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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) 2023. 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, 2021.

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 FY23 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 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 10

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	124,491	100.00	136,071	100.00	11,580	9.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	24,276	19.5	27,530	20.2	3,254	13.4	0.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	124,491	100.0	136,071	100.0	11,580	9.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	17,868	14.4	23,233	17.1	5,365	30.0	2.7
White non-Hispanic	76,537	61.5	69,293	50.9	-7,244	-9.5	-10.6
Black non-Hispanic	1,757	1.4	2,356	1.7	599	34.1	0.3
Asian non-Hispanic	25,743	20.7	36,619	26.9	10,876	42.2	6.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	449	0.4	1,039	0.8	590	131.4	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,137	1.7	3,531	2.6	1,394	65.2	0.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	57,750	100.0	55,768	100.0	-1,982	-3.4	0.0
Occupied housing units	51,035	88.4	52,460	94.1	1,425	2.8	5.7
Vacant housing units	6,715	11.6	3,308	5.9	-3,407	-50.7	-5.7

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community District Ten encompasses the three neighborhoods of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Fort Hamilton. The geographic boundaries of Brooklyn Community District Ten are the waters of the Verrazzano-Narrows/Upper New York Bay to the North, the L.I.R.R. and MTA railroad head from the shoreline at 65th Street eastward to 62nd Street, merging with the District's eastern border at 14th Avenue. Community District Ten is 77% residential, 16% park land, 3% manufacturing, and almost 2% commercial.

Land in the District is mostly taken up by these five categories - one- and two-family homes (33.3%), open spaces/outdoor recreation (29.94%), public facilities/institutions (14.11%), multifamily walk-ups (9.04%), and mixed residential and commercial area (5.04%). Community District Ten has 352.51 acres of parkland spread across 17 parks. Parks within the District provide a multitude of diversified athletic and passive recreational facilities to residents and visitors throughout the year.

The decennial census and the American Community Survey (ACS) are the primary resources for demographic data. The 2020 decennial census reports an increase in population in 2020 for Community District 10 at 136,071 compared to 124,491 in 2010. The NYC Department of Health's Community District Profile report lists Community District Ten's population in 2018 as 142,075. Both reflect increases over the decade at 9.3% and 12 % respectively. The Department of City Planning breakdown of the latest decennial census reports the following: 50.9% of the population is white non-Hispanic (- 9.5%), 26.9% is Asian (+ 42.2%), 17% is Hispanic (+ 30%), 1.7% is Black (+ 34.1%), and the remaining 3% identifies as "Other."

According to the decennial census, Community Board Ten's population is comprised of 20.2% individuals under the age of 18, an increase of 13.4 %. This growth will certainly impact the over-capacity schools within Community District Ten. There are currently 16 public schools serving students in K through 12th grade located within the boundaries of Community District Ten. Community District 10 is wholly located within Community School District 20 which is the most overcrowded school district in the City of New York according to the Department of Education's latest Enrollment and Capacity Utilization report which can be found online at <https://data.cccnewyork.org/data/map/76/school-utilization-and-overcrowding#76/243/5/118/62/a/a>.

Additionally, there are four new schools under construction by the New York City School Construction Authority. The first, is a 592 seat Middle School located at 650 86th Street. The second, is a 322 seat Pre-K through 5th grade school that will be located at 6740 3 Avenue. The third, is a 676-seat primary school to be located at 6301 12th Avenue. The fourth is 8802 5th Avenue, a 572 seat primary school. The members of Community Board 10 continue to advocate for additional school crossing guards. Currently due to staffing shortages, there are six crossing guard positions open. The 68th Precinct is provided an allotment of 34 in FY 2022 and we continue to advocate for an additional six to raise the total allotment assigned to the 68th Precinct to 40 school crossing guards.

Community District 10 is also comprised of 15.13% individuals over the age of 65. The Profile of Older New Yorkers authored by the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) is a comprehensive resource of information by Community District, borough, and citywide levels. Community District 10 ranks third in the Borough of Brooklyn with 21.20% of its total population over the age of 60. Community Board 10 continues to advocate for senior needs and is a proud member of the Bay Ridge Age Friendly Committee.

A recent report authored by Jack Storey, Community Board 10 fellow, analyzed soft sites and development potential in Community District 10 in a report presented to the Zoning and Land Use Committee. The report noted that most Community District 10 residents are renters as 61 percent of the district's housing units are in multi-family structures. 87.6% of Community District 10 housing units were built before 1970. There are 1.062 parcels with at least 50% development potential and 71 sites with high development potential in higher density zones. This analysis pointed out two areas for future development including the area around the 86th Street C8 triangle and the 65th Street corridor. The 65th Street corridor was studied in 2020-2021 and the C8 triangle will be reviewed by a future planning fellow with the Fund for the City of NY fellowship program.

Community District Ten is also home to several commercial overlay areas within the residential districts including, but not limited to, Fort Hamilton Parkway, Bay Ridge Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, 5th Avenue, 11th Avenue, 13th Avenue and 86th Street. There are two Business Improvement Districts, nearly 200 New York State Liquor Authority licensed eating and drinking establishments, a variety of retail and service businesses.

The pre-pandemic commercial vacancy rate in Bay Ridge's 1142 storefronts was approximately 6 %. The 86th Street BID reported a pre-pandemic vacancy rate of about 8 percent. The post pandemic economy remains uncertain. In the last year several large chain stores permanently shuttered including Century 21 Department Stores, Jennifer Convertibles, TJ Maxx, Modell's and NY and Company leaving a large retail void and an opportunity for future development. The short-term economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic within Community District 10 are significant and it remains too soon to project future financial implications to the local economy.

The visible impact of empty storefronts on the commercial corridors especially along the 86th Street Business Improvement District are disconcerting to the public. The 5th Avenue and 86th Street BIDs are working together to help many of our small businesses adapt to digital forums, provide advice on marketing strategies, and offer direction to a variety of struggling businesses to assist them in applying for government loans and grants offered during this unprecedented time.

The 5th Avenue BID was awarded an Avenue NYC Commercial Revitalization Grant which included a Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA). Although all data pertaining to the CDNA was compiled prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, its data will be helpful to assist local businesses during the economic recovery. The CDNA within Community District 10 includes an analysis of the storefront and retail mix, door to door merchant surveys, consumer and shopper surveys, and an in-depth inventory of streetscape conditions that affect the local retail experience. The CDNA report is a must read. Its key findings and opportunities stress the vast business opportunities within CD10. Its strengths include the neighborhood's diversity and cultural assets to market the district to residents, visitors and entrepreneurs, abundant dining options, wide array of transit options, small town feeling as well as an active and growing arts community. The challenges include minimal online presence as many businesses are unfamiliar with digital marketing tools, changing consumer demographics and tastes, improper disposal and unsatisfactory trash management, as well as road congestion, vehicle speeds and insufficient parking which can turn away shoppers who travel by private vehicle.

The Open Restaurant and Open Streets Programs were made permanent in 2021 following laws enacted by the New York City Council. Community Board 10 Brooklyn reviewed two citywide text amendments certified during the summer of 2021 including the Open Restaurant Text Amendment as well as the Health and Fitness Text Amendment which will impact land use in Community District 10.

Community Boards transitioned to remote forums during the Governor's Covid-19 Pandemic Executive Order. The remote meeting software improved civic engagement for many residents and improved attendance at general meetings and public hearings. The Open Meetings Law was briefly lifted in September and soon changed following appeals by Community Boards unable to find meeting venues due to concerns about the rising Delta Variant. In a Special Session, NY Governor Kathy Hochul extended the Open Meeting Law suspension through January 2022. Community Board Ten is planning to transition to hybrid meetings to improve accessibility for all. Community Boards have small District Office staffs and only one citywide staff member assigned to assist the technical needs of 59 Community Boards from the New York City Department of Information and Technology.

The Community Board conducted its annual outreach and public hearing via Zoom with a livestream to its YouTube channel to rank the Capital and Expense Priorities for consideration to respective city agencies for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023 budget. The priorities are listed by agency in this report.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 10

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)

Top 3 Pressing Needs Land Use Trends (Impact of Illegal Conversions/ Citywide Health and Fitness and Open Restaurants Text Amendments) The illegal conversions of one/two family homes continue to be a pressing issue within the District. The Department of Buildings defines illegal conversion as an alteration or modification of an existing building to create an additional housing unit without first obtaining approval from the New York City Department of Buildings. Illegal housing conversions create substandard, overcrowded or even dangerous housing situations. It is important to analyze how illegal housing conversions impact the district. Renewed calls for the city to enforce illegal home conversions typically happens following tragic events caused by fire consuming a building that is sadly more likely when illegal gas, electric and plumbing lines are installed. Recently, in New York City 11 people were tragically killed in illegal basement apartments during Hurricane Ida. Heavy rains deluged the city's wastewater infrastructure creating sewer backups, street flooding and water surges that trapped many in illegally converted basements with no second means of egress. While none of the deaths occurred in Community District 10, the number of illegal conversions – substandard housing within the district remains a top concern. A recent study by a Community Ten fellow highlighted the social complexity of this issue. For some, the availability of SROs, basement apartments or shared living spaces could be a benefit due to an inability to find affordable housing. These alterations can take the form of attic apartments, basement apartments or the creation of individually rented rooms that share kitchen and bathroom facilities. Sub-standard, and unsafe housing conditions are not acceptable and should never be a substitute for safe affordable housing. A five-year review of illegal conversion reporting via 311 reflects a steady number of service requests to the New York City Department of Buildings for illegal conversion inspections in Community District 10. According to NYC Open Data, there were 425 service requests made in 2015, 567 service requests made in 2016, 563 service requests made in 2017, 516 service requests made in 2018 and 594 services requests filed in 2019 and 345 in 2020 concerning the illegal conversion of residential and commercial buildings and/or spaces. The amount of complaints made about illegal curb cuts, driveways, and carports increased by 149% from 2016 to 2020. Additionally, there has been an increase in illegal curb cuts, construction without building permits and building code violations. In order to be responsive to these service requests, it is crucial for the district to have more building inspectors to regulate and enforce zoning resolution and NYC building code. The paving over of green space in front yards to create unpermitted parking pads or concrete gardens is a growing resiliency concern. Maximizing rainwater absorption is key to storm water management. There is currently no permit required for homeowners to pave over their front gardens via the New York City Department of Buildings although there is clearly a Streetscape Text Amendment included in the New York City Zoning Resolution. Community Board Ten has requested this be changed and will renew efforts to request a DOB permit be filed that would impact front yard green spaces and request enforcement at locations reported that may violate the Streetscape Text Amendment. This will certainly aid in rainwater absorption and lessen burden on storm drains and catch basins. There is a broad citywide initiative to better manage storm water and this must be part of that effort. Recently, two text amendments were presented to Community Boards citywide with very short notice. The first, is the Health and Fitness Text Amendment. The second is the Open Restaurant Text Amendment. Both will certainly impact land use trends locally and citywide. Community Board Ten overwhelming voted to oppose each proposal. The Health and Fitness Text Amendment was designed to remove regulatory burdens associated with the BSA special permit requirement in place for gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapy studios. We disagree that the Special Permit is no longer needed. Over the years, the Special Permit has been helpful to bring businesses and community together to address some specific concerns related to crime, noise, and other quality of life concerns. The Open Restaurant Text Amendment was proposed by the Department of City Planning to clear the path for a new Department of Transportation "open restaurant program". There are many sections within the Zoning Resolution that address and define where sidewalk cafes both enclosed and unenclosed operate. DCP seeks to remove those sections and reassign jurisdiction for sidewalk cafes to the Department of Transportation. In addition, roadway seating that is now permitted by DOT without community input will be included in the program. While

Board Members supported the emergency Open Restaurant program extension through 2022, they also strongly felt that to completely dispose of current zoning regulations in order to usher in wide-sweeping “Open Restaurants plan” without a publicly reviewed replacement is a reckless move and will impact land use in Community District 10 and citywide.

Parks and open space

PARKS - With 16% of its land dedicated to parks, Community Board Ten prioritizes the maintenance of its parkland in both its Capital and Expense priorities each year. Community Board Ten is home to the following parks: Shore Road Park, Dyker Beach Park, John J. Carty Park, Russel Pederson Park, Owls Head Park, McKinley Park, Leif Ericson Park, and John Paul Jones Park. Many of Community Board Ten’s parks need refurbishment and renovation. While there are a number of city council funded parks capital projects currently in the design/construction phase, many necessary projects remain unfunded including projects related to interior and exterior deteriorated or crumbling pathways. This includes the Shore Road Promenade bicycle path and pedestrian walkway. Issues related to parks include, but are not limited to, lack of tree pruning and maintenance, lack of parks personnel, and outdated, worn play equipment. There are 27 capital budget priorities specific to Parks that were identified within Community Board Ten. In October 2021, CB10 Parks Committee invited NYC Parks Department officials to discuss Parks needs in the district. At this meeting, members listened to updates for upcoming capital improvement projects and discussed both capital and expense needs. The dialogue revealed a great need for substantial capital investments to repair and refurbish aging equipment, infrastructure and facilities. Routine maintenance needs were highlighted by local park volunteers in attendance. Maintenance requests are often delayed due to insufficient personnel or equipment failure. There is only one gardener serving parks in Community District 10. Service requests from 311 via NYC Open Data show an increase in requests related to tree pruning, dead trees and deterioration of conditions around park paths. Also, service requests about playgrounds stress the need for additional grounds crews and equipment to maintain our beautiful parks. It was also noted by local park volunteers and Board Members that great capital investments made to refurbish local playgrounds must include ongoing maintenance funds. Forestry complaints continue to rank among the highest 311 service delivery calls in the district. Tree pruning request calls to 311 for overgrown or dead branches in FY 22 year to date total 228, compared to a total of 397 in FY 21 and 381 in FY 20. The data for damaged tree calls shows that there was a significant increase in FY 21 with 1,058 logged services requests compared to 391 in FY 20. The uptick in FY 21 was caused by a spike in calls between August 4th and August 14th following Tropical Storm Isaias when there were 677 calls within an eleven-day period for damaged trees including branches, limbs or entire trees that had fallen down. Residents are also frustrated by the increase in response time to forestry service requests. New tree requests are on significant backlog due to COVID-19. In June of 2021 a local resident shared his 311-response to a new tree request which stated that the NYC Parks Department would respond to his request for a new tree in 720 days. NYC Open Data showed nearly 400 in progress new street tree requests in Community District 10 from January 2020 through June 2021. All of NYC Parks current tree maintenance is based on risk management assessment and work is prioritized based on the likelihood of tree failure, impact, and consequences of impact. For example, a mid-size tree branch that is hanging from a tree that is deemed by a forester upon inspection as not likely to cause significant damage will generate a work order that may take up to 180 days to complete. Community District 10 residents are frustrated by the duration of time it takes for tree service requests to be completed.

Senior services

SENIOR SERVICES Community Board Ten’s population is comprised of 15% individuals over the age of 65. Programs such as Meals on Wheels and the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are needed to accommodate the District’s growing senior population. There are currently three centers that serve seniors within Community Board Ten, Bay Ridge Center, Fort Hamilton Senior Recreation Center and Shore Hill Neighborhood Center. Catholic Charities and Reaching Out Community Services all service residents in Community District 10 to assist with applications to determine eligibility for Meals on Wheels Program. The Bay Ridge Center, has been an anchor for the local senior community for more than 40 years. It provides both congregate meals and meal delivery within Community District 10. The number of home delivered meals increased by 100 to 800 meals per day up post Covid-19. Additional funds were provided for food delivery during and post pandemic. Projected increases to the senior population within Community District 10 indicate a need for further support for programming. Additional programs/facilities suited to address the needs of the growing population of seniors require funding. Bay Ridge

Connects is an outgrowth of the Bay Ridge Center. This storefront location is a newly renovated space to help address the needs of seniors including the digital divide. The center is set up with state of the art technology and training for those in need. The goal of Bay Ridge connects is to be an inclusive and welcoming space to the serve a growing and more diverse aging senior population. It is currently funded by both New York State and NYC Departments for the Aging and its services are greatly needed. Affordable senior housing has been a top request of many long-time residents in Community Board Ten for many years. A growing number of seniors who have rented in the same building for decades are being displaced by a spike in sales of one- and two-family homes. Many of these seniors cannot afford the market rate value of apartments in the District and often seek assistance from the Community Board District Office. The Bay Ridge Age Friendly Committee is a committee associated with the Community Board Ten office that meets monthly to identify initiatives for seniors and considers how best to serve and benefit the growing senior population in Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights and Fort Hamilton. In 2021/22 Bay Ridge Center Fellow will be working with Community Board 10 to identify senior safety needs by conducting several virtual and in person surveys. As we move out of the pandemic, seniors are slowly feeling more comfortable in socially distanced congregate settings. Seniors were particularly vulnerable to this virus and thankfully many were able to turn to online platforms to stay socially connected. The Bay Ridge Center created a virtual Bay Ridge Village. Bay Ridge Village is a secure, welcoming membership community designed to help older adults in the Bay Ridge area stay connected and share resources. Sadly, a large number of the older adult population in Community District 10 face a digital divide. Therefore, advocates continue to request technology classes, access to computer equipment and wi-fi connectivity. The Bay Ridge Age Friendly Committee hopes to review the NYC Department of Health Community Profile that identified 1,876 reported fall related hospitalizations in Community District 10 which is significantly higher than the Brooklyn and New York City averages. Falls are very often preventable for seniors. Community Board Ten's Senior Issues, Housing, Health and Welfare Committee continues to advocate for a state of the art, new, multi-purpose senior center to meet the changing needs of the local senior population as well as affordable senior housing and all funding that supports the needs of seniors within the District.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 10

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)

Community Board Ten's population is comprised of 15.3% individuals over the age of 65. Members of Community Board Ten continue advocating for community based funding for necessary services to help our senior population age in place. Programs such as Meals on Wheels and the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are needed to accommodate the District's growing senior population. There are currently three senior centers within Community Board Ten (i.e. Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults, Shore Hill Neighborhood Center and Fort Hamilton Senior Recreation Center). The Bay Ridge Center is one of two Meals on Wheels service providers servicing Community Board Ten. The Covid-19 pandemic expanded the need to provide seniors with home delivered meals following the Stay At Home order. The Bay Ridge Center now serves 600 home delivered meals daily. The number of senior residing in the Dyker Heights section of the district is also growing. Many attend senior centers in neighboring communities. Some of the lessons learned during the pandemic include the need for expanded technology services to assist seniors with new virtual platforms. Many of our seniors do not have wi-fi or desk top computers which have been most helpful in participating in digital platforms. The Bay Ridge Center has created a loan and training program on tablets and is expanding its outreach via its Bay Ridge Connects storefront office.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Geographically, there are two hospitals within a mile of Community District 10 boundaries. They include Maimonides Medical Center and NYU Langone Hospital. Both hospitals serve the needs of CD10 residents. Both hospital administrations work proactively to provide community outreach to educate and share information about healthcare and preventative services. In addition, the Brooklyn Campus of the Veterans Affairs NY Harbor Healthcare System, run by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is located within Community District 10 at 800 Poly Place. This location serves veterans from within and beyond Community District 10.

Healthcare is important to all but notably to our aging senior population. The most recent New York City Department of Health Profile 2018 reports there has been a notable increase in the number of fall related hospitalizations in older adults. There were 1876 in Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights as compared to 1526 per 100,000 Borough-wide and 1604 per 100,000 for New York City. Avoidable hospitalizations among adults in Bay Ridge/Dyker Heights were 798 as compared to all of Brooklyn where there were 1,420 and in New York City there were 1,033. The overdose death rate in the Bensonhurst-Bay Ridge area is 20.9 of 100,000; the second highest in all of Brooklyn. Continued support is needed for opioid awareness, education and related services. Community Board Ten advocates for Narcan training for the general public. Narcan is a lifesaving drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose if administered in time. In addition, The Resource Training Center located within Community District 10 provides much needed drug/addiction counseling and treatment referral services.

It is important that the impacts of Covid-19 relative to hospital capacity serving the needs of residents in Community District 10 be evaluated. Both NYU Langone Hospital and Maimonides Medical Center were able to create outdoor triage areas and increase much needed patient capacity during the height of the pandemic. In 2021, Maimonides Medical Center acquired the former Victory Memorial Hospital location (closed in 2007) and will construct a much-needed new Emergency Room that is projected to open sometime in 2022. Hopefully, this new facility will address emergency room overcrowding currently experienced at our two nearby hospitals.

Needs for Older NYs

Seniors are a very diversified group. The following outlines seniors within four distinct categories including: 1. Newly retired seniors who are active and still working and/or volunteering. 2. The established and healthy older person who is fully enjoying retirement and interested in leisure activities. 3. The “aging in place” elder in need of care service and support to remain independent. 4. The home bound and impaired elderly individual in need of daily home and personal care services. Community Board Ten recognizes the diverse needs of the elderly population which spans several subgroups. The Bay Ridge Age Friendly Committee and the Bay Ridge Center provide services to these four main senior groups in Community Board Ten. Shore Hill Senior Group, Fort Hamilton Senior Center and many friendship groups serve the needs of local seniors. The Bay Ridge Age Friendly Committee continues to meet regularly to identify initiatives for seniors and consider how best to serve and benefit the growing senior population of Bay Ridge. During the pandemic, the Bay Ridge Center and Bay Ridge Connects provided virtual meetings and services for local seniors. In addition, BRC received a grant to assist with vaccine distribution. Community Board Ten is working alongside the Bay Ridge Center and local business leaders to assist with the expansion of Age Friendly NYC goals by reaching out to city government agencies involved in the Age Friendly effort. At the District Office of Community Board Ten, residents continue to request and advocate for the development of affordable senior housing in the District. Many seniors are displaced when unregulated buildings they have lived in for decades are sold and unable to find affordable rents in their community. Community Board Ten’s Senior Issues and Housing, Health and Welfare Committee will continue to advocate for multi-purpose senior centers to meet the changing needs of the senior population. Community Board 10 members will also continue to advocate for funding that supports the needs of seniors within the District.

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/36	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Capital Funding for the relocation of Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults Senior Center. The Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults is in need of a new ADA compliant senior center for the over 1,000 seniors who attend and receive a multitude of services provided by the center. Its current location is not adequate for its service delivery needs. The senior population is Community District 10 ranks 3rd in New York City with 15 percent of its population age 65 or older.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/21	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Increased funding Home Delivered Meal Capacity in Community District 10 – the number of seniors receiving home delivered meals continues to rise in Community District 10. Currently Bay Ridge Center serves 600 homebound seniors with a minimal waiting list. The senior population in CD10 continues to grow</i>	
9/21	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase Department of Health staffing for rodent inspections and baiting services increased staffing levels for inspection and baiting services for rodent control. During the height of the pandemic, the Department of Health suspended all rodent abatement inspections and baiting. As a result, CD10 experienced a sharp increase of rat sightings and infestations, no longer limited to vacant lots along highways, etc. as in the past. Rat infestations are now reported along large sections of residential blocks, and on commercial strips.</i>	
15/21	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Reduce mosquito populations – funding for mosquito control – areas of high mosquito concentration to curtail spread of West Nile Virus.</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 10

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Community School District 20 which serves the entire Community Board Ten area, is the most overcrowded school district in all of New York City. The School Utilization rate in District 20 is 125.9% according to most recent reporting provided by the Citizens' Committee for Children with data taken from School Construction Authority Enrollment, Capacity and Utilization Report. There are currently 37,848 students enrolled in School District 20. There are four new schools under construction by the New York City School Construction Authority within Community District 10. The first is a 592 seat Middle School located at 650 86th Street. The second is a 322 seat Pre-K through 5th grade school that will be located at 6740 3 Avenue. The third is a 676-seat primary school to be located at 6301 12th Avenue. The fourth will be constructed at 8802 5th Avenue - 572 primary school seat facility. At our most recent meeting held on April 8, 2021, School Construction Authority officials stated that the biggest need for school seats remains for primary schools with a current deficit of approximately 4,000 seats.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs Fort Hamilton High School located within Community District 10 is the 2nd most overcrowded high school in New York City. During the 2019/20 School year it operated at nearly double capacity with a 193% target utilization. Fort Hamilton High School during this time period had a total enrollment of 4,657 students; however the target cap was 2,419 students.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
36/36	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>Youth Center - Bay Ridge Community Development Center – 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway – capital funds needed for new community center offering youth programs.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 10

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Residential Noise and Commercial Noise saw sharp increases in reported 311 service requests. In fact, Community District 10's Top 10 Complaint Types for FY 2021 saw Noise residential service requests rank #3 and Noise Commercial service requests rank #10. In FY 20 there were 332 service requests for commercial noise versus 1,000 service requests in FY 21 - a 201.20% increase. Residential noise saw increase from 1,900 service requests in FY20 versus 2,700 in FY21- or a 42.11% increase. Much of the increase in the commercial noise is directly related to nightlife establishments participating in the Open Restaurant program with expanded outdoor dining, loud music, outdoor televisions and other amplified sound systems.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Community District 10 completed an analysis of NYPD Data FY 2020 vs FY 2021. The data reviewed was found in both NYC Open Data and the NYPD District Resource Statements ending in both FY 20 and FY 2021. In FY 2020 there were 212 felony arrests as compared to 171 in FY 2021. Major Felony Crime is comprised of the leading crime indicators reviewed at Compstat and include Murder, Rape, Robbery, Felony Assault, Burglary, Grand Larceny and Grand Larceny from Auto. In FY 2020 there were 820 total crimes reported as compared to 781 in FY 2021.

COVID-19 New York On Pause Order may have impacted the number of vehicle collisions and aided reports. The number of vehicle collisions were 2,303 in FY 2020 as compared to 1,487 in FY 2021. Aided Reports amounted to 1787 in FY 2020 as compared to 1587 in FY 2021. Crimes in Progress dispatch times also decreased from 2.44 minutes in FY 2020 to 1.99 minutes in FY 2021.

Community Board Ten members advocate for additional uniform personnel and civilian staff at the 68 Precinct. Further, traffic enforcement and school crossing guards are included in our priority lists for FY 2023 to achieve Vision Zero safety objectives within Community District 10. It is important to note that the current allotment for School Crossing Guards remains at 34, however, there are 6 vacancies at the present time. In addition, four new schools are set to be open for the September 2023 school year which will require an increase to the current allocation of school crossing guards.

Needs for Emergency Services

FDNY Battalions 40 and 42 Service Community District 10. Community Board Ten reviewed data provided during budget consultations, FDNY District Resource Statements and other communication on fire activity within the district. There was a significant five-alarm fire at 1330 74 Street on September 12, 2020 injuring a dozen firefighters. 220 firefighters worked through the night. This was a stark reminder of the need to maintain firefighting personnel strength. FDNY- EMS staffing levels must be maintained. During the Covid-19 pandemic the importance of EMS workers was evidenced in the large increase in calls to transport patients who fell ill to this disease. There are currently vacancies in EMT staff levels and during the peak of the pandemic EMT essential workers were required to work 12 hour shifts. It is imperative that staffing levels be maintained and is supported by Community District 10 in its expense priorities.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/21	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Increase patrol strength at 68th Police Precinct as well as civilian personnel levels.</i>	
3/21	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Maintain personnel funding levels for firefighting and EMS staffing. Funding levels must be sustained to maintain effective firefighting/ EMS services, fire prevention services and to overcome attrition.</i>	
4/21	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>– Additional school crossing guards are needed to serve Community District 10. Currently, 34 School Crossing Guards are allotted. This is insufficient. CB10 has not seen an increase in many years. However, several new schools have opened and many more are planned with four new schools scheduled to open by September 2023. This year an important School Crossing Guard post was removed at Ovington Avenue at 7th Avenue Southbound, one of six vacancies, leaving many parents very concerned.</i>	
5/21	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Support for increase funding for Traffic Enforcement Officers in keeping with Mayor's Vision Zero Initiative. Additional traffic control agents are needed at high crash and heavily travelled commercial corridors. These include near the entrance of the BQE and to handle VZ Bridge disruptions and summer volume. 86th Street at 4th Avenue and 5th Avenues, 65th Street at 6th, 7th and 8th Avenues and Fort Hamilton Parkway, as well as 4th Avenue and Shore Road. Additional agents needed to handle VZ Bridge disruptions at 92nd Street corridor and 86th Street at Gatling Place.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 10

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

Sewer capacity

Hurricane Ida had a strong impact on sewer infrastructure within Community District 10. Residents along 10th Avenue from 77th Street to 86th Street were impacted. However, residents shared stories of decades of sewer back ups and damages to their basements. Following Community Board 10's Public Hearing on Capital and Expense, several residents submitted testimony seeking design for new sewers with greater capacity due to street flooding during severe rain events. The locations were added to our Capital Priority List as our #4 priority and include the following street segments: Narrows Avenue and Colonial Road from Bay Ridge Parkway to 85th Street; 10th Avenue from 77th Street to 86th Street; Bay Ridge Parkway from Shore Road to 3rd Avenue; 13th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 79th Street; 11th Avenue from 62 Street to 72 Street; 12th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 79th Street; and 70th Street between Shore Road and Narrows Avenue.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Community Board 10 recognizes the need for ongoing capital funds to maintain the Owls Head Wastewater Treatment plant located at the northern end of Community District 10 at Bay Ridge Avenue and Shore Road. CB10 is home to the Owl's Head Wastewater Treatment Plant, which treats up to 120 million gallons of wastewater per day for the 758,007 New Yorkers it serves. Complaints regarding odor emanating from the Plant and upgrades to ensure odor control continue to remain a top priority need in Community District 10. Community Board Members reviewed two large capital enhancement projects in 2020 that are currently underway at the Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant. OH-91 is the reconstruction of its sludge docks and OH-92 is the construction of a new Total Residual Chlorine Reduction Facility. The Department of Environmental Protection will be updating Board Members on its capital plan during the first quarter of 2022. A proactive capital plan is also needed for upgrades to the aged sewer and water main infrastructure in Community Board Ten. The majority of infrastructure is over 100 years old and emergency upgrades are often necessary to reactively handle collapsed infrastructure. Finally, Community Board 10 identified need to study the CSO infrastructure along the Shore Road Promenade sea wall to maintain efficiency and compliance with the New York State regulations to maintain water quality in Upper New York Bay.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The FY 2020/21 District Resource Statement for BK10 Sanitation District provides the number of collection trucks, salt spreaders at the same levels which are 9 and 7 respectively. Community District 10 has several narrow streets which require haulster type vehicles which are smaller to navigate through tight spaces for snow removal. There are currently two assigned to the District. During heavy snowstorms, smaller streets often must wait for snow removal so that an additional haulster may be helpful to address this need.

There were 20 derelict vehicles removed in FY 21 which is lower than the Citywide average. Motorized Litter Personnel (MLP) is highly important as our Community District has over 20 MLP locations in need of regular cleaning. The percent of streets rated as acceptably clean in 96.4% which is better than the Borough Wide average. City Council Member Justin Brannan allocates additional funds each Fiscal Year for additional corner basket pick ups and MLP service to supplement DSNY district funding.

The Recycling Curbside Tonnage collected in FY 2021 is 6,391.8 tons of paper and 6,188.8 metal, glass and plastic material. The total diversion rate is 21.2% which is higher than the Borough Total of 16.4%. Organics/Composting collection was suspended in FY 21 due to budget constraints. Community Board 10 is actively promoting and encouraging residents to sign up for curbside pick up under DSNY's newly revised program. E-waste collection was suspended and many residents complain about the challenges of disposing electronics.

Improper Disposal/Illegal Dumping at corner baskets is a complaint received at the District Office on a daily basis. Corner baskets are found along the commercial overlay corridors and misuse and illegal dumping is a challenge for merchants, residents, and local Business Improvement Districts. There were only 4 summonses issued in FY 2021 for illegal dumping. Additional personnel is an Expense Priority #13.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/36	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Initiate design for new sewers with greater capacity to address flooding issues at the following locations listed in priority order. Stormwater management following Hurricane Ida renewed urgency for sewer infrastructure upgrades. (Department of Environmental Protection) • Narrows Avenue and Colonial Road – Bay Ridge Parkway to 85 Street • 10th Avenue 77th Street to 86th Street • Bay Ridge Parkway – Shore Road to 3rd Avenue • 13th Avenue – Bay Ridge Avenue to 79 Street • 11th Avenue 62 Street to 72 Streets • 12th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 79 Street • 70 Street between Shore Road and Narrows Avenue</i>	
13/36	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Narrows Botanic Gardens, an all volunteer organization requested the Department of Environmental Protection establish an Oyster Garden alongside shoreline adjacent to Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Facility.</i>	
14/36	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Community Board Ten advocates for additional capital improvement investments to modernize the Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant. Currently, this plant provides treatment for 120 million gallons of primarily residential wastewater per day. It is important that to residents that odors are kept under control and compliant with New York State DEC Consent Order.</i>	6700 Shore Road
21/36	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request to initiate study of Combined Sewer Outfalls (CSOs) Infrastructure inspection along the Shore Road Promenade from the 69th Street Pier to Bay 8th Street to determine if upgrades are needed in wake of Superstorm Sandy. Functionality of these CSOs is critical to the maintenance of the Shore Road Promenade and water quality in Upper New York Bay.</i>	Shore Road Promenade Bay Ridge Avenue Bay Ridge Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/21	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Request to provide sufficient funding to maintain additional basket collection trucks in commercial corridors within CD10. Commercial sectors generate excessive loads. Sunday cleaning and collection services are needed to remove heavy weekend overflow. Also, a critical need exists to expand MLP staffing</i>	
13/21	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>CD10 has recurring improper disposal of household waste, commercial waste and construction debris at corner baskets. In addition, improper disposal occurs at many MLP locations including overpasses, pedestrian bridges, park perimeters and along the 62nd Street LIRR Sidewalk border serviced by DSNY. In addition, DSNY enforcement is needed to address stoop line and sidewalk obstruction violations – after hours/weekend.</i>	
18/21	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Frequent complaints are received by the District Office regarding canine waste. It is a quality of life issue that frustrates residents concerned about street cleanliness.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 10

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

Land use and zoning

During the summer of 2021, Community Board Ten's Zoning and Land Use Committee reviewed two proposed citywide text amendments that will impact Community District 10. The first is the Health and Fitness Text Amendment and the second is the Open Restaurant Text Amendment. While Board Members supported the emergency Open Restaurant program and extension through 2022, they also strongly felt that to completely dispose of current zoning regulations in order to usher in a wide-sweeping "open restaurants plan", without a publicly reviewed replacement plan, is a reckless move. The greatest concerns include the removal of zoning regulations, lack of community review, giving up of public space for private use, clear path requirements not clear, lack of input from other city agencies, and quality of life concerns for the non-restaurant public including retail establishments. The impact of this and future proposals to the residential quality of life cannot be understated or underestimated. Noise complaints from eating and drinking establishments have increased more than 500% since May 2020. Community Board 10 is a residential district with commercial overlays. The amendment favors restaurants over retail businesses and residential uses. It disregards practical concerns of roadway and sidewalk use. Other concerns include a lasting impact on traffic flow, public transit, personal vehicles, bicycles, e-bikes and scooters. Health and Fitness Text Amendment -while members of Community Board Ten do not support onerous regulations that hurt small businesses, many of the requirements currently included in this amendment are necessary to ensure consumer and worker protection, as well as to maintain the quality of life for all community members. Most retail shops in Community District 10 are within residential districts with a C1/ C2 overlay and in a small downtown area within the C4 and C8 Districts. They are very different areas as the C1/C2 fall within the heart of the residential district comprised of small storefronts with approximately 1700 to 2000 square feet on the ground floor. It is for this reason that we believe further study is required. If adopted, the impacts to land use in Community District 10 will be far reaching. The potential negative impacts include loss of residential units to new commercial massage businesses included in the community facility definition without any mechanism to ensure that such businesses are licensed in New York State.

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

Needs for Land Use

Additional staffing including inspectors is needed to address enforcement of illegal conversions of one and two family homes in Community District Ten, illegal curb cuts/car ports/front yard accessory parking spaces as well as conversions of commercial properties to non-conforming uses.

Needs for Housing

No comments

Needs for Economic Development

There are two Business Improvement Districts within Community District 10. They are the 86th BID and the 5th Avenue BID. The Fifth Avenue BID applied and was awarded a two year grant to complete a Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA) for the Bay Ridge section of Community District 10. The CDNA provides valuable data on needs of business community.

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly impacted the 86th Street corridor with the permanent closing of Century 21 Department Stores, Modell's, TJ Maxx, New York and Company and Jennifer Convertibles. The recovery is slow but is underway. Sephora and a newly expanded Foot Locker are two major stores opened recently. The development of the vacant storefronts is greatly anticipated by local residents as 86th Street is a vital to the District's downtown area.

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
11/21	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	<i>Inspectors are needed to address the growing number of complaints from area residents. Year after year the number of complaints from area residents of single and two-family homes being converted and occupied as SROs and transient housing is on the rise.</i>	

Brooklyn Community Board 10

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

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

Traffic safety, mass transit improvements, and roadway maintenance are all district-wide transportation priorities. Street Safety: Over the years, Community Board 10 has worked on several pedestrian and school safety initiatives with the New York City Department of Transportation. Speeding, drag racing, noise from cars with altered mufflers, double parking, cars parking on sidewalk, cars driving on sidewalk, motorized scooters/e-bikes riding on the sidewalk or in street not adhering to traffic rules, motorized scooters riding along pedestrian pathways at local parks are some examples of issues raised by residents. All users of the roadway have an expectation that those around them will abide by traffic safety regulations. Unfortunately, all too often there are tragic consequences caused by blatant disregard of traffic rules/regulations and reckless behavior. Traffic safety education, traffic safety enforcement, roadway improvements/redesigns are important and local elected officials continue to work on sweeping Safe Streets legislation packages to assist local communities. The Police Department District Resource Statement reports that vehicle collisions are trending down in Community District 10. There were 2,303 vehicle collisions reported in FY 2020 down to 1,487 in FY 2021. Sadly, in 2021 there were two pedestrian fatalities and one serious pedestrian crash. The first fatality was a senior who was walking along the sidewalk on 4th Avenue and stopped to tie her shoe and was hit by a car dealership employee jockeying a car on the sidewalk. The second, a six-year-old girl crossing the street with her mom in Dyker Heights was killed on 67th Street at 11th Avenue by a reckless driver attempting to cut in front of a stopped vehicle to make a turn. It is reported the driver was also heading southbound in the wrong lane and struck the child while she was in the crosswalk. The driver was charged and is awaiting trial. Immediately following the fatality, NYPD outreach to car dealerships improved sidewalk parking conditions; however, neighbors continue to complain about continued sidewalk parking at certain locations. NYC DOT studies for speed bump/speed reduction enhancements are delayed due to COVID-19. Speed bump request studies are currently backlogged. Many residents advocate for additional speed reducers as a way to improve street safety in the district. Moving Violation enforcement by the NYPD is imperative. The 68 precinct issued a total of 6324 moving violations in 2020 with 1069 for Red Light, 518 for improper turn and 942 for speeding and 714 for failure to yield to a pedestrian. In 2021 - Year to Date (September) 5,787 moving violations issued with 933 for red light, 647 for speeding, 464 for improper turn and 547 Failure to Yield to Pedestrian. Our #2 Expense priority is to increase patrol strength at the 68th Police Precinct as well as civilian personnel levels.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Community Board Ten Traffic and Transportation committee annually reviews the condition of local roadways and reports its findings to the New York City Department of Transportation. It recently submitted a list of locations of infrastructure concerns where the roadbed cave-ins and depressions reoccur. Following the elimination of the DEP Trench Restoration contract, many street beds in CD 10 need to be studied to determine if they require capital infrastructure improvements. In recent years, street resurfacing is on a yearly cycle but only thirty percent of requested roadways in Community District Ten are expected to be milled and resurfaced during an annual cycle.

Community Board Ten's Capital Priority list includes the following locations for study to determine trench restoration contract eligibility. They rank #5 and #6 on our list respectively and the locations are as follows: 13th Avenue between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76 Street, 96 Street between Shore Road and Marine Avenue, 87 Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue, 12th Avenue at Bay Ridge Avenue. Sidewalks damaged by trees, and crumbling curbs, the responsibility of DOT requires a much needed capital contract. Also, there has not been a curb repair contract in many years. This year, in response to community requests, Board Members added to its capital priority list a request for DOT to initiate a capital curb contract in Community District 10.

Needs for Transit Services

Improving public transportation is a top priority within Community District 10. The following R stations are located in Community Board 10: 95th Street, 86th Street, 77th Street, and Bay Ridge Avenue. The N stations at 8th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway are also located within Community District 10.

Extensive track repairs were made to the R lines between Bay Ridge Avenue and 86th Street following vibration complaints in late 2013/2014. The new rail known as continuous welded rail were installed on the R line to help reduce impact of vibrations along residential buildings on 4th Avenue in 2015. In 2021, nearly five years after the work was completed, vibration complaints resurfaced from 73rd Street to 79th Street with MTA NYC Transit once again investigating cause. Additional track work was completed in response and NYC Transit will continue to monitor.

The N Train Sea Beach line stations at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 8th Avenue were refurbished from 2016 through 2019. Capital funding for these projects included the installation of ADA wheelchair access. An elevator to the southbound 8th Avenue (N) platform was scheduled to be opened in May of 2020 but was delayed. Funding is listed in part of the [MTA Board Update: 2021 Commitment & Completion Goals](#). CB10's Traffic and Transportation Committee hopes to review the scope of project sometime in early 2022.

Bus and train ridership was significantly impacted during the pandemic. Pre-pandemic numbers are returning slowly. Pre Pandemic Ridership levels from 2018 to 2019 saw ridership increases at 3 of 5 stations in CB10. The N lines 8th Avenue 11,474 up to 11, 608 in 2019 (1.2%); the Fort Hamilton Parkway N Station 3,232 to 4,468 (up 38.3%); the 86th Street (R) - 11, 338 in 2018 down slightly to 11, 233 in 2019 (-0.9%); 77th Street 5,612 in 2018 compared to 5,592 in 2019 (-0.3%); Bay Ridge Avenue (R) 7,236 in 2018 compared to 7,677 in 2019 (+6.1%) and the Bay Ridge 95th Street (R) 5812 riders in 2018 compared to 5,847 in 2019. (+0.6).

Bus Service: Growing demand to the College of Staten Island, Staten Island Mall and Staten Island commuters affected by rising toll costs has resulted in the expansion of Staten Island bus service lines. The expansion of bus stops at the intermodal connection point along 4th Avenue at 87th to 88th Streets for the S93 is under consideration by the Department of Transportation. The intersection of 86th Street at 4th Avenue was redesigned following the installation of the ADA elevator in 2020. The traffic redesign included reducing the southbound 4th Avenue to one lane and the Northbound to one lane with a dedicated right turn lane only. A restoration of Express Bus Service X27/28 and X37/38 was made to assist weekend commuters. Express Bus Weekend Service, specifically the X- 27 and X-28 remains a valuable form of transportation to scores of commuters including the disabled, seniors, students, and local residents.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/36	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>Initiate immediate study of Belt Parkway Infrastructure to address possible undermining caused by breaches along nearby Shore Road Promenade and bicycle path. The Belt Parkway is an important thoroughfare and a study should commence to determine if current drainage infrastructure is in need of upgrades.</i>	
5/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>There are 2 identified street locations in Dyker Heights that may be in need of trench restoration or capital improvement due to recurring street cave-ins and depressions. Bay Ridge Avenue at 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th Street.</i>	
6/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>There are two identified street locations within Community District Ten that may be in need of trench restoration or capital improvement due to recurring street cave-ins and depressions 96th Street between Shore Road and Marine Avenue and 87th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue.</i>	
10/36	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>Request complete restoration of 76th Street Step Street at Colonial Road including landscaping and drainage. This Step Street is in poor condition with broken steps and inadequate/broken railing. Minor repairs were made but complete restoration is needed. The steps overflow during heavy rains making the step street unsafe to traverse.</i>	76 Street Colonial Road Colonial Road
35/36	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>District Wide Curb Contract – there is a need for a curb contract as there has not been one to replace broken curbs on local streets in Community District 10 in decades.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 10

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

The quality of parks and park facilities is of paramount concern to the residents of Community District Ten. A significant amenity for our community's urban environment is provided by the quality and viability of our district's parklands. The parks within our district have an advantageous geographic proximity to magnificent natural vistas and offer the availability of numerous athletic and recreational facilities, which provide local families and provide residents great enjoyment. As these parklands are among the most highly utilized in our city, the ever-increasing demand for the use of these facilities is commensurate to the increasing need for their expeditious restoration and maintenance. This was heightened during the pandemic and park usage increased significantly raising once again the importance of advocating for maintenance and restoration of parks and playgrounds within Community District 10.

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

Needs for Parks

Our concerns for the restoration, maintenance and preservation of our parks are emphasized each year during our annual Public Hearing for Capital and Expense priorities. Most of Community Board 10 Capital Priorities are assigned to park restoration projects. However, while we were fortunate to have several restoration projects funding secured by Council Member Justin Brannan; funding for many of our playgrounds and parklands have been deferred because of lack of funding. While park goers have endeavored to address the need for improvements in our parks through their efforts to organize volunteer clean-up programs and advocacy; these initiatives cannot replace the urgent need to enhance the ongoing daily maintenance service in our parks. At a recent Community Board 10 Parks Committee meeting, NYC Parks reported that there is only one gardener for Community District 10. Newly renovated parks and playgrounds must include funding for ongoing maintenance.

This past two summer seasons, due to Covid-19 pandemic, so many residents of all ages visited our local parks and playgrounds. The increase in use requires additional resources to address maintenance and refuse pick up. Maintenance operations is critical to preserving refurbished parks in the Community District 10 area. Recreational programs expansion is needed and recreational staffing levels as well as security staffing must be increased to provide for the needs of youngsters, adults, and senior citizens. The provisions of security personnel for the Parks Enforcement Patrols is needed to deter vandalism and criminal activity so that our capital investments are protected. CB 10 has identified the increasing number of cave-ins along the Shore Road Promenade and Bicycle Path as our top Parks concern. While we are grateful that this area was resurfaced in 2020 along the worst of the path made possible by funding from local Council Member Justin Brannan, we continue to seek a long term infrastructure repair project. The interior paths inside Shore Road Park and hex-block sections of perimeter sidewalk are in dire need of refurbishment. McKinley Park, John Paul Jones Park, and Dyker Beach Park are among the many needs recommended for capital funding projects.

Needs for Cultural Services

Community Board Ten supports expanded arts programming throughout the district. Additional funding is needed whether it be at local schools, supporting community beautification mural projects or local art based initiatives.

Needs for Library Services

In addition to special programs, libraries provide a myriad of educational, cultural, recreational, business, and social needs for citizens. It is therefore imperative that the Board's library system be supported and enhanced by maintaining staffing levels, expanding computerization, and programming restoration to assure that the Brooklyn Public Library receives its fair share of citywide allocation funds

Needs for Community Boards

The role of Community Boards has broadened in recent years. Community Boards have greater responsibilities and serve as an essential advisory component of city government proposals, land use developments and municipal service delivery requests. Combined with their charter-mandated responsibilities, Community Boards act as a catalyst between agencies and the community. The need for technology upgrades, cablecasting and software to improve service delivery data and efficiency must be funded. CB 10 supports additional baseline funding to support broader outreach, address technological needs, and professional planning expertise.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Initiate Immediate Engineering Study of Shore Road Promenade/Bicycle Path Infrastructure/ to address serious recurring cave- ins threatening public safety. This study must include complete investigation of the infrastructure of the adjacent Combined Sewer Outfalls to determine source of water breaches. Recurring cave-ins pose an immediate safety risk to bicyclists and pedestrians. The engineering study needs to protect this vital waterfront recreational space as well as protect adjacent Belt Parkway.</i>	
7/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>John Paul Jones Park a/k/a Cannonball Park. The park is enjoyed by young and old. The path and benches have deteriorated and are need in replacement. Also, water service needs to be repaired. There are no operating water fountains. Refurbish to ADA Specifications.</i>	4th Avenue at Shore Road
8/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Restoration of Shore Road perimeter sidewalks. Reconstruct and rehabilitate hexblock sidewalks along Shore Road Park adjacent to Shore Road from 72nd Street to 84th Street and on 86th Street to 97th Street. Missing hexagon pavement blocks are creating hazardous pedestrian conditions.</i>	
9/36	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Leif Ericson Park (lower) between 3rd Avenue and Ridge Blvd. Neighbors complain of the total disrepair of this portion of the park which has never been refurbished. There are currently only 6 antique light poles and many residents of the Bay Ridge Towers have complained about the pathways, overgrown conditions and extremely poor lighting and crumbling pathways. This parkland is underutilized in an area that is in need of additional parkland.</i>	
11/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: McKinley Park- Repairs to Comfort Station Provide Handicap Accessible. Explanation: The comfort station is in need of upgrades. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	

12/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McKinley Park has bocce courts that have not been used in many years. This area can be re-imagined to develop new volleyball courts or other recreational features.</i>
15/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New perimeter sidewalk around the Dyker Beach Park/Golf Course. The sidewalk area is heavily utilized by pedestrians and cyclists as a form of recreational exercise. The perimeter sidewalk is hazardous/uneven in many areas and should also be widened in certain sections for pedestrian safety.</i>
16/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Rehabilitate 3 remaining ball fields at Dyker Beach Park. Explanation: Our baseball fields in this district need to be rehabilitated. The fields are in total disrepair. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>
17/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Complete Rehabilitation of Shore Road Park Field 4 at 95th Street</i>
18/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Complete rehabilitation of Shore Road Park Ball field at 74th Street. Explanation: This heavily utilized field needs drainage system and new dugouts that are able to be secured from vandalism in PM hours. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>
19/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Leif Ericson Park Ball fields 67th Street at 6th Avenue are in dire need of restoration. The ball fields are in poor condition and well utilized by local leagues.</i>
20/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Tennis Courts need to be refurbished in Bay 8th Street; Leif Ericson Park; and Shore Road Park. Local Junior High Schools and High Schools utilize these tennis courts.</i>

22/36	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Initiate Engineering Study for Placement for a comfort station on the Shore Road Promenade. Residents especially seniors have requested an accessible comfort station along the Shore Road Promenade. An engineering feasibility study is being asked to determine if a comfort station could be installed along the bicycle path or promenade.</i>
23/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Complete Rehabilitation of Shore Road Park Field 3 at 79th Street</i>
24/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Complete Refurbishment of Dyker Beach Park Playground including play equipment, water fountains, sprinklers and infrastructure. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>
25/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Complete refurbishment of Leif Ericson Park between 5th and 6th Avenues including play equipment, water fountains and infrastructure to ADA specifications.</i>
26/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>A new perimeter sidewalk is needed to replace uneven hexblock sidewalk around Leif Ericson Park on Fort Hamilton Parkway/8th Avenue from 66 to 67 Streets. Local seniors and wheel chair users complain about flooding and ponding conditions during rain event. The large number of London Plane tree roots is also lifting sidewalk in sections.</i>
27/36	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Native Planting along Shore Road Promenade and adjacent Belt Parkway Arterial Highway Area (Submitted by Narrows Botanical Gardens) The refurbishment of the terrain adjacent to the Belt Parkway and highway area adjacent to the Shore Road Promenade requires regular maintenance. Native plants are beneficial to the area's ecosystem by attracting native insects including butterflies while significantly reducing the need for routine maintenance.</i>
28/36	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Tree Guards are needed along Bay Ridge Parkway between 4th and 5th Avenue to protect street trees following a block wide beautification effort and recent landmarking.</i>

29/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Comfort Station at Russell Pedersen Playground is in need of complete refurbishment.</i>
30/36	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Dyker Beach Park has a heavily used BBQ area Poly Place off 14th Avenue. Local families contacted our office to request the area be expanded to add more picnic tables and steel trash cans and charcoal disposal stations.</i>
31/36	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Solar Lighting for Shore Road Bicycle Path and Promenade – submitted by Bay Ridge Cares. The Promenade is used by thousands of people. In the past, the thought of installing lighting along the path required electricity, but with the advances in solar lighting, we believe that this can now be accomplished at a fraction of the cost of conventional lighting. Lighting would increase the usage at night and provide a layer of safety to those who use the path in the evenings, especially runners and cyclists who cannot see obstacles or damage to the pathway.</i>
32/36	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Dyker Beach Park– Reconstruct Paths throughout the Bay 8th Quadrant of Dyker Beach Park (NYC Parks Needs Assessment)</i>
33/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Dyker Beach Park – Reconstruct Mosomillo Memorial Basketball Courts, including Lexan backboards and seating area (NYC Parks Needs Assessment)</i>
34/36	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>District Wide Tree and Sidewalk Contract – the tree and sidewalk contractor assigned to CB10 locations in need of sidewalk replacement caused by tree roots defaulted this year leaving many who were on the waiting list for years without a time frame for repairs.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: JJ Carty Park Refurbishment of Basketball Courts. Explanation: The basketball courts are in dire need of reconstruction. Refurbishments to meet ADA compliance.</i>

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>JJ Carty Park Refurbishment of Playground- The playground is in dire need of restoration and new play equipment. Refurbish to meet ADA compliance.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Owls Head Park Basketball Court Explanation: Basketball Court is in poor condition and in need of refurbishment. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Reconstruction of Vinland Playground located at Shore Road and 95th Street. Explanation: This playground is in poor condition and needs to be refurbished. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	7420 Shore Rd
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Dyker Beach Park Asphalt Field is underutilized. This request is for the development of a multi-use recreational field.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Refurbish Russell Pederson Playground - Russell Pederson Playground is in need of restoration work including new play equipment and spray showers. Separate adult exercise area from children play equipment. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Owls Head Park Lower Path Erosion with full Landscaping Plan and Drainage System. Owls Head Park located at 68th Street at Shore Road is in dire need of rehabilitation of its lower path. It is at a critical state as dirt is drifting onto the sidewalk along 68th Street and clogging catch basins. Tree root systems are in jeopardy.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Rehabilitation of the interior path inside Shore Road Park from 79 Street to 95th Street. The interior path is in dire need of restoration with crumbling pathways. Additionally, there are erosions alongside the paths. It is very dangerous and difficult to walk on this path</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>JJ Carty Park is in need of complete refurbishment</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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1/21	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Maintain/Enhance funding to Community Boards - Community Board baseline budgets must be increased to provide broader outreach, address technological needs, and professional planning expertise.</i>	
8/21	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Restore forestry contract appropriations for tree pruning, removal and maintenance including stump removal –Restored allocations for forestry’s tree maintenance contracts are needed. Years of deferred maintenance of street and park trees as well as disruptions due to the pandemic have created a significant back log. Stump removal is of great concern as larger stumps can take up to 3 years or longer for removal</i>	
10/21	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>CB10 has only ONE gardener to service the entire district – 352.5 acres of parkland. The District Office receives frequent complaints about tall weeds and grass in all sections of the District. At a recent Parks Committee meeting neighbors complained that newly constructed parks and pathways are not being maintained. New projects should include funds for continued maintenance.</i>	
12/21	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	<i>Increase funding to keep library branches open additional hours within the boundaries of Community District 10 and purchase additional computers and books. Working people and students need access to libraries when the work/school day ends. Weekend hours are essential</i>	

14/21	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase personnel to keep park restrooms open beyond 3pm. Many parents and children utilize the parks after 3:00pm. Facilities need to be available for use.</i>
16/21	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Funds to support six playground associates who will provide maintenance and recreational programs at McKinley Park; Dyker Beach Park; Shore Road Park at 79 Street; JJ Carty Park, Owls Head Skate Park and Leif Ericson Park</i>
17/21	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase PS funding allocations to hire additional maintenance operation staff to do rodent abatement. Additional personnel is needed to address the neglected parkland in the district due to the deferred maintenance in recent years. At least ten additional maintenance personnel are needed within Community District 10.</i>
19/21	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Increase PS Funding allocations to expand parks enforcement patrols and security services. Additional parks enforcement personnel are needed to patrol the numerous parks throughout District 10 for vandalism, traffic violations, dog litter violations, barbequing in non designated areas, illegal vending, using permitted fields without a permit and related violations to parks regulations.</i>
20/21	DCLA	Provide more public art	<i>Murals and art work add to public spaces. Recently mural work at Russell Pederson Playground and the overpass at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 62nd Street promise to deter graffiti and beautify both areas. Funding is needed to expand such efforts.</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/21	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>21. Provide funds for newly created DCWP vending enforcement personnel. The Mayor removed NYPD from vendor enforcement and a new law was passed creating a Street Vendor Enforcement Unit. Funding has not been provided to staff this new agency with sufficient numbers to address local concerns.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/36	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>Initiate immediate study of Belt Parkway Infrastructure to address possible undermining caused by breaches along nearby Shore Road Promenade and bicycle path. The Belt Parkway is an important thoroughfare and a study should commence to determine if current drainage infrastructure is in need of upgrades.</i>	
2/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Initiate Immediate Engineering Study of Shore Road Promenade/Bicycle Path Infrastructure/ to address serious recurring cave- ins threatening public safety. This study must include complete investigation of the infrastructure of the adjacent Combined Sewer Outfalls to determine source of water breaches. Recurring cave-ins pose an immediate safety risk to bicyclists and pedestrians. The engineering study needs to protect this vital waterfront recreational space as well as protect adjacent Belt Parkway.</i>	
3/36	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Capital Funding for the relocation of Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults Senior Center. The Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults is in need of a new ADA compliant senior center for the over 1,000 seniors who attend and receive a multitude of services provided by the center. Its current location is not adequate for its service delivery needs. The senior population is Community District 10 ranks 3rd in New York City with 15 percent of its population age 65 or older.</i>	

4/36	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Initiate design for new sewers with greater capacity to address flooding issues at the following locations listed in priority order. Stormwater management following Hurricane Ida renewed urgency for sewer infrastructure upgrades. (Department of Environmental Protection) • Narrows Avenue and Colonial Road – Bay Ridge Parkway to 85 Street • 10th Avenue 77th Street to 86th Street • Bay Ridge Parkway – Shore Road to 3rd Avenue • 13th Avenue – Bay Ridge Avenue to 79 Street • 11th Avenue 62 Street to 72 Streets • 12th Avenue from Bay Ridge Avenue to 79 Street • 70 Street between Shore Road and Narrows Avenue</i>	
5/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>There are 2 identified street locations in Dyker Heights that may be in need of trench restoration or capital improvement due to recurring street cave-ins and depressions. Bay Ridge Avenue at 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue between Bay Ridge Parkway and 76th Street.</i>	
6/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>There are two identified street locations within Community District Ten that may be in need of trench restoration or capital improvement due to recurring street cave-ins and depressions 96th Street between Shore Road and Marine Avenue and 87th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue.</i>	
7/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>John Paul Jones Park a/k/a Cannonball Park. The park is enjoyed by young and old. The path and benches have deteriorated and are need in replacement. Also, water service needs to be repaired. There are no operating water fountains. Refurbish to ADA Specifications.</i>	4th Avenue at Shore Road
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10/36	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>Request complete restoration of 76th Street Step Street at Colonial Road including landscaping and drainage. This Step Street is in poor condition with broken steps and inadequate/broken railing. Minor repairs were made but complete restoration is needed. The steps overflow during heavy rains making the step street unsafe to traverse.</i>	76 Street Colonial Road Colonial Road
11/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: McKinley Park- Repairs to Comfort Station Provide Handicap Accessible. Explanation: The comfort station is in need of upgrades. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	
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13/36	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Narrows Botanic Gardens, an all volunteer organization requested the Department of Environmental Protection establish an Oyster Garden alongside shoreline adjacent to Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Facility.</i>	
14/36	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Community Board Ten advocates for additional capital improvement investments to modernize the Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant. Currently, this plant provides treatment for 120 million gallons of primarily residential wastewater per day. It is important that to residents that odors are kept under control and compliant with New York State DEC Consent Order.</i>	6700 Shore Road

15/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New perimeter sidewalk around the Dyker Beach Park/Golf Course. The sidewalk area is heavily utilized by pedestrians and cyclists as a form of recreational exercise. The perimeter sidewalk is hazardous/uneven in many areas and should also be widened in certain sections for pedestrian safety.</i>	
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21/36	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request to initiate study of Combined Sewer Outfalls (CSOs) Infrastructure inspection along the Shore Road Promenade from the 69th Street Pier to Bay 8th Street to determine if upgrades are needed in wake of Superstorm Sandy. Functionality of these CSOs is critical to the maintenance of the Shore Road Promenade and water quality in Upper New York Bay.</i>	Shore Road Promenade Bay Ridge Avenue Bay Ridge Avenue

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35/36	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>District Wide Curb Contract – there is a need for a curb contract as there has not been one to replace broken curbs on local streets in Community District 10 in decades.</i>
36/36	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>Youth Center - Bay Ridge Community Development Center – 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway – capital funds needed for new community center offering youth programs.</i>

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: JJ Carty Park Refurbishment of Basketball Courts. Explanation: The basketball courts are in dire need of reconstruction. Refurbishments to meet ADA compliance.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>JJ Carty Park Refurbishment of Playground- The playground is in dire need of restoration and new play equipment. Refurbish to meet ADA compliance.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Owls Head Park Basketball Court Explanation: Basketball Court is in poor condition and in need of refurbishment. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request: Reconstruction of Vinland Playground located at Shore Road and 95th Street. Explanation: This playground is in poor condition and needs to be refurbished. Refurbish to ADA specifications.</i>	7420 Shore Rd
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Dyker Beach Park Asphalt Field is underutilized. This request is for the development of a multi-use recreational field.</i>	
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CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Owls Head Park Lower Path Erosion with full Landscaping Plan and Drainage System. Owls Head Park located at 68th Street at Shore Road is in dire need of rehabilitation of its lower path. It is at a critical state as dirt is drifting onto the sidewalk along 68th Street and clogging catch basins. Tree root systems are in jeopardy.</i>	

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Expense Budget Requests

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1/21	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Maintain/Enhance funding to Community Boards - Community Board baseline budgets must be increased to provide broader outreach, address technological needs, and professional planning expertise.</i>	
2/21	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Increase patrol strength at 68th Police Precinct as well as civilian personnel levels.</i>	
3/21	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Maintain personnel funding levels for firefighting and EMS staffing. Funding levels must be sustained to maintain effective firefighting/ EMS services, fire prevention services and to overcome attrition.</i>	
4/21	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>– Additional school crossing guards are needed to serve Community District 10. Currently, 34 School Crossing Guards are allotted. This is insufficient. CB10 has not seen an increase in many years. However, several new schools have opened and many more are planned with four new schools scheduled to open by September 2023. This year an important School Crossing Guard post was removed at Ovington Avenue at 7th Avenue Southbound, one of six vacancies, leaving many parents very concerned.</i>	
5/21	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Support for increase funding for Traffic Enforcement Officers in keeping with Mayor's Vision Zero Initiative. Additional traffic control agents are needed at high crash and heavily travelled commercial corridors. These include near the entrance of the BQE and to handle VZ Bridge disruptions and summer volume. 86th Street at 4th Avenue and 5th Avenues, 65th Street at 6th, 7th and 8th Avenues and Fort Hamilton Parkway, as well as 4th Avenue and Shore Road. Additional agents needed to handle VZ Bridge disruptions at 92nd Street corridor and 86th Street at Gatling Place.</i>	

6/21	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Increased funding Home Delivered Meal Capacity in Community District 10 – the number of seniors receiving home delivered meals continues to rise in Community District 10. Currently Bay Ridge Center serves 600 homebound seniors with a minimal waiting list. The senior population in CD10 continues to grow</i>
7/21	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Request to provide sufficient funding to maintain additional basket collection trucks in commercial corridors within CD10. Commercial sectors generate excessive loads. Sunday cleaning and collection services are needed to remove heavy weekend overflow. Also, a critical need exists to expand MLP staffing</i>
8/21	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Restore forestry contract appropriations for tree pruning, removal and maintenance including stump removal –Restored allocations for forestry’s tree maintenance contracts are needed. Years of deferred maintenance of street and park trees as well as disruptions due to the pandemic have created a significant back log. Stump removal is of great concern as larger stumps can take up to 3 years or longer for removal</i>
9/21	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase Department of Health staffing for rodent inspections and baiting services increased staffing levels for inspection and baiting services for rodent control. During the height of the pandemic, the Department of Health suspended all rodent abatement inspections and baiting. As a result, CD10 experienced a sharp increase of rat sightings and infestations, no longer limited to vacant lots along highways, etc. as in the past. Rat infestations are now reported along large sections of residential blocks, and on commercial strips.</i>
10/21	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>CB10 has only ONE gardener to service the entire district – 352.5 acres of parkland. The District Office receives frequent complaints about tall weeds and grass in all sections of the District. At a recent Parks Committee meeting neighbors complained that newly constructed parks and pathways are not being maintained. New projects should include funds for continued maintenance.</i>

11/21	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	<i>Inspectors are needed to address the growing number of complaints from area residents. Year after year the number of complaints from area residents of single and two-family homes being converted and occupied as SROs and transient housing is on the rise.</i>
12/21	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	<i>Increase funding to keep library branches open additional hours within the boundaries of Community District 10 and purchase additional computers and books. Working people and students need access to libraries when the work/school day ends. Weekend hours are essential</i>
13/21	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>CD10 has recurring improper disposal of household waste, commercial waste and construction debris at corner baskets. In addition, improper disposal occurs at many MLP locations including overpasses, pedestrian bridges, park perimeters and along the 62nd Street LIRR Sidewalk border serviced by DSNY. In addition, DSNY enforcement is needed to address stoop line and sidewalk obstruction violations – after hours/weekend.</i>
14/21	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase personnel to keep park restrooms open beyond 3pm. Many parents and children utilize the parks after 3:00pm. Facilities need to be available for use.</i>
15/21	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Reduce mosquito populations – funding for mosquito control – areas of high mosquito concentration to curtail spread of West Nile Virus.</i>
16/21	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Funds to support six playground associates who will provide maintenance and recreational programs at McKinley Park; Dyker Beach Park; Shore Road Park at 79 Street; JJ Carty Park, Owls Head Skate Park and Leif Ericson Park</i>
17/21	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase PS funding allocations to hire additional maintenance operation staff to do rodent abatement. Additional personnel is needed to address the neglected parkland in the district due to the deferred maintenance in recent years. At least ten additional maintenance personnel are needed within Community District 10.</i>

18/21	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Frequent complaints are received by the District Office regarding canine waste. It is a quality of life issue that frustrates residents concerned about street cleanliness.</i>
19/21	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Increase PS Funding allocations to expand parks enforcement patrols and security services. Additional parks enforcement personnel are needed to patrol the numerous parks throughout District 10 for vandalism, traffic violations, dog litter violations, barbecuing in non designated areas, illegal vending, using permitted fields without a permit and related violations to parks regulations.</i>
20/21	DCLA	Provide more public art	<i>Murals and art work add to public spaces. Recently mural work at Russell Pederson Playground and the overpass at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 62nd Street promise to deter graffiti and beautify both areas. Funding is needed to expand such efforts.</i>
21/21	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>21. Provide funds for newly created DCWP vending enforcement personnel. The Mayor removed NYPD from vendor enforcement and a new law was passed creating a Street Vendor Enforcement Unit. Funding has not been provided to staff this new agency with sufficient numbers to address local concerns.</i>