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District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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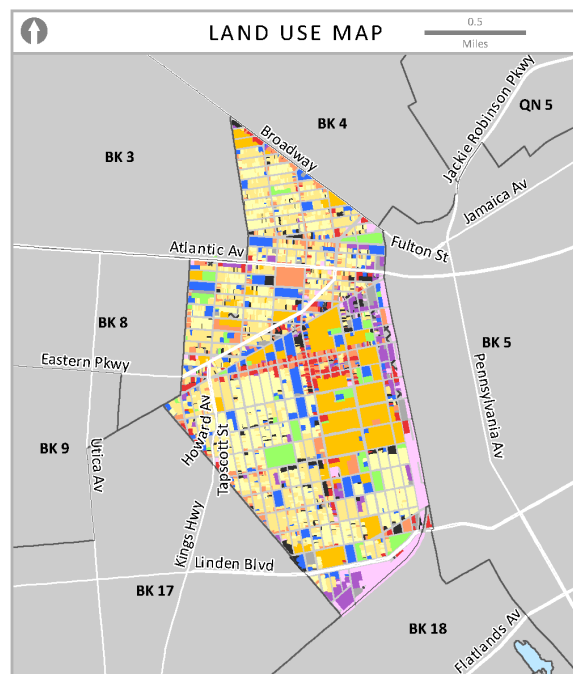
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Brooklyn Community District 16

See BK 16's profile online at
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods¹: Broadway Junction, Brownsville, Ocean Hill

| POPULATION & DENSITY | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2000 ² | 2010 ³ | 2000-2010 |
| 85,343 | 86,468 | +1% |
| 2013-2017 Estimate ⁴ | | 121,459 |
| Square Miles | | 1.9 |
| Population Density | | 45,509/sq mi |



Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 16 in 2019:

1. Affordable housing
2. Health care services
3. Youth and children's services

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 16's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

Website: www.nyc.gov/brooklyn16
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| Land Use Category | # Lots | % Lot Area |
|------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1 & 2 Family Bldgs | 3,745 | 22% |
| Multifamily Walk-up | 2,383 | 20% |
| Multifamily Elevator | 66 | 16% |
| Mixed Use | 622 | 7% |
| Commercial | 215 | 4% |
| Industrial | 139 | 4% |
| Transportation/Utility | 98 | 6% |
| Public/Institutional | 211 | 9% |
| Open Space | 66 | 5% |
| Parking | 158 | 2% |
| Vacant | 391 | 4% |
| Other | 60 | 1% |

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

| COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵ | |
|--|----|
| Public Schools | 34 |
| Public Libraries | 3 |
| Hospitals and Clinics | 9 |
| Parks | 17 |
| Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer | |

| RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6} | |
|---|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 54% | 46% |
| of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent | NYC |
| | 45% |

| ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷ | |
|---|-----------------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Citywide Target |
| 99% | 85% |
| of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space | |

| MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8} | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 47 | 42 |
| minutes | minutes |
| | NYC |
| | 41 |
| | minutes |

| LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴ | |
|--|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 10% | 23% |
| of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency | NYC |
| | 23% |

| CRIME RATE ⁹ | |
|--|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 12.6 | 11.2 |
| major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017 | NYC |
| | 11.8 |

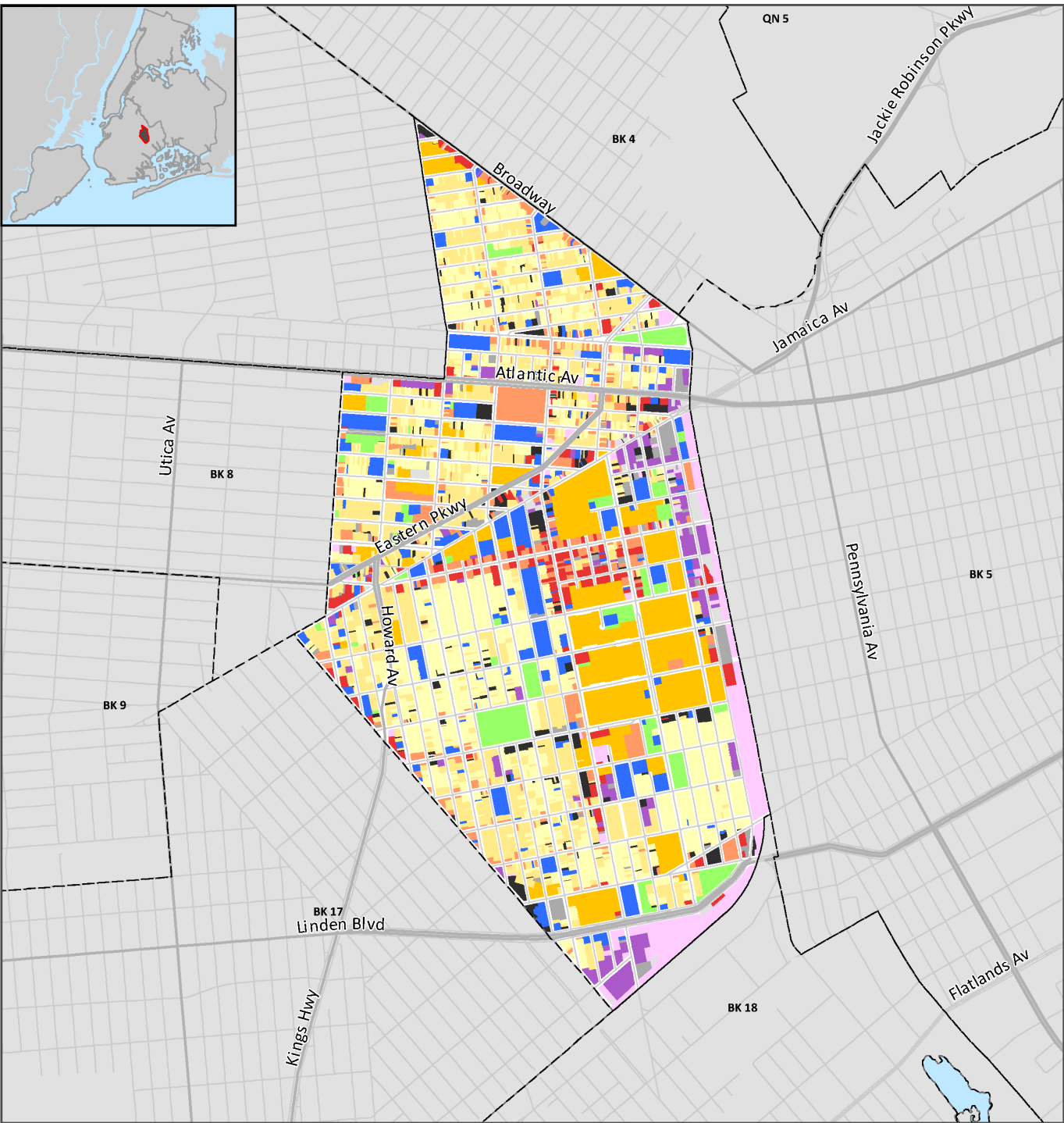
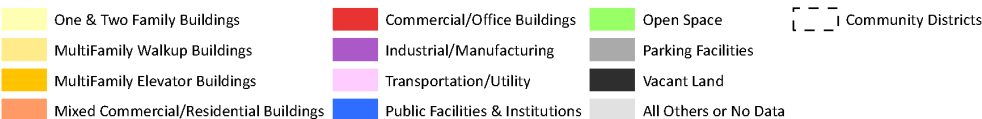
| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10} | |
|--|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 14% | 35% |
| of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher | NYC |
| | 37% |

| UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10} | |
|---|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 8.3% | 5.1% |
| of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017 | NYC |
| | 4.9% |

| NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹ | |
|--|----------|
| Brooklyn CD 16 | Brooklyn |
| 29% | 21% |
| of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here. | NYC |
| | 20% |

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Brooklyn Community District 16 - Land Use



3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bordered on the north by Broadway, on the east by Van Sinderen Avenue, on the south by L.I.R.R. and on the west by East 98th Street, East New York Avenue, Ralph Avenue, Atlantic Avenue and Saratoga Avenue, Community District #16 is located in East Brooklyn and encompasses the neighborhoods of Ocean Hill and Brownsville. According to the American Community Survey, Ocean Hill-Brownsville has a population of 125,747 which is an increase from the 2010 census that recorded the population at 86,468. Approximately 76% of the population is Black/African American, 20% of Hispanic Origin, 1% White, 1% Asian, and 2% other. There are 29.1% of households with children under 18 years old, and 10% of the population is age 65 years and older. Many of our residents are disadvantaged from an early age, due to a lack of support and resources in our local schools and lack of access to early intervention services. Our students have some of the lowest attendance rates in the City and the overwhelming majority are not proficient in reading and math. This translates into low graduation rates, leaving many residents in our community unprepared for the job market. More than half of the population receives income support. Unemployment is an acute problem in our community where 18.3%% of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average (ACS 2016).. The issue is severely impacting our young people, with unemployment rates for 20 to 24 years old at 28 percent. Males are experiencing higher unemployment rates in the district than females, with rates of 19 and 11 percent respectively. Job training and placement programs are needed to combat this problem. High poverty creates a host of other issues related to affordable housing, health, childcare and crime. As we move forward to address the issue of homelessness, permanent housing is needed, not homeless shelters. The housing must be affordable to residents of the community where the median household income is \$27,512. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, residents of Ocean Hill-Brownsville experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor. Many of our residents are not eating healthy meals because they lack the income and access to healthy foods. Heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, asthma, HIV and AIDS, mental health, and maternal and infant health are prevalent in our community. Gun violence involving young adults is an increasing problem in our community. Unreported crimes and injuries from street justice continue to negatively impact on our district. Many of the obstacles our community face are interrelated and cannot be solved in isolation. We need collaboration of both the public and private sectors to address the many issues our community residents have.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 16

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Permanent and affordable housing, not homeless shelters, are needed to meet the increasing needs of our senior citizens, families, and single adults with minimum wage jobs. We also need permanent and affordable housing for young adults whose income is below or above a certain income threshold - too much for subsidized housing but not enough for market rate housing. The price of a house is unaffordable to many of our residents. Even with government subsidies, many of our hardworking families find it difficult to attain the American dream of owning their own home because their income has not advanced with the cost of living. Rental housing costs are also skyrocketing, thus making it difficult for families and single adults to maintain permanent housing.

Health care services

Ocean Hill-Brownsville is part of the Central Brooklyn community where, according to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its residents experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Community Health Profiles 2015, 37% of Community District #16's residents live below the Federal Poverty level and it is the poorest neighborhood in Brooklyn and the seventh-poorest in neighborhood in New York City. In Community District #16, the rate of preterm births, a key driver of infant death, is the second highest in the city, the teen birth rate of 13.3% is higher than the Brooklyn rate of 8.8% and the citywide rate of 9%. We need the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue its partnership with the various community-based agencies to stem the tide of maladies that are consuming our community and expand obstetric, pediatric, geriatric, mental health, HIV and AIDS services, mental health, and maternal and infant health services.

Youth and children's services

Residents under the age of 18 represent 29.1% of Community District #16's population (ACS 2016). During the 2018 testing period, results on the New York State ELA test for 4,625 students in grades 3 to 8 in School District #23 reveal that 37.8% are on Level 1, 36% on Level 2, 19.2% on Level 3 and 7.1% on Level 4. Results of the Math test for 4,509 students in grades 3 to 8 in School District #23 reveal that 49.9% are on Level 1, 29.6% on Level 2, 13.9% on Level 3 and 6.6% on Level 4.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 16

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Poverty is a severe issue facing our community that impacts health and a host of other quality of life measures. Approximately 29% of residents have incomes below the New York City government poverty threshold (Source:PUMA). Poverty rates in Community District #16 are particularly severe among families with children where 43.5 percent are living in poverty. These rates rise even further for single mothers with children where poverty rates are 51.7 percent. It is important to note that this family type accounts for nearly 60 percent of the families within the district (Source: 2016 ACS). Living in poverty limits healthy lifestyle choices and makes it difficult to access health care and resources that can promote health and prevent illness. It is imperative that these families receive the much needed income support services such as cash assistance, medicaid and SNAP benefits; as well as job training and job placement.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Community District #16, which is located in Central Brooklyn and includes the neighborhoods of Ocean Hill and Brownsville, has for many decades been marginalized in receiving much needed health care and wellness services which has perpetuated the inability of local residents in improving their overall health. According to the 2015 Community District Health Profile released by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, some of these challenges include low income attainment, compromised housing quality, air pollution, preterm births, absenteeism, violence, incarceration, substance abuse, chronic illnesses such as stroke, diabetes, hypertension, HIV and AIDS, and a lack of physical activity and access to health foods , and require intervention by New York City and health care institutions. The United States Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - Healthy People 2020 report lists economic stability as a social determinant of health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that anti-poverty programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) help keep children and families above the poverty rate. The main purpose of the EITC is to incentivize people to work while also helping to reduce poverty, and also contributes to positive health outcomes for infants and mothers; and which impacts physical and mental health, infant mortality and low-birth weight rates. Community District #16 has the 2nd highest rate of pre-term births and infant mortality. Furthermore, preventative health care services and outreach increase education and reduce emergency room visits amongst our pediatric, adult and geriatric health care populations in Community District #16. In Central Brooklyn, 3 out of 10 residents are without a regular doctor and many of our residents are underinsured. According to the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5 year estimates for 2012-2016, zip codes 11212and 11233 respectively, approximately 11% of individuals have no health insurance. Other services such as mental health, physical activity and nutrition are important in keeping these residents in the community well. Income, housing, education, violence and access to health care have been adversarial issues in Community District #16 for decades and all are factors of the social determinants of health which continue to impact the lives of our residents. We need the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue its partnership with other levels of government, health care institutions, and the various community-based organizations to expand access to obstetrics and education to promote prenatal care, Lamaze, breastfeeding, and doulas which are positive interventions to maternal and infant health. We need health insurance companies to continue their outreach in the community to enroll individuals and families in health plans. We need assistance for adults who are experiencing financial hardship due to escalating costs of prescription medication. Our senior citizens, in particular, are finding it most difficult o pay out-of-pocket costs for prescriptions. We need nutrition education outreach in the community to identify and assist persons who are not eating properly and are at-risk of becoming obese and developing circulatory and respiratory conditions. We need services to combat these health challenges such as asthma and diabetes which are on the rise in our community. We also need programs to outreach to our adolescents and

teenage residents to educate them about reproductive health and services; consequences of engaging in premarital sex, teenage pregnancy prevention, and awareness, safety and services regarding increased cases of human trafficking. It is important that the New York City Department of Health and the Brownsville Neighborhood Health Action Center continue its work and support the residents of Community District #16 to achieve neighborhood health equity.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the American Community Survey, approximately 12% of our population is over the age of 62. A large number of our seniors are low-income, live alone, and reside in public housing for the elderly. For older persons at risk of losing self-sufficiency, senior centers are an entry point to an array of services that will assist them as they age in place. We need continued funding of our senior centers to enable them to offer a wide range of health, education, recreation, volunteer and other social interaction opportunities for their participants that enhance dignity, support independence, and encourage community involvement. Most importantly, the centers provide a social environment conducive to the development of a social support system reducing loneliness and depression. Expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels Program is needed for many of our seniors who live alone and whose income is insufficient to purchase ingredients for nutritional meals. Many of our elderly and infirm adults who live alone need escort services to accompany them to medical appointments and grocery shopping. They also need assistance with personal care, housekeeping, and financial management as they strive to live independently in their own homes.

Needs for Homeless

Community District #16 is over saturated with homeless housing. There are 12 homeless shelters funded by the Department of Homeless Services, several shelters for victims of domestic violence, and a number of three quarter houses. In addition, rooms are being rented in 4 hotels in the district to temporarily house homeless individuals and families. Families and individuals become homeless due to a variety of circumstances, including loss of job, instances of substance abuse, domestic violence, eviction, or unsafe building conditions. Because the shelter system should never be considered a home, programs such as CITYFHEPS and HRA HOME-Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) are needed to assist this population to move into permanent housing. Homeless prevention programs such as Homepage are also needed to assist those at risk of losing affordable permanent housing by providing monetary assistance and linking them to needed resources such as job training, childcare, and substance abuse programs. Community-based social service agencies and health care organizations must receive sufficient funding to give individuals and families the long term support that they need.

Needs for Low Income NYs

According to our district profile published by the Department of City Planning, 29% of our residents have incomes below the NYC government poverty threshold. Our low-income and vulnerable residents have less assets and often face major challenges meeting daily living expenses for housing, food, clothing, and health care. It is imperative that resources be provided to this group to enhance their quality of life. Low-income families experience severe hardships whether they rely on cash assistance, work or a combination of both. These families need institutional support in the form of education, financial literacy job training, fair wages, child care, parenting skills, and health care.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 8/22 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the rate of preterm births in Community District #16, a key driver of infant death, is the second highest in the city. Maternal and infant health services are needed to promote healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes, and healthy infant growth and development. The long-term goal of maternal and infant health programs is to reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.</i> | |
| 13/22 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment | <i>Gun violence is very prevalent in our community. When gun violence ends a life, it also impacts the lives of survivors (families and friends) who struggle to cope with the lose of a loved one. Preventive and treatment programs are needed for all ages.</i> | |
| 14/22 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc. | <i>Eating well is important for good health. A healthy diet helps prevent many chronic diseases and conditions, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, some cancers, and heart disease. Expansion of outreach and educational programs such as Healthy Living is needed to improve nutrition and physical activity for all ages. In addition, programs such as Shop Healthy NYC are needed to increase access to healthy foods in the neighborhood retailers. Outreach programs such as the Newborn Visiting Program provides vital resources to the community and needs expansion.</i> | |
| 15/22 | DFTA | Increase transportation services capacity | <i>Many of our elderly and homebound residents live alone. Without this service, they would not be able to get to their medical appointments and shop for groceries.</i> | |
| 16/22 | DFTA | Enhance home care services | <i>Many of our seniors live alone and are in need of assistance to perform activities of daily living in their home such as bathing, feeding, and or housekeeping.</i> | |

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|-------|-------------|--|---|
| 17/22 | DHS, HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>According to the American Community Survey, about a third of families in Community District #16 are facing poverty. Many of these families are at risk of losing affordable housing for a variety of reasons, such as minimum wage jobs, temporary unemployed due to illness, and lost of job. Programs such as Homebase are needed to provide families with monetary assistance and resources to remain in permanent housing.</i> |
| 18/22 | DFTA | Increase home delivered meals capacity | <i>Many of our low-income elderly residents who live alone do not have sufficient income to shop for groceries and prepare daily nutritional meals. An expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels program will enable this population to eat more healthy and frequently.</i> |

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 16

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Residents under the age of 18 represent 29.1% of Community District #16. Presently, the unemployment rate in the district is approximately 13.5% and has been higher at other times. Youth workforce development is extremely important to the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community where poverty is prevalent and the rate is 35.3%. During their formative years, youths can benefit a great deal from workforce development programs that help to reinforce classroom learning, offer exposure to new knowledge, technical and social skills, and help youths develop an attitude toward participation, teamwork and productivity. Summer Youth Employment Programs are early introductions to the world of work and help youth gain valuable work experience with transferrable skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment. By developing good work habits and skills at an early age, our youth are more likely to continue this trend as they progress toward adulthood.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

School District #23 has one of the lowest attendance record in the city. We are requesting that the Department of Education provide additional resources to address the truancy problem. The Department of Education should work with community members to determine the root cause of truancy in the district and develop innovative solutions that serve our students before they become truant. During the 2018 testing period, results on the New York State ELA test for 4,625 students in grades 3 to 8 in School District #23 reveal that 37.8% are on Level 1, 36% on Level 2, 19.2% on Level 3 and 7.1% on Level 4. Results of the Math test for 4,509 students in grades 3 to 8 in School District #23 reveal that 49.9% are on Level 1, 29.6% on Level 2, 13.9% on Level 3 and 6.6% on Level 4. Nearly a third of the district's young people (18 to 24 years old) lack a high school diploma or equivalency, 50 percent more than Brooklyn as a whole. Another third have obtained a high school diploma or GED. Only five percent have completed a four year college degree. As New York City's economy becomes increasingly specialized, it is crucial for our residents to be prepared to compete for quality jobs. We are requesting that the New York City Department of Education further its investment in career and technical education and college readiness programs. Our schools will require highly skilled teachers, guidance counselors, and curricula incorporating STEM which will help place students on a college bound educational path. School children also need an environment that is conducive to learning, therefore, we need facility upgrades to our school buildings to support the use of technology, elevators for ADA compliance, and electrical wiring to support the use of air conditions. To ensure that youth in Community District #16 have the greatest opportunities for a comprehensive education, we also need funding to support civic engagement, financial literacy learning, and music and arts in our schools, and youth programs. It is important that the City of New York and the New York City Department of Education support the educational needs of our young residents in Community District #16 to achieve neighborhood equity in education..

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Approximately 16 percent of the district's population are children. Day care and headstart programs play a crucial role in supporting young children's development, learning and preparation for both school and life success. Early care and education programs foster children's healthy and positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional development. Early childhood education programs are also critical to parental employment stability. A number of grandparents and other relatives find themselves serving as parents for children whose own parents are unable to care for them because of substance abuse or incarceration. Many of these relatives need financial support to provide food, shelter and clothing to these children. Poverty, parental alcoholism, family instability, overcrowding and abusive conditions in the home, incarceration of a parent, or death of a parent render many of our children at-risk of juvenile delinquency. We need programs for at-risk youth and preventive services; i.e., juvenile justice, health education, sports, technology, cultural arts and design, workforce and entrepreneurship.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|---------------------|
| 4/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school | <i>Upgrade student bathrooms, library and auditorium (curtains, sound system and air condition) to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff at Kappa V.</i> | 985 Rockaway Avenue |
| 11/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school | <i>Air circulation in the auditorium at Mott Hall Bridges Academy is poor and it is extremely uncomfortable during warm weather. Installation of an air condition unit in the auditorium is much needed to improve air circulation.</i> | 210 Chester Street |
| 17/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Renovate all bathrooms at the Riverdale Community School, located at 76 Riverdale Avenue to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.</i> | |
| 18/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>A complete renovation of the cafeteria is needed to provide better accommodations for the student body.</i> | |
| 19/40 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>Upgrading of electrical wiring will allow for safer and more efficient use of electrical power with the ever increasing use of electrical equipment such as air condition units, computers and other equipment..</i> | |
| 21/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>The cafeteria and auditorium at P.S. 137 are in need of renovation to improve lighting and seating for the student body.</i> | |
| 22/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>A complete renovation of the cafeteria in this very old building is needed to provide better accommodation for the student body.</i> | |
| 23/40 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>Renovate all school buildings in District #23 to make them ADA compliant.</i> | |
| 38/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>The auditorium at P.S. 41 is dimly lit. Upgrading of the lighting will provide more illumination during performances and meetings.</i> | |
| 39/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school | <i>Renovate all bathrooms at Brownsville Collaborative Middle School, located at 85 Watkins Street to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.</i> | |

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| 40/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>A complete renovation is needed for the cafeteria and auditorium to provide better lighting and seating for the student body.</i> |
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Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 4/22 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program | <i>Summer youth employment programs are early introductions to the world of work and help to build skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment.</i> | |
| 9/22 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>For various reasons, not every student is prepared to attend college. Therefore, they should have the option to learn a skilled trade while in high school that will equip them to compete in the job market. Career and Technical Education Programs will prepare our high school students for entry level employment in a specific occupation and is aligned with business/industry standards.</i> | |
| 10/22 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) | <i>Many of our impoverished families lack financial resources to provide structured activities for their children. We need continued funding of our Cornerstone and Beacon programs which provide a range of free educational, cultural and recreational resources to our children and youth.</i> | |

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 16

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Youth crime

Youth violence is a growing concern in our community where poverty, family instability and unemployment provide fertile ground for its growth. Gangs are perpetuating youth on youth violence that result in injury and death. Far too many young lives are lost from street justice. Collateral damage inflicted by gun violence impacts the victim's family, friends and community.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Community District #16 has historically been known as an area of New York City with high rates of crime and incidents of violence. As a result, the New York Police Department and the 73rd Precinct have participated in anti-crime programs such as "Stop and Frisk" and "Operation IMPACT" to help mitigate incidents of crime and violence to improve overall safety within the community. In the years following the launch of these programs, they were criticized for being divisive and lacking proper supervision for assigned officers who were new police academy graduates. The New York Police Department has taken steps to phase out these programs and return to "Neighborhood-Based Policing" with a program known as "Build the Block" which is a comprehensive crimefighting strategy that assigns Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) to specific areas of the community for better community engagement with local residents. Community District #16 was a pilot community and has been participating in this program since 2016. In the last several years, the New York Police Department and the 73rd Precinct have reported reduced incidents of crimes and more recently some historic lows. Although crimes are decreasing, we continue to need police presence on our streets, in subways, along commercial corridors, around our schools, and in our New York City Housing Authority buildings to combat incidents of crime, and support the Police Department continuing to connect with the community and building relationships. However, as a result of prior experiences with the Police Department, there are still some unreported incidents of crimes from street justice. In addition, some law-abiding citizens are reluctant to report crimes because they are distrustful of the police and their ability to reduce crimes. Therefore, we are asking that police officers continue to receive frequent training in community engagement, cultural sensitivity and mental health first aid response to incidents of opioid overdose. In addition, we request that police officers be equipped with body cameras for better transparency of incidents of policing. According to the most recent data from the New York City Police Department's CompStat report (10/14/19 - 10/20/19), crimes in the seven (7) major categories in Ocean Hill-Brownsville decreased by 13.85% compared to the same period in 2018. It is important that the New York City Police Department continue to make improvements in policing that respect the humanity of our residents and visitors, and deploy resources efficiently to achieve neighborhood equity.

Needs for Emergency Services

Community District #16 has a large concentration of New York City Housing Authority buildings as well as privately-owned elevated buildings which house many families in close proximity to each other. It is imperative that an adequate number of well trained firefighters are assigned to the firehouses in Community District #16 and they be provided with the necessary firefighting equipment to respond to fires, medical and other emergencies.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 7/22 | NYPD | Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing | <i>It is imperative that police officers assigned to the 73rd Precinct continue to receive frequent training in community engagement, cultural sensitivity, and mental health first aid to better equip them to patrol the community.</i> | |
| 12/22 | FDNY | Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Expense) | <i>A Forcible Entry Door is requested for Battalion 44 which will enable ongoing training of firefighters in the method of opening locked doors in the event of a fire, especially in multiple dwelling buildings.</i> | |

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 16

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Ongoing housing construction is bringing new families to the community. We need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets. Because of limited onsite storage, garbage from several of our schools and New York City Housing Authority buildings is placed on the sidewalks daily. We need daily pick up of this garbage which is unsightly and attracts rodents. Community District #16 continues to remain at the bottom for recycling. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

During heavy rainfall, flooding and ponding conditions are common at a number of heavily trafficked locations throughout the district. We need regular maintenance of our catch basins to remove obstructions and ensure that water continues to flow freely and not create ponding conditions. In 2015, the Department of Environmental Protection began installing over 200 bioswales, also known as rain gardens, throughout the district to reduce combined sewer overflow discharges into New York City's waterbodies. We encourage these green infrastructure improvements which are intended to reduce flooding, environmental and health impacts; however, because of the dimensions of the rain gardens, they also collect windblown litter and electronic and other illegally dumped debris. Furthermore, when the greenery is not properly maintained and pruned, they obstruct street view and pose a safety concern. We are in need of regular maintenance of our catch basins to remove obstructions and ensure that water continues to flow, and regular pruning and cleaning of rain gardens. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of rain gardens and the residents' assistance with maintenance. It is important that the NYC Department of Sanitation and Department of Environmental Protection make service level improvements as a result of these adverse concerns and deploy resources efficiently to achieve neighborhood equity and not overburden area residents..

Needs for Sanitation Services

As new housing construction bring new families to the community, we need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets. The most recent scorecard ratings state that our streets are 98% acceptably clean. However, areas in the vicinity of New York City Housing Authority buildings and schools continue to be problematic because garbage is placed on the sidewalks on a daily basis after the collection truck makes its regular pick up. When this occurs, litter is strewn about the sidewalk and streets. Illegal dumping in vacant lots and on sidewalks in front of vacant buildings create unsightly, unhealthy and hazardous conditions. We need regular Sanitation patrol of chronic dumping locations to apprehend violators. According to the Department of Sanitation, 6.1 tons of metal, glass and plastic were recycled in Fiscal Year 2019 in Community District #16. This was the lowest in Brooklyn. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--------------------|---|----------|
| 11/22 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>Windblown litter as well as household electronics and furniture are deposited in our many rain gardens on a daily basis. Additional manpower is needed to clean the rain gardens more frequently.</i> | |
| 21/22 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>When litter and debris clog our catch basins, flooding and ponding occur during heavy rainfall at heavily trafficked locations which makes it difficult and unsafe for pedestrian crossing. Periodic cleaning of our catch basins is required.</i> | |

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 16

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

Affordable housing creation

Households that pay more than 30% of their income for housing, including utilities are considered cost burdened because they may have difficulty paying non-housing needs such as food, clothing, transportation, child care and medical care. According to the American Community Survey 2011-2016 five year estimates, 51% of households in Community District #16 spend 35% or more of their income on rent. Decent housing that is affordable to working and low income families and seniors is in short supply in our community. As the cost of housing continues to soar and income remains stagnant, residents are being pushed out of their homes and onto the streets. We need affordable housing and rent subsidy programs to provide stability for this vulnerable population.

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

The availability of quality housing in Community District #16 is continuing to diminish due to the age and condition of our public housing buildings and upgrades needed to keep these units available to low income families. For residents not residing in public housing, the need for permanent affordable housing, not homeless shelters, continues to be a high priority for our community to meet the increasing needs of our senior citizens, families, and single adults with income that ranges from fixed and/or minimum wage and above, but is not sufficient to afford other housing opportunities. There is a growing need for affordable housing for young adults whose income is below or above certain thresholds - not enough for market rate housing but too much for subsidized housing. The lack of availability of these units forces these young adults out of the community and away from their families. The price of a house is unaffordable for many of our residents. Even with government subsidies, many of our hardworking families find it difficult to attain the American dream of owning their own home because their income has not increased with the cost of living. Rental housing costs are also skyrocketing, thus making it difficult for families and single adults to maintain permanent housing within New York City or Community District #16. We need the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development to provide funding to build truly affordable housing on City-owned land inclusive of a distribution of units that can house our seniors, young adults and families at affordable income levels; and also to the greatest extent possible offer equitable features through mixed use spaces and facilities to replace neighborhood conveniences that have been lost due to the high costs of real estate and taxes, but are needed in order to sustain a good quality of life for residents. In addition, we need the City to continue providing assistance to residents who are interested in homeownership and/or need to make repairs to their homes to make the homes livable into the foreseeable future.

Needs for Economic Development

Since the early 1970s, Ocean Hill-Brownsville has experienced extreme disinvestment along its commercial corridors of Pitkin Avenue, Mother Gaston Boulevard, Saratoga Avenue, Fulton Street, Rockaway Avenue, and Belmont Avenue. The most glaring impact is along Belmont Avenue where there are a number of vacant storefronts or marginal month-to-month tenants. We need both private and public investments in these commercial corridors where our local residents can purchase healthy foods, clothing, furniture, dine out, and engage in cultural enrichment activities. We need the New York City Department of Small Business Services to support our local residents with workforce placements, small business development, and Minority and Women-Owned Business (M/WBE) certifications to address the issues of commercial vacancies, availability of diverse goods and services, and contracting with city agencies. Additionally, we appeal to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs to help with small business outreach and education. We need the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the New York City Economic Development Corporation to market City-owned parcels and work with private owners who are in need of financial assistance to develop their properties to better serve the

community. Given that small businesses are essential to local employment, support from these City agencies will help stimulate investment which will create economic opportunities for local residents and begin to address a persistent and acute problem of unemployment in Community District #16 across all demographics. This issue is severely impacting our young people with unemployment rates for 20-24 years old at 28 percent, compared with 20 percent for Brooklyn. Males in the district are experiencing higher unemployment rates in the district than females, with rates at 19 and 11 percent respectively. In order to achieve neighborhood equity, we call on the City to implement and expand job training and placement programs to combat high unemployment rates and concentrate resources available through the Summer Youth Employment Program, Workforce 1 and other programs that provide workforce development services. Furthermore, making improvements to the district's schools and incorporating Career and Technical Education will also help to address this problem by insuring that our young people are prepared for opportunities in the job market..

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 14/40 | NYCHA | Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades (Capital) | <i>Residents of Howard Houses have reported that crimes in the buildings and on the grounds have been increasing in recent years. Installation of CCTV cameras will help to deter crime and enhance the quality of life for its residents.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|--|
| 1/22 | HPD | Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households | <i>The supply of decent affordable housing for extremely low and low income households is decreasing. As a result, many reside in substandard housing that impacts their health. Others are forced into homeless shelters.</i> | |
| 5/22 | SBS | Other expense workforce development requests | <i>A comprehensive one stop small business center to include M/WBE programs and technical assistance to support local businesses and entrepreneurs is needed. .</i> | |
| 6/22 | EDC | Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs | <i>M/WBE resources and technical assistance are needed within the district for small business owners who are struggling to compete with more established businesses in the City of New York.</i> | |
| 19/22 | SBS | Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program | <i>There are a number of vacant storefronts along our commercial corridors where property owners need financial support to renovate.</i> | Belmont Ave Rockaway Ave Mother Gaston Blvd |
| 20/22 | SBS | Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program | <i>There are a number of stores that need facade improvement and property owners are in need of financial assistance.</i> | Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd |

Brooklyn Community Board 16

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)

Community District #16 is a transit rich community with no accessible subway stations for persons with physical disabilities in the district. Public transportation is the only source of transportation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and lack the resources to access alternative modes of transportation to travel outside of the community. Many of these individuals are single mothers with infants, handicapped and elderly residents who require an elevator to access the platform. This lack of compliance with the American Disability Act threatens the quality of life for these vulnerable residents who seek independence. This disparity adds to the amount of time it takes to travel and/or may increase travel costs for these already economically disadvantaged individuals to travel by an alternative mode; i.e., car service. There are 11 elevated and one subterranean (Rockaway Avenue on the "IND") train stations that are not accessible to the physically challenged, including Halsey Street, Chauncey Street and Broadway Junction station on the "IND" line, Atlantic Avenue, Sutter Avenue, Livonia Avenue and New Lots Avenue on the "L" line, and the Sutter-Rutland Road, Saratoga Avenue, Rockaway Avenue and Junius Street on the "IRT" line. We call upon the New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority to appropriate needed funds to install elevator access to stations throughout Community District #16 and construct a connecting passageway between the "L" and "IRT" lines at Junius Street and Livonia Avenue to enable commuters to freely transfer between stations. The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of traffic because of its connections to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of steps that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. The East New York station on the Long Island Railroad is in need of updating. Cameras are in place on the platforms and should also be placed in the tunnel connecting the stairwells leading to the service roads of Atlantic Avenue, and additional lighting is also needed. Presently, there is no wheelchair access on the westbound platform. We are requesting that a permanent ramp be installed to provide access for wheelchair bound passengers who now must travel to the Atlantic Avenue terminal to disembark. Community District #16 is becoming increasingly denser and there are more people using the subway. Several of our transit stations have multiple entrances that could be used by commuters but are not currently accessible. We are requesting that NYC Transit make these entrances accessible to alleviate commuter congestion at train entrances, increase safety, offer neighborhood conveniences, and add to the quality of life for residents. It is important that these transit improvements are made to comply with federal law and achieve neighborhood safety.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Potholes and depressions continue to imperil traffic in Community District #16. The Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection need to jointly inspect locations that frequently depress and eventually cave-in to identify the origin of the roadway condition and repair them in a timely fashion. A number of our streets are dimly lit and create an atmosphere conducive to criminal activities. The intensity of street lights need upgrading, especially underneath the elevated train lines along Broadway and Livonia Avenue, and along the bus routes. Truck traffic is increasing throughout the district. Residential blocks, instead of designated truck routes, are being used by 18-wheelers which are destroying our streets and creating congestion. More designated truck route signs are needed. With new housing construction, the volume of traffic is increasing. It is imperative that the Department of Transportation conduct a districtwide survey to determine locations for new traffic lights and stop signs.

Needs for Transit Services

There are no accessible subway stations for persons with physical disabilities in the district. The Halsey Street, Chauncey Street, Rockaway Avenue and Broadway Junction stations on the "IND" line, the Atlantic Avenue, Sutter Avenue, Livonia Avenue, and New Lots Avenue stations on the "L" line, and the Sutter Avenue-Rutland Road, Saratoga Avenue, Rockaway Avenue, and Junius Street stations on the "IRT" line are not accessible to the physically challenged due to them being subterranean and elevated.. We call upon the Metropolitan Transit Authority to

appropriate needed funds to rehabilitate the bridge at Junius Street that enables commuters to connect to the Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line. In addition, we request that there be a free transfer between the Junius Street station on the IRT-3 and Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line. We also request that the New Lots Avenue station on the "L" line be rehabilitated to include new lighting. The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of traffic because of its connections to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of steps that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We urge the Transit Authority to make the station handicap accessible. The East New York Avenue station on the Long Island Railroad is in need of updating. Cameras are in place on the platforms and should also be placed in the tunnel connecting the stairwells leading to the service roads of Atlantic Avenue. Presently, there is no wheelchair access on the westbound platform. We are requesting that a permanent ramp be installed to provide access for wheelchair bound passengers who now must travel to the Atlantic Avenue terminal to disembark.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 13/40 | NYCTA | Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure | <i>Rehabilitate pedestrian bridge connecting the IRT-3 at Junius Street and the L-line at Livonia Avenue to provide safe passage and connection to subway stations. Upgrade lights on the bridge to better illuminate the walkway.</i> | |
| 24/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IND line is subterranean and is not ADA compliant. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk down the series of steps to access the subway system.</i> | |
| 25/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 26/40 | NYCTA | Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure | <i>New Lots Avenue station on the L-line is dimly lit. Upgrade lights at the station to provide more illumination for commuters.</i> | |
| 27/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 28/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of pedestrian traffic because of its connection to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of stairs that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We are requesting that the station be made handicap accessible.</i> | |
| 29/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Sutter Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |

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| 31/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Sutter-Rutland Road station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 32/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Saratoga Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 33/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The New Lots Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i> | |
| 34/40 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along this commercial strip.</i> | Belmont Avenue Rockaway Avenue Christopher Avenue |
| 35/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Atlantic Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 36/40 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along our commercial strip.</i> | Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd |
| 37/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Chauncey Street station on the "J" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i> | |
| CS | DOT | Repair or provide new street lights | <i>The IRT subway line runs along Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and East 98th Street. Additional lights are needed along Livonia Avenue to brighten the street and make it less conducive to criminal activities.</i> | Livonia Ave Junius St East 98th St |

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| CS | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Junius Street station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station. We're also requesting the construction of a passageway between the "Junius Street" station on the IRT-3 and the "Livonia Avenue" station on the IND-L to enable commuters to transfer between stations without descending to the street to re-enter the transit system.</i> |
| CS | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Due to heavy traffic, salting of our roadways, and ongoing excavations to repair our infrastructure and install utility lines, numerous potholes and cave-ins result which creates hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Ongoing repairs are needed on streets throughout the district.</i> |

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 16

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

Our playgrounds and parks provide the only recreation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and are unable to travel outside of the community. Several of these parks are located adjacent to public schools where hundreds of children use them on a daily basis during school hours. We need regular maintenance to keep them clean and prevent their deterioration from normal wear and tear. The Brownsville Recreation Center is an indoor facility that is used on a daily basis by hundreds of patrons. Additional maintenance staff is needed to keep the facility clean.

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

Needs for Parks

Community District #16 has 23 parks and playgrounds and 65 community facilities, including the Brownsville Recreation Center, 3 branches of the Brooklyn Public Library, Betsy Head Park and Pool (which is a New York City landmark built during the WPA era), and several other community facilities located throughout our 20 New York City Housing Authority developments. All of these parks, playgrounds, and community facilities serve residents of all ages on a daily basis and must comply with the American Disability Act and be properly maintained and upgraded regularly to ensure that the infrastructure and facilities continue to meet the needs of our residents into the foreseeable future. Our playground, parks, and community facilities provide the only source of recreation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and lack the resources to travel outside of the community to recreation facilities. It is important that these open spaces and community facilities be maintained, upgraded and programmed to achieve neighborhood equity, and respect the cultural sensitivity of the community with regard to sports and other recreation activities that are in high demand in comparison to other communities across New York City with greater income and access. Our playground, parks and community facilities are used by hundreds of residents on a daily basis. They offer much needed recreation facilities for at-risk youths, low-income children and families; and in general improves the overall quality of life for residents which makes the Ocean Hill-Brownsville neighborhood more livable. Several of these parks and playgrounds are located adjacent to public schools and are used by students during school hours. According to research, green spaces, public parks, and recreation facilities have been strongly linked to reductions in crime and in particular reduction in juvenile delinquency. During the summer months, playground assistants are needed to provide structured activities in our playgrounds and parks. Community District #16 has 29 community gardens which are critically important to the historical narrative of the community and provide additional community and open space for residents, and most importantly fresh vegetables and fruits for our residents. Resources and support to maintain community gardens are equally important and much needed. To ensure that all facilities are properly maintained and the greatest amount of community benefit can be derived, additional maintenance and recreation staff are needed in our playground, parks, and community facilities, especially in the Brownsville Recreation Center.

Needs for Cultural Services

The Brownsville Multi Services Center, located at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, is in need of renovation. There has been no major renovation to this facility since it was built in the 1970s. The bathrooms, elevator, heating and ventilation system, and electrical wiring need upgrading to better service the needs of its occupant agencies that provide an array of services to the general public.

Needs for Library Services

The Saratoga Library Branch and the Stone Avenue Library Branch are in need of interior and exterior repairs to improve the environment for their patrons and staff. The heating and cooling system at the Saratoga Library branch needs upgrading, safety and security enhancements are needed, in addition to new furniture and equipment to better serve the needs of the patrons. New windows, doors, repointing and rehab of the limestone, roof and side entry steps are needed at the Stone Avenue branch library.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 1/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Reconstruction of Floyd Paterson Field with synthetic turf for multi purpose use such as baseball, football, soccer, and cricket will improve the condition of the field and make it more conducive for recreational activities for all ages.</i> | |
| 2/40 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>A comfort station is needed at Powell Street Playground. Construction of a comfort station will also service users of Houston Playground which is located across the street.</i> | |
| 3/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground | <i>Rehabilitation of the play equipment and comfort station at South Pacific Playground, which is adjacent to Kingsboro Houses, will continue to provide much needed recreation for community residents.</i> | |
| 5/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground | <i>The play equipment is in need of replacement due to heavy use. A section of the running track has caved in. Security lights are needed to enable use of the running track in the evening hours</i> | |
| 6/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Dr. Richard Greene Playground is adjacent to a public school and several NYCHA buildings which is the only source of recreation for hundreds of children. The play equipment needs upgrading as well as the comfort station.</i> | |
| 8/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Due to many years of use, the swimming pool is in need of renovation as well as the bath house.</i> | |
| 9/40 | BPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | <i>Renovation of the interior of the Saratoga Library Branch is needed to include the heating and cooling system and safety and security enhancements.</i> | |
| 10/40 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field are located diagonally from each other. Construction of a comfort station at Nehemiah Park will service both Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field which are heavily used by residents of neighboring housing developments.</i> | |

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| 12/40 | BPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | <i>Repointing and rehabilitation of the limestone are needed to prevent further deterioration of exterior of the Stone Avenue Library Branch which is also in need of a new roof and side entry steps. In addition, new windows and doors are also needed.</i> | |
| 15/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Livonia Park is adjacent to a senior citizen complex. New benches, checkers and chess tables are needed.</i> | |
| 16/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground | <i>Van Dyke Playground is used by hundreds of residents who live in Van Dyke Houses, a NYCHA development. The play equipment and basketball court are in need of rehabilitation.</i> | |
| 20/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>New and updated play equipment is needed at Fish Playground to provide recreation for children in the adjacent school as well as the community.</i> | |
| 30/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Installation of a dome over the Betsy Head Park will enable use of the facility year round during inclement weather.</i> | Betsy Head Play Center, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Chester Playground is located adjacent to PS/IS 327. Rehabilitation of the playground equipment and basketball courts are needed.</i> | |
| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Rehabilitate Osborn Playground to include new play equipment and safety surface. The comfort station is also in need of renovation.</i> | |
| CS | DPR | Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | <i>Renovate public locker rooms at the Brownsville Recreation Center to provide better security for belongings of patrons.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 22/22 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>Street trees throughout the district are in need of pruning. Tree limbs are covering streetlights and creating a condition conducive to criminal activities.</i> | |

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 7/40 | Other | Other capital budget request | <i>Since its construction in the early 1970s, there has been no major renovation of this facility. The bathrooms, elevator, heating and ventilation system, electrical wiring and lighting need upgrading to better service the needs of its occupant agencies that provide an array of services to residents of CD #16.</i> | 444 Thomas Boyland Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

Other Expense Requests

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 2/22 | Other | Other expense budget request | <i>HPD - Maintaining permanent housing is becoming more difficult for low wage working individuals and families. Medium income housing will enable them to become less rent burden and remain in the community</i> | |
| 3/22 | Other | Other expense budget request | <i>HPD - Many of our multi family housing stock are in need of roof replacement, heating and electrical upgrades. Financing programs such as the Participation Loan Program and Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program are needed to facilitate the physical and financial sustainability and affordability of privately-owned multifamily buildings.</i> | |

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

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| 1/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Reconstruction of Floyd Paterson Field with synthetic turf for multi purpose use such as baseball, football, soccer, and cricket will improve the condition of the field and make it more conducive for recreational activities for all ages.</i> | |
| 2/40 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>A comfort station is needed at Powell Street Playground. Construction of a comfort station will also service users of Houston Playground which is located across the street.</i> | |
| 3/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground | <i>Rehabilitation of the play equipment and comfort station at South Pacific Playground, which is adjacent to Kingsboro Houses, will continue to provide much needed recreation for community residents.</i> | |
| 4/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school | <i>Upgrade student bathrooms, library and auditorium (curtains, sound system and air condition) to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff at Kappa V.</i> | 985 Rockaway Avenue |
| 5/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground | <i>The play equipment is in need of replacement due to heavy use. A section of the running track has caved in. Security lights are needed to enable use of the running track in the evening hours</i> | |
| 6/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Dr. Richard Greene Playground is adjacent to a public school and several NYCHA buildings which is the only source of recreation for hundreds of children. The play equipment needs upgrading as well as the comfort station.</i> | |
| 7/40 | Other | Other capital budget request | <i>Since its construction in the early 1970s, there has been no major renovation of this facility. The bathrooms, elevator, heating and ventilation system, electrical wiring and lighting need upgrading to better service the needs of its occupant agencies that provide an array of services to residents of CD #16.</i> | 444 Thomas Boyland Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY |

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| 8/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Due to many years of use, the swimming pool is in need of renovation as well as the bath house.</i> | |
| 9/40 | BPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | <i>Renovation of the interior of the Saratoga Library Branch is needed to include the heating and cooling system and safety and security enhancements.</i> | |
| 10/40 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field are located diagonally from each other. Construction of a comfort station at Nehemiah Park will service both Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field which are heavily used by residents of neighboring housing developments.</i> | |
| 11/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school | <i>Air circulation in the auditorium at Mott Hall Bridges Academy is poor and it is extremely uncomfortable during warm weather. Installation of an air condition unit in the auditorium is much needed to improve air circulation.</i> | 210 Chester Street |
| 12/40 | BPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | <i>Repainting and rehabilitation of the limestone are needed to prevent further deterioration of exterior of the Stone Avenue Library Branch which is also in need of a new roof and side entry steps. In addition, new windows and doors are also needed.</i> | |
| 13/40 | NYCTA | Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure | <i>Rehabilitate pedestrian bridge connecting the IRT-3 at Junius Street and the L-line at Livonia Avenue to provide safe passage and connection to subway stations. Upgrade lights on the bridge to better illuminate the walkway.</i> | |
| 14/40 | NYCHA | Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades (Capital) | <i>Residents of Howard Houses have reported that crimes in the buildings and on the grounds have been increasing in recent years. Installation of CCTV cameras will help to deter crime and enhance the quality of life for its residents.</i> | |
| 15/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Livonia Park is adjacent to a senior citizen complex. New benches, checkers and chess tables are needed.</i> | |

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| 16/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground | <i>Van Dyke Playground is used by hundreds of residents who live in Van Dyke Houses, a NYCHA development. The play equipment and basketball court are in need of rehabilitation.</i> |
| 17/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Renovate all bathrooms at the Riverdale Community School, located at 76 Riverdale Avenue to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.</i> |
| 18/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>A complete renovation of the cafeteria is needed to provide better accommodations for the student body.</i> |
| 19/40 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>Upgrading of electrical wiring will allow for safer and more efficient use of electrical power with the ever increasing use of electrical equipment such as air condition units, computers and other equipment..</i> |
| 20/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>New and updated play equipment is needed at Fish Playground to provide recreation for children in the adjacent school as well as the community.</i> |
| 21/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>The cafeteria and auditorium at P.S. 137 are in need of renovation to improve lighting and seating for the student body.</i> |
| 22/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>A complete renovation of the cafeteria in this very old building is needed to provide better accommodation for the student body.</i> |
| 23/40 | SCA | Renovate interior building component | <i>Renovate all school buildings in District #23 to make them ADA compliant.</i> |
| 24/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IND line is subterranean and is not ADA compliant. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk down the series of steps to access the subway system.</i> |
| 25/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> |

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| 26/40 | NYCTA | Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure | <i>New Lots Avenue station on the L-line is dimly lit. Upgrade lights at the station to provide more illumination for commuters.</i> | |
| 27/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 28/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of pedestrian traffic because of its connection to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of stairs that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We are requesting that the station be made handicap accessible.</i> | |
| 29/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Sutter Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 30/40 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Installation of a dome over the Betsy Head Park will enable use of the facility year round during inclement weather.</i> | Betsy Head Play Center, Brooklyn, New York, NY |
| 31/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Sutter-Rutland Road station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 32/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Saratoga Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |

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| 33/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The New Lots Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i> | |
| 34/40 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along this commercial strip.</i> | Belmont Avenue Rockaway Avenue Christopher Avenue |
| 35/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Atlantic Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i> | |
| 36/40 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along our commercial strip.</i> | Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd |
| 37/40 | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Chauncey Street station on the "J" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i> | |
| 38/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>The auditorium at P.S. 41 is dimly lit. Upgrading of the lighting will provide more illumination during performances and meetings.</i> | |
| 39/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school | <i>Renovate all bathrooms at Brownsville Collaborative Middle School, located at 85 Watkins Street to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.</i> | |
| 40/40 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>A complete renovation is needed for the cafeteria and auditorium to provide better lighting and seating for the student body.</i> | |
| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Chester Playground is located adjacent to PS/IS 327. Rehabilitation of the playground equipment and basketball courts are needed.</i> | |

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| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Rehabilitate Osborn Playground to include new play equipment and safety surface. The comfort station is also in need of renovation.</i> | |
| CS | DPR | Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | <i>Renovate public locker rooms at the Brownsville Recreation Center to provide better security for belongings of patrons.</i> | |
| CS | DOT | Repair or provide new street lights | <i>The IRT subway line runs along Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and East 98th Street. Additional lights are needed along Livonia Avenue to brighten the street and make it less conducive to criminal activities.</i> | Livonia Ave Junius St East 98th St |
| CS | NYCTA | Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. | <i>The Junius Street station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station. We're also requesting the construction of a passageway between the "Junius Street" station on the IRT-3 and the "Livonia Avenue" station on the IND-L to enable commuters to transfer between stations without descending to the street to re-enter the transit system.</i> | |
| CS | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Due to heavy traffic, salting of our roadways, and ongoing excavations to repair our infrastructure and install utility lines, numerous potholes and cave-ins result which creates hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Ongoing repairs are needed on streets throughout the district.</i> | |

Expense Budget Requests

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| 1/22 | HPD | Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households | <i>The supply of decent affordable housing for extremely low and low income households is decreasing. As a result, many reside in substandard housing that impacts their health. Others are forced into homeless shelters.</i> | |
| 2/22 | Other | Other expense budget request | <i>HPD - Maintaining permanent housing is becoming more difficult for low wage working individuals and families. Medium income housing will enable them to become less rent burden and remain in the community</i> | |
| 3/22 | Other | Other expense budget request | <i>HPD - Many of our multi family housing stock are in need of roof replacement, heating and electrical upgrades. Financing programs such as the Participation Loan Program and Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program are needed to facilitate the physical and financial sustainability and affordability of privately-owned multifamily buildings.</i> | |
| 4/22 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program | <i>Summer youth employment programs are early introductions to the world of work and help to build skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment.</i> | |
| 5/22 | SBS | Other expense workforce development requests | <i>A comprehensive one stop small business center to include M/WBE programs and technical assistance to support local businesses and entrepreneurs is needed. .</i> | |
| 6/22 | EDC | Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs | <i>M/WBE resources and technical assistance are needed within the district for small business owners who are struggling to compete with more established businesses in the City of New York.</i> | |
| 7/22 | NYPD | Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing | <i>It is imperative that police officers assigned to the 73rd Precinct continue to receive frequent training in community engagement, cultural sensitivity, and mental health first aid to better equip them to patrol the community.</i> | |

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| 8/22 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the rate of preterm births in Community District #16, a key driver of infant death, is the second highest in the city. Maternal and infant health services are needed to promote healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes, and healthy infant growth and development. The long-term goal of maternal and infant health programs is to reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.</i> |
| 9/22 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>For various reasons, not every student is prepared to attend college. Therefore, they should have the option to learn a skilled trade while in high school that will equip them to compete in the job market. Career and Technical Education Programs will prepare our high school students for entry level employment in a specific occupation and is aligned with business/industry standards.</i> |
| 10/22 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) | <i>Many of our impoverished families lack financial resources to provide structured activities for their children. We need continued funding of our Cornerstone and Beacon programs which provide a range of free educational, cultural and recreational resources to our children and youth.</i> |
| 11/22 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>Windblown litter as well as household electronics and furniture are deposited in our many rain gardens on a daily basis. Additional manpower is needed to clean the rain gardens more frequently.</i> |
| 12/22 | FDNY | Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Expense) | <i>A Forcible Entry Door is requested for Battalion 44 which will enable ongoing training of firefighters in the method of opening locked doors in the event of a fire, especially in multiple dwelling buildings.</i> |
| 13/22 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment | <i>Gun violence is very prevalent in our community. When gun violence ends a life, it also impacts the lives of survivors (families and friends) who struggle to cope with the lose of a loved one. Preventive and treatment programs are needed for all ages.</i> |

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| 14/22 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc. | <i>Eating well is important for good health. A healthy diet helps prevent many chronic diseases and conditions, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, some cancers, and heart disease. Expansion of outreach and educational programs such as Healthy Living is needed to improve nutrition and physical activity for all ages. In addition, programs such as Shop Healthy NYC are needed to increase access to healthy foods in the neighborhood retailers. Outreach programs such as the Newborn Visiting Program provides vital resources to the community and needs expansion.</i> | |
| 15/22 | DFTA | Increase transportation services capacity | <i>Many of our elderly and homebound residents live alone. Without this service, they would not be able to get to their medical appointments and shop for groceries.</i> | |
| 16/22 | DFTA | Enhance home care services | <i>Many of our seniors live alone and are in need of assistance to perform activities of daily living in their home such as bathing, feeding, and or housekeeping.</i> | |
| 17/22 | DHS, HRA | Other homelessness prevention program request | <i>According to the American Community Survey, about a third of families in Community District #16 are facing poverty. Many of these families are at risk of losing affordable housing for a variety of reasons, such as minimum wage jobs, temporary unemployed due to illness, and lost of job. Programs such as Homebase are needed to provide families with monetary assistance and resources to remain in permanent housing.</i> | |
| 18/22 | DFTA | Increase home delivered meals capacity | <i>Many of our low-income elderly residents who live alone do not have sufficient income to shop for groceries and prepare daily nutritional meals. An expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels program will enable this population to eat more healthy and frequently.</i> | |
| 19/22 | SBS | Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program | <i>There are a number of vacant storefronts along our commercial corridors where property owners need financial support to renovate.</i> | Belmont Ave Rockaway Ave Mother Gaston Blvd |

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| 20/22 | SBS | Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program | <i>There are a number of stores that need facade improvement and property owners are in need of financial assistance.</i> | Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd |
| 21/22 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>When litter and debris clog our catch basins, flooding and ponding occur during heavy rainfall at heavily trafficked locations which makes it difficult and unsafe for pedestrian crossing. Periodic cleaning of our catch basins is required.</i> | |
| 22/22 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>Street trees throughout the district are in need of pruning. Tree limbs are covering streetlights and creating a condition conducive to criminal activities.</i> | |