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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) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

Brooklyn Community District 17

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 155,252 | 100.00 | 162,446 | 100.00 | 7,194 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 35,611 | 22.9 | 31,612 | 19.5 | -3,999 | -11.2 | -3.4 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 155,252 | 100.0 | 162,446 | 100.0 | 7,194 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 10,536 | 6.8 | 13,313 | 8.2 | 2,777 | 26.4 | 1.4 |
| White non-Hispanic | 2,204 | 1.4 | 5,837 | 3.6 | 3,633 | 164.8 | 2.2 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 137,243 | 88.4 | 127,289 | 78.4 | -9,954 | -7.3 | -10.0 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 1,734 | 1.1 | 3,036 | 1.9 | 1,302 | 75.1 | 0.8 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 1,057 | 0.7 | 2,301 | 1.4 | 1,244 | 117.7 | 0.7 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 2,478 | 1.6 | 10,670 | 6.6 | 8,192 | 330.6 | 5.0 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 59,098 | 100.0 | 62,636 | 100.0 | 3,538 | 6.0 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 55,571 | 94.0 | 58,768 | 93.8 | 3,197 | 5.8 | -0.2 |
| Vacant housing units | 3,527 | 6.0 | 3,868 | 6.2 | 341 | 9.7 | 0.2 |

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

New York City

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

Brooklyn

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 17 is comprised of the following neighborhoods: East Flatbush, Northeast East Flatbush, Rugby, Farragut/Hyde Park, Remsen Village, Ditmas Village and Erasmus. The geographic district encompasses East New York Avenue from East 98 Street to Utica Avenue, South on Utica Avenue to Clarkson Avenue, West on Clarkson Avenue to Bedford Avenue, South on Bedford Avenue to the Long Island Railroad/Glenwood Road East along the Long Island Railroad to East 98 Street, then North on East 98 Street to East New York Avenue. Community District 17 is a culturally diverse community.

Between 2010 and 2020 there was a 5% increase in our total population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau Population, the 2020 population count in CB 17 was reported to be 162,446: with 78% being Black, 8% Hispanic, 2% Asian, 4% White, 8% Other. The number of residents under 18 is reported to be 31,612, a 19 % decrease from 2010. We believe, the CB 17 community have many undocumented residents who, if counted, would probably increase the total population of the district.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 17

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and public safety

It is promising to see that amidst the rising rate of murders in NYC, CB 17 has been experiencing decreasing murder rates. Yet, CB 17 over the past year has experienced an increase in crimes in the following categories. Felony Assault, the district saw a 17 percent increase. Grand Larceny, a 4 percent increase, while experiencing a 23 percent increase in Grand Larceny Auto, among a few others. Nonetheless, as evidenced by the NYPD CompStat data and the consistent reports over the last year at our board meetings, public safety remains a priority. Automobiles are a necessity for residents who travel near and far for work, etc. Therefore the reality that a target on their assets creates an unnecessary economic burden and safety threat for the district as a whole, a threat that is often carried out by the gangs menacing our district. It is important to note that even though murder rates are lower than prior years, and the trend of shooting incidents are slightly lower than the prior years. This year's decline is an indication that guns remain an issue. However we cannot ignore the fact that the year 2020 was indeed an abnormal year. Nonetheless, it is an indication that interventions such as community policing, or community-oriented policing, should still be prioritized for CB 17. Furthermore, the city must prioritize resources that will help to ensure that the asset and the livelihood of residents in CB17 are safeguarded, as well as ensure that lives are protected so residents can feel safe, ultimately leading to a better quality of life.

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

Superstorms and disasters like Hurricane Ida have repeatedly taken devastating tolls on many communities across our city, further highlighting the need for the city to be better prepared for natural disasters. At this point, the change in weather patterns may be hard to address, but they should be easier to prepare for. Many homeowners and business owners anticipated heavy rainfall when Ida reached NYC, but they did not expect the heavy flooding, most of which was due to the poor sewage and drainage infrastructure in our community. New York City's Stormwater Flood Maps show the levels of extreme flooding occurring frequently in various locations across our Community Board. Our community members need more resources from the city to address the issue of flooding, as it is causing mass property damage to many of Community Board 17 residents. We must also take this into consideration as we are reviewing zoning proposals, as any locations where new developments are built should have assessments and inspections conducted to identify if the sewage and drainage infrastructure can handle the additional residents to the area. These worsening environmental conditions are only further harming our community. Continuing to create hazards that will only worsen if we don't take action now. One of New York's States oldest structures, The Wyckoff Farmhouse, in our district, was closed to the public due to the nearly 8 feet of flooding that they experienced after Hurricane Ida. If we hope to preserve our community's historical landmarks and homes we must upgrade and improve our storm drain infrastructure.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Community Board 17 is responsive to resident concerns and complaints regarding sanitation issues such as littering, street sweeping, illegal dumping, snow removal, and collections. The cleanliness of our streets and neighborhoods remains a priority. In an integrated approach to a cleaner community, CB17 supports frequent sanitation inspections and funding to increase and maintain litter basket service. Litter basket collection needs to be increased. This service has helped to improve cleanliness in our area, however, there remains much more that needs to be done. Businesses on our commercial corridors complain of overflowing litter baskets. The "Adopt A Basket " program minimizes the overflow of litter baskets and contributes to an improved quality of life. There are various commuter hubs such as train stations and major bus stops for commuters transferring. The community garbage output has exceeded the sanitation cleaning schedule, making the garbage removal inadequate. We support the program and request increased funding for resources and business outreach on our commercial strips, Avenue D, Church Avenue, Nostrand Avenue, Utica Avenue, and small commercial strips along New York Avenue., Rogers Avenue, Rutland RD and East 98th St. Illegal drop-offs and dumping in commercial baskets, dead-end streets, tree pits, and even on the sidewalk has been on the increase in District 17. While we continue to work closely with the sanitation supervisors

and police, there are chronic areas in the district that require a stakeout and installation of surveillance cameras. Areas such as Nazareth High school, Avenue D and East 57th Street, Glenwood Road & Farragut Road (heading West) Meyer Levin -IS 285 located at 5909 Beverley Road. We support increased funding for more sanitation officers to conduct illegal dumping surveillance and impounds, in addition to an increase in surveillance cameras to be installed in known dumping locations, which could make an enormous difference in the public's health, safety, and appearance of the District.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

COVID-19 management (incl. vaccination, testing, outreach, education, etc.)

As a result of the COVID-19 impact on our community, it is important to have access to Health Care facilities, particularly to mental health now that the pandemic is ending. The Health Department released a report on September 22, 2020 that described the impact of COVID-19 on mental health in New York City. Health Opinion Polls conducted in April and May of 2020 found New Yorkers are experiencing stress, anxiety and depression, and parents report the emotional or behavioral health of children has been negatively affected by the pandemic. Meanwhile, mortality data found 261 suicide deaths in New York City in the first six months of 2020, compared to 270 over the same period in 2019. COVID-19 is having an impact on anxiety and depression among adult New Yorkers—44% reported symptoms of anxiety due to COVID-19, and 36% reported symptoms of depression in the previous two weeks. In addition, 35% of adults with children in their household report the emotional or behavioral health of at least one child has been negatively affected by the pandemic. The mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to be significant as the pandemic unfolds based on research from past disasters. Individuals experiencing additional stressors and traumas related to COVID-19 and structural racism may be more likely to experience adverse mental health impacts. Impacts may include grief; exacerbation of preexisting behavioral health challenges; and new behavioral health challenges, including anxiety, depression, complicated grief, substance misuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, and less commonly, thoughts or attempts of suicide. The many components of Thrive NYC which aims to reduce mental illness stigma and close the gap in behavioral health services by integrating mental health care into primary practices, needs to be expanded to more low-income neighborhoods.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Access to Health Care, and Prevention Screening are two health related issues that affects the East Flatbush district. As noted in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Survey. A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment such as avoidable hospitalizations. Adults in The same can be said for Prevention and Screening of various illnesses, such as Breast Cancer, HPV, Flu and HIV testing. When screening is applied it can be most effective in people living longer, healthier lives. We support the creation and promotion of programs that increase awareness and encourage treatment of mental health. The many components of ThriveNYC, which aims to reduce mental illness stigma and close the gap in behavioral health services by integrating mental health care into primary care practices needs to be expanded to more low-income neighborhoods. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalization. Increased services could help individuals cope with stressful situations.

Needs for Older NYs

We request that the Department For The Aging implement funded programs. There is a need for C2 housing to meet the needs of our aging population, namely: assisted living, independent living and dependent living. Our population continues to age like the rest of the country; the frail and elderly are growing more numerous. There is a desperate need for additional senior centers throughout the district as we are currently only served by one (1) senior center at this time. In addition, nutritional resources for older adults implemented during the pandemic should be maintained.

Needs for Homeless

Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing. The gap between affordable and unaffordable continues to rise. Families are facing evictions into homelessness due to the pandemic. Extension of the eviction moratorium

is in effect to keep families afloat during the crisis and stably housed. CB17 requests that programs be implemented to accommodate families and singles who due to their income range fall within the borders of unaffordability thus deeming them unable to apply for the affordable units. We believe the income range is a disadvantage to a large number of residents in our district.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Other Work Experience Program Requests: With the phasing out of the Work Experience Program, it is imperative that participants seeking independence and self-support are provided with the alternatives that continue to improve the skills they already possess and allow them opportunities to develop new abilities that increases their chances of employment. Support the maintenance of resources for those who may be unemployed due to the unprecedented impact of the COVIP-19 on the NYC workforce.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|---|
| 17/39 | DFTA | Renovate or upgrade a senior center | <i>The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior Center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. Having a kitchen on site will greatly enhance the quality of food service to the seniors and eliminate the daily hassle of transporting meals to the center.</i> | 3304 Clarendon Road |
| 24/39 | DFTA | Other capital budget request for DFTA | <i>Department For The Aging: Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as the District is currently serviced by only one senior center in the Community .</i> | Community District 17 |
| 28/39 | HRA | Other capital budget request for HRA | <i>Provide more access and reliability in the HRA system for community residents who depends on the services.</i> | District Wide |
| 31/39 | DFTA | Renovate or upgrade a senior center | <i>Installation of a commercial kitchen at Remsen Senior Center to provide hot meal preparation for seniors who attend the center.</i> | 3304 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|---------------|
| 5/53 | HRA | Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid | <i>Retirees receiving SSI or a pension do not have disposable income to afford the medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as more HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage.</i> | |
| 15/53 | HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>There needs to be an expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors to assist renters and homeowners to remain in their housing.</i> | District Wide |

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|-------|-------|--|--|---------------|
| 17/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment | <i>Many socio - economic factors (cost of living/lack of affordable housing , employment, cost of childcare, medical health problems, etc) underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorder and maladaptive behavior. In order to treat mental illness, the root cause needs to be identified and resources provided to helping individuals cope with stressful situations. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalizations.</i> | District Wide |
| 18/53 | DFTA | Increase home delivered meals capacity | <i>Significant number of elderly individuals and individuals living with multiple health problems, shut-ins who depend on the Meals on Wheels program. COVID-19 has exacerbated social isolation. Although many local churches have food pantries and soup kitchens, many individuals are unavailable to shop and prepare healthy nutritious meals and often resort to either eating what's available/affordable (junk food, fast food, etc.) or go without a meal. Food costs have increased significantly since the pandemic. Continued funding for this program is necessary.</i> | District Wide |
| 25/53 | HRA | Enhance cash assistance programs | <i>College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.</i> | |
| 29/53 | DFTA | Enhance home care services | <i>There should be outreach services to homebound older adults n elderly to allow them to age in place. Many cannot afford long term care of independent senior housig/communities</i> | |
| 33/53 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Funding for early mammogram testing. Early mammogram testing means treatment starts earlier.</i> | District Wide |
| 34/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment | <i>There are many socio-economic factors (i.e. Cost of living/lack of affordable housing, unemployment, cost of childcare, medical health problems etc.) that are underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorders and maladaptive behavior. By identifying the root cause and providing adequate resources will help individuals cope.</i> | |

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| 35/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment | <i>Mental health continues to plague our community. Too many, trauma is a reality. There is a need for Increased funding for trained professionals in this field, to provide the service needed to address this long standing issue in our community.</i> |
| 36/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc. | <i>The Board continue to advocate for programs that provide opportunities for community residents to engage in healthy eating and physical activities. The community is saturated with Chinese and Caribbean food stores whose menus are not calorie controlled.</i> |
| 39/53 | DFTA | Increase home delivered meals capacity | <i>The impact of COVID-19 and the closing of the Senior Centers has caused an increased demand for Meals on Wheels service to the many seniors and shut-in. DFTA was able to establish emergence procurement contracts that provided meals directly to the seniors. We request continued funding for this needed program. Additionally, we request screening of the applicants applying for the contracts. CB17 received numerous reports of food being delivered on some steps and porches unknown to the seniors. Many were unable to use the food after squirrels and cats tore the bags and scattered most of the food. Continued Funding for DFTA's HDM is necessary during this pandemic.</i> |
| 40/53 | DFTA | Enhance home care services | <i>It is often difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions of their patients, especially seniors. Additionally, the restrictions of Medicare vs. Medicaid insurance has negatively impacted home health aide services. Some older adults experience difficulties ambulating, lack of elevators/working elevators and obtaining door-to-door transportation. Funding is needed for MD's home visits, home physical/occupational therapy, visiting nurse services for medication, review/administration, wound care etc. In addition to outreach services to homebound older adults and elderly to allow the to age in place as many cannot afford long term care or independent senior housing/communities.</i> |

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|-------|-------|--|--|---------------|
| 44/53 | HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>CB17 is in need of an ongoing fund to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes. Funding would cover emergency expenses including: legal bills, lien payments, emergency repairs and other one-time emergency costs during a crisis. Funding through community organizations such as NHS would greatly assist homeowners who are most at risk of losing their homes.</i> | |
| 45/53 | HRA | Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services | <i>Many African-American Individuals particularly the elderly, are at risk of losing their homes due to predatory lending, reverse mortgage, loss of income leading to defaulting mortgages, signing documents, and unscrupulous real estate agents that pressure individuals to sell their houses for a fraction of the true cost. Difficulties paying property taxes and utilities which could lead to liens and eventually to auctioning off the home, are all issues that impacts homeowners. An expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors would be helpful in assisting tenants and homeowners remain in their housing.</i> | |
| 46/53 | HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>The leading cause of death for residents in East Flatbush are heart disease and cancer Exercise is one way to maintain a healthy weight. CB17 advocates to protect and expand government programs that provide meals to children and help families purchase food, such as SNAP/Food Stamps and emergency food programs.</i> | |
| 47/53 | DFTA | Enhance educational and recreational programs | <i>We request the enhancement of educational programs and recreational activities for seniors.</i> | |
| 50/53 | DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | <i>There are traps and monitors in other areas in the City monitoring the mosquito population. CB17 request traps and monitors in all Parks in District 17 as residents are subjected to swarms of mosquito bites, especially in Paerdegat park.</i> | District Wide |

**Other request for
services to support
low-income New
Yorkers**

Housing, education, job assistance, health care and other human services are investment in our human resources that have been underfunded because we are so woefully undercounted. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, more access and reliability in the HRA system for services are essential to low income residents in our community.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

According to the 2020 Census Bureau, Brooklyn's population growth has increased by 9.2%. Due to these changes and the increase of housing developments within the district, Community Board 17 will eventually see an influx of families that will require an expansion of its present school systems, services, and capacity. In order to meet these demands of changing demographics, the district will need to make significant investments within 7 key areas: teachers specialized in STEM/STEAM / Technology education, a focus on post-secondary education and planning, increased access to computer hardware/laptops, construction of recreational-cultural facilities geared towards sports and the arts, an upgrade to open spaces/playgrounds, better nutritional choices, and high-grade school security cameras monitoring the perimeter of the school facilities.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

We request expanded fundings for CAMBA and Sesame Flyers programs. CAMBA provides thousands of low income youth from pre-school through high school with academic assistance, counseling, tutoring, art, drama, music, sports, SAT and Regents help, opportunities to serve their community, internships and employment. CAMBA encourages older youth who are disconnected from either school or work to further their education and employment opportunities and serve their community Sesame Flyers offer tutoring, safe and nurturing spaces for children to play during the summer, youth-led community service activities, job readiness programs, case management and counseling for families in crisis, GED and computer technology programs, along with celebrations of the rich traditions of Caribbean culture. We request the implementation of an "Out of School Time" (OST) Programs at P.S. 198. The Board strongly supports the request for this program which is designed to create a safe and nurturing environment for children whose parents have to work on non-school days and cannot afford the added expense of paying for child care services. Additionally, there are a number of not for profit organization that are ready and willing to apply when RFP become available. Our schools must also be equipped with the tools needed to provide adequate service to faculty and pupils.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Many of our young people lack the skills necessary for employment. We request continued funding of programs that offer a broader range of opportunities for youth to explore their career and educational interests. Developmental programs such as "Learn and Earn" and "Train and Earn" that assist participants in overcoming barriers to employment, have proven successful over the years. Community Board 17 also supports the Ladder for leaders program that allows partnering with relevant city agencies and/or community partners to create pathways and opportunities for youth and communities at large, to gain experience in the tech, entrepreneurship and entertainment/media field.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|--|
| 3/39 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Electrical upgrade at PS 235K must be given a priority and funding allocated to upgrade the electrical/wiring at the school</i> | |
| 4/39 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>P.S 198 - Request funding be allocated to install a Bell System which ties in with the Clock. Presently, the school do not have a bell system or a programmable clock.</i> | 4105 Farragut Rd |
| 5/39 | SCA | Renovate exterior building component | <i>There is a grave need for the installation of surveillance cameras around the school. Illegal dumping continues to be the norm in the area where students congregate. This pose an unhealthy environment for faculty and students to study and play.</i> | 5909 Beverley Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 6/39 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>An electrical upgrade at the school is urgent and should be given a priority to avoid further/future electricity shortage that can lead to a fire at the school, and place student lives in imminent danger.</i> | 5909 Beverley Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 34/39 | SCA | Renovate other site component | <i>Allocate funding for internal renovation of Meyr Levin Junior High School, 5909 Beverley Road Brooklyn, classrooms and bathrooms in need of repairs/renovation, painting etc.</i> | 5909 Beverley Road, Brooklyn |

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|--|
| 4/53 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>Organizations such as Cops & Kids Boxing Club that provide a safe space for youth in the community. We request partnering with organizations and the expansion of funding for programs that provide social and emotional assistance and mental health assistance to youths in the District.</i> | 3301 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

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| 14/53 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out | <i>Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.</i> | District Wide |
| 16/53 | DOE | Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material | <i>Our students are lacking the much needed equipment essential to their learning. There is a need for 23 Promethean Boards, 30 Computers and 9 printers.</i> | 525 Lenox road Brooklyn, NY |
| 19/53 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services | <i>Expand funding for Computer literacy classes.</i> | District Wide |
| 32/53 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out | <i>Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.</i> | District Wide |
| 49/53 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>Research suggest, Music and Performing Arts programs in our schools help students in other areas such as math. Adding Music and Performing Arts to the curriculum will greatly enhance students learning. We also advocate for funding/support to businesses such as the Cynthia King Dance Studio, located at 21 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn 11226.</i> | |

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

The Board believes that crime prevention programs are most effective when they operate within the community and involve community residents actively working with their local government agencies to address issues contributing to crime, delinquency, and disorder in their communities. Increased funding for vandalism prevention, domestic violence prevention, youth crime prevention, and other crime prevention programs must continue. The implementation of the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO) an initiative that engages community members and officers has garnered applause by most community residents. This form of community policing, or community-oriented policing is a proven evidence based model of police building ties and working closely with members of the communities. The Board supports the Advocates Intervene Mentor (AIM) program and requests the program be expanded and hire more mentors and resource specialists to work with youth facing a violation of probation due to chronic absenteeism and/or chronic unresponsiveness to interventions and engagement strategies.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

Community Board 17 is overly concerned about the on-going vague response to issues of concerns to the community. As noted in our Expense Request, it is imperative that funding be allocated for the NYPD Parking Facility. Several new apartment buildings that were erected around the precinct present a challenge for parking of emergency vehicles, which has had a negative effect on the emergency response time. In times when COVID19 has ravaged our community and there have been reports city wide of increased crime, we must ensure that response times do not increase, but are decreased. CB17 also reiterates the importance of prioritizing funding for additional Precinct Outposts, Fire Prevention Inspection Team, Juvenile FireSetter Intervention program, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and other residents unable to afford the purchase.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|--|
| 10/39 | FDNY | Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances | <i>This pilot program needs to be expanded to other districts. Fly Cars are equipped with advanced life support equipment and responds faster than other emergency vehicles.</i> | |
| 18/39 | FDNY | Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations | <i>The leaky roof at this location needs to be permanently fixed to avoid flooding of the station house when it rains.</i> | 2900 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 23/39 | FDNY | Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations | <i>The unhealthy kitchen at Engine Company 248 is desperately in need of renovation. Worn flooring, and outdated cabinet with holes needs to be removed and replaced at this facility.</i> | 2900 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 38/39 | NYPD | Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests | <i>Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi family buildings throughout the community the population is slated to increase by 25%. An added Precinct would enhance the safety of our community.</i> | District Wide |
| 39/39 | NYPD | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | <i>Installation of new windows in the back of the precinct house to prevent draft during the winter months.</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue |

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|--|
| 9/53 | FDNY | Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives | <i>Emergency Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of electricity during a power outage. We support the allocation of funding for emergency generators at Engine 248, BN41 and Engine 310, Ladder 174, BN 58.</i> | |
| 10/53 | NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | <i>More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

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| 11/53 | NYPD | Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles | <i>The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers and other vehicles illegally parked through out the community. This request must be prioritized after the Mayor's freeze is lifted.</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 20/53 | FDNY | Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives | <i>CB17 support full funding for fire Prevention Inspection Program, Fire Prevention Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program, in addition to carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and the other population unable to afford the purchase.</i> | |
| 37/53 | FDNY | Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives | <i>There has been an explosion of new high rise buildings which leads to to an increase in population and an increase in fires. Community Board 17 supports the continuation of funding for the Fire Prevention, Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setters intervention program. Fire safety initiatives and outreach are critical to the prevention of fires</i> | |
| 48/53 | NYPD | Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests | <i>Expand capacity of the NYPD tow pound. There is a need for expansion of space to keep pace with ro-tows in the district.</i> | |
| 52/53 | NYPD | Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests | <i>Additional equipment needed to combat the illegally parked commercial vehicles since ticketing has not been a viable deterrent</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 53/53 | NYPD | Other NYPD staff resources requests | <i>We continue to request the expansion of the NCO allotment of police officers in our district. The areas mentioned are one of many that harbor sometimes violent crowds. We need to ensure these areas remain safe and other residents feel safe to traverse.</i> | East 95 Street Rutland Road Rutland Road |

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Littering has been an ongoing problem in the community. With the reduction of street cleaning after the pandemic, our scorecard rating has been negatively impacted. An increase in garbage receptacles will add to the cleanliness of the community and thus improve our scorecard rating.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

The New York City Department of Sanitation, via My Neighborhood Statistics recorded an average of 2.4 pounds of garbage and recycling collected per person each day in CD17. The District's average of 12.8% of recycling and 87.2% garbage is equivalent to approximately 174 Tons of garbage and recycling collected per day for disposal. The District needs all the necessary tools to ensure the cleanliness of our neighborhood on a daily basis.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|--|
| 7/39 | DEP | Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed | <i>Request DEP include the top ten (10) frequent flooding area in CB17 for Green infrastructure. We were informed in 2020 that DEP is building the maximum number of bioswale to manage storm water runoff and improve water quality in local waterways. CB17 welcome the extension of this project to include District 17.</i> | |
| 8/39 | DSNY | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment | <i>There is a need for an additional Basket Truck at BK17 garage to address the overflow of litter on commercial strips. Therefore we ask that DSNY Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipments</i> | Church, New York Ave, Nostrand, Utica Avenue |
| 11/39 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>We request the installation of a storm drain at the Street Segment to avoid puddle/flooding when it rains.</i> | East 39 Street Glenwood Road |
| 36/39 | DSNY | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment | <i>DSNY requires additional trucks and other equipment such as Haulsters Lessening the response time for snow removal in our district, streets and roadways, to meet the growing need in our district.</i> | 161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 37/39 | DSNY | Other capital budget request for DSNY | <i>Leaking roof for the past two years. Replacement of the (HVAC) and the boiler system is needed, continued repair is not adequate. The roof needs to be repaired to prevent leaks.</i> | 161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 1/53 | DSNY | Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws | <i>The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning. Complaints are numerous.</i> | |

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| 2/53 | DSNY | Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers | <i>Request for an increas allocation of trash cans in our district. Additonall trash cans, enhance the cleanliness of these areas. Unhealthy amount of garbage throughout the areas especially the commercial strips.</i> | Utica Avenue Church Avenue Church Avenue |
| 3/53 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>The cleaning of catch basins prevents flooding. Request catch basins at the location listed be inspected and cleaned to prevent the flooding of basements when it rains.</i> | East 58 Street Clarendon Road Beverley Road |
| 6/53 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <i>There has been an increase in complaints regarding Illegal dumping throughout the community. CB17 request the installation of surveillance cameras (WCCTV Cameras PT2 Video) which are well built and has a high quality component and high quality still photographs. These cameras must be installed in strategic areas in the district to combat illegal dumping.</i> | East 42 Street Glenwood Road and Albany and East 39 Street |
| 7/53 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>The cleaning of catch basins prevents flooding. Request catch basins at the location listed be inspected and cleaned to prevent the flooding of basements when it rains.</i> | Clarendon Road East 55 Street East 58 Street. |
| 38/53 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <i>Funding to include an additional vehicle for the Sanitation Superintendent to move around the community and acquaint his/herself with the community and the issues that most affect the residents.</i> | 10502 Dsny Garage Brooklyn South 18, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 41/53 | DSNY | Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers | <i>Garbage receptacle discourages littering, the placement of household materials in receptacle and increases the likelihood of an improved quality of live in communities. We would want to place these new receptacles District Wide all corners where there is currently a garbage bin in addition to high traffic areas where there aren't receptacles.</i> | |

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Land use and zoning

According to the Health Department, East Flatbush's 11210 ZIP code has been among the hardest hit by COVID-19. Food pantries in East Flatbush run by organizations such as Mount Calvary Baptist Church as well as Elite Learners are in high demand and over-capacitated. It is clear that we need to focus on hyper-locally grown food in order to protect the community against future pandemics or disasters that threaten the global food supply and distribution chain. There are several underutilized City owned lots and other areas in the district where urban farming and small farmers markets could be developed including lots on: Lott and Tilden, Albelmare (between Bedford and Veronica), Snyder between E 28th and E 29th, Utica and Tilden (see attached map marking underutilized City lots). Other open areas available for hyper-local food production include large amounts of backyards space where, through public and private partnership, could be activated for critical food growing outdoor space. CB17 is already home to an active gardening and micro farming community including residents who garden in their backyard to grow culturally relevant foods as well as Wyckoff Farmhouse that serves the local community. CB17 needs funding to support its micro farming initiatives described below. CB17 Micro Farms: City Owned Lot and Backyard Revitalization for healthy foods, pest control, and outdoor enjoyment. CB17 would partner with Wyckoff Farmhouse to run a backyard/empty lot gardening and revitalization program for seniors and other community members. The funding for the program would flow through Wyckoff Farmhouse to convert backyards and open lots in CB17 to food gardens. The gardens would grow culturally relevant foods to the Caribbean immigrant population in East Flatbush and also serve as a seed preservation/propagation program. The goals of this initiative include: 1. Increase usable outdoor space for community members to social distance (CB17 has only one park) 2. Increase locally grown food for community members (fresh veggies can be sold at Wyckoff Farmers Market or given to community members in need). This initiative would address three major issues that COVID19 brought to light: 1. We need increased local food access 2. We need increased open space 3. We need to work diligently to prevent pandemics while we have the chance (ie prevent a major outbreak of mosquito borne diseases).

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

The top three pressing housing issues in CB7 are the need for more foreclosure prevention services for CB17 homeowners, more deeply affordable housing (30% AMI - 50% AMI) in City and State subsidized developments, more affordable homeownership opportunities in CB17. In 2019 the Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development (ANHD) found that CB17 was in the top 10 community boards overall across New York City where the affordable housing stock, and by extension, its residents, are most at risk. And among 4 individual risk factors, CB17 was in the top 10 for the rate of serious housing code violations, the number of housing litigations, the share of non-bank purchase loans for 1-4 unit residences, the number of evictions performed by marshals, and the notice of foreclosure rate for 1-4 unit residences. Given that this report relies on data largely from 2017 and 2018, CB17 anticipates that the current figures for these and other housing issues are much worse than before. The significant increase in construction projects in the Community District since 2018 and the feedback that the Housing and Land Use Committees consistently receive from community members/residents indicate significant elevation and frustration. Financial and health pressures from the Coronavirus shutdown, including outsized unemployment and shuttered small businesses, will undoubtedly further exacerbate these issues. Community Board 17 recommends funding for non-for-profit organizations engaged in Foreclosure Prevention, Financial Literacy and Mortgage Modification. It is imperative that funding be provided for the current calendar year and beyond. Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc. must be funded for Foreclosure Prevention through HPD's Neighborhood Preservation

Consultant Contract. Also, such contracts should be awarded to organizations with the most experience and record of actual accomplishments that are engaged in the communities where their needs are. CB 17 supports Flatbush East Community Development Corporation, Neighborhood Housing Services CDC Inc. and Erasmus Neighborhood Federation in their request for funding to implement some much needed programs in our district. Annual funding is necessary to support all housing programs in District 17. With the present state of the economy, these programs are necessary to assist homeowners who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Needs for Economic Development

There is a need to implement more BIDs in CB 17 business areas such as, but not limited to, Utica and East New York Avenue, going south bound on Utica Avenue to Clarendon Road and Utica Avenue and Church Avenue east bound on Church Avenue to Remsen Avenue. The implementation of a BID would promote goodwill between the association members and the residents of the immediate adjacent areas. It will also promote businesses, improve shopping in the community through merchants and civic action projects and foster a stronger relationship between merchants, residents, service agencies and law enforcement for the betterment of the community. Furthermore, The non access to working capital during Covid-19 and after has put the small business community at a severe disadvantage. Quite a few of the small businesses will need to close their doors for good because they can no longer afford to stay open. One of the biggest expenses for a small business is the continuing rise of commercial rents. Small businesses can no longer afford to stay open because of the increase in price of commercial rents. Also, small businesses could use some drastic increases in their overall annual revenues. Increasing the revenues of small businesses would also help their bottom line.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|---|
| 9/39 | HPD | Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless | <i>CB17 supports the allocation of funding for the expansion of housing for special needs housing, such as seniors or the formerly homeless.</i> | |
| 26/39 | SBS | Other capital budget request for SBS | <i>Increase availability of tech resources for use by community, by building hubs along commercial/business strips.</i> | Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue |

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|---|
| 27/53 | SBS | Other commercial district revitalization requests | <i>Create a sense of community and promote the businesses in the area.</i> | Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue Nostrand Avenue |
| 42/53 | SBS | Other expense budget request for SBS | <i>We ask SBS to encourage and finance businesses that display calorie controlled menu and focuses on serving calorie controlled food to their customers. Incentives should be given to those businesses that promotes and serve calorie controlled food that focuses on healthy eating, such as Juice and Salad Bars.</i> | |

**Other expense
budget request for
SBS**

Commercial districts serve 95% of the population in CB17. They also include majority of the Mom and Pop shops in the district. Therefore we request that SBS fund programs that assist business that have been impacted by COVID. We also push for the expansion of some business corridors. On Utica Ave (from East NY to Ave D), on Ave D (from East 46 to East 51), On Church Avenue from Bedford Ave to Utica Avenue and On Church Avenue from Utica to east 98. Due to language barriers, many business owners did not take advantage of the PPE and their businesses were impacted financially during the pandemic. Outreach is necessary to assist businesses affected.

Brooklyn Community Board 17

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Other

Lack of electronic street turning signals, the reduction of hours for bus lane schedule, and the excessive monitoring of speed cameras are some of our pressing issues. Studies of large municipalities show that policies of effective traffic management are grounded in having sufficient access to electronic turn signals. The area surrounding community board 17 is considered to be highly congested. Therefore the solution to improving congestion is the reduce the number of non-electric no-left turns signs and replace them with electronic turn signals. This will reduce the flow of traffic within the area and reduce overcrowding of major commercial corridors. Presently, the targeted areas in need of these upgrades of street signals would be Kings Highway, Linden Blvd, and Utica Avenue. Bus Lane Schedules Also, some bus lanes within our community negatively impact the economic health of our small businesses. For instance, the small business community relies on easy access to deliveries and consumer traffic for sustainability and profitability within the district. Unfortunately, some bus lanes create congestion during the day due to the clash of its schedule; consequently, preventing ease of access to deliveries, supplies, and consumer purchases, for instance on Utica Avenues as well as Nostrand Avenues. Businesses needs to be profitable to remain open. The schedule of these bus lanes needs to be reevaluated to foster a better collaboration with the daily schedules of our small business to improve commerce. Primarily, the schedules on Utica seem to pose top concerns. Reduction of Street Cameras & Increase of Speed Bumps Historically, we've found that speed cameras are usually located in areas that cause an economic burden to our local community. According to the observation of the transportation committee, speed cameras have no real tangible impact against accidents locally except for being a tax on the poor. For example, these areas were initially designated for creating safety areas within school zones. Unfortunately, the cameras have randomly branched outside of non-school zones and into regular spaces through our community. Community Board 17 is requesting a project to remove security cameras from non-school zones and to relocate them to their designated areas. Also, we are requesting to discontinue adding any additional cameras within the community. To effectively impact accidents within the district the board is requesting that the city implement speed bumps as an alternative to speed cameras within non-school zone locations. Additionally, The board is requesting that all of these points should be considered in the capital plan for our local community. The camera component should be a community-wide project.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|---|
| 2/39 | DOT | Repair or provide new street lights | <i>Heavily Traffic intersection with a bus stop. Block is poorly lit.</i> | East 53 Street Kings Highway Kings Highway |
| 12/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>Sidewalk reconstruction requested at this location</i> | Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Brooklyn Avenue |
| 13/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>The area has no sidewalk and seniors have to navigate their way around a trailer home and walk in the street. Installation of a sidewalk will enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood.</i> | Avenue D East 57 Street East 58 Street |
| 14/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>Heavy rainfall, caused by a permanent ponding condition which is destroying the foundation and ground floors of the homes. There needs to be a collaborative effort with DEP and DOT to remedy this situation.</i> | East 56 Street Clarendon Road Beverley Road |
| 15/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>Twenty years of flooded basements, during heavy rainfall, caused by permanent ponding conditions that destroyed the foundation of ground floors of the homes. There needs to be a collaborative effort with DEP and DOTY to remedy this issue.</i> | Avenue D East 55 Street East 56 Street |
| 16/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>This is a long standing request We request this location be added to the next Capital Project slated for District 17.</i> | Kings Highway Clarendon Road Clarendon Road |
| 19/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Allocate funding for Trench Restoration in front of 3402 Farragut Road between East 34th and East 35th Streets. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i> | 3402 Farragut Rd |

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| 20/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Under the Overpass, the street not in satisfactory condition to be driven on, needs to be resurfaced</i> | Glenwood Road East 45 East 45 |
| 21/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>There is no sidewalk at this location. Needs to be prioritize for sidewalk installation on this block.</i> | Farragut Road Utica Avenue Kings Highway |
| 22/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Trench restoration in front of 3801 Farragut Road. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i> | 3801 Farragut Rd |
| 29/39 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>To accommodate senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.</i> | Utica Avenue B46 Corridor |
| 30/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Ponding Condition exists at the location. Existing grades taken by DOT Tech Admin determined a Capital Reconstruction project is warranted at this location</i> | 1286-1314 Schenectady Ave Brooklyn, NY 11203 |
| 33/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Excessive Speed on the block. Speed hump deters speeding and</i> | East 91 Street Ditmas Avenue Ditmas Avenue |
| 35/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Increased Agency Funding for Trench restoration at the following locations E 40th Street/Farragut/ Ave D. The block is slated for an affordable housing unit for seniors and the street on the block continue to occasionally collapse. This request should be funded by DOT.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|---------------|
| 8/53 | NYCTA | Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance | <i>Complaints of restaurants in the area dumping refuse and grease into subway gratings along Nostrand Avenue. Programs/fines must be in place for persons caught in the act.</i> | District Wide |

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| 21/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.</i> | East 40th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road |
| 22/53 | DOT | Add street signage or wayfinding elements | <i>There is a noticeable lack of truck enforcement signage in our district. Many resident complain of commercial trucks illegally driving and parking on roads in the community. We request DOT allocation of funding for additional truck signage throughout the community.</i> | District Wide |
| 24/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tercery streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.</i> | East 38th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road |
| 30/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.</i> | East 39th Street Farragut Road Farragut Road |
| 31/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructing full view</i> | East 35 Street Farragut Road Farragut Road |

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 17

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

Park maintenance is essential to the cleanliness of our parks and requires the hiring of additional gardeners and other skilled non-managerial personnel. The Board requests the expansion of athletic programs and educational programs in Computer Resource Centers, to attract the youth in our district. We also request a feasibility study be conducted at our Parks to determine the installation of a swimming pool, a recreational need that would benefit the community as a whole.

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

Needs for Parks

Park maintenance is essential to the cleanliness of our parks and requires the hiring of additional gardeners and other skilled non-managerial personnel. The Board request the expansion of athletic programs and educational programs in Computer Resource Centers, to attract the youth in our district. We also request a feasibility study be conducted at our Parks to determine the installation of a swimming pool, a recreational need that would benefit the community as a whole.

Needs for Cultural Services

There is a urgent need for collaborative efforts to bring together various private and government funds to support, strengthen and expand arts and cultural nonprofits in Community District 17. The Board believes that cultural facilities and programs will promote and contribute to the culture and economic lives of the community, by creating jobs, cultural tourism, expand access and education in the arts, humanities and sciences, while improving the quality of life for community residents at large.

Needs for Library Services

Community Board 17 supports increased funding for the Brooklyn Public Library to provide the much needed services, supplies and equipment for our Branch libraries so that the needs of our students and adult population can be met. The three branches in CD 17, Rugby Branch, Clarendon Branch and East Flatbush Branch offer programs such as Homework help, Tutoring, Computer Classes and Games, Internet/Email Classes among other.

Needs for Community Boards

The role of the Community Boards has expanded throughout the years which requires more staffing to satisfy the needs of the office and assist with the required service delivery needs of the community. Adequate funding is requested to fulfill the Charter-mandated responsibilities of the Board.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 1/39 | DPR | Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting | <i>The potential of this park is endless, however there remains many safety issues at the location. Funding for the installation of lights, pruning of the trees hanging over the basketball court, in addition to the changing of the rims of the hoops to the correct size and reconstruction of the flooring will increase overall utilization of the basketball court at the park.</i> | Ditmas Avenue East 91 Street East 91 Street |
| 25/39 | DCLA | Other cultural facilities and resources requests | <i>DCAS owned vacant site at the location: Our district and surrounding districts lack arts and cultural attractions. A center representative of the shared culture in our community or the space being utilized for a cultural heritage space, would increase comradery and pride within residents.</i> | Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue |
| 27/39 | DPR | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>The construction of a dog run Fencing/Signage. This request will be a positive addition for the many pet owners in the district.</i> | One District Park |
| 32/39 | DPR | Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | <i>There are already a handful of successful aquaponics farms and markets in Brooklyn, which can be used as resources and models for a similar aquaponics, in East Flatbush. If provided Capital, CB17 could partner with Brooklyn based OKo Farms and Wyckoff Farm to build out small aquaponics farms and markets at the sites listed, at select locations 2834 Church Ave, 3500 Snyder Ave, Paerdegat Park We request this request this project be included for funding by the Parks Department.</i> | East 40 Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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| 12/53 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | <i>Hire additional personnel to trim the grass and maintain the garden at Paerdegat Park The field creates a dangerous condition for soccer and football players that use the field on a regular basis, as well as the PAS that caters to the kids every summer. Increased Personnel to maintain the Park must be a priority.</i> | East 40th St and Albany Avenue |
| 13/53 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>Funding for Tree Pruning and Maintenance must be enhanced to reduce the seven year pruning cycle. We ask that funding for this much needed service be included in the Parks Department yearly budget.</i> | |
| 23/53 | DPR | Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers | <i>Equipment that satisfies the workout requirement of beginners as well as experienced fitness buffs. Funding allocation for equipment bolted/cemented to the ground.</i> | District Wide |
| 26/53 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes</i> | East 43 Street Dead End Dead End |
| 28/53 | DPR | Other street trees and forestry services requests | <i>Installation of tree guards enhances the beauty of the district. We request funding allocation from the Department of Parks and Recreation to cover the cost of this project.</i> | Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Brooklyn Avenue |

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 1/39 | DPR | Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting | <i>The potential of this park is endless, however there remains many safety issues at the location. Funding for the installation of lights, pruning of the trees hanging over the basketball court, in addition to the changing of the rims of the hoops to the correct size and reconstruction of the flooring will increase overall utilization of the basketball court at the park.</i> | Ditmas Avenue East 91 Street East 91 Street |
| 2/39 | DOT | Repair or provide new street lights | <i>Heavily Traffic intersection with a bus stop. Block is poorly lit.</i> | East 53 Street Kings Highway Kings Highway |
| 3/39 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Electrical upgrade at PS 235K must be given a priority and funding allocated to upgrade the electrical/wiring at the school</i> | |
| 4/39 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>P.S 198 - Request funding be allocated to install a Bell System which ties in with the Clock. Presently, the school do not have a bell system or a programmable clock.</i> | 4105 Farragut Rd |
| 5/39 | SCA | Renovate exterior building component | <i>There is a grave need for the installation of surveillance cameras around the school. Illegal dumping continues to be the norm in the area where students congregate. This pose an unhealthy environment for faculty and students to study and play.</i> | 5909 Beverley Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 6/39 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>An electrical upgrade at the school is urgent and should be given a priority to avoid further/future electricity shortage that can lead to a fire at the school, and place student lives in imminent danger.</i> | 5909 Beverley Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 7/39 | DEP | Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed | <i>Request DEP include the top ten (10) frequent flooding area in CB17 for Green infrastructure. We were informed in 2020 that DEP is building the maximum number of bioswale to manage storm water runoff and improve water quality in local waterways. CB17 welcome the extension of this project to include District 17.</i> | |

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| 8/39 | DSNY | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment | <i>There is a need for an additional Basket Truck at BK17 garage to address the overflow of litter on commercial strips. Therefore we ask that DSNY Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipments</i> | Church, New York Ave, Nostrand, Utica Avenue |
| 9/39 | HPD | Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless | <i>CB17 supports the allocation of funding for the expansion of housing for special needs housing, such as seniors or the formerly homeless.</i> | |
| 10/39 | FDNY | Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances | <i>This pilot program needs to be expanded to other districts. Fly Cars are equipped with advanced life support equipment and responds faster than other emergency vehicles.</i> | |
| 11/39 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>We request the installation of a storm drain at the Street Segment to avoid puddle/flooding when it rains.</i> | East 39 Street Glenwood Road |
| 12/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>Sidewalk reconstruction requested at this location</i> | Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Brooklyn Avenue |
| 13/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>The area has no sidewalk and seniors have to navigate their way around a trailer home and walk in the street. Installation of a sidewalk will enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood.</i> | Avenue D East 57 Street East 58 Street |
| 14/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>Heavy rainfall, caused by a permanent ponding condition which is destroying the foundation and ground floors of the homes. There needs to be a collaborative effort with DEP and DOT to remedy this situation.</i> | East 56 Street Clarendon Road Beverly Road |
| 15/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>Twenty years of flooded basements, during heavy rainfall, caused by permanent ponding conditions that destroyed the foundation of ground floors of the homes. There needs to be a collaborative effort with DEP and DOTY to remedy this issue.</i> | Avenue D East 55 Street East 56 Street |

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| 16/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>This is a long standing request We request this location be added to the next Capital Project slated for District 17.</i> | Kings Highway Clarendon Road Clarendon Road |
| 17/39 | DFTA | Renovate or upgrade a senior center | <i>The Board supports the funding and installation of a kitchen at the Senior Center located at 3304 Clarendon Road. Having a kitchen on site will greatly enhance the quality of food service to the seniors and eliminate the daily hassle of transporting meals to the center.</i> | 3304 Clarendon Road |
| 18/39 | FDNY | Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations | <i>The leaky roof at this location needs to be permanentaly fixed to avoid flooding of the station house when it rains.</i> | 2900 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 19/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Allocate funding for Trench Restoration in front of 3402 Farragut Road between East 34th and East 35th Streets. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i> | 3402 Farragut Rd |
| 20/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Under the Overpass, the street not in satisfactory condition to be driven on, needs to be resurfaced</i> | Glenwood Raod EAsT 45 EAsT 45 |
| 21/39 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>There is no sidewalk at this location. Needs to be prioritize for sidewalk installation on this block.</i> | Farragut Road Utica Avenue Kings Highway |
| 22/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Trench restoration in front of 3801 Farragut Road. Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i> | 3801 Farragut Rd |
| 23/39 | FDNY | Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations | <i>The unhealthy kitchen at Engine Company 248 is desperately in need of renovation. Worn flooring, and outdated cabinet with holes needs to be removed and replaced at this facility.</i> | 2900 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

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| 24/39 | DFTA | Other capital budget request for DFTA | <i>Department For The Aging: Our population continues to age like the rest of the country. There is a desperate need for additional centers throughout the district as the District is currently serviced by only one senior center in the Community .</i> | Community District 17 |
| 25/39 | DCLA | Other cultural facilities and resources requests | <i>DCAS owned vacant site at the location: Our district and surrounding districts lack arts and cultural attractions. A center representative of the shared culture in our community or the space being utilized for a cultural heritage space, would increase comradery and pride within residents.</i> | Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue |
| 26/39 | SBS | Other capital budget request for SBS | <i>Increase availability of tech resources for use by community, by building hubs along commercial/business strips.</i> | Church Avenue Bedford Avenue Bedford Avenue |
| 27/39 | DPR | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>The construction of a dog run Fencing/Signage. This request will be a positive addition for the many pet owners in the district.</i> | One District Park |
| 28/39 | HRA | Other capital budget request for HRA | <i>Provide more access and reliability in the HRA system for community residents who depends on the services.</i> | District Wide |
| 29/39 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>To accommodate senior commuters during inclement weather, elements of rain, snow and flooding.</i> | Utica Avenue B46 Corridor |
| 30/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Ponding Condition exists at the location. Existing grades taken by DOT Tech Admin determined a Capital Reconstruction project is warranted at this location</i> | 1286-1314 Schenectady Ave Brooklyn, NY 11203 |
| 31/39 | DFTA | Renovate or upgrade a senior center | <i>Installation of a commercial kitchen at Remsen Senior Center to provide hot meal preparation for seniors who attend the center.</i> | 3304 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

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| 32/39 | DPR | Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | <i>There are already a handful of successful aquaponics farms and markets in Brooklyn, which can be used as resources and models for a similar aquaponics, in East Flatbush. If provided Capital, CB17 could partner with Brooklyn based OKo Farms and Wyckoff Farm to build out small aquaponics farms and markets at the sites listed, at select locations 2834 Church Ave, 3500 Snyder Ave, Paerdegat Park We request this request this project be included for funding by the Parks Department.</i> | East 40 Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 33/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Excessive Speed on the block. Speed hump deters speeding and</i> | East 91 Street Ditmas Avenue Ditmas Avenue |
| 34/39 | SCA | Renovate other site component | <i>Allocate funding for internal renovation of Meyr Levin Junior High School, 5909 Beverley Road Brooklyn, classrooms and bathrooms in need of repairs/renovation, painting etc.</i> | 5909 Beverley Road, Brooklyn |
| 35/39 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Increased Agency Funding for Trench restoration at the following locations E 40th Street/Farragut/ Ave D. The block is slated for an affordable housing unit for seniors and the street on the block continue to occasionally collapse. This request should be funded by DOT.</i> | |
| 36/39 | DSNY | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment | <i>DSNY requires additional trucks and other equipment such as Haulsters Lessening the response time for snow removal in our district, streets and roadways, to meet the growing need in our district.</i> | 161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 37/39 | DSNY | Other capital budget request for DSNY | <i>Leaking roof for the past two years. Replacement of the (HVAC) and the boiler system is needed, continued repair is not adequate. The roof needs to be repaired to prevent leaks.</i> | 161 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 38/39 | NYPD | Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests | <i>Community District 17 is one of the largest districts in the Borough. With the increase of multi family buildings throughout the community the population is slated to increase by 25%. An added Precinct would enhance the safety of our community.</i> | District Wide |

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**Renovate or
upgrade existing
precinct houses**

*Installation of new windows in the back of the
precinct house to prevent draft during the
winter months.*

2820 Snyder
Avenue

Expense Budget Requests

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| 1/53 | DSNY | Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws | <i>The district lacks sufficient amount of inspectors to properly enforce street cleaning. Complaints are numerous.</i> | |
| 2/53 | DSNY | Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers | <i>Request for an increase allocation of trash cans in our district. Additonall trash cans, enhance the cleanliness of these areas. Unhealthy amount of garbage throughout the areas especially the commercial strips.</i> | Utica Avenue Church Avenue Church Avenue |
| 3/53 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>The cleaning of catch basins prevents flooding. Request catch basins at the location listed be inspected and cleaned to prevent the flooding of basements when it rains.</i> | East 58 Street Clarendon Road Beverley Road |
| 4/53 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>Organizations such as Cops & Kids Boxing Club that provide a safe space for youth in the community. We request partnering with organizations and the expansion of funding for programs that provide social and emotional assistance and mental health assistance to youths in the District.</i> | 3301 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 5/53 | HRA | Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid | <i>Retirees receiving SSI or a pension do not have disposable income to afford the medication and services needed to properly manage their health issues. Expanding Medicaid would allow for an increase in social services such as more HHA hours at home and increased prescription drug coverage.</i> | |
| 6/53 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <i>There has been an increase in complaints regarding Illegal dumping throughout the community. CB17 request the installation of surveillance cameras (WCCTV Cameras PT2 Video) which are well built and has a high quality component and high quality still photographs. These cameras must be installed in strategic areas in the district to combat illegal dumping.</i> | East 42 Street Glenwood Road and Albany and East 39 Street |

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| 7/53 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>The cleaning of catch basins prevents flooding. Request catch basins at the location listed be inspected and cleaned to prevent the flooding of basements when it rains.</i> | Clarendon Road East 55 Street East 58 Streect. |
| 8/53 | NYCTA | Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance | <i>Complaints of restaurants in the area dumping refuse and grease into subway gratings along Nostrand Avenue. Programs/fines must be in place for persons caught in the act.</i> | District Wide |
| 9/53 | FDNY | Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives | <i>Emergency Generators off-set that critical need that comes with the loss of eletricity during a power outage. We support the allocation of funding for emergency generators at Engine 248, BN41 and Engine 310, Ladder 174, BN 58.</i> | |
| 10/53 | NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | <i>More Traffic Officers will assist the 67th Police Precinct in addressing the ongoing illegally parked vehicles.</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 11/53 | NYPD | Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles | <i>The 67 Precinct must rely on borrowing a tow truck on a very limited basis and cannot effectively address the issue of 18 wheelers and other vehicles illegally parked through out the community. This request must be prioritized after the Mayor's freeze is lifted.</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 12/53 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | <i>Hire additional personnel to trim the grass and maintain the garden at Paerdegat Park The field creates a dangerous condition for soccer and football players that use the field on a regular basis, as well as the PAS that caters to the kids every summer. Increased Personnel to maintain the Park must be a priority.</i> | East 40th St and Albany Avenue |
| 13/53 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>Funding for Tree Pruning and Maintenance must be enhanced to reduce the seven year pruning cycle. We ask that funding for this much needed service be included in the Parks Department yearly budget.</i> | |
| 14/53 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out | <i>Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.</i> | District Wide |

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| 15/53 | HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>There needs to be an expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors to assist renters and homeowners to remain in their housing.</i> | District Wide |
| 16/53 | DOE | Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material | <i>Our students are lacking the much needed equipment essential to their learning. There is a need for 23 Promethean Boards, 30 Computers and 9 printers.</i> | 525 Lenox road Brooklyn, NY |
| 17/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment | <i>Many socio - economic factors (cost of living/lack of affordable housing , employment, cost of childcare, medical health problems, etc) underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorder and maladaptive behavior. In order to treat mental illness, the root cause needs to be identified and resources provided to helping individuals cope with stressful situations. It is difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions in which their patients come from and return to after clinic visits and especially after hospitalizations.</i> | District Wide |
| 18/53 | DFTA | Increase home delivered meals capacity | <i>Significant number of elderly individuals and individuals living with multiple health problems, shut-ins who depend on the Meals on Wheels program. COVID-19 has exacerbated social isolation. Although many local churches have food pantries and soup kitchens, many individuals are unavailable to shop and prepare healthy nutritious meals and often resort to either eating what's available/affordable (junk food, fast food, etc.) or go without a meal. Food costs have increased significantly since the pandemic. Continued funding for this program is necessary.</i> | District Wide |
| 19/53 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services | <i>Expand funding for Computer literacy classes.</i> | District Wide |
| 20/53 | FDNY | Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives | <i>CB17 support full funding for fire Prevention Inspection Program, Fire Prevention Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program, in addition to carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for distribution to seniors and the other population unable to afford the purchase.</i> | |

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| 21/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance vehicles consistently obstructing full view.</i> | East 40th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road |
| 22/53 | DOT | Add street signage or wayfinding elements | <i>There is a noticeable lack of truck enforcement signage in our district. Many resident complain of commercial trucks illegally driving and parking on roads in the community. We request DOT allocation of funding for additional truck signage throughout the community.</i> | District Wide |
| 23/53 | DPR | Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers | <i>Equipment that satisfies the workout requirement of beginners as well as experienced fitness buffs. Funding allocation for equipment bolted/cemented to the ground.</i> | District Wide |
| 24/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>It is very difficult for traffic emerging from the "Tercery streets without hindrance" Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.</i> | East 38th Street Glenwood Road Glenwood Road |
| 25/53 | HRA | Enhance cash assistance programs | <i>College students attending classes, interns and/or graduates seeking employment, MTA fare becomes a burden and creates a financial hardship.</i> | |
| 26/53 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>Complaints of trees obstructing and/or clogging drain pipes</i> | East 43 Street Dead End Dead End |
| 27/53 | SBS | Other commercial district revitalization requests | <i>Create a sense of community and promote the businesses in the area.</i> | Church Avenue Nostrand Avenue Nostrand Avenue |
| 28/53 | DPR | Other street trees and forestry services requests | <i>Installation of tree guards enhances the beauty of the district. We request funding allocation from the Department of Parks and Recreation to cover the cost of this project.</i> | Snyder Avenue Brooklyn Avenue Brooklyn Avenue |

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| 29/53 | DFTA | Enhance home care services | <i>There should be outreach services to homebound older adults n elderly to allow them to age in place. Many cannot afford long term care of independent senior housig/communities</i> | |
| 30/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side streets without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructed full view.</i> | East 39th Street Farragut Road Farragut Road |
| 31/53 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>Very difficult for traffic emerging from the side street without hindrance. Vehicles consistently obstructing full view</i> | East 35 Street Farragut Road Farragut Road |
| 32/53 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out | <i>Residents particularly young people lack skills necessary for employment.</i> | District Wide |
| 33/53 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Funding for early mammogram testing. Early mammogram testing means treatment starts earlier.</i> | District Wide |
| 34/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment | <i>There are many socio-economic factors (i.e. Cost of living/lack of affordable housing, unemployment, cost of childcare, medical health problems etc.) that are underlying contributors to a multitude of psychological disorders and maladaptive behavior. By identifying the root cause and providing adequate resources will help individuals cope.</i> | |
| 35/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment | <i>Mental health continues to plague our community. Too many, trauma is a reality. There is a need for Increased funding for trained professionals in this field, to provide the service needed to address this long standing issue in our community.</i> | |

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| 36/53 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc. | <i>The Board continue to advocate for programs that provide opportunities for community residents to engage in healthy eating and physical activities. The community is saturated with Chinese and Caribbean food stores whose menus are not calorie controlled.</i> | |
| 37/53 | FDNY | Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives | <i>There has been an explosion of new high rise buildings which leads to to an increase in population and an increase in fires. Community Board 17 supports the continuation of funding for the Fire Prevention, Inspection Team and the Juvenile Fire Setters intervention program. Fire safety initiatives and outreach are critical to the prevention of fires</i> | |
| 38/53 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <i>Funding to include an additional vehicle for the Sanitation Superintendent to move around the community and acquaint his/herself with the community and the issues that most affect the residents.</i> | 10502 Dsny Garage Brooklyn South 18, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 39/53 | DFTA | Increase home delivered meals capacity | <i>The impact of COVID-19 and the closing of the Senior Centers has caused an increased demand for Meals on Wheels service to the many seniors and shut-in. DFTA was able to establish emergence procurement contracts that provided meals directly to the seniors. We request continued funding for this needed program. Additionally, we request screening of the applicants applying for the contracts. CB17 received numerous reports of food being delivered on some steps and porches unknown to the seniors. Many were unable to use the food after squirrels and cats tore the bags and scattered most of the food. Continued Funding for DFTA's HDM is necessary during this pandemic.</i> | |

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| 40/53 | DFTA | Enhance home care services | <i>It is often difficult for physicians to ascertain the living conditions of their patients, especially seniors. Additionally, the restrictions of Medicare vs. Medicaid insurance has negatively impacted home health aide services. Some older adults experience difficulties ambulating, lack of elevators/working elevators and obtaining door-to-door transportation. Funding is needed for MD's home visits, home physical/occupational therapy, visiting nurse services for medication, review/administration, wound care etc. In addition to outreach services to homebound older adults and elderly to allow the to age in place as many cannot afford long term care or independent senior housing/communities.</i> |
| 41/53 | DSNY | Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers | <i>Garbage receptacle discourages littering, the placement of household materials in receptacle and increases the likelihood of an improved quality of live in communities. We would want to place these new receptacles District Wide all corners where there is currently a garbage bin in addition to high traffic areas where there aren't receptacles.</i> |
| 42/53 | SBS | Other expense budget request for SBS | <i>We ask SBS to encourage and finance businesses that display calorie controlled menu and focuses on serving calorie controlled food to their customers. Incentives should be given to those businesses that promotes and serve calorie controlled food that focuses on healthy eating, such as Juice and Salad Bars.</i> |
| 43/53 | SBS | Other expense budget request for SBS | <i>Commercial districts serve 95% of the population in CB17. They also include majority of the Mom and Pop shops in the district. Therefore we request that SBS fund programs that assist business that have been impacted by COVID. We also push for the expansion of some business corridors. On Utica Ave (from East NY to Ave D), on Ave D (from East 46 to East 51), On Church Avenue from Bedford Ave to Utica Avenue and On Church Avenue from Utica to east 98. Due to language barriers, many business owners did not take advantage of the PPE and their businesses were impacted financially during the pandemic. Outreach is necessary to assist businesses affected.</i> |

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| 44/53 | HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>CB17 is in need of an ongoing fund to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes. Funding would cover emergency expenses including: legal bills, lien payments, emergency repairs and other one-time emergency costs during a crisis. Funding through community organizations such as NHS would greatly assist homeowners who are most at risk of losing their homes.</i> |
| 45/53 | HRA | Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services | <i>Many African-American Individuals particularly the elderly, are at risk of losing their homes due to predatory lending, reverse mortgage, loss of income leading to defaulting mortgages, signing documents, and unscrupulous real estate agents that pressure individuals to sell their houses for a fraction of the true cost. Difficulties paying property taxes and utilities which could lead to liens and eventually to auctioning off the home, are all issues that impacts homeowners. An expansion of cash assistance/rent negotiation programs as well as mortgage refinancing advisors would be helpful in assisting tenants and homeowners remain in their housing.</i> |
| 46/53 | HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>The leading cause of death for residents in East Flatbush are heart disease and cancer Exercise is one way to maintain a healthy weight. CB17 advocates to protect and expand government programs that provide meals to children and help families purchase food, such as SNAP/Food Stamps and emergency food programs.</i> |
| 47/53 | DFTA | Enhance educational and recreational programs | <i>We request the enhancement of educational programs and recreational activities for seniors.</i> |
| 48/53 | NYPD | Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests | <i>Expand capacity of the NYPD tow pound. There is a need for expansion of space to keep pace with ro-tows in the district.</i> |
| 49/53 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>Research suggest, Music and Performing Arts programs in our schools help students in other areas such as math. Adding Music and Performing Arts to the curriculum will greatly enhance students learning. We also advocate for funding/support to businesses such as the Cynthia King Dance Studio, located at 21 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn 11226.</i> |

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| 50/53 | DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | <i>There are traps and monitors in other areas in the City monitoring the mosquito population. CB17 request traps and monitors in all Parks in District 17 as residents are subjected to swarms of mosquito bites, especially in Paerdegat park.</i> | District Wide |
| 51/53 | HRA | Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers | <i>Housing, education, job assistance, health care and other human services are investment in our human resources that have been underfunded because we are so woefully undercounted. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, more access and reliability in the HRA system for services are essential to low income residents in our community.</i> | |
| 52/53 | NYPD | Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests | <i>Additional equipment needed to combat the illegally parked commercial vehicles since ticketing has not been a viable deterrent</i> | 2820 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 53/53 | NYPD | Other NYPD staff resources requests | <i>We continue to request the expansion of the NCO allotment of police officers in our district. The areas mentioned are one of many that harbor sometimes violent crowds. We need to ensure these areas remain safe and other residents feel safe to traverse.</i> | East 95 Street Rutland Road Rutland Road |