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District Needs  
and  
Community Board  
Budget Requests***

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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 FY21 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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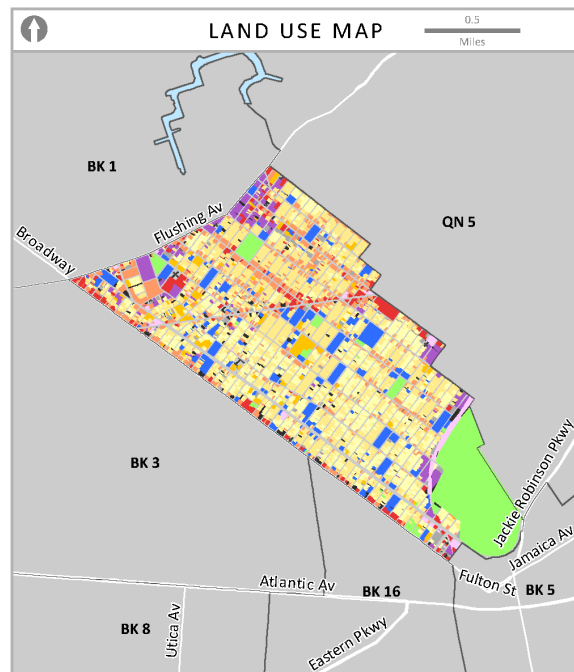
## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

# Brooklyn Community District 4

See BK 4's profile online at  
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>: Bushwick

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
104,358	112,634	+8%
2013-2017 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		135,515
Square Miles		2
Population Density		56,317/sq mi



Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 4 in 2019:

1. Affordable housing
2. Land use trends
3. Street conditions

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 4's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

Website: [www.nyc.gov/brooklyncb4](http://www.nyc.gov/brooklyncb4)  
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	4,042	20%
Multifamily Walk-up	4,637	30%
Multifamily Elevator	92	3%
Mixed Use	1,179	9%
Commercial	216	4%
Industrial	159	5%
Transportation/Utility	57	2%
Public/Institutional	180	8%
Open Space	100	16%
Parking	209	2%
Vacant	246	2%
Other	61	0%

### A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	34
Public Libraries	2
Hospitals and Clinics	17
Parks	13
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Brooklyn
<b>47%</b>	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Citywide Target
<b>88%</b>	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

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

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Brooklyn
<b>26%</b>	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Brooklyn
<b>11.9</b>	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	NYC
	11.8

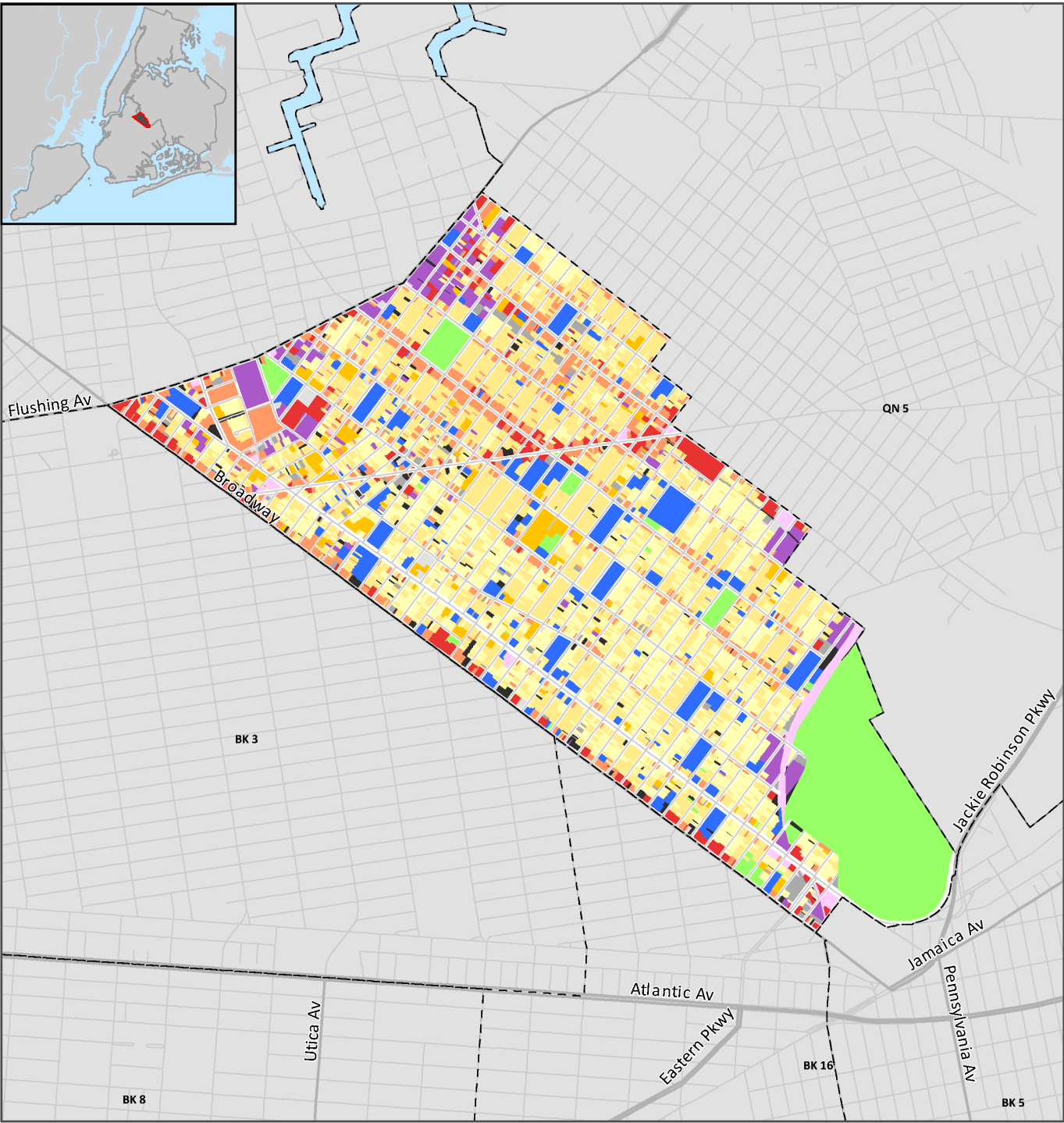
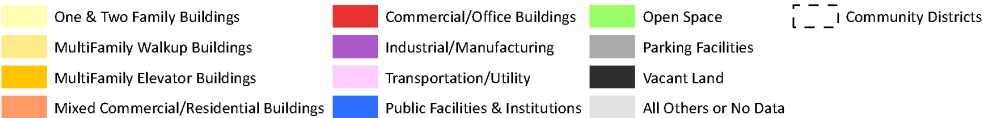
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Brooklyn
<b>26%</b>	35%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	37%

UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Brooklyn
<b>7.2%</b>	5.1%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC
	4.9%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 4	Brooklyn
<b>25%</b>	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

# Brooklyn Community District 4 - Land Use



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District #4 includes all of the Brooklyn neighborhood of Bushwick from Broadway on the west, Flushing Avenue on the north, the Queens Borough line and Vermont Avenue on the east, as well as by Highland Avenue on the south. Bushwick is currently experiencing rapid change due to gentrification. This has led to a shift in population size, demographics, and land-use along with an ever-changing economic landscape. Most notable is the sharp increase in rents, which has made it challenging and, in some cases, impossible for many long-standing residents to remain in their apartments or within the neighborhood as a whole.

Unscrupulous and negligent property owners have taken advantage of the the current housing climate by illegally forcing residents out of apartments by any means necessary; some with the intention of selling the building and/or to raise the rents far beyond means of low and moderate income families that have considered the neighborhood their home for generations.

The senior citizen population has also experienced extreme challenges in terms of remaining in their homes or finding new places to live. Many seniors have been displaced from the neighborhood due to the limited housing options and long senior housing waiting lists. The availability of adequate living quarters for seniors has not kept pace with the development of market-rate and luxury homes in the neighborhood. Additionally, statistics have shown that major health risks remain prevalent within the neighborhood for illnesses, diseases, and chronic conditions, such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and obesity. As stores begin to provide more diverse and healthier options these goods often remain out of reach for the most vulnerable populations due to the high cost.

Certain district schools have also experienced sharp fluctuations in enrollment, as the neighborhood population changes. The neighborhood's transit and general infrastructure has become increasingly dated and ill-equipped to meet the demands of a growing population.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 4

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

The construction boom and desirability of the neighborhood's location near transit rich options has ultimately led to a sharp decline in affordability. Area residents and families are faced with doubling up to cover the cost of rental apartments and there is a noticeable increase in transient, apartment-sharing residences. Another relevant issue is the demolition of potential landmark properties. These properties typically sit on larger than average-sized lots and are being purchased for redevelopment to make way for new and taller buildings with smaller units that are typically unaffordable, as well. Affordable housing remains one of the greatest needs of the community. Only a small number of buildings in the district are rent-stabilized and are subject to aggressive harassment tactics, as some landlords attempt to achieve vacancy decontrol. Additionally, the current Area Median Income (AMI) far exceeds the average income of Bushwick households, which encompass a range of extremely low to moderate income. The word affordable has become a trigger within the community, resulting often in the response for whom? Unless developers take a community approach to their projects, their buildings often exclude low and extremely low-income families in Bushwick. All types of households continue to pay over fifty percent of their income in rent.

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

Since 2013, when the board's Housing and Land Use Committee drafted a letter to local elected officials, a comprehensive and collaborative effort has been underway to simultaneously address neighborhood preservation and the creation of affordable housing along with various community needs. This work and the resulting recommendations have become known as the Bushwick Community Plan. The process, a partnership between city agencies, local stakeholders, and residents, released their recommendations to the public in September 2018 after experiencing initial community push back during one of the community board's public hearings. The main source of contention is centered around land use and the uncertainty of the results of the primarily community-driven process. Furthermore, the majority of Bushwick remains blanketed by the R6 zoning designation, which allows developers to construct buildings and other edifices as-of-right that are typically non-conforming in height and non-contextual to other buildings in the area. The rents in these buildings are typically priced at the market rate, even when the developer seeks city subsidies due to broad regulations. Most of the new housing created in the neighborhood is out of reach for longtime residents due to extraordinarily rents and or units that don't meet their household's needs. These pressures have also spread to long-time and new commercial establishments that are more quickly priced out of their locations. Commercial rents have quickly become out of reach for newly established or small-scale business owners. Vacant storefronts are a common sight, as property owners typically opt to wait for higher paying tenants. The legal conversion of manufacturing to commercial continues to change the neighborhood's landscape leading to new service challenges, as the properties were originally designed for manufacturing purposes. These challenges are compounded by an evolving culture that often adversely impacts the quality of life in the neighboring residential areas.

#### **Street conditions (roadway maintenance)**

As Bushwick evolves, there is an even greater need for investment in the preexisting infrastructure. Heavily-used transit corridors throughout the district, such as Broadway, Myrtle Avenue, and Wyckoff Avenue, should be examples of 21st modernization however, the roadbeds remain in poor condition, there are inadequate traffic safety features, and ultimately, in appearance, they remain a reminder of historic disenfranchisement of the neighborhood.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 4

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)**

Awareness of and access to quality medical services is another key issue within the neighborhood. Based on the recent Community Health Profile, Bushwick residents are more at-risk of developing chronic conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, and high blood pressure over the course of their lifetime than in other areas in the city. The majority of which are easily preventable by leading an active lifestyle and incorporating fresh, nutrient dense food into a regular diet. Many residents resort to visiting local hospitals for basic care and services due to various barriers and limited access to primary care. This often leads to longer wait times and costly medical bills. Non-English speakers also face barriers to communication, which can lead to further complications that are entirely avoidable with culturally sensitive translation services at the necessary capacity.

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Community Board 4 is grateful for the work and support of our partners at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center and Woodhull Hospital, as well as, the local community based organizations and other service providers taking the lead to address systemic health disparities. It remains vital to continue and enhance the education/outreach efforts that help connect community members to the resources they need to lead healthy lives. Additionally, an increase in neighborhood construction in response to aging infrastructure and new housing developments have further exacerbated issues with rodents. The staging conditions at these locations and sites have become havens for the rodent population and require a multi-agency approach to curb and address breeding grounds before they impact neighboring properties and the general public.

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

Community Board 4 has historically prioritized requests for funding services for seniors. As the general population lives longer additional services are needed to meet the increasing population and ever-changing needs. Many are faced with declining mental and physical health, resulting from, but not limited to loneliness, abandonment, and other health-care issues. Seniors property owners are often the most vulnerable when it comes to issues such as deed fraud, home repairs, and maintenance services, as some do not have access to professional advocates and rely on a fixed income. Fortunately, programming and initiatives for the issues described above exist and should regularly promoted through strategic partnerships with facilities for seniors and other local community partners.

###### **Needs for Homeless**

Households across the city have been affected by the housing crisis. Longtime Bushwick residents, in particular, continue to face the consistent pressures of rent increases and poor building maintenance. A record number of families are now living in city shelters and often end up far from home. Single adults are faced with the harrowing choice of street homeless or an uncertain shelter environment that may worsen their overall circumstances. Regular street outreach and strategic community collaborations are necessary to reach homeless and at-risk populations.

###### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/24	DOHMH	<b>Other animal and pest control requests</b>	<i>Enhance outreach and conduct public education workshops in partnership with the Department of Health for neighborhood residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to combat the rodent issue in Bushwick.</i>	
7/24	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>The Bushwick Neighborhood Health Action formerly know as the Bushwick District Public Health Office remains a valuable asset with considerable reach and influence on the culture of health in Bushwick. To date, the center and the various programs appear to lack a clear and cohesive role in the community and would benefit from a comprehensive outreach plan, marketing, and opportunities for community engagement around the future of the site.</i>	335 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
14/24	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Increase street outreach and support community partnerships at intersections that regularly draw a large homeless and/or at-risk populations, such as, but not limited to the Myrtle-Broadway intersection.</i>	
20/24	DFTA	<b>Enhance educational and recreational programs</b>	<i>Implement and enhance diverse educational and recreational programming for seniors including the arts, technology, and inter-generational themes</i>	

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Brooklyn Community Board 4

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Youth workforce development and summer youth employment**

As the modern day workforce continues to evolve youth need ample opportunity to prepare for their future. Access to prominent industries, such as technology, entertainment, and entrepreneurship should be standardized.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

Community Board 4 continues to work with Community Education Council 32 and the leadership of all our local schools, learning centers, and community institutions that provide educational services to advocate for the needs of the community. We are appreciative of all efforts to invest in the renovation and upgrading of schools. Given the evolving educational atmosphere and society at large, all students and youth in Bushwick need equitable access to quality learning equipment and materials necessary for them to build the skills they need to thrive in the modern world.

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

No comments

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/24	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Additional programming for this population is required, especially for youth enrolled in public schools. Parents have limited options within the district and are often drawn to schools that offer a full day of learning and after school programming.</i>	

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Brooklyn Community Board 4

#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Police-community relations**

As Bushwick continues to experience rapid and multivariate change due to gentrification, there is a need for adaptable police-community relations. Bushwick stakeholders have worked across generations to strengthen and improve the relationships with the 83rd Precinct. With an increasing volume of service complaints despite significant decrease in major crimes, greater transparency, efficiency, and visibility are need to meet the needs of the various communities that constitute the entirety of Bushwick.

#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

Community Board 4 continues to work with the 83rd Precinct, Community and Clergy Councils, and residents to help address the safety needs of the neighborhood. Recent statistics show crime as a whole is down city-wide and within Bushwick however, it still remains a stark reality of city life. We look forward to advocating in partnership for the resources needed to address the most common public safety issues in the neighborhood, such as burglaries and grand larceny.

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/15	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)</b>	<i>Despite historic lows in crime in Bushwick, statistics show increases in grand larcenies and burglaries in addition to a high volume of quality of life concerns. A mobile command center would serve as both an additional vantage point and a deterrent for areas with chronic issues. Accompanied with outreach, a center will also simultaneously strengthen NYPD visibility and community relations.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/24	NYPD	<b>Assign additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>Increase Manpower at the 83rd Precinct, Public Service Area 3, and Transit District 33. Additional patrols and manpower from the Academy are needed in Bushwick.</i>	
8/24	FDNY	<b>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Expense)</b>	<i>Provide equipment needed by FDNY personnel including, but not limited to, generators, printers for the firehouses, Level A Hazmat Suits, and new defibrillator batteries.</i>	
17/24	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>A staff increase in Fire Marshals will improve their ability to investigate and respond to fires, as well as, meet the growing need for inspections of new businesses; establishments that plan to serve liquor in particular.</i>	

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 4

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

##### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

Inconsistent garbage disposal practices and illegal dumping continue to plague the neighborhood. This impacts the not only quality of life, but also general public safety. Chronic illegal dumping conditions turn into go-to spots for dumping and provide breeding grounds for rodents/other small animals. The Department of Sanitation Brooklyn 4 Garage remains an excellent partner in responding to these and all sanitation issues, as they arise, with the intention of curbing their frequency and the goal of prevention. Additionally, educational outreach is needed within the district to prepare residents for various DSNY initiatives, such as the Curbside Organics Collection program.

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

##### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

No comments

##### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Historically, neglected vacant lots full of garbage and abandoned vehicles were a major issue in Bushwick and remain an issue in the present, although to a lesser degree. During the 70s and 80s, the board's Sanitation Committee was one of the three largest committees. Presently, there are fewer lots however, garbage and debris from abandoned properties, new construction, and illegal dumping have become a regular and unsightly occurrence. All residents in proximity to the sites typically experience a higher amount of related quality of life and public safety issues. Community Board 4 is grateful for the support and efficiency of the local Brooklyn 4 Garage in addressing these issues.



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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/24	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of canine waste laws</b>	<i>The "Clean Up After Dog" Law needs additional strategic enforcement via working with local stakeholders, residents, and other property owners.</i>	
21/24	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Hire additional personnel for the repair and maintenance of catch basins and rain gardens. The increase in neighborhood population and construction has burdened the current sewer system.</i>	
23/24	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Reinstate 5 day per week garbage collection at neighborhood institutions and community facilities, including, but not limited to schools, early learn centers/pre-K programs, and senior citizen centers. All of the above offer daily meals for breakfast &amp; lunch, generating a high volume of garbage in designated locations that contribute to the low scorecard rating.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Brooklyn Community Board 4

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

##### **Affordable housing creation**

Affordable housing remains one of the greatest needs of the community. Only a small number of buildings in the district are rent-stabilized and are subject to aggressive harassment tactics, as some landlords attempt to achieve vacancy decontrol. Additionally, the current Area Median Income (AMI) far exceeds the average income of Bushwick households, which encompass a range of extremely low to moderate income. The word affordable has become a trigger within the community, resulting often in the response for whom? Unless developers take a community approach to their projects, their buildings often exclude low and extremely low-income families in Bushwick. All types of households continue to pay over fifty percent of their income in rent.

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

##### **Needs for Land Use**

No comments

##### **Needs for Housing**

No comments

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/15	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</b>	<i>Strongly encourage private developers to construct deeply affordable housing that meets the needs of the community, as well as, create one hundred percent affordable housing when feasible and especially for projects on city-owned land. Currently, the majority of new rental apartments are not affordable for residents. This includes the majority of the housing that has been labelled affordable based on the Area Median Income (AMI). Many neighborhood residents continue to struggle in their search to find housing they can afford.</i>	
2/15	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</b>	<i>Truly affordable housing for all remains a city-wide crisis however, seniors and other at-risk populations are among the most vulnerable. Given the long waiting lists and general shortage in senior and supportive housing, increased development and/or inclusion of these projects should be encouraged along with with feedback from the Community Board.</i>	
14/15	EDC	<b>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</b>	<i>The primary commercial corridors in Bushwick include Broadway, Myrtle, Knickerbocker Avenue, and Wyckoff Avenue. Given the high volume of traffic on these avenues, investment in the infrastructure will improve overall transit safety, the quality of life for all residents and visitors, and provide a solid foundation to support a vibrant and dynamic commercial sector.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/24	DCP	<b>Other zoning and land use requests</b>	<i>As emphasized by the majority in attendance during the public scoping meeting in June 2019, the Bushwick Community Plan should be analyzed as an alternative, as City Planning prepares the Environmental Impact Study for the Bushwick rezoning.</i>	

4/24	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Provide funding for additional building inspectors to respond to code violations. A high volume of building construction and alterations occurs throughout the district in many cases illegally/without the proper permits. Additional inspectors will assist in addressing this issue.</i>	
5/24	NYCHA	<b>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</b>	<i>Hire code enforcement inspectors. Additional Inspectors are needed to respond to a high volume of complaints within the district. Inspectors should be trained to recognize chronic building negligence.</i>	
10/24	EDC	<b>Expand programs for certain industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare</b>	<i>Establish an incubator within the district to spur economic growth and support current/emerging entrepreneurs.</i>	
15/24	EDC	<b>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</b>	<i>Bushwick has a rich culture that includes small business owners and entrepreneurs. The demand for the services have grown, as the population continues to increase. Workshops, small grants, and other services/opportunities are in higher demand.</i>	
16/24	SBS	<b>Support merchant organizing</b>	<i>Recently, joint efforts have been taken to organize the merchants along the Broadway corridor. In these early stages, support and resources are critical to establishing a foundation.</i>	Broadway Flushing Avenue Eastern Parkway
24/24	EDC	<b>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</b>	<i>Expand the graffiti removal program to improve the response time to requests for removal. Currently, there are a limited amount of programs and supplies within the community that provide this service. Often this results in longer than average wait times to resolve the issue, which generally leads to worsening conditions.</i>	

## TRANSPORTATION

### Brooklyn Community Board 4

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

##### **Traffic safety**

Initiatives, such as Vision Zero, have served as a conduit to address some of Bushwick's transit infrastructure and safety needs. This was accomplished through much needed safety upgrades and the implementation of other strategic traffic calming measures, such as the Myrtle-Wyckoff pedestrian plaza. Additional studies are needed to address aging infrastructure and safety issues on the busiest corridors in the neighborhood, including Broadway, Bushwick Avenue, Knickerbocker Avenue, Myrtle Avenue, and Wyckoff Avenue. Those corridors experience a high volume of evolving mixed-use traffic (pedestrian, cyclist, vehicular, etc.). They remain in great need of additional investment, ranging from resurfacing to the implementation of traffic calming measures.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

No comments

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/15	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Broadway was once the major commercial corridor drawing consumers from all over Brooklyn. In its current state, Broadway is far from the thriving strip of businesses it was in the past. Reconstructing Broadway from Flushing Avenue to Eastern Parkway is the first step in investing in the economic future of the neighborhood. The roadbed of this heavily traveled commercial strip is in a deplorable state. The last time it was repaved was the Broadway Reconstruction Project of 1986. Recent tragic incidents illustrate the need for an enhanced roadway, lighting, and other transit safety features.</i>	Broadway Flushing Avenue Eastern Parkway
6/15	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Lighting is needed throughout the district, especially under the NYCT MTA Elevated Structures. High density lighting will provide for better-lit and safer streets during the night hours.</i>	
8/15	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Wyckoff Avenue is one of the major commercial and transit corridors in the neighborhood. The high volume of all types of traffic, including delivery trucks and EMS vehicles, leads to rapid erosion of the streets and easily congests traffic. The reconstruction of Wyckoff Avenue is an important and capital project for safety of the community. This avenue is also shared with our neighbors in Queens, which would ideally make capital investment more feasible, given the potential for partnership on the project.</i>	Wyckoff Avenue Flushing Avenue Cooper Street
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## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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13/24	DOT	<b>Other expense traffic improvements requests</b>	<i>Increase Contracts for Street Light Repairs. The Community Board 4 area experiences significant delays in response time to light malfunctions and requests for repair. The average wait has increased to 15 days, which can lead to further safety risks and issues.</i>	

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 4**

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

##### **Park care and maintenance**

Our parks are centers of interaction with neighbors and nature. They are also conduits for a variety of activities and opportunities within the neighborhood for individuals and families. At the most basic level they help purify the air and surrounding environment. It is for those reasons and beyond, that it remains vital to prioritize their upkeep and necessary renovations. In the past several years, complaints have been made in reference to an increasing number of homeless individuals living in the parks, visible drug paraphernalia in bushes and play areas, and other general public safety issues. In consistent park maintenance and public safety issues remain common complaints. We are thankful for the partnership and support from the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner's office and the local park manager in addressing situations as they arise.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

No comments

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

Bushwick is known for its rich cultural diversity and arts community. Over the years, the cultures and artistic expression have changed with time, but the spirit of creativity remains and has contributed to the large increase in new residents and visitors from all over the world. Aside from the recent increase in popularity of the neighborhood, much work is needed to connect youth, seniors, and local stakeholders to opportunities for enrichment and skills building. The arts remain a conduit to many pathways, including but not limited to, employment, outlets for expression, and strengthening community ties.

##### **Needs for Library Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

Community Boards are tasked with monitoring and informing city agencies and elected officials about district needs. In order to build on this work, additional support is needed as it relates to technology. The development of a Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) software for community boards will potentially provide a comprehensive tool to streamline the work of the board. Additionally, boards have limited personnel services funding, which hinders their ability to pursue new hires that are needed to provide additional support to better serve an evolving population.



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/15	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>The comfort station at Maria Hernandez Park is in serious need of an upgrade. There are frequent complaints about the lack of regular maintenance, pooling, and broken restroom equipment from community members, especially during the summertime. Given the high volume of visitors and recreational opportunities in general, a renovated comfort station is needed to better accommodate the public.</i>	
5/15	DPR	<b>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</b>	<i>Expand Contracts for Tree Pruning. The wait-time is extremely long for tree pruning as contracts do not accommodate the number of requests.</i>	
7/15	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</b>	<i>The Dekalb library is in need of a full major renovation, including the basement, interior/exterior, window restoration, and safety/security enhancements.</i>	790 Bushwick Avenue
9/15	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Add a comfort station to Irving Square Park.</i>	
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## Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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2/24	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Hire Additional Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Staff. District parks are often vandalized; Gang activity is present. PEP officers will provided a sense of security.</i>	
11/24	OMB	<b>Provide more community board staff</b>	<i>Increase the baseline budget to allow for additional part-time or a full-time hire to support the board and help manage the work load.</i>	

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12/24	DCLA	<b>Provide more public art</b>	<i>As Bushwick continues to change at an accelerated pace it is important to honor and recognize the culture that helped create the neighborhood. Public art, especially as it relates to long-standing local artists and other aspects of the neighborhood's history, is one way to accomplish this. These kinds of projects should be implemented via partnership with community-based organizations, schools, and general community participation.</i>
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22/24	DPR	<b>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</b>	<i>The larger parks in the neighborhood, such as Maria Hernandez Park and Irving Square Park have a high volume of visitors throughout the year, especially during the warmer weather months. Additional garbage collection is need to prevent the encouragement of illegal dumping and to keep the park entrances clear/clean.</i>

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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12/15	Other	<b>Other capital budget request</b>	<i>DOE - Establish additional Early Learn Centers and Pre-K for All programs within the neighborhood. Consider existing childcare centers as potential host sites. Capital funding is needed for renovation and/or new construction of facilities capable of responding to this request. As the population within the district continues to grow, planning for childcare facilities to meet those needs is essential.</i>	
CS	Other	<b>Other capital budget request</b>	<i>EDC - Major commercial corridors, such as Broadway, Myrtle, and Wyckoff are in need of investment to revitalize and restore them to their optimal capacity. This should be accomplished through joint efforts between local merchants associations, general stakeholders, and the residents that are in most cases the primary consumers for the businesses. Improvements can include funding for signage, street furniture, and other design elements.</i>	Broadway Flushing Avenue Eastern Parkway

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9/24	DOITT	<b>Information technology goods and services</b>	<i>Collaboratively develop a CRM software tool to streamline community board work flow.</i>	

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/15	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</b>	<i>Strongly encourage private developers to construct deeply affordable housing that meets the needs of the community, as well as, create one hundred percent affordable housing when feasible and especially for projects on city-owned land. Currently, the majority of new rental apartments are not affordable for residents. This includes the majority of the housing that has been labelled affordable based on the Area Median Income (AMI). Many neighborhood residents continue to struggle in their search to find housing they can afford.</i>	
2/15	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</b>	<i>Truly affordable housing for all remains a city-wide crisis however, seniors and other at-risk populations are among the most vulnerable. Given the long waiting lists and general shortage in senior and supportive housing, increased development and/or inclusion of these projects should be encouraged along with feedback from the Community Board.</i>	
3/15	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Broadway was once the major commercial corridor drawing consumers from all over Brooklyn. In its current state, Broadway is far from the thriving strip of businesses it was in the past. Reconstructing Broadway from Flushing Avenue to Eastern Parkway is the first step in investing in the economic future of the neighborhood. The roadbed of this heavily traveled commercial strip is in a deplorable state. The last time it was repaved was the Broadway Reconstruction Project of 1986. Recent tragic incidents illustrate the need for an enhanced roadway, lighting, and other transit safety features.</i>	Broadway Flushing Avenue Eastern Parkway

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12/15	Other	<b>Other capital budget request</b>	<i>DOE - Establish additional Early Learn Centers and Pre-K for All programs within the neighborhood. Consider existing childcare centers as potential host sites. Capital funding is needed for renovation and/or new construction of facilities capable of responding to this request. As the population within the district continues to grow, planning for childcare facilities to meet those needs is essential.</i>	
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14/15	EDC	<b>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</b>	<i>The primary commercial corridors in Bushwick include Broadway, Myrtle, Knickerbocker Avenue, and Wyckoff Avenue. Given the high volume of traffic on these avenues, investment in the infrastructure will improve overall transit safety, the quality of life for all residents and visitors, and provide a solid foundation to support a vibrant and dynamic commercial sector.</i>	
15/15	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)</b>	<i>Despite historic lows in crime in Bushwick, statistics show increases in grand larcenies and burglaries in addition to a high volume of quality of life concerns. A mobile command center would serve as both an additional vantage point and a deterrent for areas with chronic issues. Accompanied with outreach, a center will also simultaneously strengthen NYPD visibility and community relations.</i>	
CS	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</b>	<i>BPL - The Brooklyn Public Library Washington Irving is in need of an interior renovation to better accommodate patrons.</i>	360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
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## Expense Budget Requests

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1/24	NYPD	<b>Assign additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>Increase Manpower at the 83rd Precinct, Public Service Area 3, and Transit District 33. Additional patrols and manpower from the Academy are needed in Bushwick.</i>	
2/24	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Hire Additional Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Staff. District parks are often vandalized; Gang activity is present. PEP officers will provided a sense of security.</i>	
3/24	DCP	<b>Other zoning and land use requests</b>	<i>As emphasized by the majority in attendance during the public scoping meeting in June 2019, the Bushwick Community Plan should be analyzed as an alternative, as City Planning prepares the Environmental Impact Study for the Bushwick rezoning.</i>	
4/24	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Provide funding for additional building inspectors to respond to code violations. A high volume of building construction and alterations occurs throughout the district in many cases illegally/without the proper permits. Additional inspectors will assist in addressing this issue.</i>	
5/24	NYCHA	<b>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</b>	<i>Hire code enforcement inspectors. Additional Inspectors are needed to respond to a high volume of complaints within the district. Inspectors should be trained to recognize chronic building negligence.</i>	
6/24	DOHMH	<b>Other animal and pest control requests</b>	<i>Enhance outreach and conduct public education workshops in partnership with the Department of Health for neighborhood residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to combat the rodent issue in Bushwick.</i>	



7/24	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>The Bushwick Neighborhood Health Action Action formerly know as the Bushwick District Public Health Office remains a valuable asset with considerable reach and influence on the culture of health in Bushwick. To date, the center and the various programs appear to lack a clear and cohesive role in the community and would benefit from a comprehensive outreach plan, marketing, and opportunities for community engagement around the future of the site.</i>	335 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/24	FDNY	<b>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Expense)</b>	<i>Provide equipment needed by FDNY personnel including, but not limited to, generators, printers for the firehouses, Level A Hazmat Suits, and new defibrillator batteries.</i>	
9/24	DOITT	<b>Information technology goods and services</b>	<i>Collaboratively develop a CRM software tool to streamline community board work flow.</i>	
10/24	EDC	<b>Expand programs for certain industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare</b>	<i>Establish an incubator within the district to spur economic growth and support current/emerging entrepreneurs.</i>	
11/24	OMB	<b>Provide more community board staff</b>	<i>Increase the baseline budget to allow for additional part-time or a full-time hire to support the board and help manage the work load.</i>	
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13/24	DOT	<b>Other expense traffic improvements requests</b>	<i>Increase Contracts for Street Light Repairs. The Community Board 4 area experiences significant delays in response time to light malfunctions and requests for repair.The average wait has increased to 15 days, which can lead to further safety risks and issues.</i>	

14/24	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Increase street outreach and support community partnerships at intersections that regularly draw a large homeless and/or at-risk populations, such as, but not limited to the Myrtle-Broadway intersection.</i>	
15/24	EDC	<b>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</b>	<i>Bushwick has a rich culture that includes small business owners and entrepreneurs. The demand for the services have grown, as the population continues to increase. Workshops, small grants, and other services/opportunities are in higher demand.</i>	
16/24	SBS	<b>Support merchant organizing</b>	<i>Recently, joint efforts have been taken to organize the merchants along the Broadway corridor. In these early stages, support and resources are critical to establishing a foundation.</i>	Broadway Flushing Avenue Eastern Parkway
17/24	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>A staff increase in Fire Marshals will improve their ability to investigate and respond to fires, as well as, meet the growing need for inspections of new businesses; establishments that plan to serve liquor in particular.</i>	
18/24	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Additional programming for this population is required, especially for youth enrolled in public schools. Parents have limited options within the district and are often drawn to schools that offer a full day of learning and after school programming.</i>	
19/24	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of canine waste laws</b>	<i>The "Clean Up After Dog" Law needs additional strategic enforcement via working with local stakeholders, residents, and other property owners.</i>	
20/24	DFTA	<b>Enhance educational and recreational programs</b>	<i>Implement and enhance diverse educational and recreational programming for seniors including the arts, technology, and inter-generational themes</i>	
21/24	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Hire additional personnel for the repair and maintenance of catch basins and rain gardens. The increase in neighborhood population and construction has burdened the current sewer system.</i>	

22/24	DPR	<b>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</b>	<i>The larger parks in the neighborhood, such as Maria Hernandez Park and Irving Square Park have a high volume of visitors throughout the year, especially during the warmer weather months. Additional garbage collection is need to prevent the encouragement of illegal dumping and to keep the park entrances clear/clean.</i>
23/24	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Reinstate 5 day per week garbage collection at neighborhood institutions and community facilities, including, but not limited to schools, early learn centers/pre-K programs, and senior citizen centers. All of the above offer daily meals for breakfast &amp; lunch, generating a high volume of garbage in designated locations that contribute to the low scorecard rating.</i>
24/24	EDC	<b>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</b>	<i>Expand the graffiti removal program to improve the response time to requests for removal. Currently, there are a limited amount of programs and supplies within the community that provide this service. Often this results in longer than average wait times to resolve the issue, which generally leads to worsening conditions.</i>