

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

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

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

Brooklyn Community District 15 - Land Use

- One & Two Family Buildings

MultiFamily Walkup Buildings

MultiFamily Elevator Buildings

Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings
- Commercial/Office Buildings

Industrial/Manufacturing

Transportation/Utility

Public Facilities & Institutions
- Open Space

Parking Facilities

Vacant Land

All Others or No Data
- Community Districts

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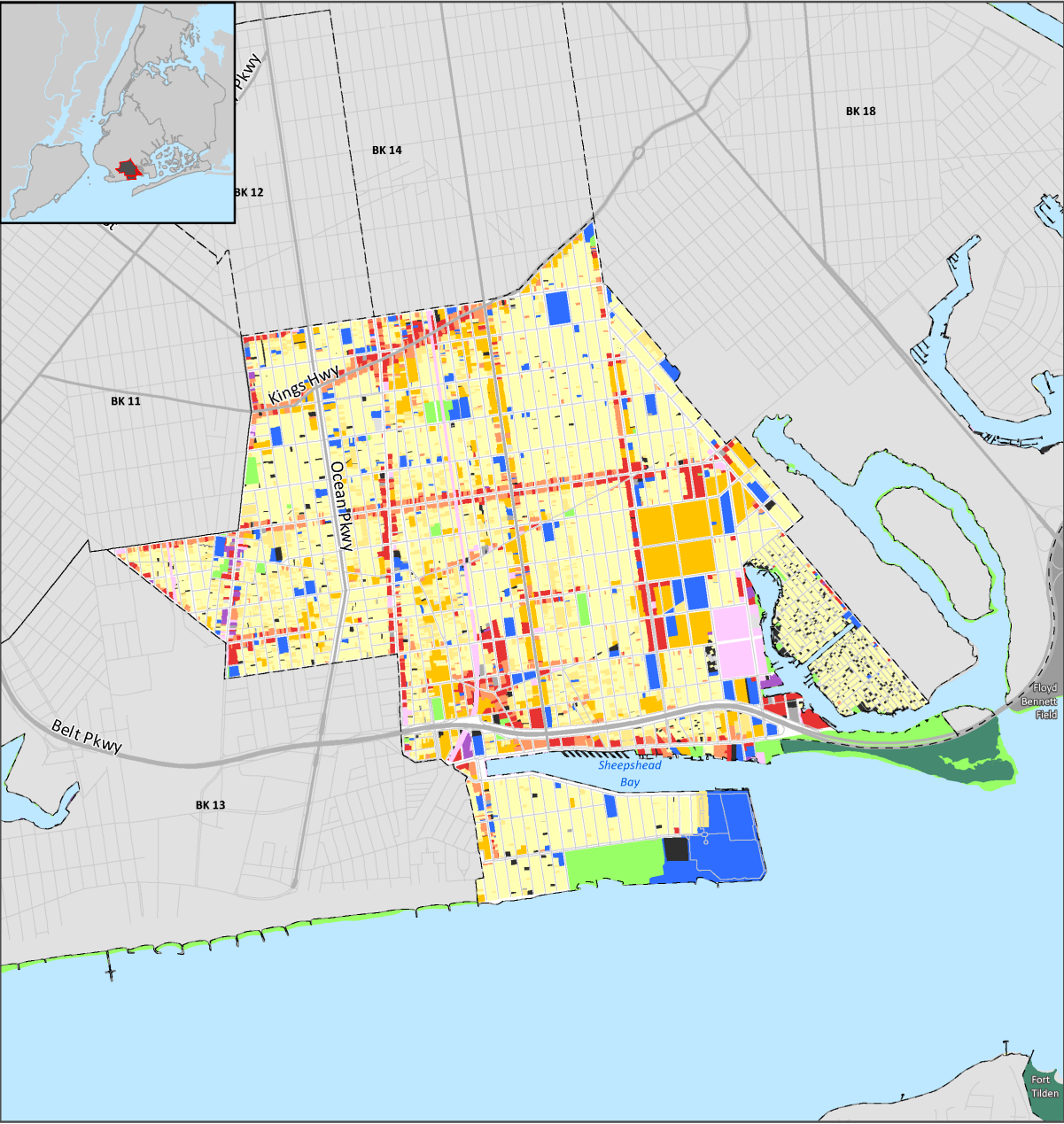
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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 15 is a vibrant mixed-use community. The District is bordered to the North by the large commercial strip of Kings Highway, to the West by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the South by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the East by the year round recreational community of Gerritsen Beach, other residential areas include Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach. It is the policy of Community Board 15 to see to the needs of the local residents it serves and ensure they are given not only a voice, but also receive timely, quality and efficient delivery of city services to the District. Open communication between residents and the Community Board is an essential part of maintaining public safety, development and prosperity for all.

According to the Department of City Planning (current), the total land area of Community Board 15 is 4.7 square miles, 53.9% persons per acre. The population statistics supplied by New York City Planning's FactFinder from the American Community Survey, stated the overall population of Community Board 15 (Brooklyn) is 172,268. Population aged 65+ 18.0%, median age is 40.1, households with children under 18 years old 22.0%, Hispanic Population 10.3%, White 65.5%, Black or African American 3.7% , and Asian 18.2%. The median household income is \$56,487, and 30% of the population graduate college. The District includes: 68,670 housing units, with 41.5% having 20 or more units, units authorized by new residential building permits 268, units issued new certificates of occupancy 229, homeownership rates are at 46.7%, rental vacancy rate 2.7%, median asking rent \$1800, median sales price per unit, (2-4 unit building projected) is \$440,000 and housing choice vouchers 5.7%.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 15

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and public safety

Staffing levels at our local precinct has been reduced. It is critically important to our community that patrol strength be maintained. We believe that the combination of the Corona pandemic compounded by budget cuts to the Police Department has produced a spike in crime, and a diminished police presence in our communities. With no new cadet classes scheduled this past July or October we are concerned that we will see the staffing numbers significantly drop further due to attrition. With no new classes there will be no new officers to fill in for retiring personnel. Fewer incoming police officers translates to a drop in uniform strength. We cannot allow that to happen.

Parks and open space

The Department of Parks & Recreation has received a huge cut to their budget during this Covid-19 crisis. Tree pit-related sidewalk repairs and tree maintenance have been hit especially hard leaving many unsafe conditions to linger. During our recent storm season, there were significant delays in the removal of damaged and fallen trees. Our parks, which has been a haven to residents during the pandemic, lack the resources to be properly maintained. Increased parks usage suggests a need for more Parks Enforcement officers, maintenance resources and forestry inspectors. The budgetary impacts from the pandemic has resulted in a hiring freeze; the need to maintain those critical positions is especially important right now.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Trash: The cuts made to the Department of Sanitation during the Covid-19 crisis must be restored. 311 complaints are up across the board for sanitation-related issues. Our bustling commercial corridors no longer have the maintenance resources or enforcement presence they require to keep our shopping areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents and visitors to the district. Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue), Avenue U (between Ocean Avenue and Ocean Parkway), and Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue Z and Avenue P) on any given day will have overflowing litter baskets from improper uses such as household trash and illegal dumping of construction materials as well as trash strewn along the streets. The Community Board's district office is inundated daily with complaints about these filthy and uninviting commercial corridors. We also have a serious problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B/Q train lines along East 16th Street and F train line along McDonald Avenue, as well as our service road Shore Parkway which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway between Knapp Street and Coney Island Avenue.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Infectious diseases prevention and management (COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, etc.)

Our community district includes several zip codes that have had a disturbing uptick in Covid-19 cases. We need more Covid-19 education and enforcement within our communities, especially the importance of social distancing and mask wearing. There are social gatherings going on throughout the district with an excess number of unmasked congregants. Such behaviors are putting at-risk members of our community in harm's way. We need PPE and literature distributed in multiple languages in key areas followed up by more aggressive enforcement measures where the spikes are occurring to effectively change people's behaviors.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Coney Island Hospital is presently building a new flood resistant tower with funding they received from FEMA. This new tower will make Coney Island Hospital a state-of-the-art health care facility; however, valuable time is wasted transporting critical patients to other distant trauma centers when we could be planning one for our community right now. Planning a new Level 1 Trauma Center for Coney Island Hospital at this time is imperative.

Needs for Older NYs

No comments

Needs for Homeless

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

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway, two major roadway arteries serving our district. Severely affected by Superstorm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovation and is in the process of constructing a new flood resistant tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital is on the road to becoming a state-of-the-art facility but still needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/29	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>A total of \$1,103,247 is requested for Coney Island Hospital, to include funding for a FibroScan System for GI (\$198,000), Lenstar Optical System (\$35,999), replacement existing 2D mammographic unit with Pristina 3D unit (\$497,629), Stryker Laparoscopic and Arthoscopic towers and cameras (\$199,562), and Leica Neurology Microscope (\$172,057).</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/35	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as section 8, which need better policing are over saturated and closed.</i>	

21/35	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.</i>
26/35	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Now with Covid our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older new yorkers are doing well.</i>
35/35	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Our neighborhoods fall into many of the Covid classified red zones. We find many people do not comply with wearing masks and ignore social gathering rules. We need more educational materials provided in many languages to be distributed in zip codes that are spiking to educate our residents.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Brooklyn is facing a crisis in our classrooms during this Covid-19 pandemic. Many schools are housed in older buildings that are ill-equipped to protect our students, teachers, and staff with state-of-the-art, properly functioning heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The cost and labor involved in cleaning these systems is prohibitive. Many windows are not functioning. We already suffered from issues with overcrowding and now with the new demands for smaller class sizes to address the pandemic many buildings are simply unable to produce additional classrooms. Our communities are booming with new development and people moving into the area. Our schools have not kept up with the demand. Overcrowded classrooms do not produce the best educational experiences. We need to plan for this growth and take a closer look at our local schools to see which ones need to be expanded and how we can best achieve this, so that our classrooms remain manageable and our children get the attention they need and deserve.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Brooklyn Community Board 15 has several schools in our community district that are older and ill-equipped to handle the Covid-19 pandemic to provide a safe haven for students, teachers and staff. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are antiquated, or in poor shape and too costly to clean. Many windows do not open properly. With overcrowding in several schools and now the need to reduce classroom size these buildings lack the capacity to add additional makeshift classrooms.

PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of over capacity school in our community district.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/29	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>With the Covid-19 pandemic and the severe revenue cuts New York City is facing our schools are being asked to do more with far less funding. We need to allocate sufficient funding to the DOE to purchase iPads and laptops so they may continue educating students safely at home. No child should be without the ability to attend classes remotely during this pandemic. We also need funding to provide Internet access to these students so they can use these computers safely from their homes.</i>	
14/29	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. We would appreciate funding for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/35	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>After school programs provide a constructive, safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1970 Homecrest Avenue

18/35	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1401 Emmons Avenue
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PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other

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

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the community district being almost 5 square miles in size there is an immediate need for additional police officers to provide adequate patrol coverage. The 61st Precinct is understaffed and many of our officers are pulled away and reassigned to work the seasonal tour at the 60th Precinct, or larger events throughout the City. Brooklyn Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints on how response times to low priority events, such as car break-ins or non-fatal traffic crashes have suffered. We attribute this to diminished staffing levels. Another example of a frustrating low priority event are complaints from homeowners about blocked driveways from drivers losing patience hunting for legal on-street parking. We also have vehicles that are not moved for alternate side street cleaning regulations and vehicles that are either abandoned or being sold on our streets usurping valuable parking real estate. The Police Department's Rotational Towing (Row Tow) capabilities are limited in that they have insufficient space to store vehicles. There is only one Tow Pound located across the borough in Northern Brooklyn and the time it takes to tow across the borough limits how many vehicles they can capture in a work shift. Something needs to change. Either fines need to be increased on an escalating scale as a more effective deterrent, or the capacity at the existing Tow Pound needs to be expanding with the addition of car lifts (stackers), or an entirely new tow pound facility be created in Southern Brooklyn to expand the department's holding capacity and reduce the turnaround time for Row Tow operators.

Needs for Emergency Services

All Firehouses in the community district are aging and in need of electrical upgrades among other needed improvements. These firehouses should also be outfitted with emergency back-up generators in the event of a power outage as was promised after Superstorm Sandy.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/29	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>We are requesting any additional funding necessary in the rebuilding of a EMS station in our neighboring area by Coney Island Hospital.</i>	2600-2698 East 6th Street, Brooklyn
12/29	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	
13/29	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
CS	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove. At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, back-up generator, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove. At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/35	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department including the loss of personnel from deferred new incoming cadet classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadet classes, as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement, we lack the means to replace them even with far less experienced police officers. Our patrol force will be reduced to newly low numbers, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/35	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
9/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd

10/35	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>	
14/35	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	
15/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
27/35	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24.00 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Water pollution control

Brooklyn Community Board 15 is a waterfront community and has two major waterways which have been severely impacted by run-off from the Coney Island Waste Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street. The system has suffered some major breakdowns this year, releasing a horrible stench into the air that lingered for weeks. Our main concern is how run-off from this plant negatively impacts both Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay. During and after Superstorm Sandy electricity was cut off from this facility stopping any safeguards that were in place to prevent run-off. The resulting amount of untreated sewage and stormwater released from our overflowing sewer system has never been fully addressed. We are still feeling its affects. The stench of both Gerritsen Creek (located on Knapp Street across from the plant) and the Sheepshead Bay Outfall on Ocean Avenue and Emmons Avenue, during high tides is unbearable. We do not know what we are being exposed to. An environmental study should be conducted on these bodies of water, and work should be done to restore these once thriving waterways to safely enjoy for recreation. Many of our storm drains are heavily impacted with sludge or are backed up with debris having never been properly cleaned; they do not flow the way they were designed to operate, causing major flooding on our roadways. These aging storm sewers are incapable of handling these volumes of heavy rainfall and often back up causing flooding on our streets. This is most evident along our low-lying areas Shore Boulevard in Manhattan Beach between Ocean Avenue and Irwin Street and all along Gerritsen Avenue in Gerritsen Beach and along many of the streets in the old section of Gerritsen Beach.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

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

Needs for Sanitation Services

Our main concern is that our Department of Sanitation's Brooklyn 15 garage has been operating out of a temporary location on Knapp Street in trailers for over a decade. Recently, we have learned that the secondary lot used by Sanitation for equipment storage has been reclaimed by the Department of Environmental Protection who owns the land because of an emergency. We would like to see either our Sanitation forces and equipment permanently housed in our district or a proposed joint Sanitation garage for Community Board 13 and 15 expeditiously come together.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/29	DSNY	Maintain replacement cycle for trucks and equipment	<i>Brooklyn Sanitation 15 needs to replace their diesel dispenser and replace their oil/water separator.</i>	2501 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
18/29	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street
26/29	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Sanitation 15 requires a 4x4 truck for the efficient deployment of personnel, to effectively assess snow conditions in the district, and for other terrain-specific uses.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/35	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventoes throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Superstorm Sandy and these back-flow preventers would prevent such back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue) going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.</i>	

6/35	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	Shore Boulevard Pembroke Street West End Avenue
7/35	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source is a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy.</i>	
12/35	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Additional manpower is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Nostrand Avenue
23/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue U
28/35	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
31/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	

32/35	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Shore Parkway
33/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Coney Island Avenue
34/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street East 14th Street

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Affordable housing preservation

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

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

Needs for Land Use

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

Needs for Housing

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

Needs for Economic Development

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents skyrocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused not enticing new business or attracting new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed. Small businesses have been shown to be the backbone of a local community's economy. They are worthy of our support.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/29	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/35	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	
16/35	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	<i>Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused not enticing new business or attracting new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.</i>	

19/35	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V
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TRANSPORTATION

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

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

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The old section of Gerritsen Beach is plagued with flooding, even after a minor rainfall event. Streets must be resurfaced and proper drainage provided. The Department of Transportation must assign an additional speed hump installation crew to expedite backlogged installation of speed humps. Approved speed humps must be installed within a matter of months, not years.

Needs for Transit Services

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

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/29	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>The bulkheads along Manhattan Beach between Corbin Place and Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community from bulkhead failures.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
21/29	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</i>	
27/29	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>We would like to see the addition of solar-powered street lights and traffic signals throughout our community district as a resiliency measure in the event of future storm-related outages.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Bartlett Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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11/35	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>
20/35	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

The most complaints we receive are related to City trees. We need funding for additional staff in the Forestry Division to enhance pruning, replanting and stump removal capacities. Waiting times have tremendously increased in tree maintenance throughout the community district.

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

Needs for Parks

Brooklyn Community Board 15's parks are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. The Department of Parks & Recreation needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs our parks require on a daily basis, whether it is trimming the weeds, pruning the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition, when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, comfort stations need to be made a priority, not an afterthought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court between East 12th Street and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well-utilized popular park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be provided. Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, is in a rather remote area. A comfort station must be included. Bill Brown Park on Bedford Avenue by Avenue X to Avenue Y has its park building upgrade in limbo for several years due to the contractor defaulting; however, its the residents who suffer and call our office to complain they need the comfort station replaced as soon as possible. McDonald Park located at McDonald Avenue and Avenue S is in need of having its main ballfield repaired.

Needs for Cultural Services

Our community is vibrant and alive yet we are lacking in the arts. Our children need to travel to other communities to enjoy the fine arts. Traveling art shows would enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host arts, cultural, recreational and educational events such as science fairs which would allow our youth to experience hands-on projects.

Needs for Library Services

Our community has seen an increase in library use whether for reading or for the many programs these libraries offer. Our Brooklyn Public Library facilities provide much needed civic, cultural and education spaces within our communities. Many children attend the after school programs offered and seniors avail themselves to the many senior programs available. In recent times library access has become more important than ever before.

Needs for Community Boards

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

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/29	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Mellet Park is in need of an overall drainage repair. Ponding is major problem in this park, leaving murky water dangerously lingering around the area where children play.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/29	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Emmons Avenue
9/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	Williams Court
10/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd
15/29	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
16/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is need of total reconstruction and upgrades to its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street
17/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of Astroturf in the main ballfield with running and walking paths. Basketball courts, handball and tennis courts all need resurfacing.</i>	McDonald Avenue and Avenue S

19/29	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
20/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park need its baseball field rehabilitated.</i>	Falmouth Street and Oriental
22/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Kings Bay Library - Safety & Security Enhancements \$250,000, Exterior & Windows \$1,800,000., and Heating & Cooling \$3,000,00.</i>	3650 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
23/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Gravesend Library needs: Safety and Security Enhancements \$200,000, interior renovation \$2,000, 000, initial outfitting / FF &E 500,000, Heating and Cooling 2,000,000.</i>	303 Avenue X
24/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Homecrest Library needs are as follows, Leased Branch, \$3,000,000.00, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Heating and Cooling, \$2,000,000. and a roof \$850,000.</i>	2525 Coney Island Avenue
25/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Sheepshead Bay Leased Branch, \$2,000,000, ADA Compliance - entire branch \$1,000,000, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Exterior work \$750,000, Site Drainage \$400,000, Interior Renovation, \$3,000,000., Initial Outfitting FF/& E \$600,000., Heating and Cooling \$2,000,000 and a Roof \$850,000.</i>	2636 East 14th Street
28/29	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd
29/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The Manhattan Beach Bathhouse harks back to the days of yesteryear. Yet it sits there a shell of itself, an empty relic of a time gone by. The community would love to see it restored, and once again, providing changing facilities, showers and lockers for the beach-going community.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Falmouth Stree

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/35	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.</i>	
13/35	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	
22/35	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, loud music and noise complaints emanating from the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
24/35	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
25/35	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.</i>	Coney Island Avenue
29/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
30/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway, two major roadway arteries serving our district. Severely affected by Superstorm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovation and is in the process of constructing a new flood resistant tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital is on the road to becoming a state-of-the-art facility but still needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
2/29	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>We are requesting any additional funding necessary in the rebuilding of a EMS station in our neighboring area by Coney Island Hospital.</i>	2600-2698 East 6th Street, Brooklyn
3/29	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>A total of \$1,103,247 is requested for Coney Island Hospital, to include funding for a FibroScan System for GI (\$198,000), Lenstar Optical System (\$35,999), replacement existing 2D mammographic unit with Pristina 3D unit (\$497,629), Stryker Laparoscopic and Arthoscopic towers and cameras (\$199,562), and Leica Neurology Microscope (\$172,057).</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
4/29	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>With the Covid-19 pandemic and the severe revenue cuts New York City is facing our schools are being asked to do more with far less funding. We need to allocate sufficient funding to the DOE to purchase iPads and laptops so they may continue educating students safely at home. No child should be without the ability to attend classes remotely during this pandemic. We also need funding to provide Internet access to these students so they can use these computers safely from their homes.</i>	

5/29	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	
6/29	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Mellet Park is in need of an overall drainage repair. Ponding is major problem in this park, leaving murky water dangerously lingering around the area where children play.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
7/29	DSNY	Maintain replacement cycle for trucks and equipment	<i>Brooklyn Sanitation 15 needs to replace their diesel dispenser and replace their oil/water separator.</i>	2501 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/29	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Emmons Avenue
9/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	Williams Court
10/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd

11/29	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>The bulkheads along Manhattan Beach between Corbin Place and Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community from bulkhead failures.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
12/29	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	
13/29	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
14/29	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. We would appreciate funding for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
15/29	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
16/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is need of total reconstruction and upgrades to its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street

17/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of Astroturf in the main ballfield with running and walking paths. Basketball courts, handball and tennis courts all need resurfacing.</i>	McDonald Avenue and Avenue S
18/29	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street
19/29	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
20/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park need its baseball field rehabilitated.</i>	Falmouth Street and Oriental
21/29	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</i>	
22/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Kings Bay Library - Safety & Security Enhancements \$250,000, Exterior & Windows \$1,800,000., and Heating & Cooling \$3,000,00.</i>	3650 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
23/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Gravesend Library needs: Safety and Security Enhancements \$200,000, interior renovation \$2,000, 000, initial outfitting / FF &E 500,000, Heating and Cooling 2,000,000.</i>	303 Avenue X
24/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Homecrest Library needs are as follows, Leased Branch, \$3,000,000.00, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Heating and Cooling, \$2,000,000. and a roof \$850,000.</i>	2525 Coney Island Avenue

25/29	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Sheepshead Bay Leased Branch, \$2,000,000, ADA Compliance - entire branch \$1,000,000, Safety & Security Enhancements 200,000, Exterior work \$750,000, Site Drainage \$400,000, Interior Renovation, \$3,000,000., Initial Outfitting FF/& E \$600,000., Heating and Cooling \$2,000,000 and a Roof \$850,000.</i>	2636 East 14th Street
26/29	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Sanitation 15 requires a 4x4 truck for the efficient deployment of personnel, to effectively assess snow conditions in the district, and for other terrain-specific uses.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
27/29	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>We would like to see the addition of solar-powered street lights and traffic signals throughout our community district as a resiliency measure in the event of future storm-related outages.</i>	
28/29	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd
29/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The Manhattan Beach Bathhouse harks back to the days of yesteryear. Yet it sits there a shell of itself, an empty relic of a time gone by. The community would love to see it restored, and once again, providing changing facilities, showers and lockers for the beach-going community.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Falmouth Stree
CS	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove. At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, back-up generator, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove. At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	

CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Bartlett Avenue

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/35	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department including the loss of personnel from deferred new incoming cadet classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadet classes, as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement, we lack the means to replace them even with far less experienced police officers. Our patrol force will be reduced to newly low numbers, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/35	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/35	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as section 8, which need better policing are over saturated and closed.</i>	
4/35	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	

5/35	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventoes throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Superstorm Sandy and these back-flow preventers would prevent such back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue) going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.</i>	
6/35	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	Shore Boulevard Pembroke Street West End Avenue
7/35	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source is a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy.</i>	
8/35	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.</i>	

9/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd
10/35	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>	
11/35	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>	

12/35	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Additional manpower is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Nostrand Avenue
13/35	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	
14/35	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	
15/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
16/35	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	<i>Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents skyrocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused not enticing new business or attracting new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.</i>	
17/35	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>After school programs provide a constructive, safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1970 Homecrest Avenue
18/35	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	1401 Emmons Avenue

19/35	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V
20/35	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	
21/35	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.</i>	
22/35	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, loud music and noise complaints emanating from the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue

23/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue U
24/35	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
25/35	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.</i>	Coney Island Avenue
26/35	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Now with Covid our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older new yorkers are doing well.</i>	
27/35	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24.00 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.</i>	
28/35	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
29/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
30/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	

31/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
32/35	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Shore Parkway
33/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Coney Island Avenue
34/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street East 14th Street
35/35	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Our neighborhoods fall into many of the Covid classified red zones. We find many people do not comply with wearing masks and ignore social gathering rules. We need more educational materials provided in many languages to be distributed in zip codes that are spiking to educate our residents.</i>	