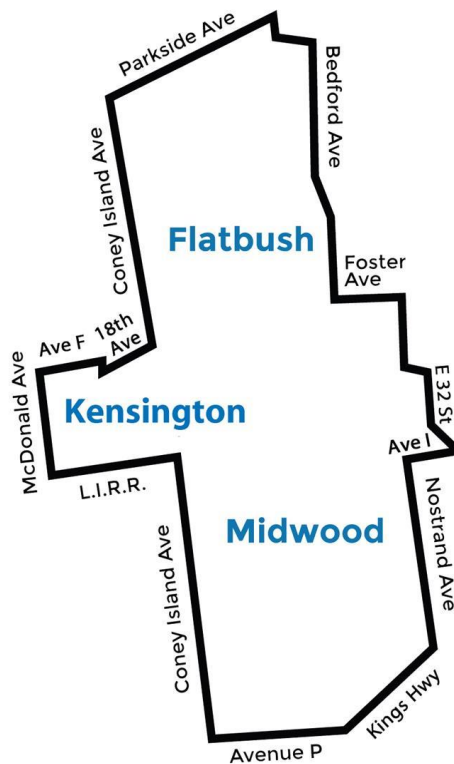


Brooklyn Community Board 14



Statements of Community District Needs

and

Community Board Budget Requests

for

Brooklyn Community District 14 Fiscal Year 2019

Submitted to the Department of City Planning
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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 14'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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Brooklyn Community Board 14

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2. Community District Profile

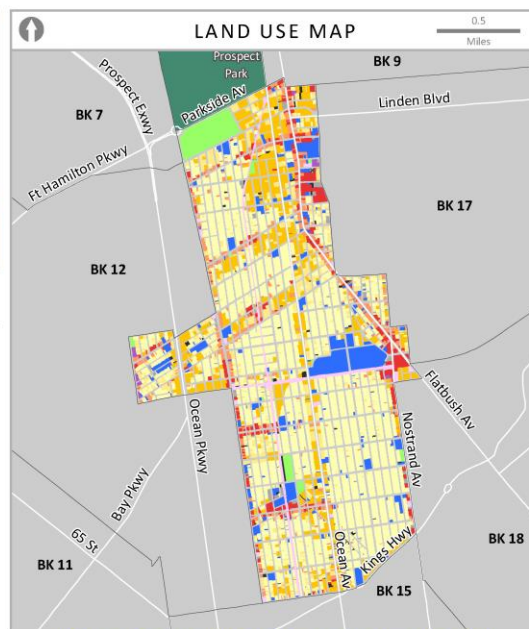
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Brooklyn Community District 14



Neighborhoods¹: Ditmas Park, Flatbush, Manhattan Terrace, Midwood, Ocean Parkway, Prospect Park South

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
168,806	160,664	-5%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		161,205
Square Miles		2.9
Population Density		55,401/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 14 in 2017:

1. Parks
2. Social services
3. Traffic

To learn more, please read [Brooklyn CD 14's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	7,878	48%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,242	10%
Multifamily Elevator	523	15%
Mixed Use	1,167	6%
Commercial	385	5%
Industrial	18	<1%
Transportation/Utility	71	2%
Public/Institutional	240	9%
Open Space	11	4%
Parking	81	1%
Vacant	127	1%
Other	13	<1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 14](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	35
Public Libraries	5
Hospitals and Clinics	18
Parks	2
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
50%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 14	Citywide Target
59%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
41	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
28%	24%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
8.8	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

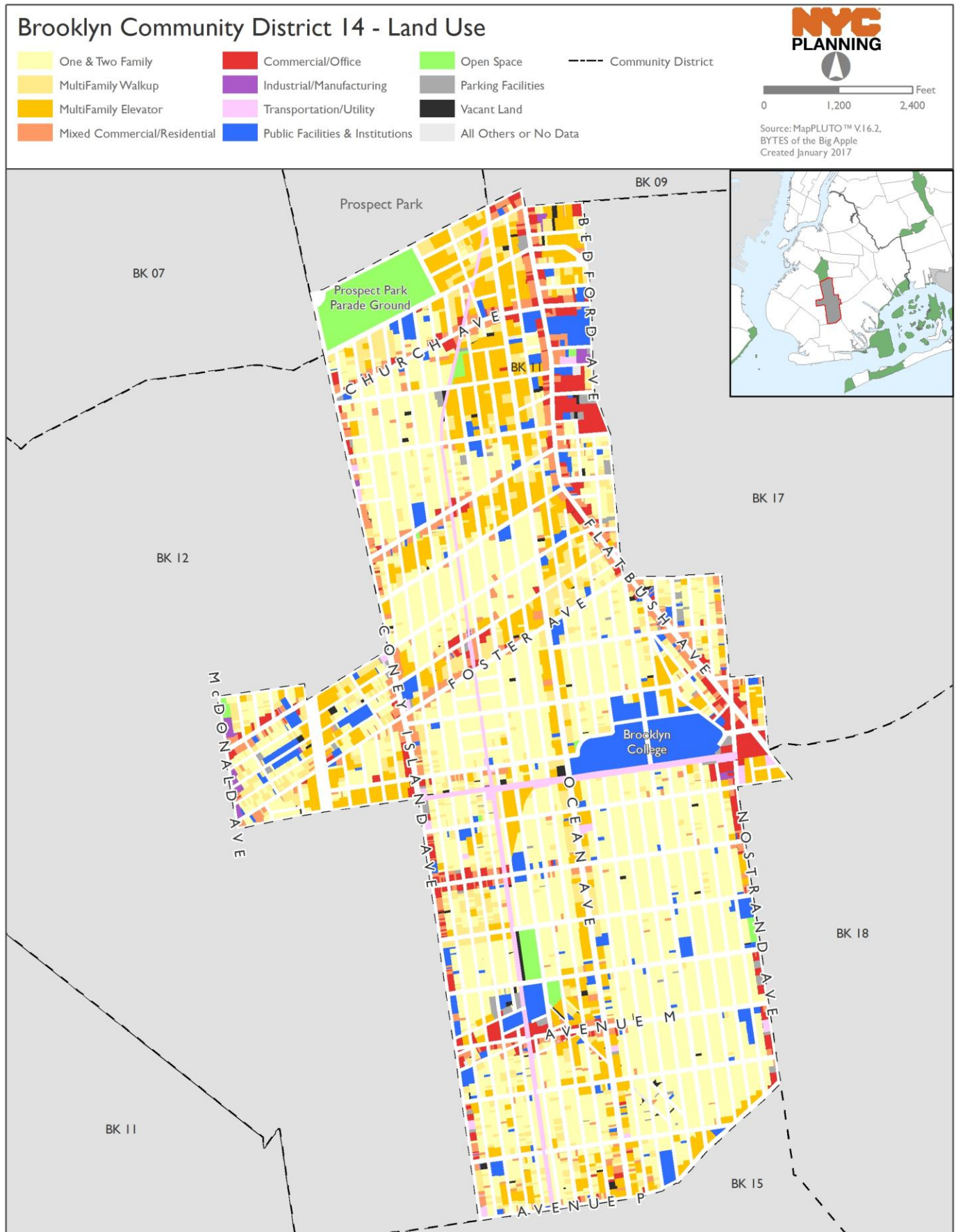
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
36%	33%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
9.5%	10%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 14	Brooklyn
23%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC 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. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 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

Located in the heart of Brooklyn, Community Board 14 comprises the diverse and dynamic communities of Flatbush, Midwood and eastern Kensington. The District embraces 2.9 square miles within which approximately 180,000 people reside.

The district remains among the most diverse in New York City; ranking fifth of 59 Community Districts citywide.

Approximately 37% of the District is White; 36% of the total population is Black/African American; 10% is Asian; and 16% is of Hispanic origin. About 45% of our District's population is foreign born; down slightly from a high of 49.4%. Changes in our population and demographics have an impact on all city services including social services and institutions in the District such as schools. Many of these impacts inform the needs of our District as outlined in this statement of needs.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 14 are:

- *Parks*
- *Traffic*
- *Other | A newly located Police Precinct House.*

CD 14 ranks at the bottom of all 59 community districts in NYC as measured by the number of residents within a quarter mile of a park. We are currently working with a planning fellow to identify locations in the District that could be greener. By adding planting to tree pits and dead ends, by potentially identifying locations for community gardens, making our small inventory of playgrounds greener and even possibly identifying a location for additional parks, and working in partnership with the community we hope to improve one of the most park poor districts in the city.

Community members generate requests for street conditions; for traffic calming such as speed humps, stop signs, traffic signals; controlled crossings, including pedestrian ramps; changes in alternate side of the street parking; sidewalk conditions, city benches, street name sign replacements. In addition, DOT has initiated installations of pedestrian islands, curb extensions, bike lane expansions, and safety measures near schools. DOT oversees our road bridges and street opening permits. With so many projects and requests and with the increased development in the area, CB14 continues to encourage DOT to implement changes based on data and studies of areas that will be affected by installations. We are gratified that DOT has recently agreed to study traffic patterns around the 70th Police Precinct.

This community, including elected officials past and present have advocated for a new and appropriately sited 70th Police Precinct House for nearly 30 years. A location was identified and found suitable through the ULURP process but the City failed to acquire the property and it has recently been developed for residential use. CD 14, which shares the same borders as the 70th Police Precinct, has the fourth least capacity for new development and thus another suitable location will be difficult to find. The NYPD capital projects team is currently exploring the possibility of building on site. However, the Precinct House is located in the furthest western reach of the Precinct and shares a block with one of the most dense populations of multiply handicapped residents in the city, including the United Cerebral Palsy of New York and the Joseph Belsky house. The streets are narrow, there are three private schools within two blocks, which contribute to the number of buses on these narrow streets. Parking is an extreme burden for the NYPD and community members and the public is at risk should there ever be a need for mass deployment from the Precinct. It's simply a poor location. The outcome of the DOT traffic study might mitigate some of these factors but a new location is necessary.

These priorities are selected on the basis of numbers: Parks (CB 14 ranks lowest); DOT issues (most service delivery requests in our District Office) and years (the longest standing budget request for CB 14 is the 70th Precinct House). The priorities noted in this section should not suggest that the needs of our residents for quality housing, including HPD enforcement; for human services such as homelessness prevention, senior services, addressing school overcrowding and the like are less important. In fact, it is important to note that issues of social services, public health and safety, education, housing, jobs, and sanitation, environment and infrastructure needs are all interrelated and have to be addressed holistically.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Other/There are issues of equal importance affecting CD 14.

It is important to understand the interrelation of our health care and human services needs and to ensure that issues are addressed with a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach. It remains a defect of this City Planning run process that directs Boards to prioritize services for domestic violence victims over access to healthy food or services to reduce homelessness. It is incumbent upon the City to assess the budgetary needs for these various and frequently interrelated issues and to fund and address accordingly. Animal and pest control complaints come to our office's attention on a regular basis. The number of street homeless and homeless encampments continue to be reported at concerning rates. Those individuals often present with mental health and substance abuse issues and our population is aging, thus services for seniors and for vulnerable and low income residents are needed.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Central Brooklyn has a lower than the statewide hospital bed to population ratio (2.3 beds per 1,000 residents, compared with Manhattan's 4.7, the state's 3.1). In 1980, Brooklyn had 26 hospitals; now it has 14 and 41 percent fewer acute-care beds. Adequate hospital services are essential in any community. The direction of some healthcare networks to ambulatory services do not recognize the needs of our residents and note the importance of hospital beds for emergency preparedness. Serious health consequences are related to obesity. The rate of obesity in CD 14 is 28% which ranks the community at 25th in the City and over three times higher than the community with the lowest obesity rate. The diabetes rate is also three times higher than the lowest rate in the city, with 11% of adults in CD 14. Our community is also similarly ranked toward the middle in the number of hospitalizations for psychiatric care. There were approximately 657 (per 100,000 adults) such hospitalizations last year, compared to 743 Brooklyn wide and 684 citywide. Access to health care is of utmost importance. In CD 14 almost one in four adults still has no health insurance and one in seven goes without needed medical care. Neighborhood conditions must also be addressed to promote good health. Poorly maintained housing is associated with negative health outcomes. A higher percentage of homes in CD 14 have maintenance issues. In addition, the District has the highest number of vermin reports in the city.



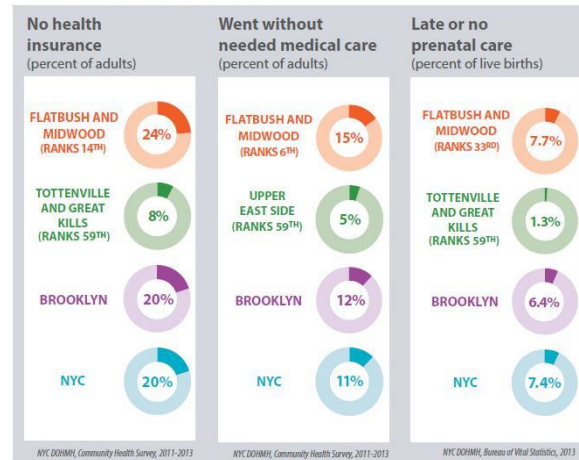
Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

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Access to health care

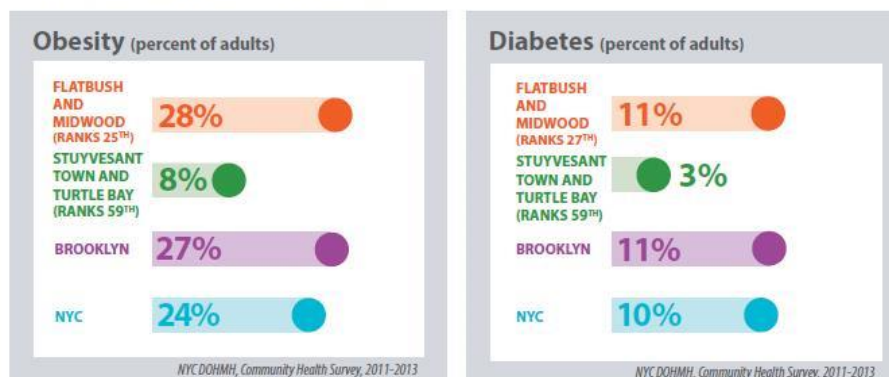
A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment, such as avoidable hospitalizations. In **Flatbush and Midwood**, almost one in four adults has no health insurance, and one in seven goes without needed medical care, similar to citywide rates.



[CD14 Access to Healthcare](#)

Obesity and diabetes

Obesity can lead to serious health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. At 28%, the rate of obesity in **Community District 14** is over three times the rate in Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay. The diabetes rate in **Community District 14** is 11%, also over three times the rate in Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay.



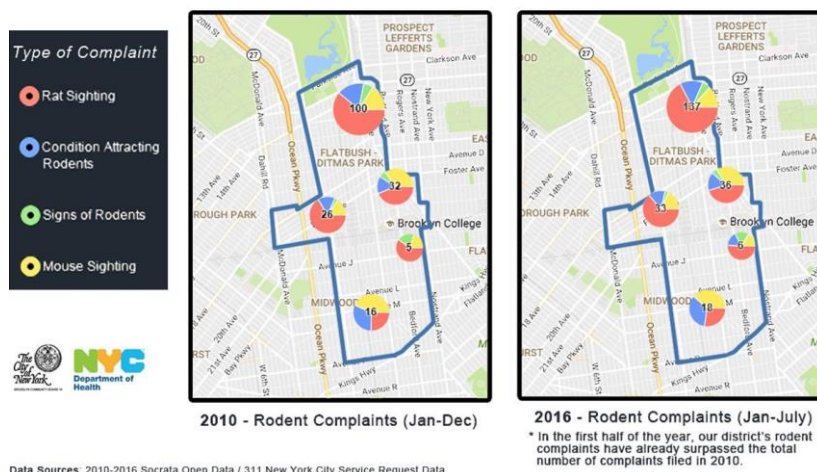
[CD14 Health Issues](#)



Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

2010-2016: Increased Rodent Complaints

Between 2010-2016, Brooklyn Community District 14 noted a 69% increase in rodent complaints in CD14. 251 total rodent complaints in 2010 vs. est. 364* total complaints in 2016 (*Based on 212 complaints received by July 2016)

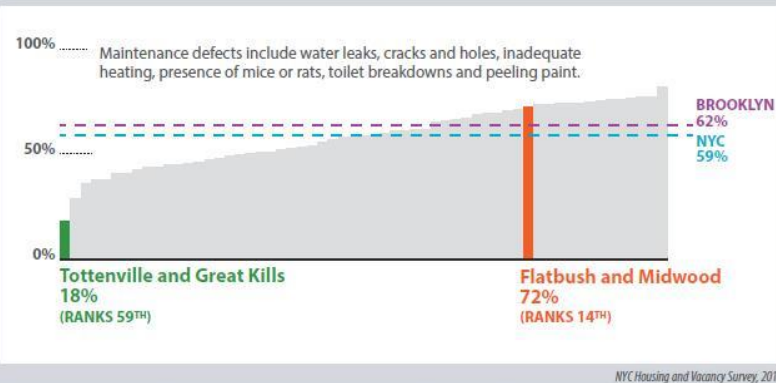


[Rodent Complaint Map 2010-2016](#)

Housing quality

Maintenance defects

(percent of renter-occupied homes with at least one maintenance defect)



Poorly maintained housing is associated with negative health outcomes, including asthma and other respiratory illnesses, injuries and poor mental health. A higher percentage of homes in **Community Board 14** have maintenance defects compared with homes citywide.

[CD14 Housing Quality statistics](#)



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

According to the Department for the Aging's analysis of 2010 Census data, the population of older New Yorkers is increasing as a share of the total population. Furthermore, those over the age of 85 is increasing the most. In addition, the gender gap between older New Yorkers is decreasing and the number of "younger" older New Yorkers seeking services is increasing. These shifts require new focus on providing support services for aging New Yorkers. In CD 14, from 2000 to 2010, the only age categories of population increase was the 45-65 group, which increased by 14.4%, and the 65 years and older group, which increased by 2.8%. Services for our aging population are increasingly imperative.



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

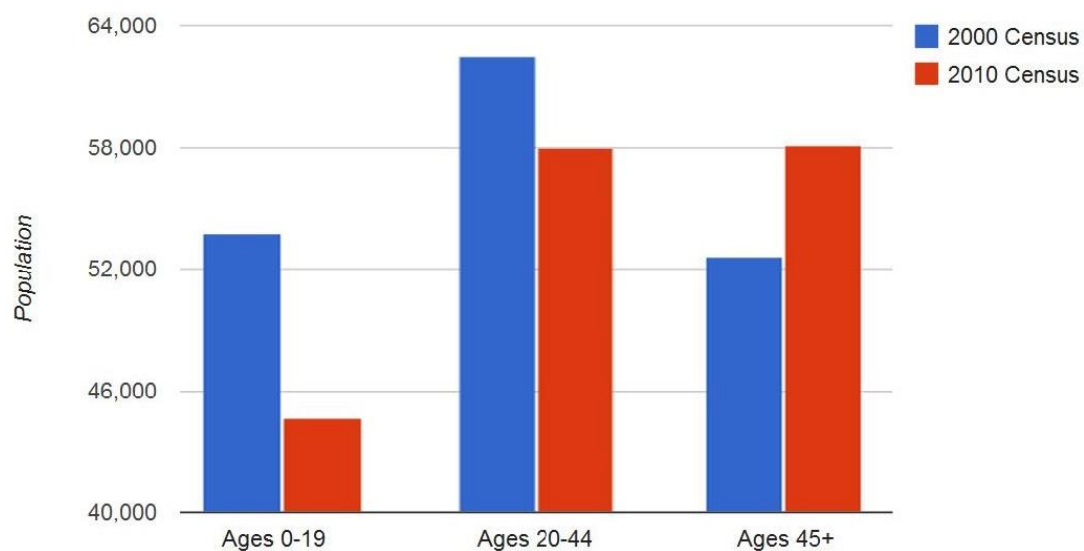
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[CD14 Senior Centers](#)

CD14 Population Change (by Age Group)



[CD14 Population Change by Age Group 2000-2010 Census](#)



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

The homeless populations has risen over the past five years to over 60,000 people on any given day. Reports of homeless encampments have increased citywide and our community is no different. Not every person on the street is homeless and not every homeless person is on the street, yet 311 requests for assistance for homeless people within CD14 has nearly quadrupled from 2013-2016. The street outreach team from Breaking Ground continues to do a great job and seem almost always already aware of individuals we bring to their attention. The expansion of their team has had a positive impact. The Midwood Safehaven has undergone expansion and is now operating at capacity. Such programs should be expanded but sited with the best interest of the community in mind. CD 14 is among the highest rent over burdened districts in the city, ranking 15th; and ranking 6th in severe overcrowding. The reorganization of HRA and DHS within the Department of Social Services is an effort to streamline support for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers. Eviction prevention and affordable housing options are key to ensuring stability. One in every 7 elementary students in CD 14 will have experienced homelessness by the 5th grade. The affects are profound.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Health Care and Human Services



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

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Economic stress				
	Flatbush and Midwood	Best-performing community district	Brooklyn	NYC
Poverty	21% (RANKS 26 TH)	6% Tottenville and Great Kills (RANKS 59 TH)	24%	21%
Unemployment	10% (RANKS 28 TH)	5% Greenwich Village and Soho & Financial District (RANKS 58 TH)	11%	11%
Rent burden	58% (RANKS 13 TH)	37% Greenwich Village and Soho & Financial District (RANKS 58 TH)	52%	51%

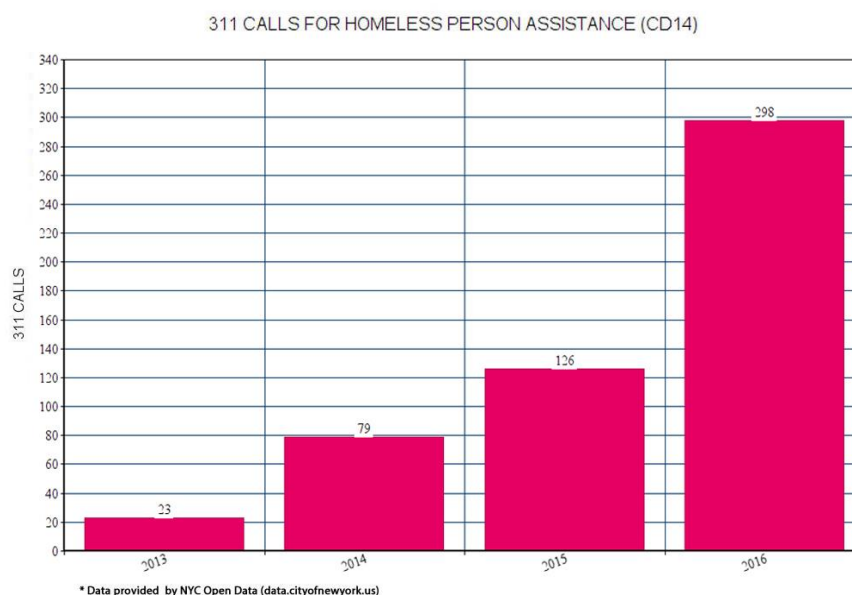
Poverty, unemployment and rent burden: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2013; Avertable deaths: NYC DOHMH, Bureau of Vital Statistics 2008-2012

One in five residents of **Brooklyn's CD 14** lives below the Federal Poverty Level.

Income

Living in poverty limits healthy lifestyle choices and makes it difficult to access health care and resources that can promote health and prevent illness. Unemployment and unaffordable housing are also closely associated with poverty and poor health. One in ten **Flatbush and Midwood** adults ages 16 and older is unemployed, and over half of residents spend more than 30% of their monthly gross income on rent.

CD14 Economic Stress



CD14 Homeless Assistance Requests



Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

The median household income in CD 14 is down slightly, moving our rank citywide from 30th one year ago to 28th currently. Cash assistance, SSI, and Medicaid case numbers have increased from 37.3% of the population in 2005 to 41.3% of the population in 2014. Community District 14 has the 17th highest poverty rate out of the 59 Community Boards in New York City and the 8th highest poverty rate in Brooklyn out of the 18 Community Boards. Community Board 14 continues to host non-profit roundtable events each year in order to stay aware of needs being met by Community Based Organizations (CBO), who they are serving and what type of support they need to manage and expand caseloads. Last season we brought the CBOs together with city agencies and nonprofit support organizations in an effort to continue to expand their capacity and strengthen the CBO network in our community.

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Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

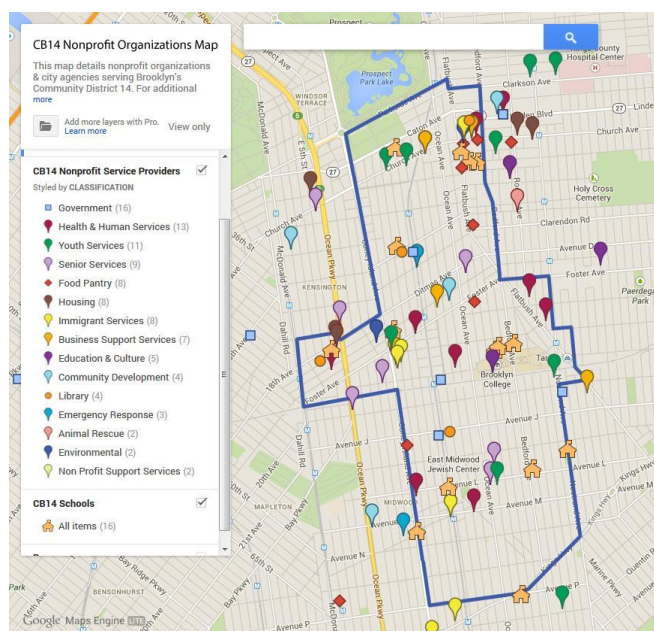
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CEO Poverty By Community District/Neighborhood (2010-2014)	
Total NYC Population (Numbers are Percent of the Population Living At or Below Poverty Line)	
Community District/Neighborhood	2010-2014
Bronx 5 (University Heights/Fordham)	35.6
Brooklyn 5 (East New York/Starrett City)	33
Bronx 3 & 6 (Morrisania/East Tremont)	32.4
Bronx 4 (Highbridge/South Concourse)	31.9
Brooklyn 12 (Borough Park)	31.1
Brooklyn 16 (Brownsville/Ocean Hill)	30.6
Brooklyn 7 (Sunset Park)	28.2
Bronx 7 (Kingsbridge Heights/Moshulu)	28.1
Bronx 1 & 2 (Mott Haven/Hunts Point)	27.2
Queens 4 (Elmhurst/Corona)	27.2
Brooklyn 3 (Bedford Stuyvesant)	27
Brooklyn 13 (Coney Island)	25.8
Queens 3 (Jackson Heights)	25.2
Brooklyn 9 (South Crown Heights)	25
Brooklyn 14 (Flatbush)	24.9
Total NYC Population (Five-Year Average)	21.1

NOTE: Brooklyn Community Board 14 has the 17th highest poverty rate out of 59 Community Boards & the 8th highest poverty rate in Brooklyn out of 18 Brooklyn Community Boards. CB14's 5-Year Average Poverty Rate is 3.8% higher than the citywide average.

[CD14 Poverty by District 2010-2014](#)



[CD14 Non Profit Organizations Map](#)



Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/20	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>This request is based on the fact that CB 14 has a lower bed to population ratio than Brooklyn- and City-wide averages, and that the population within the District is aging. Given the diminishing number of hospitals and acute care beds in Brooklyn, the provision of new or expanded facilities would help ensure local care.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/34	DHS	Expand street outreach	Reports on homeless encampments and regarding individuals who appear to be homeless have increased over the past year. Common Ground is the current contractor and provides excellent service. Given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted.	Community Wide
6/34	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Ensure that community based organizations are resourced to serve individuals at the grass roots level. Assist with training, network building and funding.	Community Wide
9/34	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	There were approximately 657 (per 100,000 adults) psychiatric hospitalizations last year, compared to 743 Brooklyn wide and 684 citywide. In addition alcohol and drug related hospitalizations were 836 and 649 per 100,000 respectively.	Community Wide
13/34	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	Community District 14 ranks 13th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household, according to the most recent NYU Furman Center report. The District ranks 5th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Over 47% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. In addition, there is only a 4.9% rental vacancy rate and the number of new residential building permits ranks 58th of 59 in the City. These figures, attest to the dire need for homeless prevention programs.	Community Wide
25/34	DFTA	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.	Community Wide
26/34	HRA	Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster	Food pantry and soup kitchen services are highly utilized in the District. The need for cultural as well as nutritional requirements are important, especially in response to a disaster.	Community Wide
29/34	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	CD 14 continues to be among the highest number of rodent complaints in the City.	Community Wide
33/34	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Based on the obesity, diabetes and mental health rates noted above.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
34/34	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Open an RFP to enable a Senior Center to service additional residents of CD 14.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

The array of issues noted above and the age groups they span make prioritizing these needs difficult. Certainly, a summer job for a teen should not compete for the need for child protective services for a child. However, for the past nine years CB 14 has organized a Youth Conference and in 2016 more than 700 young people attended. Thus our experience with the need for youth workforce development and summer youth employment is most direct. That said, for years we have also requested additional seats for elementary ed and have one of the most overcrowded high schools in the City is within our boundaries.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

There are 35 public elementary and secondary schools in the District serving more than 20,000 students. In addition, there are 26 private/parochial elementary and secondary schools serving 6709 students. Public daycare and residential facilities for children include the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf and Exceptional Children, the Queens County Educators for Tomorrow group day care center, as well as the one and only Head Start program at St. Mark's, which serves 151 children. Given that the population of children under the age of five numbered 11,680 in 2010 and that 22.3% of families in the District with a child under the age of five fell below the poverty line at least once from 2010 to 2012, the number of early childhood programs is woefully inadequate. The tremendous expansion of Universal pre-Kindergarten citywide only increases the importance of early education services. This is especially needed in our District where 28% of our residents have limited English language proficiency. One half of the public schools in our district are near or over capacity. Midwood High School operates at 156% of student seats capacity as it has done for years. The City has recognized our need for additional seats in the District and there are plans to build a K-8 school for School District 22 students, however the school will be physically located in Community District 12 and will not have an adequate number of seats to meet the need of our residents' children. It is imperative that a location be identified to add needed classroom space within the boundaries of the District. That noted, Community District 14's schools tend to perform well. The graduation rate from our high schools is 81% compared to the borough-wide average of 59%. The dropout rate is 4% compared to the borough-wide 12%.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

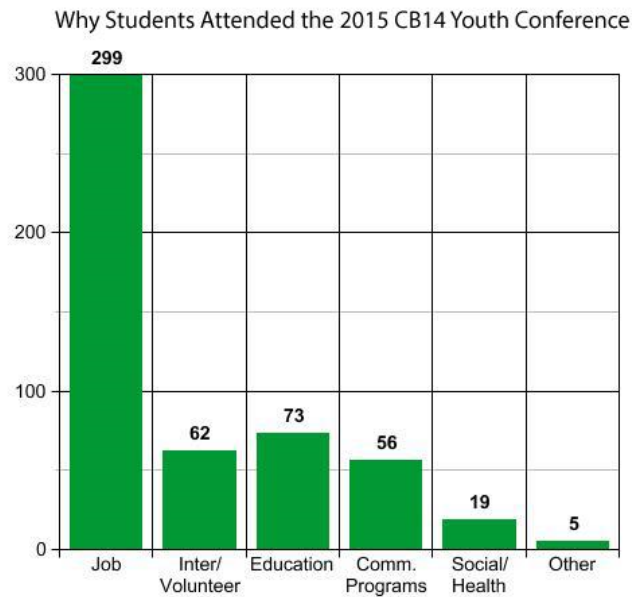
Every year Community Board 14 hosts a Youth Conference. The event has grown every year. This past year, more than 60 organizations participated and more than 700 teens attended. The diversity of the District is one of the greatest in New York City, ranking 5th of 59. At one local public school more than 30 first languages are spoken. Over 45% of our population is foreign born. In 2010 22.3% of families with children under age five fell below the poverty line. These data support the need for expanded, well and dependably funded in school and out of school time youth programs, summer employment programs and support services. CB 14 has identified the need for a Beacon Program in this District for several past years and we are gratified that one has opened in PS 6 in October, 2017.



Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

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[CB14 Youth Conference - Why Students Attended](#)



Brooklyn Community Board 14 Youth Conference 2016

[2016 CB14 Youth Conference](#)



Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/20	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>There are 22 public elementary and secondary schools in the District serving more than 20,000 students. One half of the public schools in our district are near or over capacity. The City is building a K-8 school for School District 22 students, however the school will be physically located in Community District 12 and will not have an adequate number of seats to meet the need of our residents children.</i>	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/34	ACS	<i>Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services</i>	<i>The agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads. This effort should be continued. This request results from information on the Mayors Management Report, and agency budget consultations.</i>	Community Wide
20/34	ACS	<i>Other foster care and child welfare requests</i>	<i>Continue funding evidence-based models for foster care and foster family support. This agency initiative seems to be yielding positive results and is recommended on the basis of agency budget consultations.</i>	Community Wide
23/34	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>The ethnic and socio economic factors cited above demonstrate the need for after school programs for both elementary and middle school age students.</i>	Community Wide
28/34	DOE	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	<i>Given the large immigrant population of students and the poverty rate in our District, such service would promote and support learning and educational attainment.</i>	Community Wide
30/34	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>According to our Youth Conference attendees survey the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended out annual conference was "jobs". However, it has become increasingly difficult to schedule the conference in tandem with the Summer Youth Employment application deadline because funding is always so uncertain. Given the very small percentage of applicants who are placed in summer jobs, it is imperative that the program be expanded and dependably funded.</i>	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other/A new 70th Police Precinct House

The need for a new police precinct in an appropriate setting has been recognized by the community and by the NYPD for decades. This is a need worthy of top priority in the arena of public safety. The men and women of the 70th Police Precinct serve our community exceptionally well, keeping crime and quality of life problems at historic lows. They manage to do so from a Precinct House that is poorly suited to their needs and to the needs of the community. The 70th Precinct House is undersized, antiquated and deteriorated. The United Cerebral Palsy complex shares this very narrow, one-way street. Thus one of the most active Precinct Houses is in the midst of one of the largest concentrations of multiply handicapped people in the city.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

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Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

The number of structural fires decreased in the District last year. Education programs to prevent fires and swift response are key. There still is no generator in any of the Firehouses in CD 14. This should be addressed given that CD 14 is not in a flood zone and in case of a disaster the firehouses on high ground could become key in recovery. It remains distressing that response times have increased for FDNY and for EMS. The causes for slower response times must be explored and appropriate steps recommended.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/20	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>In 2015 an allocation was made in a first step toward relocating the 70th Police Precinct House. The history of our efforts to relocate this aging facility goes back almost three decades. In 2006, DCAS began property acquisition at 1326 Ocean Avenue. In 2007 the NYPD capital plan set aside \$30 million for the acquisition of property, OMB stated its commitment to identify additional funding. onstruction was set to begin in 2013. Relocating the precinct house continues to be a priority despite the loss of the Ocean Avenue site. In the meantime, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, or parking, nor it is handicap accessible.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
5/20	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>None of the firehouses in CD 14 are currently equipped with a generator.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/20	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Fund a generator for the 70th Police Precinct House. Given that this is one of the Precincts in Brooklyn South not in a flood zone, it could become all the more important to maintain power in case of emergency.</i>	<i>70th Police Pct 154 Lawrence</i>
16/20	FDNY	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>Fund station house renovations and upgrades at Engine 255/Ladder 157; Engine 281/Ladder 147 and Engine 250 firehouses. Including the addition of a station house generator at one of these fire stations. There are no firehouses in CD 14 with a generator.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
18/20	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>This continues to be a common request from the community and the Precinct. CD 14 would defer to the CO as to most warranted location.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/34	NYPD	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	<i>The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
16/34	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Fund adequate new firefighter and EMS hires sufficient to address attrition rates. Last year more than a dozen Fire Marshalls were hired and dedicated to Brooklyn. The increase is useful and should be augmented by additional hires in FY 19.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
21/34	NYPD	<i>Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs</i>	<i>Over 35% of the population in CD 14 is under the age of 24. There are three large high schools in the District. There is only one youth officer in the 70th Police Precinct. The 70th Precinct Explorers program has grown over the past two years. Additional resources to continue this positive trend and to reduce youth perpetrated crime are needed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
22/34	FDNY	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	<i>It is gratifying that the number of prevention presentations has been on the increase. This trend must be supported.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

Many issues are interrelated and thus hard to prioritize from a list. Usually environmental concerns lead to air quality, and water pollution issues. Sewer capacity and flooding are related. Additionally, snow clearing is only a priority in the winter, flooding is only a concern when it rains. These important but not everyday issues make it hard to prioritize. They can be more urgent, however, garbage must be collected every day. For ten years in a row CB 14 has requested six day a week basket trucks. This District once had six day service and now there is a dedicated basket truck only once per week. BK 14 has made heroic efforts to ensure that commercial corridors remain clean despite this lack of support from DSNY. Elected officials have allocated additional funding to augment basket service but we have had little choice but to remove many of the public baskets, especially in the southern end of the District where there is no BID. The funding from elected officials is allocated such that this additional basket collection gets paid on an overtime line. The Commissioner has stated that DSNY only places baskets where they lend themselves to cleaner streets, but they must be serviced adequately to do so. When baskets do not get serviced daily, they overflow and attract illegal dumping. The illegal dumping then becomes a reason to remove the basket. Once again, CB 14 requests six day a week dedicated basket collection throughout the District. Residents complain very frequently about dog waste and food that is put out to feed feral cats and birds but that also inevitably feeds rats, raccoons and other pests. These behaviors are nearly impossible to enforce. A new request from CB 14 is for DSNY possibly in partnership with DOHMH to engage in a public education campaign.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Trench restoration continues to be an issue in the District. The back and forth between DEP and DOT prolongs solutions and should be unnecessary since the information as to where trenches should be repaired is already known. DOT was allocated \$60 million to address trench issues citywide. Not one of the trenches in CD 14 made the DOT list. One of these significant street depressions is on Hillel Place at Kenilworth where there is now a proposal to install a DOT pedestrian plaza adjacent to the street depression with no plans to fix it. Flooding remains an issue in several locations. There is a sidewalk improvement project on Church Avenue and approximately 30 new catch basins will be installed. Properties on Church and East 10th Street flood in nearly every down pour. DEP must address this issue. Additional catch basins have been requested on Caton, north of the flooding. Other areas in the District, including 2900 Bedford Avenue, and Corbin Court. In addition, the notification in place at DEP is woefully inadequate. Community Boards are not notified of either planned or emergency work in a timely matter (if at all). This matter has been brought to the attention of DEP as well as elected officials to no avail.

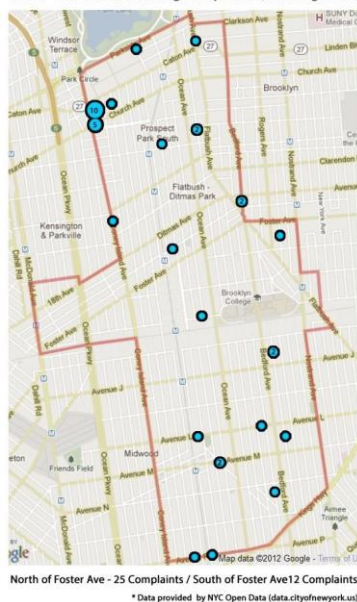


Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Supporting Materials:

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CD14 - DEP Street Flooding Complaints (Jan.-Aug. 2015)



[CD14 Street Flooding Map - Jan-Aug 2015](#)

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Given that each and every resident produces more than two pounds of garbage every day, the efforts of the Department of Sanitation workers at BK 14 to keep pace with the needs of our District are greatly appreciated. Within our 2.9 miles there are 89 road miles and 54 dead ends and several narrow streets. This brings challenges to snow removal. Illegal dumping continues to be a difficult issue in the District with its many dead ends, one block streets and many road bridges. The BK 14 scorecard has improved in the District but complaints along the commercial streets that are only allocated ONE dedicated basket truck per week continue.



Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/20	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Install catch basins where needed. CB 14 has requested catch basins at East 10th Street and Caton, Stratford and Caton, Corbin Court at Foster and at Glenwood Road, and at 2900 Bedford Avenue.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
14/20	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>CD 14 has been plagued by ongoing flooding concerns in several parts of the District. Church Avenue and East 10 Street experience flooding every time there is a downpour and the system becomes overwhelmed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
20/20	DSNY	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	<i>With 54 dead in streets, several streets with malls in the middle and several very narrow blocks, BK 14 requires haulsters and FELs and spreaders. Given that CD 14 boasts one of the largest concentration of old growth trees, leaves become an issue for the brooms (in nearly all seasons). Newer brooms in good working order are a pressing need.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/34	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>DEP must improve their community notification system. This is a charter mandated responsibility and Community Boards have been working with DEP to improve the process for over two years, to no avail.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
17/34	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>The District once had six day a week dedicated basket collection. It is now allotted one in the southern end of out District. This is woefully inadequate and the level of frustration expressed by merchants associations, community based organizations, residents and elected officials is increasingly expressed. The arrangement by which NYC Councilmembers are given an allotment to then give back to the city for basic services is inefficient and requires collections to occur on overtime. This funding could be applied to augmented services rather than basic collection services.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
27/34	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>Illegal dumping at commercial baskets, at dead ends, on one-block back streets, and in tree pits is an increasing complaint in the District. Residents bring garbage to corner baskets, there is an increase in televisions and other electronics being dumped, construction and other commercial debris is often found under elevated train tracks. Stake outs or more ability to enforce on the basis of evidence is needed to address this very difficult issue. The problem occurs throughout the community but there are several chronic locations: Avenues K, L, N & O btw. E. 15 & E. 17 Sts (under elevated B/Q subway tracks); Caton Ave & St. Pauls Pl; Avenues J & M btw. Coney Isl Ave & Ocean Ave (commercial strips); East 16th Street and Church Avenue; 892 East 7 Street.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
32/34	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>There are 1200 road segments in CD 14. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The sheer variety of Supervisors' functions in this increasingly densely populated and high traffic district has increasingly demonstrated that additional supervisors would alleviate myriad issues.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Other/Many of these issues are interrelated and thus of equal importance.

Building code enforcement and zoning enforcement are equally important in the District. CD 14 is among the higher districts in terms of housing code violations. This is correlated with health issues and is a problem underscored by the fact that the district is also one of the most severely rent burdened. Given the fact that over 48 % of the area of the district is comprised of 1-2 family homes, combined with the fact that we rank 12th in the city in terms of population density, the renters of multi-family dwellings are highly concentrated. HPD violations have no bearing on DOB building permits, allowing landlords to ignore the needs of their current tenants while making improvements in vacant units to charge higher rents. This contrasts with how the District's single family homes are economically situated. In CD 14, the median price of a single family home is the highest in all of New York City. Prospect Park South, Ditmas Park, Midwood Park-Fiske Terrace, Albermarle-Kenmore Terraces, are all historically landmarked neighborhoods. They comprise 5.7% of lots in the District, which ranks us 18th in the City for lots regulated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Additional neighborhoods have applied for landmarked status. There is also a special permit district in the southern end of the district, which allows an increase the floor area and height of existing homes. Zoning violations occur throughout the District. Primarily, these violations are commercial use in a residential zone. There are also many complaints of illegal curb cuts. There has been very little enforcement of any of CB14's zoning violation complaints. Several of these issues have been pending for many years. In addition to zoning violations, there has been an increase this past year in the number of construction complaints including work without a permit, work beyond permitted times and days, as well as illegal conversions. It is important to protect the uniquely beautiful, valuable, and significant history of our single family residential areas while balancing the quality of denser, multi-unit dwellings.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Community Board 14 residents live in a mix of housing that is dominated by single and two family homes (48%). There are four historic district in CD 14 and additional landmarks applications pending. The capacity to develop in the district is one of the lowest in the city, yet the pressures for affordable housing are great. This district is disproportionately rent burdened, with 47% of renter households severely burdened, meaning that rent is at least 50% of household income. Of the top five 311 services requests in 2015, four of them were HPD related. Since only 24% of residential units in the District are rentals, the number of renter complaints underscores a need to ensure that required maintenance is strictly enforced.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

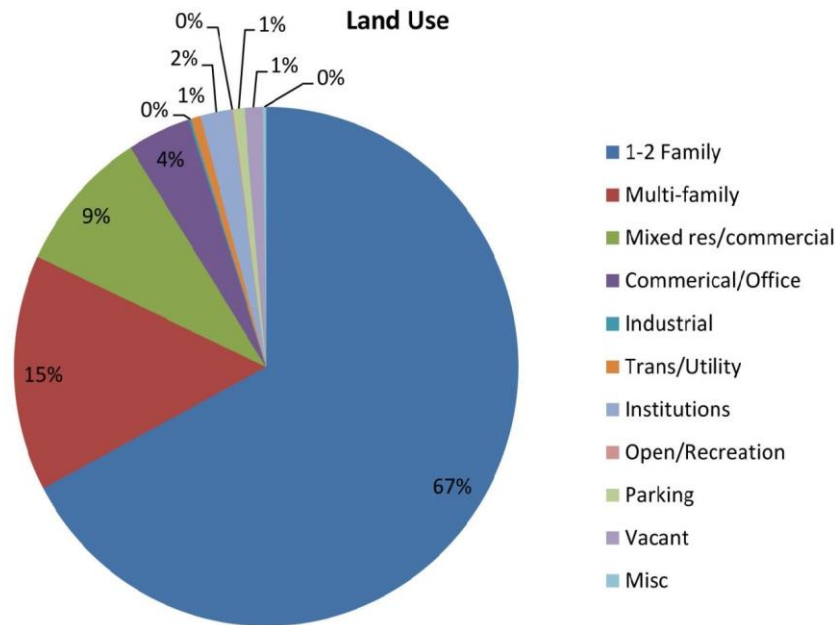
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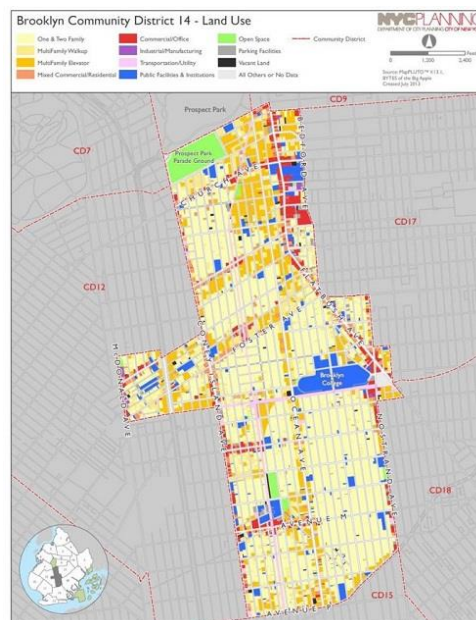
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[Land Use Chart CD14](#)



[CB14 Land Use Map](#)

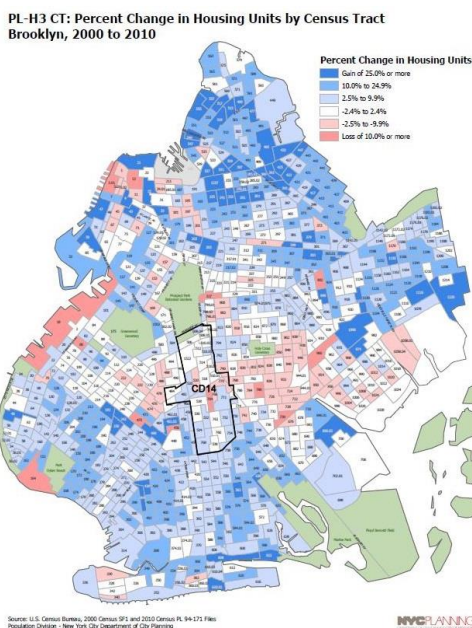


Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

The District ranks 8th in the rate of severe overcrowding in renter households. Despite the fact that last year the District was 53rd of 59 Districts in terms of unused capacity for development, the number of new units authorized by new residential building permits increased from 221 in 2014 to 1059 in 2015. The District now ranks 12th in the city in the number of building permits for new units. Yet, we rank 12th in the city in the number of reported housing defects, which includes water leaks, cracks and holes, vermin, defective sinks, toilets, etc.

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[Housing Units 2000-2010 Change CD14](#)

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

There are several commercial strips in the district serving the needs of residents and beyond. Larger department stores include Sears and the Target store, which anchors the Flatbush Junction. Many smaller independent stores line Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Avenues J and M and Coney Island Avenue, Flatbush Avenue and Newkirk Plaza. Several new businesses have opened on Church Avenue and Cortelyou Road over the past year, including new restaurants, bars, and boutiques. There are three Business Improvement Districts – Flatbush Nostrand Junction BID, the Flatbush BID and the Church Avenue BID - and several merchant associations in our community. The Kings Theatre, a 3300 seat live performance venue, draws people from near and far. This project combined with the completion of the Brooklyn College Tow Performing Arts Center to the south and the existence of performing arts venues to the north, will provide a vital link in Brooklyn's cultural corridor. Together these theaters will have economic spillover effects such as dining locally. This will support our recently burgeoning restaurant scene in Flatbush and Midwood.

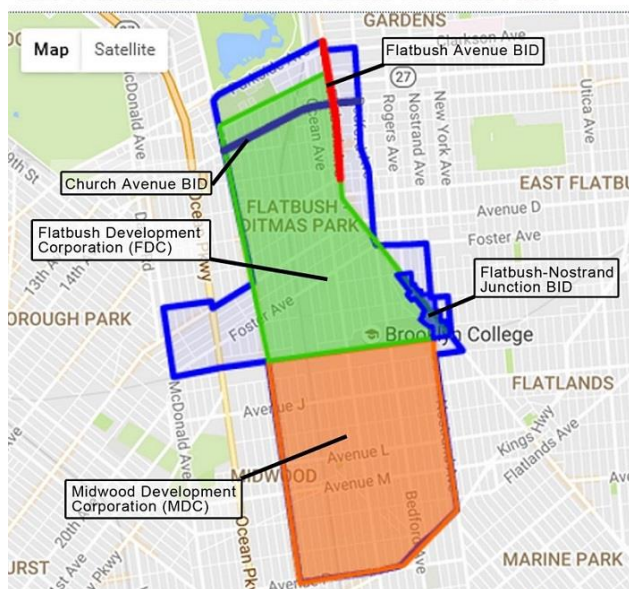


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CD14 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP



[CD14 ECON DEV DISTRICT MAP](#)



Flatbush Caton Market
794 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn 11226



2274 Church Avenue, Brooklyn 11226



Kings Theatre
1027 Flatbush Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11226



851 East 15th Street, Brooklyn 11230

[CD14 City-owned public spaces](#)

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/20	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites	Continue development of Caton Market to include incubation programs for small businesses and a headquarters for the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce. Develop the property at 2274 Church Avenue. Provide additional funding for the Kings Theater to support continued development and enable on site retail. Enhance the RFP incentive to develop 851 East 15th Street.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/34	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Four out of five top 311 requests are for HPD inspections and violation enforcement.	Community Wide
5/34	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Many single and two family homes in the District are large and lend themselves to commercial use. Complaints range from manufacturing to retail storage to transient use, homes in residential districts. Enforcement is difficult and slow. However, illegal commercial use can be dangerous in addition to the quality of life issues. Increased enforcement is needed.	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

The Department of Transportation is the agency with the most service delivery requests directed to the Community Board. This is in part due to the sheer number of requests and also due to the length of time it takes DOT to address many of the service delivery items. In our residential areas there are many requests for speed reducers, stop signs, traffic lights, street lights, parking signs and the like. It can take DOT years to provide an outcome for many of these requests. In our commercial areas there are frequent complaints regarding traffic congestion, parking, and maintenance of roadways including street conditions and pedestrian walkways. Flatbush Avenue and Coney Island Avenue are two main north/south corridors. Flatbush Avenue is considered by DOT to be a congested corridor and improvements have been implemented at several junctures including the northern intersection at Church Avenue down south to the junction of Flatbush and Nostrand Avenues. Yet, it seems that improvements have not kept pace with development and increased activity; thus Flatbush Avenue continues to be a high crash corridor. Coney Island Avenue has not been designated a congested corridor and has not been studied. East/west streets including Avenue J, Foster Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Church Avenue and Caton Avenue are nearly constantly backed up such that oftentimes cars have to wait for more than one light cycle to pass an intersection. Church and Caton Avenues are also truck routes. A new 255 unit residential development is planned at Flatbush and Caton Avenues and it is hard to imagine the impact that this additional density will have on these two very congested roads. The streets surrounding the 70th Police Precinct are also problematic. There is only one way to drive away from the 70th Precinct - Lawrence Avenue to Seton Place to Foster Avenue. These narrow streets are nearly always congested and frequently blocked by school buses. After several requests over the past few years, DOT has recently agreed to conduct a traffic study in the area. In addition to community driven requests, DOT initiates proposals for bike paths, pedestrian islands, and pedestrian plazas. While safety is paramount and community amenities are positive proposals, they must be carefully considered and community input must be highly valued. The Department of Transportation has requested Community Board input but has overruled our position on several proposals. DOT has also continuously rejected community requests both overtly and by not responding to requests for years on end. One example is a request for a street repair at Hillel Place and Kenilworth Place. The original request for repair was made by the community board in 2013. The repair still has not been made and yet, a DOT pedestrian plaza is proposed within several feet of this location. It is a concern when amenities are prioritized over core mission. The Beverly Road bridge is also a concern and DOT must provide an update as to the condition of the bridge and the status of funding for its repair.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

All types of ground transportation are important in District 14 where nearly 10% of residents walk or ride bikes to work, nearly 62% take mass transit and nearly a quarter drive. Within the 2.9 miles that comprise the District, there are 89.2 road miles, 54 dead end streets, two through truck routes, several road bridges over the Brighton Line and LIRR tracks and approximately 1200 street segments. Given its Central Brooklyn location and number of thoroughfares in the District including Flatbush Avenue, Coney Island Avenue, Ocean Parkway, Nostrand Avenue running north/south; and Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Foster Avenue and Avenues J and M going east/west, traffic and road conditions are constant concerns. Community Board 14 Service Delivery data show that DOT requests outnumber those of any other agency with which the Community Board interacts. Part of the reason for this accumulation is the time-lag for many DOT issue responses. In the meantime, DOT has proactively introduced initiatives not requested (and sometimes not supported) by the community. Responsiveness and community input are important. Of great concern is that there is no way to ascertain an overview of DOT traffic calming measures. There are currently over 140 DOT service delivery requests pending in CD14 but no way to understand how implementation of all or any combination of these requests would impact traffic flow in the District. Rather, such requests are considered only insofar as they impact the block for which they are requested. In 2015 CB 14 was fortunate to have a planning fellow work on beginning of study of speed hump requests, approvals, denials and those pending in order to map the implementation of this particular traffic calming measure. A data base has been composed and further study is needed to ascertain the impacts. There are nine subway stations, seven of which are Brighton Line outdoor tracks, therefore track work affects road traffic. There are also 15 bus lines that operate in the district including express buses

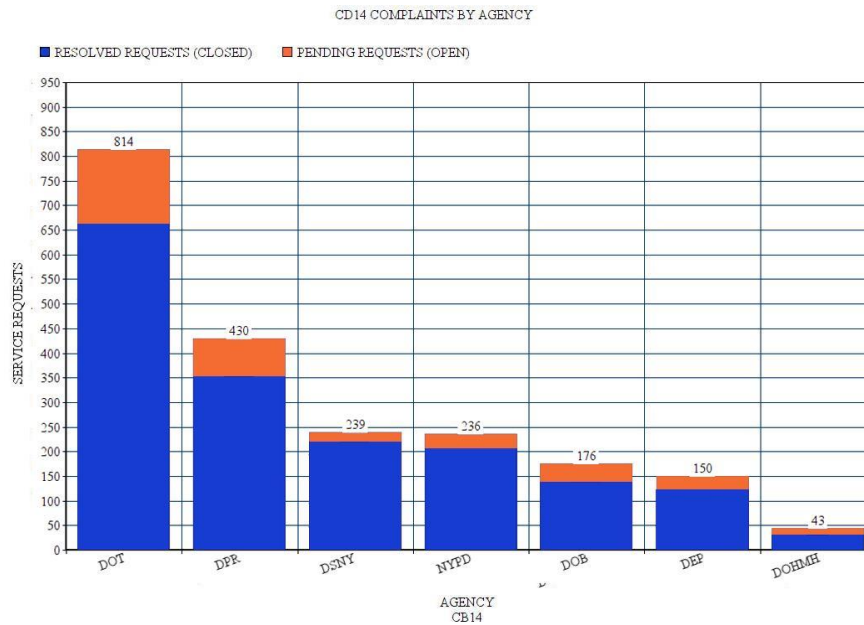


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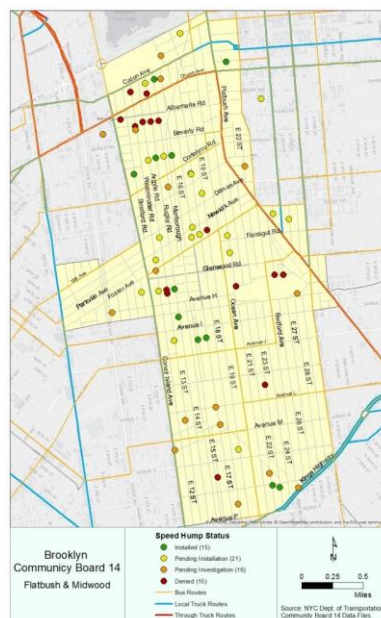
Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure
and select bus service routes.

Supporting Materials:

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[Complaints by Agency CD14 2017](#)



[SpeedHumpMap_2015](#)



Transportation

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

There are nine subway stations in the District: one Culver Line IND stop; one IRT terminal stop and the remainder Brighton Line BMT stops. Most of the Brighton Line stations have been updated - some in full, others partial renovations. There has also been a good deal of track work on the Brighton Line, which affects roadway traffic since these are outdoor tracks, covered by road bridges. MTA, NYCT has endeavored to minimize community impact when they must close roads for equipment and construction purposes. We are pleased with the MTA agreement to allow a group to plant a community garden on the exterior side of the Church Avenue Brighton Line station house. It has been a positive addition to the community and should serve as a model for use of the commons.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/20	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	The Beverley Road Bridge is in such disrepair that DOT barricaded the north side so that there is no parking. has reconfigured the dividing line to shift traffic south and has rerouted trucks so they do not drive over the bridge at all. Yet, DOT has not provided information as to funding and timing for repair.	Beverley Road Marlborough Rd E 16th St
4/20	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	DOT had a \$60 million allocation for trench restoration and CB 14 received none of it. Six locations have been submitted to DOT. 564 East 29th Street; 1781 Ocean Avenue/SE corner of Avenue M; 715 Ocean Parkway Service Road; Waldorf Court between East 17 and Dead End; Hillel Place and Kenilworth Place intersection; 464-476 East 16th Street. One such location is adjacent to a proposed pedestrian plaza. Funding should be prioritized such that basic services are provided before amenities added.	Community Wide
8/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The three year wait time for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to ensure that safe school routes are implemented before schools open.	Community Wide
12/20	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	The renovations on the Brighton Line must be extended to the Church Avenue stop, which is the most heavily utilized in the District. This line has had the most requests for security cameras.	Church Ave Brighton Line Station Church Ave and E 18 St
15/20	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	The 18th Avenue Stop on the Culver Line is on the same block as the United Cerebral Palsy complex. This stop is currently scheduled for capital improvements and is well situated to included accessibility as one of the improvements.	18th Ave Culver Line Station



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/34	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Given the number of requests for traffic calming, signage, traffic light timing, one-way conversions, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation is critical.	Community Wide
10/34	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Provide adequate funding to expedite response to street light complaints, traffic calming requests, and signage requests. Good repair would help to ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Caton, Coney Island Avenue and nearly all east/west streets become congested at certain times of day. The congestion in the area of the Police Precinct actually rises to the level of a public hazard as it can take nearly one half hour to get to and from the Precinct house to a through street. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.	Community Wide
19/34	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	Provide funding to assume responsibility for maintenance of Newkirk Plaza. The station is beneath this commercial Plaza and tax maps and common sense indicate that the Plaza is MTA's property. However the Authority will only maintain the station house and the subterranean areas. This leaves a busy, commercial plaza under the auspices of no agency, which makes maintenance difficult and makes it impossible to acquire street activity permits or sidewalk caf permits.	Newkirk Plaza
31/34	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	The intersection of Church Avenue and Flatbush Avenue is one of the highest crash locations in the Districts. The development of a 255 until residential building at Caton and Flatbush will increase density and travel conflicts even more. DOT has been working on plans to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. Preliminary proposals include left turn arrows and/or prohibitions, changing pedestrian lead times and adding right turn bays. Funding to implement these changes is imperative.	Flatbush Ave Church Ave Caton Ave



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Other/Many of these issues are interrelated and cannot be appropriately prioritized.

Community Board 14 is 58th out of 59 community districts citywide in terms of the number of residents who live more than a quarter of a mile away from a park. CB14 is fortunate that of the six playgrounds in the District, three will be renovated. Councilmember Greenfield has allocated funding for a partial renovation at Kolbert Playgound and a full renovation of DiGilio Playground. Councilmember Eugene has allocated funding for a full repair and renovation of Narvaez Tot Lot. The Fund For the City of New York has granted CB14 a Planning Fellow who is working to identify ways to increase green areas in the District, improve parks and playgrounds already existing and not currently slated for renovation, and explore the possibility of identifying locations for new park or playground space. Arts and culture continues to be a draw to and an asset in our community. The Kings Theatre is a busy venue that also serves the community as a special event and graduation venue. We anticipate the upcoming opening of the Tow Center and Brooklyn College. Our libraries are as vibrant as ever, with programming and space for valuable community gatherings. The Community Board is instrumental in ensuring that cultural and park programming, and facilities; community facility access and programming; forestry services; library facilities and services; parks access, care and maintenance; park safety; quality library programming and other parks, cultural and other community facilities are accessible to the public and maintained by the appropriate agencies.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Residents of CD 14 live further away from a park than any other District in the entire City of New York, with 75.5% living a quarter mile away or more. The largest park in our district is the Parade Grounds at our northern border, which includes 40 acres of athletic fields, and tennis courts available by permit only. The only recreational space available at the Parade Ground to the local community without a permit is the heavily-utilized Detective Dillon Stewart Memorial Playground. Kolbert Park is in the southern end of the District and the Deputy Inspector Joseph DiGilio Playground is in the west. Umma Park is a small playground over the BMT tracks in the northeastern end of the District, which has antiquated play equipment and no greenery. There are also two tot lots in the District – on Cortelyou Road and on Campus Road. The Cortelyou Road tot lot's drainage system is in such disrepair that it often has to close after a moderate rainfall due to flooding. Three of our playgrounds have been funded by Councilmembers for improvement. However, the Department itself must be adequately resourced to maintain its own inventory. The identification of additional space for parkland and additional greening of green streets areas is essential in our park-poor community.



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Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Supporting Materials:

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

[CD14 Neighborhoods Lacking Access to Parks and Open Space](#)



[CD14 Parks Map](#)

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

Situated at the approximate center of Flatbush Avenue, the Kings Theatre serves as a cultural fulcrum of Brooklyn's Cultural Corridor. Brooklyn College is set to open the Tow Center and the diversity and cultural richness of the District lends itself to the support for and involvement in cultural facilities and programming. Libraries in the district are highly utilized by the community for both traditional and increasingly creative cultural offerings.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

District 14's four existing branch libraries are heavily used and highly valued by the community. The Board continues to strongly support essential improvements needed at these locations and advocated for keeping libraries open seven days a week. Our local branch libraries provide programs and services that relate in important ways to our communities such as the Caribbean Literacy and Cultural Center at the Flatbush Branch, and the Cortelyou Road library's teamwork with other community groups.

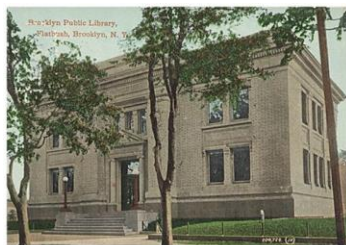


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Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

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Flatbush Library Branch
22 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn 11226



Cortelyou Library Branch
1305 Cortelyou Rd, Brooklyn 11226



Midwood Library Branch
975 East 16 St, Brooklyn 11230



Kensington Library Branch
4207 18th Ave, Brooklyn 11218

[CD14 Public Libraries](#)

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

The Community Board meets monthly from September through June. During that season there are several monthly public hearings and committee meetings are held almost weekly. We also host an annual Youth Conference, which has grown each year since its inception in 2007, hosting over 600 students this past year. The Board has instituted Community Based Organization Roundtables and Merchants Roundtables, each of which continues to grow every year. At our annual reception in June, community members gather to recognize city agency representatives for outstanding service to the community and new Community Board 14 members are introduced and welcomed. Every day the District Office assists residents, business owners, organizations and other community members with service delivery requests. Over the past six years, CB 14 staff have addressed over 2000 service delivery requests that require ongoing monitoring and follow up case work. In addition, the office fields many complaints and inquiries daily, that are addressed immediately (such as missed sanitation collections, or requests for information). The 311 system may have value in the City but the community relationships, the ability to proactively follow up on citizen concerns and the ability to distill myriad complaints into budget requests and policy proposals must happen at a very local level and must be managed by people charged with advocating for the community. The ability to continue to assist the District at the highest potential rests on solid support from the City of New York. Access to data and assistance with data analysis; service delivery support; and additional agency liaisons from agencies that are not District Service Cabinet members would go far to increase our reach and efficiency. Additional funding would assist with our collaboration with city agencies, public institutions, and all community members, as we strive to make even better the vitality, quality of life, access to programs, services and beauty and enjoyment our community has to offer.



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2016 Community Board 14 Nonprofit Organization Roundtable May 18, 2016



[CD14 Nonprofit Roundtable 2016](#)



[2017 Youth Conference Flyers \(4 languages\)](#)



Community District Needs Related to Community Boards



[2017 CB14 Annual Reception Invitation](#)



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/20	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>CD 14 ranks last in the city in terms of the number of residents who live more than a quarter of a mile away from a park.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/20	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>The Lt. Narvaez Tot Lot on Cortelyou Road is heavily utilized by the growing number of families with young children in the area. However, due to surface sinking and damage, every time it rains this small play area floods and must close. Funding has been allocated to renovate the tot lot. It will remain in among our requests until fully realized. Umma Park is also in need of updating - the equipment is antiquated and the surface is in disrepair. There has been a good deal of residential development in the area thus the population in surrounding neighborhood is increasing. The time has come to address and improve this increasingly important community asset.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
10/20	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>The following capital improvements are needed at our local libraries: Cortelyou Branch - safety and security enhancements; Flatbush Branch - safety and security enhancements, abatement and restoration of finishes; Midwood Branch - safety and security enhancements, boiler, HVAC, roof.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
17/20	DPR	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>Fund a more robust stump removal program. It is currently taking up to three years to remove stumps. This is a frequent complaint in the District.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



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Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/34	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	The lack of public green space also underscores the need for maintenance of street trees and ongoing care for the many very welcome newly planted trees. In addition funding must be provided to remove tree stumps even when a new tree cannot be planted for any reason. We are gratified by improvements in the DPR pruning cycle. Ensuring the greening and upkeep of Greenstreets and malls would add much needed tree and foliage.	Community Wide
11/34	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Nonprofit organizations in the area support a broad diversity of community members. Their support of community needs, and the resources they offer are invaluable to the strength of the community as a whole.	Community Wide
15/34	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	The Community Board supports the continuation and expansion of programs that are so valuable in connecting our community members to literacy and culture.	Community Wide
18/34	OMB	Provide more community board staff	Additional resources would enable community boards to bring specialists on board, such as planners, policy analysts, and IT specialists to name some. It would also be helpful to have funding for temporary project related staff. This would enable CBs to introduce more initiatives such as our CBO roundtable and then develop longer range projects that build from those gatherings. Ultimately, this enables Community Boards to complement it's reactive, complaint driven role with a more proactive, grass roots effort.	Community Wide
24/34	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Fund additional park enforcement personnel.	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Comments

Community Board 14 process requests for more than 70 street activities annually. Add to this the number of parade permits that only go through the 70th Police Precinct and the well over 100 film permits that are not approved at the local level at all. Most of these street activities are community celebrations that add value to our neighborhoods. However, nearly 200 street activities in one year within 2.9 square miles puts a strain on traffic, convenience, and quality of life in the District overall. Significant resources - police, fire, sanitation and transit are required for many of these events. It is imperative that the Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management defer to Community Board input on event approvals. It is important to add additional questions on the applications to ensure that all activities at the events are carried out in a safe manner. In addition, the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment should have stricter guidelines as to how much space a film crew can usurp from the public right of way and limit the amount of time that they can take away parking. There should be penalties for putting up no parking signs before permits are granted. It is hard to understand how the City of New York can allow a film production to pay a private resident to use several public streets at the great inconvenience to the community at large. There should be a better system in place than one that simply encourages film makers to make contributions to individuals and neighborhood associations.

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/34	EDC	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for employment programs, particularly for tech-industry opportunities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/20	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>In 2015 an allocation was made in a first step toward relocating the 70th Police Precinct House. The history of our efforts to relocate this aging facility goes back almost three decades. In 2006, DCAS began property acquisition at 1326 Ocean Avenue. In 2007 the NYPD capital plan set aside \$30 million for the acquisition of property, OMB stated its commitment to identify additional funding. onstruction was set to begin in 2013. Relocating the precinct house continues to be a priority despite the loss of the Ocean Avenue site. In the meantime, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, or parking, nor it is handicap accessible.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
2/20	DOT	<i>Rehabilitate bridges</i>	<i>The Beverley Road Bridge is in such disrepair that DOT barricaded the north side so that there is no parking. has reconfigured the dividing line to shift traffic south and has rerouted trucks so they do not drive over the bridge at all. Yet, DOT has not provided information as to funding and timing for repair.</i>	<i>Beverley Road Marlborough Rd E 16th St</i>	
3/20	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>CD 14 ranks last in the city in terms of the number of residents who live more than a quarter of a mile away from a park.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
4/20	DOT	<i>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i>	<i>DOT had a \$60 million allocation for trench restoration and CB 14 received none of it. Six locations have been submitted to DOT. 564 East 29th Street; 1781 Ocean Avenue/SE corner of Avenue M; 715 Ocean Parkway Service Road; Waldorf Court between East 17 and Dead End; Hillel Place and Kenilworth Place intersection; 464-476 East 16th Street. One such location is adjacent to a proposed pedestrian plaza. Funding should be prioritized such that basic services are provided before amenities added.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
5/20	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>None of the firehouses in CD 14 are currently equipped with a generator.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
6/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The Lt. Narvaez Tot Lot on Cortelyou Road is heavily utilized by the growing number of families with young children in the area. However, due to surface sinking and damage, every time it rains this small play area floods and must close. Funding has been allocated to renovate the tot lot. It will remain in among our requests until fully realized. Umma Park is also in need of updating - the equipment is antiquated and the surface is in disrepair. There has been a good deal of residential development in the area thus the population in surrounding neighborhood is increasing. The time has come to address and improve this increasingly important community asset.	Community Wide	
7/20	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Fund a generator for the 70th Police Precinct House. Given that this is one of the Precincts in Brooklyn South not in a flood zone, it could become all the more important to maintain power in case of emergency.	70th Police Pct 154 Lawrence	
8/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The three year wait time for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to ensure that safe school routes are implemented before schools open.	Community Wide	
9/20	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	There are 22 public elementary and secondary schools in the District serving more than 20,000 students. One half of the public schools in our district are near or over capacity. The City is building a K-8 school for School District 22 students, however the school will be physically located in Community District 12 and will not have an adequate number of seats to meet the need of our residents children.	Community Wide	
10/20	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The following capital improvements are needed at our local libraries: Cortelyou Branch - safety and security enhancements; Flatbush Branch - safety and security enhancements, abatement and restoration of finishes; Midwood Branch - safety and security enhancements, boiler, HVAC, roof.	Community Wide	
11/20	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Install catch basins where needed. CB 14 has requested catch basins at East 10th Street and Caton, Stratford and Caton, Corbin Court at Foster and at Glenwood Road, and at 2900 Bedford Avenue.	Community Wide	

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12/20	NYCTA	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>The renovations on the Brighton Line must be extended to the Church Avenue stop, which is the most heavily utilized in the District. This line has had the most requests for security cameras.</i>	<i>Church Ave Brighton Line Station Church Ave and E 18 St</i>	
13/20	EDC	<i>Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites</i>	<i>Continue development of Caton Market to include incubation programs for small businesses and a headquarters for the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce. Develop the property at 2274 Church Avenue. Provide additional funding for the Kings Theater to support continued development and enable on site retail. Enhance the RFP incentive to develop 851 East 15th Street.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
14/20	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>CD 14 has been plagued by ongoing flooding concerns in several parts of the District. Church Avenue and East 10 Street experience flooding every time there is a downpour and the system becomes overwhelmed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
15/20	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The 18th Avenue Stop on the Culver Line is on the same block as the United Cerebral Palsy complex. This stop is currently scheduled for capital improvements and is well situated to included accessibility as one of the improvements.</i>	<i>18th Ave Culver Line Station</i>	
16/20	FDNY	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>Fund station house renovations and upgrades at Engine 255/Ladder 157; Engine 281/Ladder 147 and Engine 250 firehouses. Including the addition of a station house generator at one of these fire stations. There are no firehouses in CD 14 with a generator.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
17/20	DPR	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>Fund a more robust stump removal program. It is currently taking up to three years to remove stumps. This is a frequent complaint in the District.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
18/20	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>This continues to be a common request from the community and the Precinct. CD 14 would defer to the CO as to most warranted location.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
19/20	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>This request is based on the fact that CB 14 has a lower bed to population ratio than Brooklyn- and City-wide averages, and that the population within the District is aging. Given the diminishing number of hospitals and acute care beds in Brooklyn, the provision of new or expanded facilities would help ensure local care.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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20/20	DSNY	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	<i>With 54 dead in streets, several streets with malls in the middle and several very narrow blocks, BK 14 requires haulsters and FELs and spreaders. Given that CD 14 boasts one of the largest concentration of old growth trees, leaves become an issue for the brooms (in nearly all seasons). Newer brooms in good working order are a pressing need.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/34	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Given the number of requests for traffic calming, signage, traffic light timing, one-way conversions, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation is critical.	Community Wide	
2/34	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	The lack of public green space also underscores the need for maintenance of street trees and ongoing care for the many very welcome newly planted trees. In addition funding must be provided to remove tree stumps even when a new tree cannot be planted for any reason. We are gratified by improvements in the DPR pruning cycle. Ensuring the greening and upkeep of Greenstreets and malls would add much needed tree and foliage.	Community Wide	
3/34	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Four out of five top 311 requests are for HPD inspections and violation enforcement.	Community Wide	
4/34	DHS	Expand street outreach	Reports on homeless encampments and regarding individuals who appear to be homeless have increased over the past year. Common Ground is the current contractor and provides excellent service. Given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted.	Community Wide	
5/34	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Many single and two family homes in the District are large and lend themselves to commercial use. Complaints range from manufacturing to retail storage to transient use, homes in residential districts. Enforcement is difficult and slow. However, illegal commercial use can be dangerous in addition to the quality of life issues. Increased enforcement is needed.	Community Wide	
6/34	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Ensure that community based organizations are resourced to serve individuals at the grass roots level. Assist with training, network building and funding.	Community Wide	
7/34	EDC	Other youth workforce development requests	Increase funding for employment programs, particularly for tech-industry opportunities.	Community Wide	
8/34	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	DEP must improve their community notification system. This is a charter mandated responsibility and Community Boards have been working with DEP to improve the process for over two years, to no avail.	Community Wide	

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9/34	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	There were approximately 657 (per 100,000 adults) psychiatric hospitalizations last year, compared to 743 Brooklyn wide and 684 citywide. In addition alcohol and drug related hospitalizations were 836 and 649 per 100,000 respectively.	Community Wide	
10/34	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Provide adequate funding to expedite response to street light complaints, traffic calming requests, and signage requests. Good repair would help to ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Caton, Coney Island Avenue and nearly all east/west streets become congested at certain times of day. The congestion in the area of the Police Precinct actually rises to the level of a public hazard as it can take nearly one half hour to get to and from the Precinct house to a through street. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.	Community Wide	
11/34	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Nonprofit organizations in the area support a broad diversity of community members. Their support of community needs, and the resources they offer are invaluable to the strength of the community as a whole.	Community Wide	
12/34	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations.	Community Wide	
13/34	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	Community District 14 ranks 13th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household, according to the most recent NYU Furman Center report. The District ranks 5th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Over 47% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. In addition, there is only a 4.9% rental vacancy rate and the number of new residential building permits ranks 58th of 59 in the City. These figures, attest to the dire need for homeless prevention programs.	Community Wide	
14/34	ACS	Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services	The agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads. This effort should be continued. This request results from information on the Mayors Management Report, and agency budget consultations.	Community Wide	
15/34	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	The Community Board supports the continuation and expansion of programs that are so valuable in connecting our community members to literacy and culture.	Community Wide	
16/34	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Fund adequate new firefighter and EMS hires sufficient to address attrition rates. Last year more than a dozen Fire Marshalls were hired and dedicated to Brooklyn. The increase is useful and should be augmented by additional hires in FY 19.	Community Wide	

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17/34	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>The District once had six day a week dedicated basket collection. It is now allotted one in the southern end of out District. This is woefully inadequate and the level of frustration expressed by merchants associations, community based organizations, residents and elected officials is increasingly expressed. The arrangement by which NYC Councilmembers are given an allotment to then give back to the city for basic services is inefficient and requires collections to occur on overtime. This funding could be applied to augmented services rather than basic collection services.</i>	Community Wide	
18/34	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>Additional resources would enable community boards to bring specialists on board, such as planners, policy analysts, and IT specialists to name some. It would also be helpful to have funding for temporary project related staff. This would enable CBs to introduce more initiatives such as our CBO roundtable and then develop longer range projects that build from those gatherings. Ultimately, this enables Community Boards to complement it's reactive, complaint driven role with a more proactive, grass roots effort.</i>	Community Wide	
19/34	NYCTA	<i>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</i>	<i>Provide funding to assume responsibility for maintenance of Newkirk Plaza. The station is beneath this commercial Plaza and tax maps and common sense indicate that the Plaza is MTA's property. However the Authority will only maintain the station house and the subterranean areas. This leaves a busy, commercial plaza under the auspices of no agency, which makes maintenance difficult and makes it impossible to acquire street activity permits or sidewalk caf permits.</i>	Newkirk Plaza	
20/34	ACS	<i>Other foster care and child welfare requests</i>	<i>Continue funding evidence-based models for foster care and foster family support. This agency initiative seems to be yielding positive results and is recommended on the basis of agency budget consultations.</i>	Community Wide	
21/34	NYPD	<i>Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs</i>	<i>Over 35% of the population in CD 14 is under the age of 24. There are three large high schools in the District. There is only one youth officer in the 70th Police Precinct. The 70th Precinct Explorers program has grown over the past two years. Additional resources to continue this positive trend and to reduce youth perpetrated crime are needed.</i>	Community Wide	
22/34	FDNY	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	<i>It is gratifying that the number of prevention presentations has been on the increase. This trend must be supported.</i>	Community Wide	

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23/34	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>The ethnic and socio economic factors cited above demonstrate the need for after school programs for both elementary and middle school age students.</i>	Community Wide	
24/34	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Fund additional park enforcement personnel.</i>	Community Wide	
25/34	DFTA	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	<i>Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.</i>	Community Wide	
26/34	HRA	<i>Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster</i>	<i>Food pantry and soup kitchen services are highly utilized in the District. The need for cultural as well as nutritional requirements are important, especially in response to a disaster.</i>	Community Wide	
27/34	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>Illegal dumping at commercial baskets, at dead ends, on one-block back streets, and in tree pits is an increasing complaint in the District. Residents bring garbage to corner baskets, there is an increase in televisions and other electronics being dumped, construction and other commercial debris is often found under elevated train tracks. Stake outs or more ability to enforce on the basis of evidence is needed to address this very difficult issue. The problem occurs throughout the community but there are several chronic locations: Avenues K, L, N & O btw. E. 15 & E. 17 Sts (under elevated B/Q subway tracks); Caton Ave & St. Pauls Pl; Avenues J & M btw. Coney Isl Ave & Ocean Ave (commercial strips); East 16th Street and Church Avenue; 892 East 7 Street.</i>	Community Wide	
28/34	DOE	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	<i>Given the large immigrant population of students and the poverty rate in our District, such service would promote and support learning and educational attainment.</i>	Community Wide	
29/34	DOHMH	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	<i>CD 14 continues to be among the highest number of rodent complaints in the City.</i>	Community Wide	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 submitted 34 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
30/34	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>According to our Youth Conference attendees survey the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended out annual conference was "jobs". However, it has become increasingly difficult to schedule the conference in tandem with the Summer Youth Employment application deadline because funding is always so uncertain. Given the very small percentage of applicants who are placed in summer jobs, it is imperative that the program be expanded and dependably funded.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
31/34	DOT	<i>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</i>	<i>The intersection of Church Avenue and Flatbush Avenue is one of the highest crash locations in the Districts. The development of a 255 until residential building at Caton and Flatbush will increase density and travel conflicts even more. DOT has been working on plans to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. Preliminary proposals include left turn arrows and/or prohibitions, changing pedestrian lead times and adding right turn bays. Funding to implement these changes is imperative.</i>	<i>Flatbush Ave Church Ave Caton Ave</i>	
32/34	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>There are 1200 road segments in CD 14. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The sheer variety of Supervisors' functions in this increasingly densely populated and high traffic district has increasingly demonstrated that additional supervisors would alleviate myriad issues.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
33/34	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Based on the obesity, diabetes and mental health rates noted above.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
34/34	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>Open an RFP to enable a Senior Center to service additional residents of CD 14.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

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

Health Care and Human Services



CD14 Economic Stress

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DD1E2819-675C-4603-91EF-B56242A36EFA>

CD14 Access to Healthcare

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3EC7F5C8-0BEC-4A96-A98D-1C6D85DFC276>

CD14 Health Issues

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=969FE8EE-78A8-4287-B6D6-ABFD03B19C99>

CD14 Homeless Assistance Requests

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=737FFE86-1B4F-4663-8B16-CDF2860BEB7C>

CD14 Poverty by District 2010-2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=969A8CFE-E16E-422A-9E34-ADC72FECF158>

CD14 Senior Centers

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=CB55A06C-666E-48AE-A630-9CE8F4D721C8>

CD14 Population Change by Age Group 2000-2010 Census

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=FE87890D-2EEA-4D9A-9AA7-B1B878DE3737>

Rodent Complaint Map 2010-2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E1BCC28C-0792-4E5A-A53F-257E2F6B7F68>

CD14 Housing Quality statistics

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=BDEA7D9C-C9B6-43A2-BD10-2E4023F2985B>

CD14 Non Profit Organizations Map

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=1B4445ED-6FD2-4D9B-829D-07CD3EC348B4>

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



CB14 Youth Conference - Why Students Attended

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=CA45A17B-2606-4B31-8130-79EA2B1D0E37>

Appendix - Supporting Materials

2016 CB14 Youth Conference

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E8D7405D-D1B0-45D7-BB80-2CF71BBBB820>

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



CD14 Street Flooding Map - Jan-Aug 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=0E9CA38F-039C-4716-9AFD-80ACBCA8E0F9>

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Housing Units 2000-2010 Change CD14

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=D83F8D58-600A-47D2-83BE-FEE5C1AD108C>

CD14 ECON DEV DISTRICT MAP

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=138F5137-6953-4351-A0AB-33BB5FFD203D>

CD14 City-owned public spaces

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DA2772DC-6648-444D-94C7-A1D154824BC5>

Land Use Chart CD14

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3C1E8E15-228A-48A7-AA52-D92BBB1C6BB5>

CB14 Land Use Map

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=93A7ABEA-6E7D-40BC-BAAB-61CE256C7725>

Transportation



Complaints by Agency CD14 2017

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=51EF618D-C4F8-4BD0-B472-EE6821ACA4A0>

SpeedHumpMap_2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E3A76673-3A22-482E-B07D-33A183361B62>

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



CD14 Nonprofit Roundtable 2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E3E5DF87-BE04-4595-938E-7484BBF27D93>

2017 Youth Conference Flyers (4 languages)

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=2FD1EC8B-754F-4382-B20A-FDF29275A6B8>

2017 CB14 Annual Reception Invitation

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=87755F81-FDF6-4BE9-B265-B0847388A0E3>

CD14 Neighborhoods Lacking Access to Parks and Open Space

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=27749391-AC19-41AA-AB08-4044DBE16254>

CD14 Parks Map

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=50126142-5B90-4E28-AB43-E449850186CE>

CD14 Public Libraries

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3FE28A64-326A-4EB0-9600-7CCB00864AC8>