



**Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests
for
Brooklyn Community District 15
Fiscal Year 2019**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 15's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2017.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 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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2. Community District Profile

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

Brooklyn Community District 15

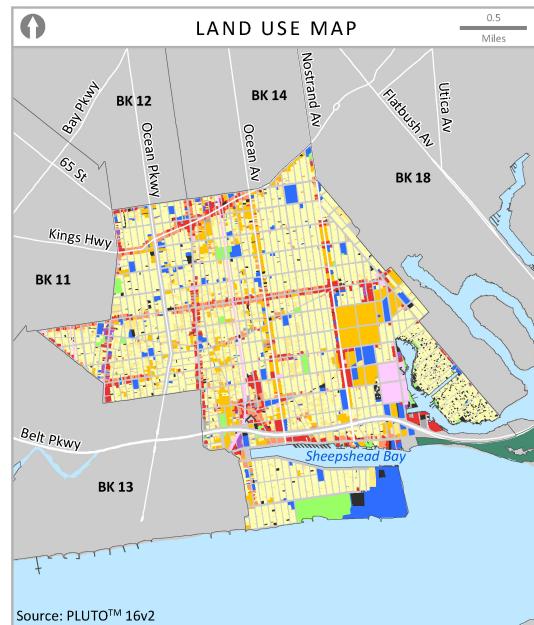


Neighborhoods¹: Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend, Homecrest, Kings Highway, Manhattan Beach, Plumb Beach, Sheepshead Bay

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
160,319	159,650	0%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		149,519
Square Miles		4.7
Population Density		33,968/sq mi



Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	17,753	51%
Multifamily Walk-up	2,161	8%
Multifamily Elevator	285	10%
Mixed Use	1,150	4%
Commercial	712	6%
Industrial	35	<1%
Transportation/Utility	53	2%
Public/Institutional	245	8%
Open Space	54	3%
Parking	194	1%
Vacant	677	7%
Other	87	1%



[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 15](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	36
Public Libraries	6
Hospitals and Clinics	18
Parks	9
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 15	48%
	of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent
Brooklyn	46%
NYC	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 15	75%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	
Citywide Target	85%

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 15	44 minutes
Brooklyn	42 minutes
NYC	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 15	33%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	
Brooklyn	24%
NYC	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 15	7.9
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	
Brooklyn	11.2
NYC	11.8

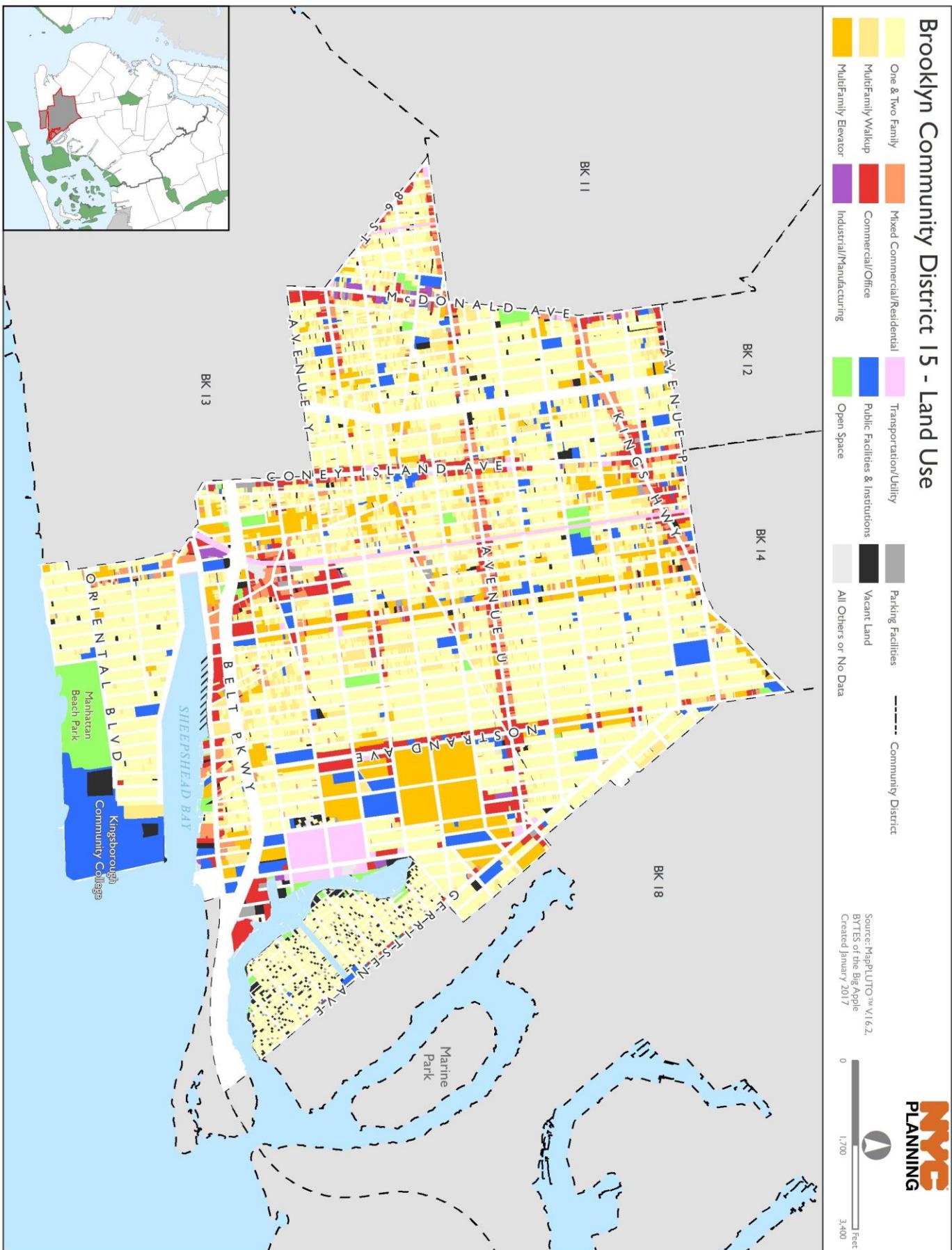
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 15	38%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	
Brooklyn	33%
NYC	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 15	8.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	
Brooklyn	10%
NYC	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 15	20%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	
Brooklyn	21%
NYC	21%

¹ Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ² 2000 US Census; ³ 2010 US Census; ⁴ American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵ NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶ Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷ NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸ Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹ NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰ Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹ 2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

District Overview

Community Board 15 is a vibrant mixed-use community. The District is bordered to the North by the large commercial strip of Kings Highway, to the West by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the South by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the East by the year round recreational community of Gerritsen Beach, other residential areas include Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach.

The District is still recovering from the effects of Superstorm Sandy with many areas such as Gerritsen Beach, Plumb Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Manhattan Beach rebuilding with current resiliency measures.

It is the policy of Community Board 15 to see to the needs of the local residents it serves and ensure the delivery of services to the District. Open communication between residents and the Community Board is an essential part of maintaining public safety, development and prosperity for all.

POPULATION

According to current statistics supplied by the New York University Furman Center conducted in 2015, the overall population of Community Board 15 (Brooklyn) as 147,318. Population 65+ 17.2%, foreign born population 51.1%, households with children under 18 years old 31.6%, racial diversity index 0.53, income diversity ration 5.4, the median household income for 2016 projected

\$55,000, poverty rate 16.4%, unemployment rate, 7.6%, population aged 25+ with a bachelor's degree or higher 40.4% and population 25+ without a high school diploma 16.5%.

The District is ethnically diverse including but not limited to: African-American, Chinese, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, Israeli, Japanese, Korean, Pakistani, Russian and Turkish.

LAND USE

According to current statistics supplied by the New York University Furman Center the population density (1000 persons per square mile) 34.0, units authorized by new residential building permits 491, units issued new certificates of occupancy 118, the median rent burden 33%, homeownership rates 47.0%, rental vacancy rate 3.2%, median rent projected for 2016, \$1310, median asking rent \$1650, median sales price per unit, 2-4 unit building projected 2016 \$400,000 and housing choice vouchers 7.0%.

According to the Department of City Planning (2014), the total land area of Community Board 15 is 4.7 square miles. The District includes: one and two-family residential units (50.6%), multi-family residential units (17.8%) and mixed residential-commercial units (3.6%). Non-residential land use in the District includes: commercial-and-office units (6.3%), industrial regions (0.4%), transportation/facility (2.6%), institutions (8.2%), open-space recreation (2.6%), parking facilities (0.9%) and vacant land (6.5%).

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 15 are:

- *Traffic*
- *Transit (buses & subways)*
- *Trash removal & cleanliness*

Traffic: Every single one of our Commercial areas Kings Highway - from Ocean Avenue to Ocean Parkway, Sheepshead Bay Road - from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from Gerritsen Avenue to McDonald Avenue are congested with double parking, truck deliveries and illegal parking. Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P through Guider Avenue, is inundated with double parked cars and people making illegal U-Turns. Most of these Avenues are also major transit hubs causing illegal TLC parking. We need better Traffic Enforcement, improved policing and DOT input on how to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Because parking is at a premium, the biggest 311 complaints in the district are, blocked driveways with people desperate to park and illegal parking. Response times are high because they are not deemed emergencies, so we need a dedicated unit to focus on these quality of life traffic issues. Lastly, there is an issue throughout the community with people selling multiple cars on our streets taking up valuable parking spaces, in Sheepshead Bay - on Jerome Avenue and Avenue Z and along McDonald Avenue from Avenue V to Avenue X these pop up street car dealers can be found utilizing our much needed parking spaces.

Transit: In recent years, our transit system has been failing. The infrastructure isn't being properly maintained and very often our train lines B, Q, F and N have been faltering with electrical problems, derailments and being put out of service for long periods of time. We are in a remote area, the southern most terminus of Brooklyn and our community relies heavily on our mass transportation system to get to and from work. Many of our train lines are elevated and because our community has one of the largest concentration of seniors, most of our stations are not ADA compliant. We need transit to take a look into correcting this by making more stations accessible. In particular, we would like to see the Sheepshead Bay station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street equipped with an elevator.

Trash: Our bustling commercial corridors don't have the basket pick-ups or sanitation maintenance they require to keep the areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents. Sheepshead Bay Road, from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from Ocean Avenue to Ocean Parkway, Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P on any given day will have baskets overflowing as well as trash strewn along the streets. Our office is inundated with calls on a daily basis complaining how filthy and uninviting these shopping corridors are. We also have a problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B & Q train lines on East 16th Street and F train line on McDonald Avenue, as well as our service road Shore Parkway which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway.

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*State of health facilities*

Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn is the closest hospital to our community. Its proximity to the Belt Parkway makes it the most suitable location to establish a Level 1 Trauma Center. With the pending construction of the Hospital's new tower this would be the perfect time to implement a Level 1 Trauma Center. Currently Coney Island Hospital does not have the equipment necessary and is unable to provide this vital service to our community. Patients must be transported to either Lutheran Hospital or Kings County Hospital losing critical lifesaving time in transport.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Coney Island Hospital, after Super Storm Sandy, has come back to its previous state. But, funding has been allocated by FEMA to construct a new tower which would be flood resistant. During Hurricane Irene, Coney Island Hospital was evacuated putting many lives in danger. During the height of Sandy, patients were being moved from the flooding main tower to an alternate location. This new tower would make Coney Island Hospital a state of the art health care facility. That is the reason to implement the Level 1 Trauma Center at this time. Valuable time is wasted transporting patients to other trauma centers when we could have one in our community now. Planning this at this time is imperative.

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

With people living longer, thanks to modern medical breakthroughs, Community Board 15 is concerned about its growing aging population. Senior residents who may be home bound and on limited fixed incomes, especially during the winter months, must have access to the nutrition they need. The Meals on Wheels program is a beneficial resource seeing to that growing need and should be properly funded. These visits are some of the only social interaction seniors receive on a daily basis. They also act as the eyes and ears in our senior community. Should a senior who regularly receives meals suddenly not respond they are able to alert the proper authorities that something may indeed be amiss. Many a life has been saved by quick acting meal providers.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

New York City is facing a homeless epidemic. With affordable housing becoming more of a rarity in the city many are priced out of their homes. Community Board 15 has seen an influx of homeless in the community and believes there should be more outreach from the Department of Homeless Services, to actively seek to permanently shelter the displaced and bring them the social programs they need, such as drug rehabilitation, mental illness counseling and job skills training with placement. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street (right next to the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway underpass. the Municipal Parking lot on East 17th Street and Avenue Z, Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue in the green street parks.



Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/39	HHC	<i>Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility</i>	<i>Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is the closest Hospital to our district, it is near every major road artery in the community, the Belt Parkway and Ocean Parkway. Severely affected by Super Storm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovations and is in the process of constructing a new flood-proof tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital should be given the additional funding it needs to become a Level 1 Trauma Center, they currently don't have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to achieve this trauma care designation.</i>	<i>Coney Island Hospital</i>
CS	HHC	<i>Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility</i>	<i>Coney Island Hospital, located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is in need of upgrading its existing equipment. To be specific: Ten (10) Ventilators at a cost of \$397,823, Ten (10) Anesthesia Machines at a cost of \$506,320 and lastly a Holmium Laser for GU at a cost of \$126,985.</i>	<i>Coney Island Hospital 2601 Ocean Parkway</i>

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/57	DHS	<i>Expand street outreach</i>	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
15/57	DFTA	<i>Increase home delivered meals capacity</i>	<i>Additional funding needs to be allocated to DFTA to provide more Meals on Wheels services to homebound seniors on fixed incomes. With an aging population the demand for healthy meals has also increased and we want to make sure that no one in our community is left hungry. The Meals on Wheels program, not only provides food but also acts as a safeguard for Seniors alerting the proper authorities if a senior is not responding or allowing them access. It is a vital lifesaving program on many levels and needs to be appropriately funded to carry on its good work.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
31/57	DOHMH	<i>Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants</i>	<i>Increase the amount of health inspectors to shorten the process of receiving a restaurant grade.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

With both parents working in today's economy, many children of Elementary and Junior High School age in our community return to empty homes after school. It is imperative that we offer our young people interesting after school programming, that not only monitors our children and keeps them safe and off our streets, but provides them with the educational tools they will need to be successful in life.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Community Board 15 has several schools in our district with an overcrowding problem. Overcrowded classrooms are not conducive to our children receiving an excellent education. We need to create additional classrooms or develop new schools to provide our students with the best education available, so they will one day have the tools to competently compete in tomorrow's job markets.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

With both parents working most children come home to empty apartments and houses. We feel it is important to keep children safe, off the streets and provide them with the tools they will need to go on to live successful lives. Afterschool programs offer our children, homework help, interesting and stimulating programming, social engagement and a well rounded education in a safe and secure environment. We need to fund these programs to assure that our future generations have the learning aptitude and the ability to succeed.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
36/39	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that.</i>	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	<i>PS 153 1970 Homecrest Avenue</i>
12/57	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</i>	<i>After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.</i>	<i>Bay Academy I.S. 98 1401 Emmons Avenue</i>

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)*

This office is inundated with calls regarding vehicles parking for months at a time due to the fact that alternate side does not exist on many of our streets, or they simply ignore the parking regulations. Many people in our community use our public streets to run their used auto sales businesses usurping our valuable curbside parking. We are requesting additional NYPD funding to allow 24/7 tow capabilities throughout the district. We currently have one officer assigned, with a list that is mounting on a daily basis, so waiting times to remove these nuisance vehicles are extremely long.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

With the District being almost 6 square miles in size there is an immediate need for additional Police Officers to adequately patrol the District. The 61st Precinct is under staffed and at times many of our Officers are reassigned to work the beach patrol, at the 60th Precinct, or larger events throughout the City. Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints from residents on how low-priority crimes, such as car break-ins or traffic accidents are taking hours for a police response.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

All Firehouses in the District must be outfitted with emergency back-up generators in the event of a power outage. The Firehouses that are in need in our district are as follows: 901 Avenue U, 2165 Gerritsen Avenue, and 2732 East 11th.



Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/39	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Cameras placed at potential target areas such as schools and religious institutions would be a deterrent to possible incidents.	Community Wide
7/39	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	We are requesting that the 61st Precinct be made ADA compliant. They are in need of a new men's room and a unisex restroom and elevator.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue
10/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	We would like to make sure our EMS has the best response times and the equipment they need to respond and having an upgraded, fully functioning ambulance is critical in this endeavor.	Community Wide
11/39	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	We are requesting any additional funding necessary in the rebuilding of a EMS station in our neighboring area by Coney Island Hospital.	FDNY EMS Station 43 2600-2698 East 6th Street
15/39	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 : 1635 East 14th Street 2 New Commercial Dishwashers Washing Machine Clothes Dryer Computer Printer HVAC system for the firehouse Microwave Oven Engine 254/Ladder 153 901 Avenue U New Intercom system in firehouse Back-up Generator 1 inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations Forcible entry training door Low profile floor jack Metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. Engine 321: 2165 Gerritsen Avenue Back-up Generator New Apparatus (Truck Room) Floor Dishwasher 2 stage snow blower New fence on south side Engine 246/Ladder 169 2731 East 11th Street New Windows Urgently Needed Electrical Upgrades to Firehouse including Back-up Generator New Refrigerator Commercial range hood	Community Wide
34/39	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 61st Precinct has a shortage of marked patrol cars and we are requesting additional cars be allocated.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue



Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/57	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>Community Board 15 is in need of additional police officers at our 61st Precinct, located at 2575 Coney Island Avenue. Although our crime rates are low, issues such as minor traffic accidents, car break-ins and mischief in our school yards and parks can go hours before an officer is able to respond because the department is currently spread too thin handling more urgent calls.</i>	61st Precint 2575 Coney Island Avenue
5/57	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.</i>	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Blvd
6/57	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>All of our commercial corridors are backed up with traffic due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Avenue Z, on Avenue U from McDonald Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, on Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue and on Kings Highway from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue.</i>	Community Wide
7/57	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>All the schools in the District are in need of additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around schools at dismissal, crossing guards are imperative. Currently when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work.</i>	Community Wide
8/57	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
27/57	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>The stations along the B and Q train lines are inundated with illegal merchants outside the train stations. Whether Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U or Kings Highway, illegal vendors block the station entrances causing safety issues as well as sanitation problems.</i>	Community Wide
30/57	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>We are requesting that an allowance be allocated to help the 61st Pct Auxiliary Patrol Officers get the uniforms they require to do their job. Including bullet proof vests.</i>	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue
36/57	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>We are in need of additional EMS workers. We are an aging community with a large and growing senior population and want to make sure our EMS staff is at full capacity.</i>	Community Wide



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency*Water runoff and flooding*

Community Board 15's District as a Waterfront Community has two major waterways that have been severely impacted by run-off from the Coney Island Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. The system has had some major breakdowns this year, releasing a horrible stench into the air which lingered for weeks. Our main concern is how the runoff from this plant is negatively impacting on our waters in both Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay. After Superstorm Sandy when the electricity was cut off stopping any safeguards that were in place, the amount of toxins released from our overflowing sewage system has never been fully addressed. We are still feeling its affects. The stench of both Gerritsen Creek (located on Knapp Street across from the plant) and Sheepshead Bay Outfall on Ocean Avenue and Emmons Avenue, during high tides is unbearable. An environmental impact study should be conducted on these bodies of water and work should be done to restore these once thriving waterways back to the people of the community to safely enjoy for recreation. Many of our storm drains are heavily impacted with sludge or are backed up with debris having never been properly cleaned and don't flow the way they should causing major flooding on our roadways. These aging storm sewers do not seem capable of handling the impact of heavy rain storms and often back up causing flooding on our streets. This is most evident along our low-lying areas Shore Boulevard in Manhattan Beach between Ocean Avenue and Irwin Street and all along Gerristen Avenue in Gerritsen Beach and along many of the streets in the old section of Gerritsen Beach.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Community Board 15 is advocating for additional funding required to create an entirely new sewer system in low-lying Gerritsen Beach which was severely compromised by Super Storm Sandy back in 2012. The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements. We would also like a dedicated skimmer vessel for Sheepshead Bay due to the CSO containment site.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Community Board 15 has heavily trafficked Commercial Districts with major train hubs in desperate need of more corner basket pick-ups. These locations are : Kings Highway East 16th Street, Avenue U From Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue and Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Emmons Avenue from Nostrand Avenue to East 14th Street. Also our corner baskets are being used for household waste, causing overflowing conditions in our major intersections, we need more Sanitation Enforcement. We have a chronic illegal dumping problem, especially under our underpasses that are dimly lit. These underpasses are located at East 16th Street and run along, Avenue R, Avenue S, Avenue U, Avenue V, Avenue Y and Avenue Z. We request a specialized sanitation team assigned to police and clean the underpasses and other locations 311 frequent requests have been made to address.



Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/39	DEP	<i>Build new, expand, or repair wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities</i>	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	<i>Coney Isld Water Treatment Plant 3002 Knapp Street</i>
18/39	DSNY	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	<i>Sanitation 15 requires a 4 X 4 truck to get its personnel out and about to assess snow conditions.</i>	<i>Sanitation 15 2501 Knapp Street</i>
20/39	DEP	<i>Monitor and address water quality issues</i>	<i>Community Board 15 would like DEP to be able to purchase an additional Skimmer Boat to be able to properly clean Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach and Manhattan Beach.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
28/39	DSNY	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>Sanitation 15 is currently in temporary housing on Knapp Street in trailers. They require additional trailers to better serve the staff they currently have.</i>	<i>Sanitation 15 2501 Knapp Street</i>
CS	DSNY	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent location to house Sanitation 15, Brooklyn.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>In Gerritsen Beach, a new sewer system is needed. The streets in Gerritsen do not have proper storm drainage. They are on an antiquated system that no longer works for this community. It was a seasonal bungalow community that has grown over the decades into a larger yearly occupied neighborhood. The infrastructure never followed suit, particularly south of Bartlett Avenue to the dead end.</i>	<i>Bartlett Avenue Gerritsen Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue</i>



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/57	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	<i>Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventors throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Sandy and these preventors would help with the back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y from Mcdonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.</i>	Community Wide
9/57	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Blvd., between Pembroke and West End Avenue. Oriental Avenue between Oxford and West End Avenue. On Gerritsen Avenue from Channel Avenue to Seba Avenue.</i>	Community Wide
13/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>There are several commercials areas in our District that require seven day basket truck service. The commercial strip on Avenue U from Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue.</i>	Avenue U Ocean Parkway Ocean Avenue
16/57	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on every upright structure. Signs for moving men and lately "Cash for Cars" signs have appeared everywhere. There must be severe penalties for such acts. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	Community Wide
18/57	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>2633 Ocean Avenue at the corner of Avenue V is an abandoned property neglected for years, overgrown, filled with debris and becoming a breeding grounds for vermin.</i>	2633 Ocean Avenue
23/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Our heavily utilized commercial shopping district along Avenue U from Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue requires additional trash receptacles. Garbage is filling the streets and curbs due to the lack of trash cans on the corners.</i>	Avenue U Ocean Parkway Ocean Avenue
24/57	DEP	Other water supply system maintenance requests	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove all floatables in the Bay and in the Creek. This pollution is a severe health hazard, as well as making these heavily visited locations undesirable and unsightly for the community to fully enjoy.</i>	Community Wide
25/57	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch them in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street from Avenues U thru Z, contain, tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about each week by illegal dumpers. We need to stop this.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue Z
29/57	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>Whether elderly or disabled, bringing e-waste to a recycling center is a major inconvenience. The DSNY must help these individuals find easier ways to recycle e-waste either with a pick-up or more convenient drop off site.</i>	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
32/57	DEP	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	We are requesting more inspectors to address the onslaught of complaints pertaining to noise and air complaints we have been receiving. More inspectors will cut down on response times.	Community Wide
33/57	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	To keep up with the demands of our district, like many we need more manpower.	Community Wide
35/57	DSNY	Improve snow removal	Requesting funding to hire additional temporary hourly workers during snow events to help clean out bus stops, bridges and crosswalks.	Community Wide
39/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Emmons Avenue is our waterfront strip with commercial fishing boats, party boats and a variety of dining establishments, attracting many patrons. It is an area heavily visited and requires more trash receptacles than it presently has been given to keep up with the demand.	Emmons Avenue Sheepshead Bay Road Knapp Street
41/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Sheepshead Bay Road, between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue is constantly plagued with overflowing baskets which tumble onto and litter our streets.	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue
44/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Sheepshead Bay is a major transit hub for people who come visit to dine on our waterfront, shop our stores and visit our area beaches. The trash cans are few and far between and are always over flowing. We would like additional trash cans to help ease the burden of our existing trash cans for our commuters and visitors to keep our streets cleaner.	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue
46/57	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	The sidewalk and property abutting the B & Q train line by Homecrest Avenue, between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Neptune Avenue
47/57	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Cleaning of the Emmons Avenue Malls, the little islands located between Ocean Avenue to Knapp Street are filled with debris from people cleaning out their cars and litter that becomes trapped there.	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Knapp Street
49/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Guider Avenue is a mixed use area, with both commercial and residential buildings. Because it is so heavily trafficked it is in dire need of additional basket pick-ups to keep up with the demands placed on that bustling corridor.	Coney Island Avenue Avenue P Guider Avenue
51/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Emmons Avenue from East 14th Street to Nostrand Avenue along our waterfront is teeming with over stuffed baskets for days on end.	Emmons Avenue East 14th Street Nostrand Avenue
52/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Coney Island Avenue with its many retail stores and restaurants is a heavily used shopping corridor and yet has very few trash baskets. We would like additional baskets to deter people from throwing their personal litter on our streets.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
54/57	DSNY	<i>Increase vacant lot cleaning</i>	<i>1882 East 12th, an overgrown, unmaintained lot which is an eyesore and blight on the community.</i>	<i>1882 East 12th Street</i>
55/57	DSNY	<i>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Sanitation 15 requires additional manpower for their derelict vehicle unit. Our area is inundated with calls about abandoned cars and having the additional manpower would decrease response times in removing these vehicles.</i>	<i>Sanitation 15 2501 Knapp Street</i>
56/57	DSNY	<i>Increase vacant lot cleaning</i>	<i>1610 Avenue S, is an overgrown, abandoned lot in our district, in which our office receives numerous complaints.</i>	<i>1610 Avenue S</i>

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development*Zoning review and enforcement*

Our district is faced with an "over building" crisis, we have numerous illegal rear yard extensions, limited green spaces because of illegally paved parking pads and properties that are built beyond zoning or special permit requests. The Department of Buildings doesn't have the authority outside of issuing a violation to make the homeowner restore the property. Sometimes these blatant violations of the law impact negatively on our residents and neighborhoods. We have lost on street parking due to illegal curb cuts and parking pads. While illegal rear yard extensions have affected homeowners who once enjoyed their own backyards that are now thrust into shadows by infringed upon yard space. Our office receives calls on a daily basis from frustrated homeowners who don't understand why our zoning laws aren't better enforced. Penalties need to be stronger as well as enforcement to deter these illegal practices. Legislation must be put forth to mandate illegal extensions be restored to current zoning regulations and illegal curb cuts and parking pads be replaced with green space.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Throughout Community Board 15 there are many stop work orders that are being violated. Many homes are being converted illegally from 1-2 family dwellings to multi-family dwellings without the proper permits. It is our hope that with additional inspectors, inspections can be done in a more timely fashion. Many of the violations we have reported have been backlogged for months.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken ovens, other broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

We have a large number of small commercial areas in our district, Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road, Avenue X with rents escalating to ludicrous heights, these storefronts either turn over rapidly, or sit vacant not enticing or attracting anyone to invest in opening a new business. Empty store fronts don't entice consumers. The City needs to offer Small Business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer store owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/39	DOB	<i>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</i>	<i>We are requesting money be allocated for additional vehicles to get building inspectors and personnel to locations quicker to speed up the time on responding to complaints.</i>	Community Wide
27/39	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>Our middle class has extremely diminished. Real Estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community and it's becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high, that families are taken up residence in illegally created apartments.</i>	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/57	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	<i>Many properties in our district have been illegally converted, turning one or two family homes into 6 family homes, with people residing in basements and attics causing hazardous living conditions. Department of Buildings need the necessary man power and take a proactive role in stopping these conversions from taking place and once in place violating the property owners before something tragic occurs.</i>	Community Wide
19/57	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving commercial district took a large hit after super storm Sandy and never truly recovered. Many of the stores are lying vacant and are still in ruins.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue
21/57	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses 3004 Avenue V
38/57	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Department of Buildings needs money to allocate additional inspectors to hasten the inspection process especially when stop work orders are violated. We need to have more inspections during evenings and weekends, when a lot of these violations occur.</i>	Community Wide
45/57	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>We would like money allocated to expanding Department of Building's IT equipment to update their website more efficiently so information is streamlined as close to real time as possible.</i>	Community Wide
48/57	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>We are losing on street parking spaces to illegal curb cuts and we are losing front lawns and green spaces to cemented illegal parking pads. We need more enforcement as well as stricter regulations to force homeowners to restore their properties back to current regulations.</i>	Community Wide
53/57	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Zoning regulations are difficult to understand for the layman. Community Board 15 is home to many foreign born. The Department of City Planning as well as the Department of Buildings must have educational materials on zoning regulations and building regulations available in several languages. Informing the public with informational material is an important step in the process.</i>	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
57/57	SBS	<i>Provide disaster and resiliency preparation for small businesses</i>	<i>Many of the businesses in the district were devastated after Super Storm Sandy. Some never reopened due to the fact that there were no emergency plans in place. Business owners need to be supplied with back-up generators to get their business up and running to serve the community. In areas such as Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay residents had no place to buy simple things such as milk or bread because the stores were flooded so severely.</i>	Community Wide

Main Issue Related to Transportation*Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)*

Our community has a large and growing senior population. Our train lines, B & Q and the F & N trains lines are elevated train lines. Outside of the Kings Highway station servicing the B & Q train line, we do not have ADA compliant stations. Our seniors and our disabled struggle to be able to access these lines and are often forced to seek another means of transportation. We have one of the largest mass transportation operations in the city and yet we can not provide proper transportation for the most vulnerable in our community. MTA in this day and age needs to be more mindful and come in to the next century of transportation by upgrading these facilities to accommodate all our residents by making them ADA compliant.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

KingsHighway Project and Gerritsen Beach Project - Sidewalk and Curb Contract

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Due to Community Board 15's large senior population we would like to see an elevator constructed at the Sheepshead Bay Station. Sheepshead Bay station is a large transit hub and seniors find navigating the large amount of steps to reach the elevated train line very difficult.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>We are in need of an elevator at the Sheepshead Bay Station which services the Q and B lines. Many elderly or disabled are forced to travel to either Stillwell Avenue or Kings Highway to access a train station. Sheepshead Bay is a heavily traveled station and in dire need of an elevator.</i>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Train Station Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15</i>
8/39	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>The time to repair sidewalks and curbs is years. DOT must have an in house repair crew to address these safety issues caused by cracked and broken sidewalks and missing and broken curbs in a timely fashion.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
16/39	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Kings Highway between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue is a large commercial shopping area and is constantly inundated with traffic because of double parked cars and illegally parked vehicles. The congestion makes it nearly impossible for buses to get through and complete their routes on time. We would like to fund plans that would reduce traffic and create safer bus medians for pedestrians entering and exiting the bus along this route.</i>	<i>Kings Highway McDonald Avenue Nostrand Avenue</i>
22/39	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>The waiting list to put in a requested and approved speed hump is very excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the time of installation and save lives.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
37/39	DOT	<i>Improve parking operations</i>	<i>Our community is in need of on street parking. We are in desperate need of additional municipal lots or to expand on the ones we have. With so much construction increasing our population density we are in need of parking. This community has households with up to 3 or 4 cars and we are in desperate need of parking. We have 2 municipal lots in Sheepshead Bay, Voorhies Avenue and East 15th Street and East 17th Street and Avenue Z, which would benefit greatly by building more levels.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Super Storm Sandy. Flooding and Ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerristen, (South of Gotham Avenue), for many years, during the aftermath of Sandy it is critical these upgrades be made. We are requesting a new sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	<i>Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue</i>



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/57	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>On Ocean Parkway several years ago a Traffic Study was conducted and left turning signals were installed successfully alleviating traffic problems. Community Board 15 would like to see a study conducted of Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P and see the installations of left turning signal installed there to alleviate the traffic on this heavily traveled commercial strip.</i>	Coney Island Avenue Avenue P Avenue Z
17/57	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	Community Wide
20/57	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to address traffic congestion on Coney Island Avenue from Guider Avenue to Avenue P to figure the proper way to alleviate the constant traffic snarls.</i>	Coney Island Avenue Guider Avenue Avenue P
28/57	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>When the SBS B-44 was added, the local service diminished. Local service south of Avenue U has increased causing severe delays in travel time. There needs to be more frequent local service along the B-44 line.</i>	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Our Parks are aging and with the influx of new and safer playground equipment upgrades are desperately needed in the parks throughout our district. Many of the walkways and plays areas are in need of repaving and better lighting. We need more funding for the paving program, for both the sidewalk and path contracts and funding for tree guards. In a beach community we need additional funding for designated beach equipment to aid in the maintaining of our beaches in the summer and snow clean up, such as a front end loader. We need funding for staff in the forestry division to improve pruning, replanting and removal of stumps. Waiting times have tremendously increased in tree maintenance throughout the district.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The Parks in Community Board 15 are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. Parks needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs these parks require on a daily basis. Whether, its trimming the weeds, trimming the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition, when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, bathrooms need to be made a priority, not an after thought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well utilized park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be addressed. In the planning of Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, a rather remote area, a comfort station should be included. Lastly Bill Brown Park on Bedford Avenue by Avenue X to Avenue Y has its park building upgrade in limbo for several years, due to the contractor defaulting. However, its the residents who suffer and calls to our office to complain they need the comfort station replaced and as soon as possible. McDonald Park located at McDonald Avenue and Avenue S is in need of having it's main ball field repaved.

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

Our community is vibrant and alive yet we are lacking in the arts. Our children need to travel to other communities to enjoy the fine arts. We need traveling art shows to enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host science fairs and allow our young to experience hands on projects.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Our community (BPL) has seen an increase in library use whether for reading or for the many programs these libraries offer. Many children attend the after school programs offered and seniors avail themselves to the many senior programs available. In recent times library access has become more important than ever before.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

We are in desperate need to have better internet. Our office is housed at Kingsborough Community College and the lines have been poor since Super Storm Sandy. It would be most efficient to have Fios installed to stop our internet from going in and out on a daily basis.



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/39	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year, located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for seniors and children in our community a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Brigham Street
4/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station, it serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard.</i>	Homecrest Park Williams Court
5/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pallotta playground is in poor condition and need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Pallotta Playground Ocean Avenue and Oriental Blvd
12/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is need of total reconstruction and updates in its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Kelly Park and Kelly Playground Avenue S and East 17th Street
13/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of Astro Turf in the main ball field with running and walking paths. Basketball courts, handball and tennis courts all need resurfacing.</i>	McDonald Park McDonald Avenue and Avenue S
23/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park need its' baseball field and tennis ball courts upgraded.</i>	Manhattan Beach Park Falmouth Street and Oriental
30/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Gravesend Library needs: A boiler \$750,000, HVAC & Controls \$850,000, Modest Interior Renovation \$2,000,000, New furniture and equipment \$500,000, and Safety & Security Enhancements \$200,000,</i>	Gravesend Library 303 Avenue X
31/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Homecrest Library needs are as follows, Acquistion Estimated Cost \$2,200,000.00, A new Boiler \$750,000, HVAC & Controls \$850,000, A new roof \$850,000, and Safety & Security Enhancements \$200,000.</i>	Homecrest Library 2525 Coney Island Avenue



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
32/39	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Library is in need: Acquisition Estimated Cost \$2,000,000, ADA Compliance - entire branch \$1,000,000, a new Boiler \$750,000, Exterior Rehab \$750,000, HVAC & Controls \$850,000, Modest Interior Renovation \$3,000,000, New Furniture & Equipment \$600,000, Plumbing & Exterior Drainage System \$250,000, A new roof, \$850,000 and safety & security enhancements \$200,000.</i>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Library 2636 East 14th Street</i>
33/39	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Gerritsen Beach Library is in need of \$1,532,000 for an envelope upgrade and \$1,500,000 for exterior rehab and window upgrades.</i>	<i>Gerritsen Beach Library 2808 Gerritsen Avenue</i>
39/39	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>The Manhattan Beach Bath House could easily house cultural events. Families visiting the beach could frequent this facility.</i>	<i>Manhattan Beach Bathhouse Oriental Blvd.</i>



Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/57	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community, waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time to have a tree planted and tree pruning can take 7 - 10 years, allowing it to become a hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.</i>	Community Wide
22/57	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>After Super Storm Sandy many trees in the district died and were removed. The new tree planting is taking too long. Tree requests are not being addressed in our community.</i>	Community Wide
26/57	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.</i>	Homecrest Library Coney Island Avenue
34/57	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to city trees uprooting them. The current funding is not adequate enough to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair, we are requesting additional funding to combat this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	Community Wide
37/57	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	Community Wide
40/57	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting small beach equipment such as ATV that can better navigate and reach remote areas of our beach. Smaller rakes and tools that can clean crevices and are less cumbersome to traverse the difficult beach terrain.</i>	Manhattan Beach Park
43/57	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	Community Wide
50/57	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/39	DPR	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.	Community Wide
17/39	DOITT	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	We would like to have a fios internet line installed to assure a more efficient internet connection to better serve our community at large.	Community Wide
19/39	DOB	IT computerization to streamline the Department	The Department of Buildings needs an upgrade in both technology and software to better serve our community at large and make sure it is streamlined and reported in a nearly real time manner.	Community Wide
24/39	CUNY	CUNY	Community Board 15 would like to make a CUNY request for Kingsborough Community College: The Lighthouse Rotunda Building is in need of renovation.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard
25/39	CUNY	CUNY	Kingsborough Community College's Performing Arts Center is in need of renovation.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard
26/39	CUNY	CUNY	The Beach at Kingsborough is used by students and the community at large. The beach locker room and restrooms are in dire need of a renovation to better serve the beach-goers.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard
29/39	DOB	Addiitonal Vehicles to expedite inspections	The Department of Buildings is in need of additional vehicles to transport inspectors to problematic locations to decrease the time it takes to get a complaint addressed.	Community Wide
35/39	CUNY	CUNY	The campus is a large campus with many open spaces and paths and the college needs snow removal equipment to better insure student's safety when a snowfall occurs.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard
38/39	DOB	Requesting money to streamline the Buildings Department Relocation	We are requesting additional funding be allocated to assist in the streamlining process of the Department of Buildings move to a location to better serve our Brooklyn communities. With proper funding there should be no hiccup in the system and they can expedite the move and keep the work flow operating at a minimum disruption.	Community Wide

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
42/57	DOB	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	We have a shortage of affordable middle class apartments, so unscrupulous homeowners create illegal subdivided units in their homes to rent. These illegal apartments are a danger to the renters, neighbors and first responders should a fire occur. Illegal basements apartments are also prevalent throughout our flood prone community. We need more inspectors to enforce code violations and vacate these properties before a tragedy such as loss of life occurs.	Community Wide

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15 submitted 39 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/39	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	We are in need of an elevator at the Sheepshead Bay Station which services the Q and B lines. Many elderly or disabled are forced to travel to either Stillwell Avenue or Kings Highway to access a train station. Sheepshead Bay is a heavily traveled station and in dire need of an elevator.	Sheepshead Bay Train Station Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15	
2/39	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is the closest Hospital to our district, it is near every major road artery in the community, the Belt Parkway and Ocean Parkway. Severely affected by Super Storm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovations and is in the process of constructing a new flood-proof tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital should be given the additional funding it needs to become a Level 1 Trauma Center, they currently don't have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to achieve this trauma care designation.	Coney Island Hospital	
3/39	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year, located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given it's remote location, for seniors and children in our community a comfort station would be a necessity.	Emmons Avenue Brigham Street	
4/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station, it serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard.	Homecrest Park Williams Court	
5/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Pallotta playground is in poor condition and need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.	Pallotta Playground Ocean Avenue and Oriental Blvd	
6/39	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Cameras placed at potential target areas such as schools and religious institutions would be a deterrent to possible incidents.	Community Wide	
7/39	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	We are requesting that the 61st Precinct be made ADA compliant. They are in need of a new men's room and a unisex restroom and elevator.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	

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8/39	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>The time to repair sidewalks and curbs is years. DOT must have an in house repair crew to address these safety issues caused by cracked and broken sidewalks and missing and broken curbs in a timely fashion.</i>	Community Wide	
9/39	DEP	Build new, expand, or repair wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	Coney Isld Water Treatment Plant 3002 Knapp Street	
10/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>We would like to make sure our EMS has the best response times and the equipment they need to respond and having an upgraded, fully functioning ambulance is critical in this endeavor.</i>	Community Wide	
11/39	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>We are requesting any additional funding necessary in the rebuilding of a EMS station in our neighboring area by Coney Island Hospital.</i>	FDNY EMS Station 43 2600-2698 East 6th Street	
12/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is need of total reconstruction and updates in its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Kelly Park and Kelly Playground Avenue S and East 17th Street	
13/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of Astro Turf in the main ball field with running and walking paths. Basketball courts, handball and tennis courts all need resurfacing.</i>	McDonald Park McDonald Avenue and Avenue S	
14/39	DPR	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Community Wide	

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15/39	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 : 1635 East 14th Street 2 New Commercial Dishwashers Washing Machine Clothes Dryer Computer Printer HVAC system for the firehouse Microwave Oven Engine 254/Ladder 153 901 Avenue U New Intercom system in firehouse Back-up Generator 1 inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations Forcible entry training door Low profile floor jack Metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. Engine 321: 2165 Gerritsen Avenue Back-up Generator New Apparatus (Truck Room) Floor Dishwasher 2 stage snow blower New fence on south side Engine 246/Ladder 169 2731 East 11th Street New Windows Urgently Needed Electrical Upgrades to Firehouse including Back-up Generator New Refrigerator Commercial range hood	Community Wide	
16/39	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Kings Highway between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue is a large commercial shopping area and is constantly inundated with traffic because of double parked cars and illegally parked vehicles. The congestion makes it nearly impossible for buses to get through and complete their routes on time. We would like to fund plans that would reduce traffic and create safer bus medians for pedestrians entering and exiting the bus along this route.	Kings Highway McDonald Avenue Nostrand Avenue	
17/39	DOITT	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	We would like to have a fios internet line installed to assure a more efficient internet connection to better serve our community at large.	Community Wide	
18/39	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Sanitation 15 requires a 4 X 4 truck to get its personnel out and about to assess snow conditions.	Sanitation 15 2501 Knapp Street	
19/39	DOB	IT computerization to streamline the Department	The Department of Buildings needs an upgrade in both technology and software to better serve our community at large and make sure it is streamlined and reported in a nearly real time manner.	Community Wide	
20/39	DEP	Monitor and address water quality issues	Community Board 15 would like DEP to be able to purchase an additional Skimmer Boat to be able to properly clean Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach and Manhattan Beach.	Community Wide	

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21/39	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	We are requesting money be allocated for additional vehicles to get building inspectors and personnel to locations quicker to speed up the time on responding to complaints.	Community Wide	
22/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	The waiting list to put in a requested and approved speed hump is very excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the time of installation and save lives.	Community Wide	
23/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Manhattan Beach Park need its' baseball field and tennis ball courts upgraded.	Manhattan Beach Park Falmouth Street and Oriental	
24/39	CUNY	CUNY	Community Board 15 would like to make a CUNY request for Kingsborough Community College: The Lighthouse Rotunda Building is in need of renovation.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard	
25/39	CUNY	CUNY	Kingsborough Community College's Performing Arts Center is in need of renovation.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard	
26/39	CUNY	CUNY	The Beach at Kingsborough is used by students and the community at large. The beach locker room and restrooms are in dire need of a renovation to better serve the beach-goers.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard	
27/39	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	Our middle class has extremely diminished. Real Estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community and it's becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high, that families are taken up residence in illegally created apartments.	Community Wide	
28/39	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Sanitation 15 is currently in temporary housing on Knapp Street in trailers. They require additional trailers to better serve the staff they currently have.	Sanitation 15 2501 Knapp Street	
29/39	DOB	Addiitonal Vehicles to expedite inspections	The Department of Buildings is in need of additional vehicles to transport inspectors to problematic locations to decrease the time it takes to get a complaint addressed.	Community Wide	

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30/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Gravesend Library needs: A boiler \$750,000, HVAC & Controls \$850,000, Modest Interior Renovation \$2,000,000, New furniture and equipment \$500,000, and Safety & Security Enhancements \$200,000,	Gravesend Library 303 Avenue X	
31/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Homecrest Library needs are as follows, Acquisition Estimated Cost \$2,200,000.00, A new Boiler \$750,000, HVAC & Controls \$850,000, A new roof \$850,000, and Safety & Security Enhancements \$200,000.	Homecrest Library 2525 Coney Island Avenue	
32/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Sheepshead Bay Library is in need: Acquisition Estimated Cost \$2,000,000, ADA Compliance - entire branch \$1,000,000, a new Boiler \$750,000, Exterior Rehab \$750,000, HVAC & Controls \$850,000, Modest Interior Renovation \$3,000,000, New Furniture & Equipment \$600,000, Plumbing & Exterior Drainage System \$250,000, A new roof, \$850,000 and safety & security enhancements \$200,000.	Sheepshead Bay Library 2636 East 14th Street	
33/39	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Gerritsen Beach Library is in need of \$1,532,000 for an envelope upgrade and \$1,500,000 for exterior rehab and window upgrades.	Gerritsen Beach Library 2808 Gerritsen Avenue	
34/39	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 61st Precinct has a shortage of marked patrol cars and we are requesting additional cars be allocated.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	
35/39	CUNY	CUNY	The campus is a large campus with many open spaces and paths and the college needs snow removal equipment to better insure student's safety when a snowfall occurs.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard	
36/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that.	Community Wide	

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37/39	DOT	Improve parking operations	<i>Our community is in need of on street parking. We are in desperate need of additional municipal lots or to expand on the ones we have. With so much construction increasing our population density we are in need of parking. This community has households with up to 3 or 4 cars and we are in desperate need of parking. We have 2 municipal lots in Sheepshead Bay, Voorhies Avenue and East 15th Street and East 17th Street and Avenue Z, which would benefit greatly by building more levels.</i>	Community Wide	
38/39	DOB	Requesting money to streamline the Buildings Department Relocation	<i>We are requesting additional funding be allocated to assist in the streamlining process of the Department of Buildings move to a location to better serve our Brooklyn communities. With proper funding there should be no hiccup in the system and they can expedite the move and keep the work flow operating at a minimum disruption.</i>	Community Wide	
39/39	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>The Manhattan Beach Bath House could easily house cultural events. Families visiting the beach could frequent this facility.</i>	Manhattan Beach Bathhouse Oriental Blvd.	
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent location to house Sanitation 15, Brooklyn.</i>	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Super Storm Sandy. Flooding and Ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerristen, (South of Gotham Avenue), for many years, during the aftermath of Sandy it is critical these upgrades be made. We are requesting a new sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue	
CS	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital, located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is in need of upgrading its existing equipment. To be specific: Ten (10) Ventilators at a cost of \$397,823, Ten (10) Anesthesia Machines at a cost of \$506,320 and lastly a Holmium Laser for GU at a cost of \$126,985.</i>	Coney Island Hospital 2601 Ocean Parkway	Coney Island Hospital Community Advisory Board

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CS	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>In Gerritsen Beach, a new sewer system is needed. The streets in Gerritsen do not have proper storm drainage. They are on an antiquated system that no longer works for this community. It was a seasonal bungalow community that has grown over the decades into a larger yearly occupied neighborhood. The infrastructure never followed suit, particularly south of Bartlett Avenue to the dead end.</i>	<i>Bartlett Avenue Gerritsen Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue</i>	

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1/57	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	<p><i>Many properties in our district have been illegally converted, turning one or two family homes into 6 family homes, with people residing in basements and attics causing hazardous living conditions.</i></p> <p><i>Department of Buildings need the necessary man power and take a proactive role in stopping these conversions from taking place and once in place violating the property owners before something tragic occurs.</i></p>	Community Wide	
2/57	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<p><i>Community Board 15 is in need of additional police officers at our 61st Precinct, located at 2575 Coney Island Avenue. Although our crime rates are low, issues such as minor traffic accidents, car break- ins and mischief in our school yards and parks can go hours before an officer is able to respond because the department is currently spread too thin handling more urgent calls.</i></p>	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	
3/57	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	<p><i>Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventors throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Sandy and these preventors would help with the back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.</i></p>	Community Wide	
4/57	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<p><i>Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community, waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time to have a tree planted and tree pruning can take 7 - 10 years, allowing it to become a hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.</i></p>	Community Wide	

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5/57	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.</i>	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Blvd	
6/57	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>All of our commercial corridors are backed up with traffic due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Avenue Z, on Avenue U from McDonald Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, on Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue and on Kings Highway from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue.</i>	Community Wide	
7/57	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>All the schools in the District are in need of additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around schools at dismissal, crossing guards are imperative. Currently when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work.</i>	Community Wide	
8/57	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave	
9/57	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Blvd., between Pembroke and West End Avenue. Oriental Avenue between Oxford and West End Avenue. On Gerritsen Avenue from Channel Avenue to Seba Avenue.</i>	Community Wide	
10/57	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>On Ocean Parkway several years ago a Traffic Study was conducted and left turning signals were installed successfully alleviating traffic problems. Community Board 15 would like to see a study conducted of Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P and see the installations of left turning signal installed there to alleviate the traffic on this heavily traveled commercial strip.</i>	Coney Island Avenue Avenue P Avenue Z	

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11/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.	PS 153 1970 Homecrest Avenue	
12/57	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.	Bay Academy I.S. 98 1401 Emmons Avenue	
13/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	There are several commercials areas in our District that require seven day basket truck service. The commercial strip on Avenue U from Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue.	Avenue U Ocean Parkway Ocean Avenue	
14/57	DHS	Expand street outreach	Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.	Community Wide	
15/57	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Additional funding needs to be allocated to DFTA to provide more Meals on Wheels services to homebound seniors on fixed incomes. With an aging population the demand for healthy meals has also increased and we want to make sure that no one in our community is left hungry. The Meals on Wheels program, not only provides food but also acts as a safeguard for Seniors alerting the proper authorities if a senior is not responding or allowing them access. It is a vital lifesaving program on many levels and needs to be appropriately funded to carry on its good work.	Community Wide	
16/57	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on every upright structure. Signs for moving men and lately "Cash for Cars" signs have appeared everywhere. There must be severe penalties for such acts. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.	Community Wide	
17/57	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.	Community Wide	

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18/57	DSNY	<i>Increase vacant lot cleaning</i>	<i>2633 Ocean Avenue at the corner of Avenue V is an abandoned property neglected for years, overgrown, filled with debris and becoming a breeding grounds for vermin.</i>	<i>2633 Ocean Avenue</i>	
19/57	SBS	<i>Conduct a commercial district needs assessment</i>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving commercial district took a large hit after super storm Sandy and never truly recovered. Many of the stores are lying vacant and are still in ruins.</i>	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue</i>	
20/57	DOT	<i>Address traffic congestion</i>	<i>We need to address traffic congestion on Coney Island Avenue from Guider Avenue to Avenue P to figure the proper way to alleviate the constant traffic snarls.</i>	<i>Coney Island Avenue Guider Avenue Avenue P</i>	
21/57	NYCHA	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</i>	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	<i>Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses 3004 Avenue V</i>	
22/57	DPR	<i>Plant new street trees</i>	<i>After Super Storm Sandy many trees in the district died and were removed. The new tree planting is taking too long. Tree requests are not being addressed in our community.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
23/57	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>Our heavily utilized commercial shopping district along Avenue U from Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue requires additional trash receptacles. Garbage is filling the streets and curbs due to the lack of trash cans on the corners.</i>	<i>Avenue U Ocean Parkway Ocean Avenue</i>	
24/57	DEP	<i>Other water supply system maintenance requests</i>	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove all floatables in the Bay and in the Creek. This pollution is a severe health hazard, as well as making these heavily visited locations undesirable and unsightly for the community to fully enjoy.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
25/57	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch them in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street from Avenues U thru Z, contain, tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about each week by illegal dumpers. We need to stop this.</i>	<i>East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue Z</i>	

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26/57	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.</i>	Homecrest Library Coney Island Avenue	
27/57	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>The stations along the B and Q train lines are inundated with illegal merchants outside the train stations. Whether Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U or Kings Highway, illegal vendors block the station entrances causing safety issues as well as sanitation problems.</i>	Community Wide	
28/57	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>When the SBS B-44 was added, the local service diminished. Local service south of Avenue U has increased causing severe delays in travel time. There needs to be more frequent local service along the B-44 line.</i>	Community Wide	
29/57	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>Whether elderly or disabled, bringing e-waste to a recycling center is a major inconvenience. The DSNY must help these individuals find easier ways to recycle e-waste either with a pick-up or more convenient drop off site.</i>	Community Wide	
30/57	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>We are requesting that an allowance be allocated to help the 61st Pct Auxiliary Patrol Officers get the uniforms they require to do their job. Including bullet proof vests.</i>	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	
31/57	DOHMH	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	<i>Increase the amount of health inspectors to shorten the process of receiving a restaurant grade.</i>	Community Wide	
32/57	DEP	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	<i>We are requesting more inspectors to address the onslaught of complaints pertaining to noise and air complaints we have been receiving. More inspectors will cut down on response times.</i>	Community Wide	
33/57	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>To keep up with the demands of our district, like many we need more manpower.</i>	Community Wide	
34/57	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to city trees uprooting them. The current funding is not adequate enough to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair, we are requesting additional funding to combat this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	Community Wide	
35/57	DSNY	Improve snow removal	<i>Requesting funding to hire additional temporary hourly workers during snow events to help clean out bus stops, bridges and crosswalks.</i>	Community Wide	
36/57	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>We are in need of additional EMS workers. We are an aging community with a large and growing senior population and want to make sure our EMS staff is at full capacity.</i>	Community Wide	

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37/57	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	Community Wide	
38/57	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Department of Buildings needs money to allocate additional inspectors to hasten the inspection process especially when stop work orders are violated. We need to have more inspections during evenings and weekends, when a lot of these violations occur.</i>	Community Wide	
39/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Emmons Avenue is our waterfront strip with commercial fishing boats, party boats and a variety of dining establishments, attracting many patrons. It is an area heavily visited and requires more trash receptacles than it presently has been given to keep up with the demand.</i>	Emmons Avenue Sheepshead Bay Road Knapp Street	
40/57	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting small beach equipment such as ATV that can better navigate and reach remote areas of our beach. Smaller rakes and tools that can clean crevices and are less cumbersome to traverse the difficult beach terrain.</i>	Manhattan Beach Park	
41/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue is constantly plagued with overflowing baskets which tumble onto and litter our streets.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue	
42/57	DOB	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>We have a shortage of affordable middle class apartments, so unscrupulous homeowners create illegal subdivided units in their homes to rent. These illegal apartments are a danger to the renters, neighbors and first responders should a fire occur. Illegal basements apartments are also prevalent throughout our flood prone community. We need more inspectors to enforce code violations and vacate these properties before a tragedy such as loss of life occurs.</i>	Community Wide	
43/57	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	Community Wide	
44/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Sheepshead Bay is a major transit hub for people who come visit to dine on our waterfront, shop our stores and visit our area beaches. The trash cans are few and far between and are always over flowing. We would like additional trash cans to help ease the burden of our existing trash cans for our commuters and visitors to keep our streets cleaner.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue	
45/57	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>We would like money allocated to expanding Department of Building's IT equipment to update their website more efficiently so information is streamlined as close to real time as possible.</i>	Community Wide	
46/57	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B & Q train line by Homecrest Avenue, between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Neptune Avenue	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15 submitted 57 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
47/57	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Cleaning of the Emmons Avenue Malls, the little islands located between Ocean Avenue to Knapp Street are filled with debris from people cleaning out their cars and litter that becomes trapped there.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Knapp Street	
48/57	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>We are losing on street parking spaces to illegal curb cuts and we are losing front lawns and green spaces to cemented illegal parking pads. We need more enforcement as well as stricter regulations to force homeowners to restore their properties back to current regulations.</i>	Community Wide	
49/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Guider Avenue is a mixed use area, with both commercial and residential buildings. Because it is so heavily trafficked it is in dire need of additional basket pickups to keep up with the demands placed on that bustling corridor.</i>	Coney Island Avenue Avenue P Guider Avenue	
50/57	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	Community Wide	
51/57	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Emmons Avenue from East 14th Street to Nostrand Avenue along our waterfront is teeming with over stuffed baskets for days on end.</i>	Emmons Avenue East 14th Street Nostrand Avenue	
52/57	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Coney Island Avenue with its many retail stores and restaurants is a heavily used shopping corridor and yet has very few trash baskets. We would like additional baskets to deter people from throwing their personal litter on our streets.</i>	Community Wide	
53/57	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Zoning regulations are difficult to understand for the layman. Community Board 15 is home to many foreign born. The Department of City Planning as well as the Department of Buildings must have educational materials on zoning regulations and building regulations available in several languages. Informing the public with informational material is an important step in the process.</i>	Community Wide	
54/57	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>1882 East 12th, an overgrown, unmaintained lot which is an eyesore and blight on the community.</i>	1882 East 12th Street	
55/57	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Sanitation 15 requires additional manpower for their derelict vehicle unit. Our area is inundated with calls about abandoned cars and having the additional manpower would decrease response times in removing these vehicles.</i>	Sanitation 15 2501 Knapp Street	
56/57	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>1610 Avenue S, is an overgrown, abandoned lot in our district, in which our office receives numerous complaints.</i>	1610 Avenue S	

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57/57	SBS	<i>Provide disaster and resiliency preparation for small businesses</i>	<i>Many of the businesses in the district were devastated after Super Storm Sandy. Some never reopened due to the fact that there were no emergency plans in place. Business owners need to be supplied with back-up generators to get their business up and running to serve the community. In areas such as Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay residents had no place to buy simple things such as milk or bread because the stores were flooded so severely.</i>	Community Wide	