and understanding based, cultural practices based, language access, etc. must be thoughtfully addressed. Access to quality housing, healthy food choices and outdoor space all contribute systemically to health outcomes and thus cannot be considered singularly, let alone in competition with one another.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
11/25	ACS	Other foster care and child welfare requests	<i>When asked by survey to rank public safety priorities, 85% of respondents ranked support for cure violence groups, number one. ACS's Division of Youth and Family Justice and the efforts to support violence disrupters programs and organizations is a high priority from a youth service and a public safety perspective. There are several programs that ACS has introduced or grown in recent years. The YNCO's at the 70th precinct are aware of some and following up on the introduction to newer programs. As for foster care and casework, the agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads and fostered youth is at an all-time low.</i>	ACS currently offers services for youth and families. Please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for additional information at 212-341-0999, or check our website at www.nyc.gov/acs .
12/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Residents of CB14 waited a long time for the pilot program just to the west of the district to expand. Rather than expanding the program DSNY is further limiting it in Brooklyn. Given that the program now requires residents to sign up, it seems that new routes can cross district lines similar to how school collection is done. Instead, DSNY is piloting a borough wide effort in Queens. Please reconsider and serve Brooklyn equitably.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

13/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Community District 14 ranks 11th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household - 35% up from 30% the year before. The District ranks 8th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Nearly 35% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. Affordability of rentals (at 80% of AMI) decreased from 2010-2017, from 71.3% to only 49%. These are pressures that lend themselves to homelessness and continued expansion of prevention programs is warranted.</i>	The Agency provides homeless prevention services through its expanded network of HomeBase community offices.
14/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>According to our Youth Conference attendees survey, the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended out annual conference was jobs. It is imperative that DYCD jobs programs be expanded and dependably funded. Additional focus on building capacity at the CBO level to expand programming into underserved communities that were more highly impacted by Covid 19 is imperative. Cure violence programs depend on significant alternatives. DYCD is poised to support new models of curing violence and expanding opportunities for future leaders.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
15/25	DFTA	Increase staffing for homebound adult programs	<i>Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
16/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Additional crossing guards is an ever increasing request. New schools have opened, new developments are in the pipeline. The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
17/25	DFTA	Funding for a new senior center program	<i>Engage in reimagining an RFP for senior centers that could continue some programming that would allow for social distanced but in person services, while expanding needed remote programming.</i> <i>DFTA was amazingly deft in pivoting to providing remote service to a vulnerable population and developing new volunteer programs. This shift to ensure the continuity of service should be fully funded.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

18/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>DOB is operating with a 25% deficit in human resources. Many of these unfulfilled positions are inspectors. With the continued growing rate of new construction in the district, this is an urgent priority. Too many complaints are closed out due to lack of access while unpermitted work continues to the point of completion. Better timing of inspections, additional attempts and more detailed follow ups would assist in the ability to enforcement myriad violations.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
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20/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Illegal drop offs and dumping at commercial baskets, dead-ends, tree pits, etc is an ongoing complaint. Resident bring garbage to corner baskets, construction and other commercial debris are often found under elevated train tracks. Often the sanitation workers, supervisors and police know who the offenders are but the rules for enforcement require a stake out. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to stake out chronic locations, day and night, could make an enormous difference in the public health, safety and appearance of out District.</i>	DSNY will evaluate this request.
21/25	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	<i>The Community Board supports the continuation and expansion of programs that are so valuable in connecting our community members to literacy and culture. From small children, to teens, adults and older adults, the breadth of library programming is impressive and invaluable. We are grateful that branch managers and program directors are so active with the board and always willing to share and update us regarding new programs and services.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
22/25	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Rodent complaints have risen throughout the city, While DOHMH continues to increase the number of inspections performed annually, these efforts are outpaced by conditions contributing to rodent infestations. DOT's Open Streets for restaurant policy, DOB's abatement rules for construction sites should have better storage and collection policies. DSNY should be better equipped to address illegal drop offs and dumping. A better public education plan so that people understand the downside of feeding feral cats and birds is needed.</i>	Individual City agencies are responsible for addressing pest management on their properties. DOHMH's pest control program works closely with all City agencies to provide technical assistance in order to address these issues. The Rodent Task Force meets weekly to identify any hot spots and address them with interagency coordination.

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