

# ***Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests***

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**Brooklyn  
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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 Brooklyn Community Board 2's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2018.

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:

### **a) 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.

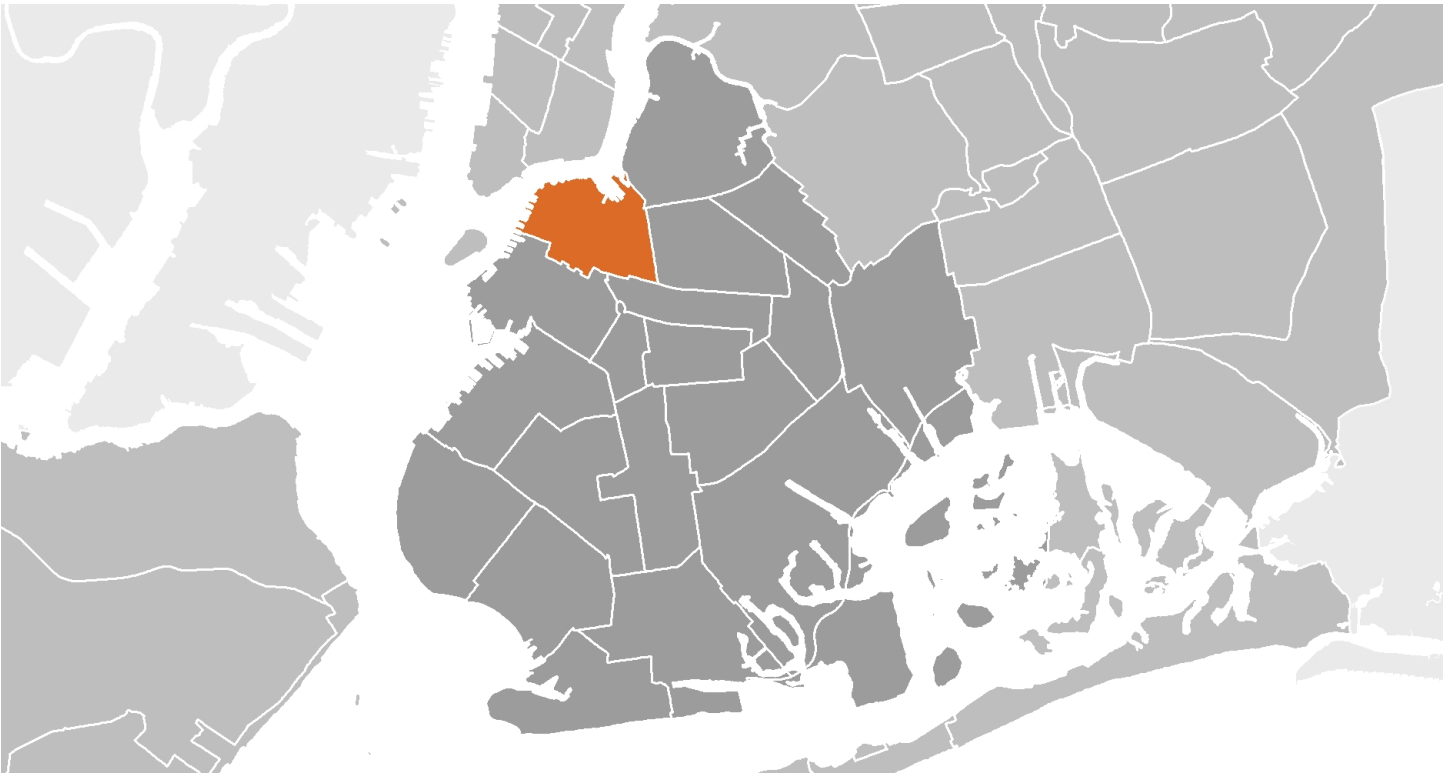
### **b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs**

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.

### **c) Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 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.

# Brooklyn Community Board 2



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*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

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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## 2. Community District Profile

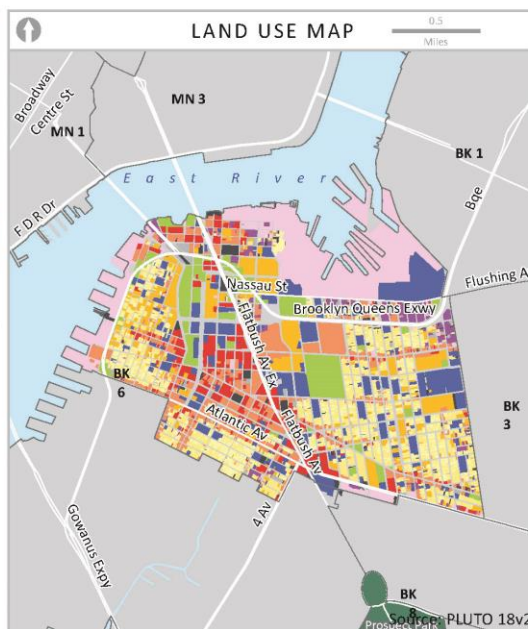
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

# Brooklyn Community District 2



**Neighborhoods**<sup>1</sup>: Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Clinton Hill, Downtown Brooklyn, DUMBO, Fort Greene, Fulton Ferry, Navy Yard, Vinegar Hill

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
98,620	99,617	+1%
2012-2016 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		135,679
Square Miles		2.8
Population Density		35,578/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 2 in 2018:

1. Affordable housing
2. Schools
3. Other (see Statement of Community District Needs)

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 2's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

Website: [www.nyc.gov/html/bkncb2](http://www.nyc.gov/html/bkncb2)  
Email: [cb2k@nyc.rr.com](mailto:cb2k@nyc.rr.com)

Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	2,452	9%
Multifamily Walk-up	2,955	13%
Multifamily Elevator	256	10%
Mixed Use	1,219	11%
Commercial	319	7%
Industrial	167	3%
Transportation/Utility	55	17%
Public/Institutional	258	15%
Open Space	114	9%
Parking	180	2%
Vacant	231	3%
Other	30	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 2

## A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	61
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	27
Parks	28
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>32%</b>	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Citywide Target
<b>99%</b>	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>35</b>	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>10%</b>	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>19.5</b>	11.3
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>60%</b>	34%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

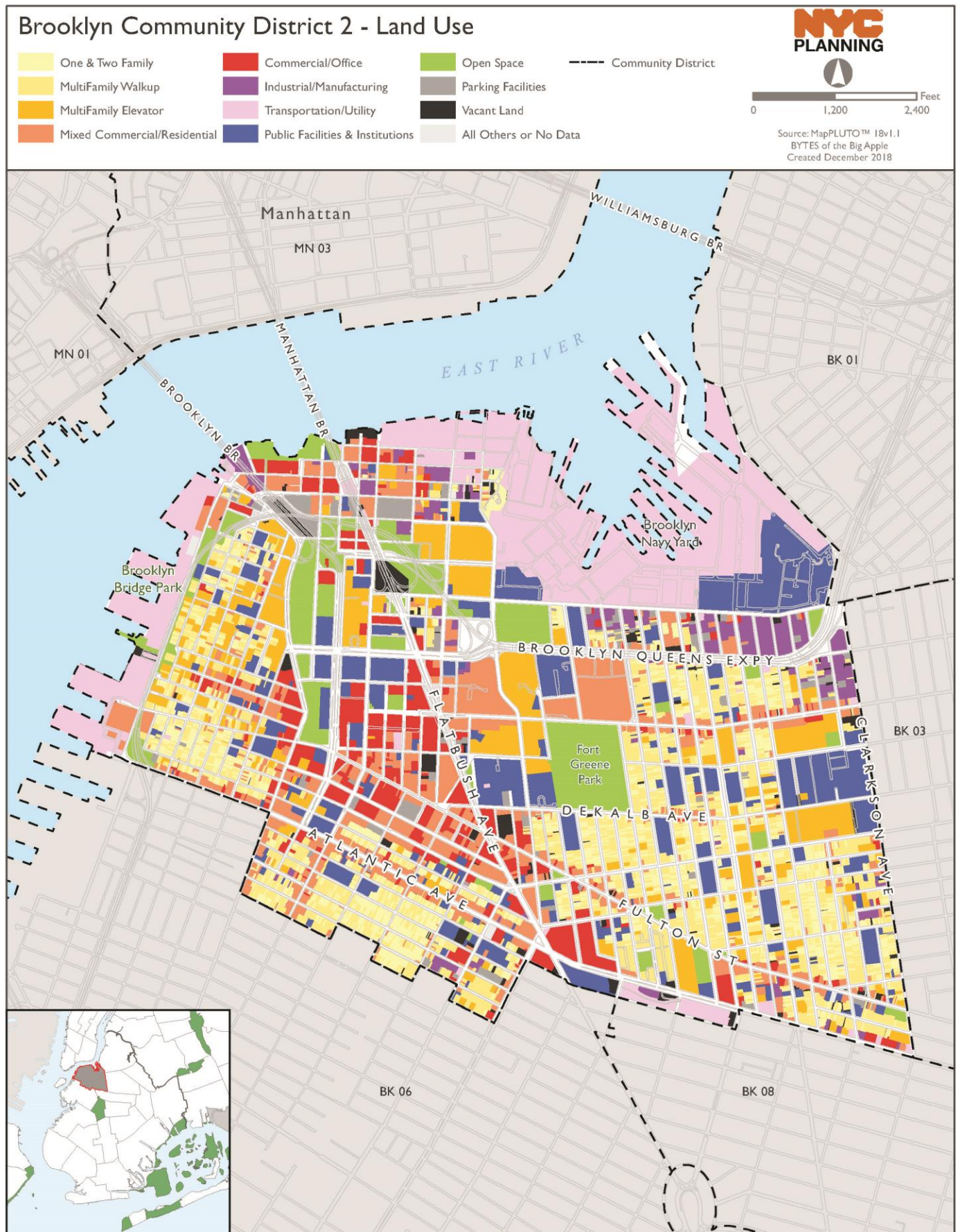
UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>5.5%</b>	5.7%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Brooklyn CD 2	Brooklyn
<b>12%</b>	22%
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 2012-2016 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 (2017); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). 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 (2017); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2011-2015 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.



## 2. Community District Land Use





### 3. Overview of Community District

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#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 2 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Schools*
- *Other/Bridge maintenance and operations*

The affordable housing crisis is a citywide issue and one that will be extremely difficult to resolve. The city is losing affordable units of housing faster than new units can be constructed. When Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his goal of building or preserving 200,000 units of affordable housing over 10 years, the NYU Furman Center commented that it will take a million new apartments to impact housing cost from the supply side. As neighborhoods in Brooklyn Community District 2 gentrify at a faster pace, the issue is increasingly acute here.

The Department of Education (DOE) seems unable to plan for localized growth in school population. It is understandable that the DOE does not want to construct expensive schools for which there is no need but its 'wait-and-see' approach, in combination with the long lead time necessary to site and construct a school, results in painful waits for additional capacity. The city rezoned Downtown Brooklyn in 2004 and the first school serving the neighborhood may be completed by the 20th anniversary of the land use changes.

The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, on the western edge of Brooklyn Heights, has outlived its engineered life. New York State Department of Transportation began in 2008 the environmental review and alternative analysis for the renovation or replacement of the structure but walked away from the project in 2011. The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) has restarted the project and achieved some early success; \$1.7 billion in funding and State approval for a design-build procurement process. However, a proposal to build a temporary highway at the same elevation as the Brooklyn Heights promenade, the highest of the three levels, was met with resounding opposition from the community and some local elected officials. Community Board 2 hopes that NYCDOT can find a workable solution for re-routing the 153,000 cars that use the highway daily and get the project schedule back on track.



#### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### *Infectious disease (HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, etc)*

Documented research indicates that low-income and entrenched poverty is an indicator of high concentrations of chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension and obesity as well as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as HIV/AIDS. New York State Community Health Indicator Reports (CHIRS) that STDs are on the rise in New York City. The American Community Survey 2008-2012 recorded 44.2 percent, 68.8 percent and 52.9 percent of the residents in the census tracts where the Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman developments are located are living below the federally defined poverty level.

#### Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD2) is home to a large number of health care facilities, in some cases disproportionately so. This results in part from the extensive transportation network in the district, which makes it accessible to the rest of the borough. According to the register of "Selected Facilities and Program Sites" prepared by the Department of City Planning, there are 28 mental health service centers in CD2, 24 chemical dependency service centers and 20 residential programs for adults and families. In an analysis prepared in support of a board resolution passed in 2011, it was determined that 23 percent of the borough's beds for chemical dependency services then were located in CD2. Six Brooklyn community districts combined provided less than the number located here and five districts provided no beds at all. One-quarter of the out-patient substance abuse program sites in Brooklyn were located in CD2, making it the predominant host in 2011. Similarly, the district ranked first for the borough's out-patient substance abuse program sites. Community Board 2 (CB2) knows that health care facilities are not necessarily bad neighbors and how well a program is operated is the determining factor, not the services provided. The community board has in recent years not objected to the expansion and consolidation of existing services in the district or the relocation of facilities from elsewhere. However, saturation is always a concern for CB2.

#### Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

The 2010 decennial census recorded 15,433 older adults residing in substantial concentrations in Brooklyn Community District 2. There are 13 residential developments where more than 30 percent of the residents, or approximately 3,700 people, are age 60 or older. Of these, seven met government guidelines for designation as Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, or NORCs. In surveys conducted through Community Board 2, nearly all respondents indicated a desire to remain in their homes for as long as possible. More than half responded that they would welcome a nurse or social worker who will make regularly scheduled visits to their development.

#### Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[NORC Communities in Brooklyn CD2](#)

#### Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

There has been a noticeable increase in street homelessness in Brooklyn Community District 2. Small groups of people without homes congregate in several locations, including Columbus Park, the plaza in front of Long Island University and at Fox Square. Telephone calls from the district office and community residents to 311 or directly to Street to Home, operated by a Department of Homeless Services contractor, do not seem to result in a reduction of the homeless population. This is attributable to a variety of explanations, including resistance from the individuals we hope to assist. However, the district office receives no follow-up reports from Street to Home and therefore we do not know what we might do differently.



## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/30	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	The Department of Homeless Services-managed Auburn residence must be upgraded generally, with expanded electrical system capacity and a code-compliant fire alarm system of particular concern.	Auburn Family Shelter 39 Auburn Place
18/30	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Paint the exterior and renovate the electrical and fire alarm systems at the Willoughby (aka Whitman and Round Top) Senior Center.	Willoughby Senior Center 105 North Portland Avenue



## Health Care and Human Services

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/47	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Increased mental health support for teenagers in schools. School programs will offer easy access and ability to provide treatment prior to crisis situation.	Community Wide
4/47	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Increase funding for rodent management in parks and Greenstreets. [formerly Tracking Code 202201603E]	Community Wide
6/47	DHS	Improve safety at homeless shelters	The women's shelter at 200 Tillary Street is a source of a high number of 911 calls.	Tillary Street Women's Shelter 200 Tillary Street
7/47	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Large number of rodent sighting reports influenced the health department to select Brooklyn Heights and Dumbo to be indexed and monitored. However residents in Fort Greene and Boerum Hill are increasingly concerned about the growing rat populations. Restaurant owners and owners of large residential buildings should be encouraged to discard garbage in rodent proof containers.	Community Wide
14/47	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	While levels of new infections are at record lows, rates remain high in Brooklyn, with CD2 having 33.1 new cases per 100,000 people. Educational campaigns need to target the demographic groups with the highest rates of new infection.	Fort Greene Health Center 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension
21/47	DOHMH	Promote vaccinations and immunizations	Increase the rates of vaccination for HPV and influenza.	Fort Greene Health Center 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension
24/47	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	At eight cooperative apartment buildings in Community District 2 (Kingsview Homes, Willoughby Walk, St. James Tower, Ryerson Tower, Pratt Tower, Cadman Plaza North, Cadman Towers and 75 Henry Street), more than 50 percent of the residents are 60-years-old or older.	Community Wide
26/47	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Many of the elderly are healthy but frail and need assistance with errands and, maintenance of their homes. These adults are not provided for in existing programs.	Community Wide
37/47	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	One in five adults residing in CD2 are obese and eight percent are diabetic. There is a need to increase nutrition education to improve health outcomes.	Community Wide





## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
42/47	DHS	Expand street outreach	The outreach program has yielded results, however it often misses the most mobile population who continue to be in need of services.	Community Wide
47/47	DHS	Expand street outreach	Hire personnel for street outreach teams who are legally authorized to write prescriptions for medication.	Community Wide



### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### *School and educational facilities (Capacity)*

P.S. 8 is operating at 142 percent of capacity and 50 kindergarten applicants were wait-listed in 2015. Much of the increased demand on P.S. 8 comes from new construction in Dumbo, which was rezoned in 2009 without consideration for elementary school capacity. To create room for additional students at P.S. 307, the DOE relocated M.S. 313, usurping what was once going to be a new middle school option in Community School District 13. Downtown Brooklyn was rezoned in 2004. Ten times as many dwelling units have been built than projected by the EIS and yet no school is planned.

### Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

The Department of Education and School Construction Authority need to construct a new school, or perhaps several schools, for the residents of Downtown Brooklyn.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct a new elementary school in Downtown Brooklyn. Ten years after the 2004 rezoning, 5,000 units of housing had been built and another 4,600 are under construction, 10 times the number predicted in the EIS, providing homes to approximately 2,800 elementary school students. [formerly Tracking Code 202201501C]	Community Wide
10/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct additional elementary and intermediate public schools to accommodate the increase in student population resulting from the development of Pacific Park, formerly known as Atlantic Yards. [formerly Tracking Code 202200804C]	Community Wide
15/30	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide new or expanded science labs and technology facilities at district elementary and intermediate schools.	Community Wide
29/30	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Renovate high school cafeterias to food court design to increase student participation in meals.	Community Wide



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/47	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Expand vocational education and apprenticeship programs at local high schools as a pathway to viable/sustainable careers. CB2 supports additional Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the district.	Community Wide
5/47	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding for after-school, Saturday and summer programs that are built on solid youth development principles, are evidence-based and offer a balance of sports, arts and academics within a strength-based perspective. [Formerly Tracking Code 202199704E]	Community Wide
35/47	DOE	Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals	Promote Free School Lunch of All to increase student participation in meals.	Community Wide



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*Other/gun violence*

As it has in most of New York City, crime has been greatly reduced in Brooklyn Community District 2, which is patrolled by the 78th, 84th and 88th precincts, Police Service Area 3 and Transit District 30. In a recent three month period, there were three daytime shooting incidents on crowded streets in Downtown Brooklyn. In the most recent shooting, on October 1, 2018, one person was shot at approximately 3:45 pm, while students were on the street, making their way from schools to their transportation home. The first incident occurred on July 13 and in that case, three people were injured, two of them bystanders. The second incident of gunfire took place on August 1 and thankfully no one was hurt then. Community Board 2 and the general public have been informed that shooters in these three cases do not reside within the confines of the 84th and 88th precincts but offers little consolation when the bullets start flying.

**Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/30	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Renovate and expand the 88th Precinct House. The landmarked building is inadequate for contemporary service delivery but is unlikely to be replaced. [formerly Tracking Code 202200702C]	88th Precinct 298 Classon Avenue

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/47	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Increase intersection control agents in Community District 2, specifically at Flatbush Avenue and Nevins Street, Atlantic Avenue and Hicks Street, and Flatbush and Myrtle Avenues. [formerly Tracking Code 202200401E]	Community Wide
10/47	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Increase personnel and equipment at the 88th Precinct. The 88th Precinct Youth and Community Council determined that the 88th Precinct is understaffed in comparison to the neighboring 84th Precinct. [formerly Tracking Code 202200704E]	Community Wide
25/47	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Hire additional FDNY inspectors to inspect new "high-rise" construction. [formerly Tracking Code 202201604E]	Community Wide
39/47	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Assign additional staff the joint 78th Precinct, 84th Precinct, 88th Precinct and Transit District 30 post-school dismissal detail in and around Downtown Brooklyn.	Community Wide
41/47	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	Purchase additional patrol cars for the 88th Precinct.	88th Precinct 298 Classon Avenue
43/47	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Assign additional personnel to enforce improper use of parking placards.	Community Wide





## Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency*Water pollution control*

The last major environmental impact statement (EIS) written for a project in Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD2) was prepared for the 22-acre Atlantic Yards mixed-use development and published in late-2006. The EIS stated [page 11-6] that the Red Hook Water Pollution Control Plant had a capacity of 120 mgd and was operating at a 12-month rolling average dry weather flow of 60 mgd. However, there has been considerable new construction and population growth in CD2 in the nine years since, resulting in community concern about the remaining capacity of the Red Hook WPCP and the mains leading to it.

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

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Location</b>
21/30	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	Fund maintenance of bioswales; existing bioswales have become litter boxes.	Community Wide
24/30	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Construct a District 2 sanitation garage within the boundaries of Brooklyn Community District 2. Co-locating the District 2 garage with another district results in delayed service and unnecessary vehicle exhaust emissions.	Community Wide

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/47	DEP	Clean catch basins	Clean every catch basin in the district, particularly those located at the corners of Livingston Street and Bond Street, and Ashland Place and Lafayette Avenue. There is a lot of debris in these storm drains and on the corners noted here, there is always standing water during and for over 24 hours after a storm.	Community Wide
19/47	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Illegal dumping occurs consistently in commercial areas. In some cases the perpetrator is obvious but current rules require a dumper to be caught in the act. The rules/law should be updated to include technological evidence.	Community Wide
20/47	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection		Community Wide
23/47	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	Brooklyn Technical High School with over 5,400 students produces more trash than can be handled within the building. There is no practical on-premise holding area and as a result, large mounds of trash are stored on the sidewalk on an ongoing basis. Additional pick-ups would alleviate the problem.	Brooklyn Technical High School 29 Fort Greene Place
31/47	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The sidewalk outside many restaurants is covered with grease due to improper storage of trash and failure to clean after pick-up. This action provides a feeding ground for rodents.	Community Wide
33/47	DSNY	Improve snow removal	Enforce failure to remove snow on properties that are either vacant or under construction. This makes the sidewalks a hazard for pedestrians in the wintertime and needs an appropriate penalty to discourage property owners from neglecting this duty.	Community Wide
40/47	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Deploy rodent-proof street baskets.	Community Wide



#### Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

##### *Affordable housing new creation*

Clearly, the most important issue in Brooklyn Community District 2 and throughout the city is affordable housing. Community Board 2 (CB2) believes that the issue is even broader, a need for affordable communities. In its report, State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods in 2014, the NYU Furman Center ranked the district's median rent ninth highest in the city, at \$2,995. That is a phenomenal \$2,000 increase from a decade earlier. A survey conducted for Brooklyn Community Board 2 by the Center for Worker Education at City College found the issue to be the most pressing concern for respondents, regardless of income. The survey was taken in the census tracts where the three NYCHA developments are located and in adjacent tracts that had experienced considerable gentrification. Various programs and projects have produced and continue to generate new units of affordable housing. Community Board 2 would like the incentive programs to require a higher proportion of affordable units and for the income thresholds to be lower. The community board would also like to see more two- and three-bedroom apartments constructed so that families can stay in their homes as household size grows. Finally, CB2 encourages the City to put in place policies and programs that will contribute to affordable retail. The value of affordable housing is diminished when residents need to travel to another neighborhood to shop.

#### Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Almost all of Brooklyn Community District 2 has been rezoned in the past two decades, beginning with Vinegar Hill in 1997. For the most part, the land use actions have accomplished the intended goals but there have been two failures. Little affordable housing has been constructed in the areas where density bonuses were mapped to incentivize its development. The Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan, intended to strengthen the city's third central business district, has instead produced a high-rise, bedroom community.

#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Significant economic activity is and has been occurring in Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD2). Most of the neighborhoods are gentrifying and there is considerable investment in the commercial districts. CD2 is home to eight business improvement districts and part of a ninth, which is believed to be the highest number in any community district in the city. Office vacancy rates are lower than they have been in years. However, in this case a rising tide has not raised all ships. The unemployment rate in the three NYCHA developments is 29 percent, three times the rate (9.8%) of the district. The median household income in the Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman houses is roughly \$17,000. Three-quarters of the households there earn less than \$35,000 and almost one-third manage somehow on less than \$10,000. By comparison, the median income for the district as a whole is approximately \$83,000 and the households earning less than \$35,000 constitute less than 30 percent of the total. Policies and programs need to be developed and executed so the residents with the greatest need benefit more from the economic vitality of Community District 2. The Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation (BNYDC) has led the way in this regard. For example, at its newly developed Green Manufacturing Center, BNYDC obtained a 31 percent rate of MWBE contracting and 46 percent rate of MWBE hiring. The local contracting and hiring rates were 14 and 18 percent, respectively. Admittedly, as a public benefit corporation, the Navy Yard has more flexibility than a for-profit entity but it serves as an example of the kind of effort that we need to see more of in CD2.



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Replace outdoor lights at the Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman houses, especially in the vicinity of the building entrances. [formerly Tracking Code 202201602C]	Community Wide
6/30	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Renovate the Whitman Community Center at the Whitman Houses.	149 North Oxford Walk
9/30	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Renovation of 75, 77, 99 and 110 Waverly Avenue, which have been wholly or partially vacant for years. [formerly Tracking Code 202201202C]	Community Wide

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Housing, Economic Development and Land Use



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/47	EDC	Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	Provide incentives or tax abatements to create and maintain affordable commercial and retail spaces for small businesses within the district.	Community Wide
18/47	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Reevaluate the Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan for possible follow-up land use action to stimulate more commercial development. The Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan was intended to make the city's third central business district more competitive in a regional market. Instead, it has resulted in residential construction.	Community Wide
22/47	SBS	Provide or expand assistance to obtain licenses and permits	Increase the number of Small Business Services compliance advisers to assist small businesses meet city regulations.	Community Wide
28/47	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	Fund biannual business planning and operations courses tailored toward the development and growth of small businesses within the district.	Community Wide
32/47	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase funding for code enforcement personnel in Community District 2. [formerly Tracking Code 202199406E]	Community Wide





### Transportation

#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Bridge maintenance and operations*

The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, generally located between Atlantic Avenue and the Brooklyn Bridge, has out-lived its engineered life. After the state transportation department terminated its efforts to rehabilitate or renovate the structure, over five years were lost to inaction. The New York City Department of Transportation has now taken the lead on the project but the environmental review, alternative analysis, design and construction will take approximately a decade to complete. Waiting for a system failure is not an option; traffic will be congested in at least three counties for years.

#### Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The transportation network in Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD2) is extensive and varied. The Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges convey, respectively, 124,000 and 75,000 vehicles between the two boroughs daily. On average, 4,000 pedestrians and 2,600 bicyclists cross the Brooklyn Bridge each day. The East River crossings act as funnels for cyclists traveling to or from Manhattan and CD2 is well served by bike lanes. Citi Bike docking stations are distributed throughout the district, although the operator continues to struggle to balance the system. Thirteen subway and 11 bus lines move passengers through the district and beyond. According to the MTA, the Jay Street-Metrotech, Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center, and Court Street-Borough Hall subway stations rank 23rd, 24th, and 27th respectively for average weekday ridership in the 420-station system. Atlantic Terminal serves as a hub for the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway is a resource for motorists to and from Queens and Long Island.



## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Renovation of Borough Hall 2/3/4/5 subway station. In the 2/3 station, 25 of 37 (68%) of the structural components are not in a state of good repair, and in the 4/5 station, the figures are 19 of 33 (58%).	Borough Hall 2/3/4/5 subway stat
5/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Construct a second mode of egress from the York Street F train station.	York Street F Train Station
7/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Installation of elevators to provide ADA accessibility to individuals with visual and mobility disabilities at the Court Street-Borough Hall (4 and 5 trains) subway station.	Court Street - Borough Hall Subw
8/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Renovation of the Nevins Street 2/3/4/5 subway station, including tile work, painting and track cleaning. Twenty-four of 47 (51%) structural components are not in a state of good repair.	Nevins Street 2/3/4/5 subway sta
13/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Installation of elevators or escalators to provide ADA accessibility to individuals utilizing the Lafayette Avenue C train station.	Lafayette Avenue C Train Station
16/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Repair the elevators at the Clark Street subway station.	Clark Street Subway Station
19/30	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Extend the Flatbush Avenue streetscape improvements from DeKalb to Atlantic avenues. Extension would match the original geographic scope of the project, which was truncated due to budget constraints. [formerly Tracking Code 202201402C]	Flatbush Avenue DeKalb Avenue Atlantic Avenue
23/30	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Development of a plaza on the triangle bounded by Flatbush, Atlantic and Fourth Avenues, known as Times Plaza. The plaza was expanded as part of traffic calming associated with the Barclays Center but is inhospitable and unattractive. [formerly Tracking Code 202201505C]	Block 926, Lot 1
25/30	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Develop fully the Atlantic Avenue Gateway beneath the BQE at the foot of Atlantic Avenue. [formerly Tracking Code 202201502C]	Atlantic Avenue Furman Street Hicks Street



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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/30	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install a permanent speed sign above the Manhattan-bound Flatbush Avenue Extension, between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue, similar to the one above northbound Ocean Parkway between 18th and Ditmas avenues.	Flatbush Avenue Extension Willoughby Street Myrtle Avenue
30/30	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Installation of information kiosks in all stations.	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Refurbish or replace the "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, in Brooklyn Heights. The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway is older than its engineered life. Failure of the structure would negatively impact traffic in at least three counties. Although part of the BQE, the Department of Transportation considers the "Triple Cantilever" a bridge. [formerly Tracking Code 202201603C]	I-278 Atlantic Ave Brooklyn Bridge
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct the Belgian block streets in DUMBO and Vinegar Hill beginning with (a.) Jay Street, between John and York Streets, (b.) Front Street between Hudson Avenue and Old Fulton Street, (c.) Hudson Avenue between Navy and Plymouth Streets. The City-owned Belgian block streets are contributing elements in the neighborhoods' historic districts. [formerly Tracking Code 202199807C]	Community Wide
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Installation of elevators or escalators to provide ADA accessibility to individuals with visual and mobility disabilities utilizing the Hoyt-Schermerhorn (A, C, and G trains) subway station.	Hoyt-Schermerhorn Subway Station



## Transportation

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/47	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Identify and implement alternatives to the Access-a-Ride system for individuals with limited mobility. Pick-up delays and round-about travel routes make the system unreliable.	Community Wide
27/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	A traffic study of the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Nevins Street with the intention of improving pedestrian safety and vehicular traffic flow.	Flatbush Avenue Fulton Street Nevins Street
30/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Fund the study, modeling and implementation of traffic control strategies to address issues identified by Community Board 2 -- as part of the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming Study -- at Tillary Street & Flatbush Avenue and Schermerhorn Street & Flatbush Avenue. [formerly Tracking Code 202200502C]	Community Wide
38/47	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Study the B38 bus route to determine the feasibility of tandem buses and select bus service.	Community Wide



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

##### *Other/method of funding park and playground capital improvements*

Every year, community boards across the city identify parks in the districts that they serve as needing renovation or reconstruction. The formal response to the great majority of these budget requests is, "Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member." It is not so much that the funds are insufficient as they are non-existent until an elected official makes a budget allocation for a specific capital project. This may not be the most equitable way to prioritize what parks are funded. The time may have come for the administration to provide Capital Budget funding directly to the parks department, which has for years prepared lists of its facilities that most need investment. If this is too radical a change, the City could perhaps start by establishing a fund for the largest municipal parks. The cost of renovating the larger parks (Fort Greene and Commodore Barry, for example in Community District 2) is too high for the borough president and council member to shoulder on their own, even in partnership. The result is often deferred maintenance and piecemeal renovation when it does occur.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Like most of New York City, Brooklyn Community District 2 is unlikely to achieve the city's ideal of 2.5 acres of open space per 1,000 residents, even with the addition of Brooklyn Bridge Park. While parks and playgrounds are spread throughout the district, parkland is scarce in Boerum Hill and the southern portion of Clinton Hill. Master plans were written for Fort Greene and Commodore Barry parks and while some renovation has occurred, neither of the plans have been fully implemented due to the extensive scope of work and cost. According to respondents to a survey conducted by the board, most of the district parks are in good condition. A majority of the almost 250 respondents stated that the bathrooms were open during posted hours at least some of the time. However, those who primarily use McLaughlin Park, Fort Greene Park and Underwood Playground said the bathrooms there are almost never open and when they are open, they are usually unclean. Users noted that there is never a parks employee on site, except at Fort Greene Park.

#### Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

Brooklyn Community District 2 is rich in organizations that provide access to visual, written and performing arts, in the "cultural district" centered on the Brooklyn Academy of Music and elsewhere. In a survey released by the Downtown Brooklyn Arts Alliance, 32 of its members reported a total of 5,107,586 patrons--2,772,064 residing in Brooklyn--and \$214 million in economic impact. Members of the Alliance work with school-based and non-school-based programs to serve 64,378 Brooklynites who might have otherwise been barred. Traditionally, high admission cost or lack of awareness of available cultural institutions has limited access to low-income families. Cool Culture, a local non-profit, helped 759 families residing in Community District 2 with children through age six to overcome these obstacles.

#### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has surpassed its traditional role of being a repository for books and a place for quiet study. Today you can access computers, have a snack at the café, participate in cultural or interactive events, receive advice on starting or expanding a business and more. On March 20, 2015 at a hearing of the City Council's cultural affairs committee, BPL President and CEO Linda Johnson stated, "In 2014, nearly 900,000 Brooklynites attended library programs, an increase of 28 percent over the previous year." While the services offered by the BPL and attendance continues to grow, their discretionary budget is subject to repeated attrition. During her testimony, Ms. Johnson claimed, "the mayor's preliminary budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2016 provides the library with 20 percent less discretionary funding than [it] received in 2008." Funding and usage are at odds.





#### Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

The responsibilities and expectations of New York City's 59 community boards have grown considerably in their 40 years of existence. Manhattan community boards are busier than ever, the districts closest to Manhattan resemble it more and more, and districts at a greater distance are experiencing unprecedented gentrification and other change. Just a few years ago, only a handful of community boards reviewed liquor licenses; now many do. Along with liquor licenses, community boards are increasingly advising city and state agencies and private entities on a wide range of matters; sidewalk cafés, gymnasiums, newsstands, even the locations of benches on sidewalks. At the same time, digital communication has raised the public's expectation of what it might learn from the community boards' district offices, and reasonably so. The boards received an approximately 10 percent increase in their budgets in 2016, for which Brooklyn Community Board 2 is grateful. Community Board 2 also thanks Council Member Fernando Cabrera, chair of the Governmental Operations Committee, for his allocation in Fiscal Year 2019. However, the increased responsibilities of community boards and the decades without any budget increases (other than to cover salaries increased through collective bargaining and executive order) mean that there is more catching up to do.



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Obtain additional funds for continuing phases of renovation of Commodore Barry Park as per completed master plan. This is the only city-owned athletic field in Community District 2 and is used by large numbers of local residents and those from beyond the district. [formerly Tracking Code 202200006C]	Commodore Barry Park Block 2025, Lot 1
12/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Create a grading and drainage plan to address erosion problems in Fort Greene Park. [formerly Tracking Code 202201601C]	Fort Greene Park Block 2088, Lot 1
14/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Install athletic court lights, eliminate the garden space and refurbish the children's playground at Washington Hall Playground. [formerly Tracking Code 202199803C]	Washington Hall Playground Block 1890, Lot 26
17/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Cadman Plaza Park north of the War Memorial, including infrastructure and specifically water supply, to coordinate and complement the design with that of the completed southern section and Whitman Park where renovations have been completed. [formerly Tracking Code 202201001C]	Cadman Plaza Park Block 58, Lot 50
20/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the acquisition and construction of additional park space throughout Community District 2 and in particular in the underserved areas of Boerum Hill and eastern Clinton Hill. [formerly Tracking Code 202200203C]	Community Wide
26/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Refurbish the Fort Greene Park Tennis Courts	Fort Greene Park
27/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate the bathrooms at Oracle Playground.	Oracle Playground Block 2045, Lot 8



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Improve the conditions of the Brooklyn War Memorial and restore the interior to usable space. Bring both the exterior and interior spaces into ADA Compliance. [formerly Tracking Code 202200604C]	Brooklyn War Memorial

## Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/47	OMB	Provide more community board staff	Increase the budget of Community Board 2 to allow it to hire a planner consistent with Sections 191(b)(5) and 2800(g) of the City Charter. [formerly Tracking Code 202200706E]	350 Jay Street
8/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Fund full-time seasonal Playground Associates at the following locations: Fort Greene Park, McLaughlin Park, Pierrepont Playground, 16 Sycamores Park, Commodore Barry Park, Crispus Attucks Playground, Underwood Playground, Washington Hall Park, Parham Playground and JHS 113 Playground. [formerly Tracking Code 202200602E]	Community Wide
11/47	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Increase budgets for all district library personnel and supplies to retain qualified staff and maintain high-quality service throughout the week. Maintain extended library hours and expand library programs. [formerly Tracking Code 202200003E]	Community Wide
12/47	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Open clean bathrooms during the posted hours Extend hours during the summer.	Community Wide
45/47	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Fund the implementation of the equity and workforce development requirements of the CreateNYC cultural plan.	Community Wide
46/47	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)	Find space for which permits can be issued for youth recreation leagues.	Community Wide

## 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study the creation of (a) commuter van terminal(s) in Downtown Brooklyn and review current commuter van pick-up and drop-off locations. Licensed and illegal commuter vans are creating traffic congestion without structured stops. [formerly Tracking Code 202200801C]	Community Wide
29/47	DCA	Other business regulatory assistance requests	Fund Department of Consumer Affairs inspectors for assignment, 4:00 pm-midnight. [formerly Tracking Code 202201602E] Priority #3. Tracking number 202201716E.	Community Wide
34/47	LPC	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	Add landmarks inspectors for more timely attention to reports of violations. [formerly Tracking Code 202200801E] Priority #9. Tracking code 202201717E.	Community Wide
44/47	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Reinstate sewer maintenance notices previously provided by the Department of Environmental Protection.	Community Wide

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#### Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/30	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Replace outdoor lights at the Farragut, Ingersoll and Whitman houses, especially in the vicinity of the building entrances. [formerly Tracking Code 202201602C]	Community Wide	
2/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct a new elementary school in Downtown Brooklyn. Ten years after the 2004 rezoning, 5,000 units of housing had been built and another 4,600 are under construction, 10 times the number predicted in the EIS, providing homes to approximately 2,800 elementary school students. [formerly Tracking Code 202201501C]	Community Wide	Downtown Brooklyn School Solutions
3/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Obtain additional funds for continuing phases of renovation of Commodore Barry Park as per completed master plan. This is the only city-owned athletic field in Community District 2 and is used by large numbers of local residents and those from beyond the district. [formerly Tracking Code 202200006C]	Commodore Barry Park Block 2025, Lot 1	
4/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Renovation of Borough Hall 2/3/4/5 subway station. In the 2/3 station, 25 of 37 (68%) of the structural components are not in a state of good repair, and in the 4/5 station, the figures are 19 of 33 (58%).	Borough Hall 2/3/4/5 subway stat	
5/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Construct a second mode of egress from the York Street F train station.	York Street F Train Station	
6/30	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Renovate the Whitman Community Center at the Whitman Houses.	149 North Oxford Walk	
7/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Installation of elevators to provide ADA accessibility to individuals with visual and mobility disabilities at the Court Street-Borough Hall (4 and 5 trains) subway station.	Court Street - Borough Hall Subw	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
8/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Renovation of the Nevins Street 2/3/4/5 subway station, including tile work, painting and track cleaning. Twenty-four of 47 (51%) structural components are not in a state of good repair.	Nevins Street 2/3/4/5 subway sta	
9/30	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Renovation of 75, 77, 99 and 110 Waverly Avenue, which have been wholly or partially vacant for years. [formerly Tracking Code 202201202C]	Community Wide	
10/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct additional elementary and intermediate public schools to accommodate the increase in student population resulting from the development of Pacific Park, formerly known as Atlantic Yards. [formerly Tracking Code 202200804C]	Community Wide	
11/30	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	The Department of Homeless Services-managed Auburn residence must be upgraded generally, with expanded electrical system capacity and a code-compliant fire alarm system of particular concern.	Auburn Family Shelter 39 Auburn Place	
12/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Create a grading and drainage plan to address erosion problems in Fort Greene Park. [formerly Tracking Code 202201601C]	Fort Greene Park  Block 2088, Lot 1	Fort Greene Park Conservancy
13/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Installation of elevators or escalators to provide ADA accessibility to individuals utilizing the Lafayette Avenue C train station.	Lafayette Avenue C Train Station	
14/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Install athletic court lights, eliminate the garden space and refurbish the children's playground at Washington Hall Playground. [formerly Tracking Code 202199803C]	Washington Hall Playground  Block 1890, Lot 26	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
15/30	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide new or expanded science labs and technology facilities at district elementary and intermediate schools.	Community Wide	
16/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Repair the elevators at the Clark Street subway station.	Clark Street Subway Station	
17/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Cadman Plaza Park north of the War Memorial, including infrastructure and specifically water supply, to coordinate and complement the design with that of the completed southern section and Whitman Park where renovations have been completed. [formerly Tracking Code 202201001C]	Cadman Plaza Park  Block 58, Lot 50	Cadman Park Conservancy
18/30	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Paint the exterior and renovate the electrical and fire alarm systems at the Willoughby (aka Whitman and Round Top) Senior Center.	Willoughby Senior Center 105 North Portland Avenue	
19/30	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Extend the Flatbush Avenue streetscape improvements from DeKalb to Atlantic avenues. Extension would match the original geographic scope of the project, which was truncated due to budget constraints. [formerly Tracking Code 202201402C]	Flatbush Avenue DeKalb Avenue Atlantic Avenue	Downtown Brooklyn Partnership
20/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the acquisition and construction of additional park space throughout Community District 2 and in particular in the underserved areas of Boerum Hill and eastern Clinton Hill. [formerly Tracking Code 202200203C]	Community Wide	
21/30	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	Fund maintenance of bioswales; existing bioswales have become litter boxes.	Community Wide	



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22/30	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Renovate and expand the 88th Precinct House. The landmarked building is inadequate for contemporary service delivery but is unlikely to be replaced. [formerly Tracking Code 202200702C]	88th Precinct 298 Classon Avenue	
23/30	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Development of a plaza on the triangle bounded by Flatbush, Atlantic and Fourth Avenues, known as Times Plaza. The plaza was expanded as part of traffic calming associated with the Barclays Center but is inhospitable and unattractive. [formerly Tracking Code 202201505C]	Block 926, Lot 1	
24/30	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Construct a District 2 sanitation garage within the boundaries of Brooklyn Community District 2. Co-locating the District 2 garage with another district results in delayed service and unnecessary vehicle exhaust emissions.	Community Wide	
25/30	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Develop fully the Atlantic Avenue Gateway beneath the BQE at the foot of Atlantic Avenue. [formerly Tracking Code 202201502C]	Atlantic Avenue Furman Street Hicks Street	
26/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Refurbish the Fort Greene Park Tennis Courts	Fort Greene Park	
27/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate the bathrooms at Oracle Playground.	Oracle Playground  Block 2045, Lot 8	
28/30	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install a permanent speed sign above the Manhattan-bound Flatbush Avenue Extension, between Willoughby Street and Myrtle Avenue, similar to the one above northbound Ocean Parkway between 18th and Ditmas avenues.	Flatbush Avenue Extension Willoughby Street Myrtle Avenue	
29/30	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Renovate high school cafeterias to food court design to increase student participation in meals.	Community Wide	Community Food Advocates

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30/30	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Installation of information kiosks in all stations.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Refurbish or replace the "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, in Brooklyn Heights. The "Triple Cantilever" section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway is older than its engineered life. Failure of the structure would negatively impact traffic in at least three counties. Although part of the BQE, the Department of Transportation considers the "Triple Cantilever" a bridge. [formerly Tracking Code 202201603C]	I-278 Atlantic Ave Brooklyn Bridge	
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Improve the conditions of the Brooklyn War Memorial and restore the interior to usable space. Bring both the exterior and interior spaces into ADA Compliance. [formerly Tracking Code 202200604C]	Brooklyn War Memorial	Cadman Park Conservancy
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Installation of elevators or escalators to provide ADA accessibility to individuals with visual and mobility disabilities utilizing the Hoyt-Schermerhorn (A, C, and G trains) subway station.	Hoyt-Schermerhorn Subway Station	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct the Belgian block streets in DUMBO and Vinegar Hill beginning with (a.) Jay Street, between John and York Streets, (b.) Front Street between Hudson Avenue and Old Fulton Street, (c.) Hudson Avenue between Navy and Plymouth Streets. The City-owned Belgian block streets are contributing elements in the neighborhoods' historic districts. [formerly Tracking Code 202199807C]	Community Wide	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/47	OMB	Provide more community board staff	Increase the budget of Community Board 2 to allow it to hire a planner consistent with Sections 191(b)(5) and 2800(g) of the City Charter. [formerly Tracking Code 202200706E]	350 Jay Street	
2/47	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Expand vocational education and apprenticeship programs at local high schools as a pathway to viable/sustainable careers. CB2 supports additional Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the district.	Community Wide	
3/47	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Increased mental health support for teenagers in schools. School programs will offer easy access and ability to provide treatment prior to crisis situation.	Community Wide	
4/47	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Increase funding for rodent management in parks and Greenstreets. [formerly Tracking Code 202201603E]	Community Wide	
5/47	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding for after-school, Saturday and summer programs that are built on solid youth development principles, are evidence-based and offer a balance of sports, arts and academics within a strength-based perspective. [Formerly Tracking Code 202199704E]	Community Wide	
6/47	DHS	Improve safety at homeless shelters	The women's shelter at 200 Tillary Street is a source of a high number of 911 calls.	Tillary Street Women's Shelter 200 Tillary Street	
7/47	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Large number of rodent sighting reports influenced the health department to select Brooklyn Heights and Dumbo to be indexed and monitored. However residents in Fort Greene and Boerum Hill are increasingly concerned about the growing rat populations. Restaurant owners and owners of large residential buildings should be encouraged to discard garbage in rodent proof containers.	Community Wide	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
8/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Fund full-time seasonal Playground Associates at the following locations: Fort Greene Park, McLaughlin Park, Pierrepont Playground, 16 Sycamores Park, Commodore Barry Park, Crispus Attucks Playground, Underwood Playground, Washington Hall Park, Parham Playground and JHS 113 Playground. [formerly Tracking Code 202200602E]	Community Wide	
9/47	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Increase intersection control agents in Community District 2, specifically at Flatbush Avenue and Nevins Street, Atlantic Avenue and Hicks Street, and Flatbush and Myrtle Avenues. [formerly Tracking Code 202200401E]	Community Wide	
10/47	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Increase personnel and equipment at the 88th Precinct. The 88th Precinct Youth and Community Council determined that the 88th Precinct is understaffed in comparison to the neighboring 84th Precinct. [formerly Tracking Code 202200704E]	Community Wide	
11/47	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Increase budgets for all district library personnel and supplies to retain qualified staff and maintain high-quality service throughout the week. Maintain extended library hours and expand library programs. [formerly Tracking Code 202200003E]	Community Wide	
12/47	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Open clean bathrooms during the posted hours Extend hours during the summer.	Community Wide	
13/47	EDC	Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	Provide incentives or tax abatements to create and maintain affordable commercial and retail spaces for small businesses within the district.	Community Wide	
14/47	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	While levels of new infections are at record lows, rates remain high in Brooklyn, with CD2 having 33.1 new cases per 100,000 people. Educational campaigns need to target the demographic groups with the highest rates of new infection.	Fort Greene Health Center 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension	
15/47	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Identify and implement alternatives to the Access-a-Ride system for individuals with limited mobility. Pick-up delays and round-about travel routes make the system unreliable.	Community Wide	

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16/47	DEP	Clean catch basins	Clean every catch basin in the district, particularly those located at the corners of Livingston Street and Bond Street, and Ashland Place and Lafayette Avenue. There is a lot of debris in these storm drains and on the corners noted here, there is always standing water during and for over 24 hours after a storm.	Community Wide	
17/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study the creation of (a) commuter van terminal(s) in Downtown Brooklyn and review current commuter van pick-up and drop-off locations. Licensed and illegal commuter vans are creating traffic congestion without structured stops. [formerly Tracking Code 202200801C]	Community Wide	
18/47	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Reevaluate the Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan for possible follow-up land use action to stimulate more commercial development. The Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan was intended to make the city's third central business district more competitive in a regional market. Instead, it has resulted in residential construction.	Community Wide	
19/47	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Illegal dumping occurs consistently in commercial areas. In some cases the perpetrator is obvious but current rules require a dumper to be caught in the act. The rules/law should be updated to include technological evidence.	Community Wide	
20/47	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection		Community Wide	
21/47	DOHMH	Promote vaccinations and immunizations	Increase the rates of vaccination for HPV and influenza.	Fort Greene Health Center 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension	
22/47	SBS	Provide or expand assistance to obtain licenses and permits	Increase the number of Small Business Services compliance advisers to assist small businesses meet city regulations.	Community Wide	

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### Brooklyn Community Board 2 Expense Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
23/47	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	Brooklyn Technical High School with over 5,400 students produces more trash than can be handled within the building. There is no practical on-premise holding area and as a result, large mounds of trash are stored on the sidewalk on an ongoing basis. Additional pick-ups would alleviate the problem.	Brooklyn Technical High School 29 Fort Greene Place	
24/47	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	At eight cooperative apartment buildings in Community District 2 (Kingsview Homes, Willoughby Walk, St. James Tower, Ryerson Tower, Pratt Tower, Cadman Plaza North, Cadman Towers and 75 Henry Street), more than 50 percent of the residents are 60-years-old or older.	Community Wide	
25/47	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Hire additional FDNY inspectors to inspect new "high-rise" construction. [formerly Tracking Code 202201604E]	Community Wide	
26/47	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Many of the elderly are healthy but frail and need assistance with errands and, maintenance of their homes. These adults are not provided for in existing programs.	Community Wide	
27/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	A traffic study of the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Nevins Street with the intention of improving pedestrian safety and vehicular traffic flow.	Flatbush Avenue Fulton Street Nevins Street	
28/47	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	Fund biannual business planning and operations courses tailored toward the development and growth of small businesses within the district.	Community Wide	
29/47	DCA	Other business regulatory assistance requests	Fund Department of Consumer Affairs inspectors for assignment, 4:00 pm-midnight. [formerly Tracking Code 202201602E] Priority #3. Tracking number 202201716E.	Community Wide	
30/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Fund the study, modeling and implementation of traffic control strategies to address issues identified by Community Board 2 -- as part of the Downtown Brooklyn Traffic Calming Study -- at Tillary Street & Flatbush Avenue and Schermerhorn Street & Flatbush Avenue. [formerly Tracking Code 202200502C]	Community Wide	

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31/47	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The sidewalk outside many restaurants is covered with grease due to improper storage of trash and failure to clean after pick-up. This action provides a feeding ground for rodents.	Community Wide	
32/47	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase funding for code enforcement personnel in Community District 2. [formerly Tracking Code 202199406E]	Community Wide	
33/47	DSNY	Improve snow removal	Enforce failure to remove snow on properties that are either vacant or under construction. This makes the sidewalks a hazard for pedestrians in the wintertime and needs an appropriate penalty to discourage property owners from neglecting this duty.	Community Wide	
34/47	LPC	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	Add landmarks inspectors for more timely attention to reports of violations. [formerly Tracking Code 202200801E] Priority #9. Tracking code 202201717E.	Community Wide	
35/47	DOE	Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals	Promote Free School Lunch of All to increase student participation in meals.	Community Wide	Community Food Advocates
36/47	DEP	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Address chronic subsidence problems at the SEC of Vanderbilt and DeKalb avenues, the SWC Vanderbilt and Willoughby avenues, and the SEC of Vanderbilt and Myrtle avenues.	Community Wide	
37/47	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	One in five adults residing in CD2 are obese and eight percent are diabetic. There is a need to increase nutrition education to improve health outcomes.	Community Wide	
38/47	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Study the B38 bus route to determine the feasibility of tandem buses and select bus service.	Community Wide	



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39/47	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Assign additional staff the joint 78th Precinct, 84th Precinct, 88th Precinct and Transit District 30 post-school dismissal detail in and around Downtown Brooklyn.	Community Wide	
40/47	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Deploy rodent-proof street baskets.	Community Wide	
41/47	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	Purchase additional patrol cars for the 88th Precinct.	88th Precinct 298 Classon Avenue	
42/47	DHS	Expand street outreach	The outreach program has yielded results, however it often misses the most mobile population who continue to be in need of services.	Community Wide	
43/47	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Assign additional personnel to enforce improper use of parking placards.	Community Wide	
44/47	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Reinstate sewer maintenance notices previously provided by the Department of Environmental Protection.	Community Wide	
45/47	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources	Fund the implementation of the equity and workforce development requirements of the CreateNYC cultural plan.	Community Wide	
46/47	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)	Find space for which permits can be issued for youth recreation leagues.	Community Wide	
47/47	DHS	Expand street outreach	Hire personnel for street outreach teams who are legally authorized to write prescriptions for medication.	Community Wide	

## Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

### Health Care and Human Services



NORC Communities in Brooklyn CD2

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=029A0043-895B-420A-B554-509988CB67DC>