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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

Brooklyn Community District 15

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	159,650	100.00	169,632	100.00	9,982	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	33,531	21	36,851	21.7	3,320	9.9	0.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	159,650	100.0	169,632	100.0	9,982	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	13,029	8.2	15,688	9.2	2,659	20.4	1.0
White non-Hispanic	114,721	71.9	105,734	62.3	-8,987	-7.8	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	5,298	3.3	6,649	3.9	1,351	25.5	0.6
Asian non-Hispanic	24,107	15.1	34,358	20.3	10,251	42.5	5.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	428	0.3	1,296	0.8	868	202.8	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,067	1.3	5,907	3.5	3,840	185.8	2.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	70,595	100.0	67,322	100.0	-3,273	-4.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,760	87.5	63,097	93.7	1,337	2.2	6.2
Vacant housing units	8,835	12.5	4,225	6.3	-4,610	-52.2	-6.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

New York City

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

Brooklyn

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 15 (CB15) is a vibrant mixed-use community. The community district is bordered to the north by the Kings Highway commercial corridor, to the west by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the south by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the east by the coastal community of Gerritsen Beach. Other residential areas include the neighborhoods of Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach. It is the policy of CB15 to attend to the needs of our local residents and ensure they are given not only a voice, but also receive timely, quality and efficient delivery of municipal services. Ongoing dialogue between our residents and the community board is an essential part of maintaining public safety and encouraging development and prosperity for all. According to the Department of City Planning, the total land area of CB15 is 4.7 square miles. Population statistics supplied by New York City Planning's Census 2020 Data reports the overall population of CB15 is 169,632 of which 36,851 (21.7%) are under the age of 18. Racially, the community district breaks down as follows: Hispanic 15,688 (9.2%), White 105,734 (62.3%), Black 6,649 (3.9%), Asian 34,358 (20.3%), Other/Non-Hispanic 1,296 (0.8%) and Multi-Racial 5,907 (3.5%). In terms of Housing Occupancy, the community district includes 67,322 total housing units of which 63,097 (93.7%) are occupied and 4,225 (6.3%) are vacant.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 15

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and public safety

Staffing levels at our local precinct have been reduced. It is critically important to our community that patrol strength be restored. We believe that the combination of the Covid-19 pandemic, compounded by budget cuts to the Police Department, has produced a spike in crime and a diminished police presence in our communities. With no new cadet classes scheduled this past July or October we are concerned that we will see the staffing numbers significantly drop further due to attrition. With no new classes there will be no new officers to fill in for retiring personnel. Fewer incoming police officers translates to a drop in uniform strength. We cannot allow that to happen.

Traffic

Traffic: All of our commercial corridors, including Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and Avenue U (between Gerritsen Avenue and McDonald Avenue), are congested from double parking, truck deliveries, illegal parking and the never-ending search for parking spaces. Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Guider Avenue), is inundated with double parked cars, people making illegal U-turns and auto-intensive commercial uses which encroach on the roadway. Most of these Avenues are also major transit hubs attracting more and more TLC vehicles which usurp parking spaces. We need effective Traffic Enforcement, enhanced Police attention and an active dialogue with DOT to develop strategies to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Because parking is at a premium, the most frequent 311 reports in our community district include complaints of illegal parking and blocked driveways of constituents who are desperate to park. Response times are lengthy because these complaints are not deemed emergencies, so we could use a dedicated unit to focus on these quality of life traffic issues. Lastly, there is an issue throughout the community with people illegally selling cars on our streets. In Sheepshead Bay (i.e.; around Jerome Avenue and Avenue Z, and along McDonald Avenue between Avenue V and Avenue X) these pop-up street car dealers are illegally usurping much-needed parking spaces.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Trash: The Department of Sanitation needs more personnel. They need proper funding to assure every shift is properly covered. 311 complaints are up across-the-board for sanitation-related issues. Our bustling commercial corridors no longer have the maintenance resources or enforcement presence they require to keep our shopping areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents and visitors to the district. Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue), Avenue U (between Ocean Avenue and Ocean Parkway), and Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue Z and Avenue P) on any given day will have overflowing litter baskets from improper uses such as household trash and illegal dumping of construction materials as well as trash strewn along the streets. Our district office is inundated daily with complaints about these filthy and uninviting commercial corridors. We also have a serious problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B/Q train lines along East 16th Street and F train line along McDonald Avenue, as well as our service road Shore Parkway which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway between Knapp Street and Coney Island Avenue.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

We need to sufficiently fund the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the clinics they oversee to provide community outreach in numerous languages to educate, encourage and facilitate the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine. We have never seen a pandemic of this proportion in our lifetime. Despite our medical advances we need sufficient resources to better prevent and contain this disease. Education is key. We need to dispel incorrect information being put out there and assure our community of the need, importance and the safeness of getting vaccinated.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Coney Island Hospital is presently building a new flood resistant tower with funding they received from FEMA. This new tower will make Coney Island Hospital a state-of-the-art health care facility; however, valuable time is wasted transporting critical patients to other distant trauma centers when we could be planning one for our community right now. Planning a new Level 1 Trauma Center for Coney Island Hospital at this time is imperative.

Needs for Older NYs

No comments

Needs for Homeless

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

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/22	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway, two major roadway arteries serving our district. Severely affected by Superstorm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovation and is in the process of constructing a new flood resistant tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital is on the road to becoming a state-of-the-art facility but still needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/35	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as section 8, which need better policing are over saturated and closed.</i>	

19/35	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.</i>
23/35	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Now with Covid our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older new yorkers are doing well.</i>
32/35	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>We find many people do not comply with wearing masks when recommended and they ignore social distancing and gathering rules. We need to encourage vaccinations. We need more educational materials provided in numerous languages to be distributed in order to educate our residents.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Remote learning and technology

With the Covid-19 pandemic still in the forefront it is important that our students have access to the appropriate technology, instruction and support to facilitate remote learning. We want every child afforded the opportunity to participate without the fear of economic distress on the family. Internet should be universally available to every student.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Brooklyn Community Board 15 has several schools in our community district that are older and ill-equipped to handle the Covid-19 pandemic to provide a safe haven for students, teachers and staff. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are antiquated, or in poor shape, and too costly to clean. Many windows do not open properly. With overcrowding in several schools and now the need to reduce classroom size these buildings lack the capacity to add additional makeshift classrooms. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of over-capacity schools in our community district.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>We need to allocate sufficient funding for the purchase of iPads and laptops so we may continue educating students safely at home. No child should be without the ability to attend classes remotely during this pandemic. We also need funding to provide Internet access to these students so they can use these computers safely from their homes.</i>	
10/22	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. Funding is required for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Our community has been plagued with increased incidents ranging from violent unprovoked attacks preying on our elderly, to burglaries and a variety of quality of life infractions, like illegal parking, illegal fireworks and excessive noise. We need increased police presence through a combination of increasing patrol strength and enhancing police visibility.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the community district being nearly 5 square miles in size there is an immediate need for additional police officers to provide adequate patrol coverage. The 61st Precinct is understaffed and many of our officers are pulled away and reassigned to work the seasonal tour at the 60th Precinct, or larger events throughout the City. Brooklyn Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints on how response times to low priority events, such as car break-ins or non-fatal traffic crashes have suffered. We attribute this to diminished staffing levels. Another example of a frustrating low priority event are complaints from homeowners about blocked driveways from drivers losing patience hunting for legal on-street parking. We also have vehicles that are not moved for alternate side street cleaning regulations and vehicles that are either abandoned or being sold on our streets usurping valuable parking real estate. The Police Department's Rotational Towing (Row Tow) capabilities are limited in that they have insufficient space to store vehicles. There is only one Tow Pound located across the borough in Northern Brooklyn and the time it takes to tow across the borough limits how many vehicles they can capture in a work shift. Something needs to change. Either fines need to be increased on an escalating scale as a more effective deterrent, or the capacity at the existing Tow Pound needs to be expanding with the addition of car lifts (stackers), or an entirely new tow pound facility be created in Southern Brooklyn to expand the department's holding capacity and reduce the turnaround time for Row Tow operators.

Needs for Emergency Services

Currently, our firehouses are all short-staffed. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced a significant reduction in the class size of new firefighters and we are experiencing a high degree of attrition. These compounding factors have resulted in an understaffed department. All of our firehouses in the community district are aging and in need of electrical upgrades among other needed improvements. These firehouses should also be outfitted with photovoltaic electrical systems and emergency back-up generators in the event of power outages.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/22	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	
18/22	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
CS	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove. At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, back-up generator, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove. At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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1/35	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department, including the loss of personnel from deferred incoming classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadets as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement we lack the means to replace them. Our patrol force will be severely diminished, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/35	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is not currently manned 24/7. We believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires will be more frequent. Being a regional recreational beach and boating coastal community, rescues on the water are an additional challenge which a year-round manned fireboat would be well equipped to respond to. Pulling a rescue boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Since this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 year-round is necessary to ensure public safety is protected.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd

9/35	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>	
10/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>There is currently a chronic staff shortage of personnel at our firehouses, which are now relying on an increase in overtime to compensate. The problem is compounded by the significantly smaller class sizes of incoming firefighters because of pandemic conditions. The incoming class sizes are lagging behind the current rate of attrition.</i>	
14/35	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	
15/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
24/35	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.</i>	
33/35	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>Sufficient funding is requested for the restoration of the FDNY Smoke/CO detector distribution and fire safety education program.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

We need to make sure our Sanitation Department is fully funded. We are seeing an influx of complaints in our district office from residents complaining about filthy sidewalks, illegal dumping, overflowing litter baskets and unsanitary conditions especially around our medians along Emmons Avenue. DSNY is doing all they can do with the manpower and equipment they have, but it's impossible to keep up with the increasing demands. We need to provide them with the manpower they require, the vehicles and tools needed to see that our community remain clean, viable places to live, shop, work and visit.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

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

Needs for Sanitation Services

Our main concern is that our Department of Sanitation's Brooklyn 15 garage has been operating out of a temporary location on Knapp Street in trailers for over a decade. Recently, we have learned that the secondary lot used by Sanitation for equipment storage has been reclaimed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Our Sanitation forces and equipment need a permanent home in our community district. Brooklyn Community Board 15 is also advocating for additional funding for our Sanitation Department. We need more manpower, more frequent litter basket service, cleaning services to address illegal drop-off and dump out conditions, vacant lot cleaning and curbside e-waste collection.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/22	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Coney Island Water Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of a 15% increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements.</i>	3002 Knapp Street
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/35	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	Shore Boulevard Pembroke Street Pembroke Street
7/35	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.</i>	
12/35	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Nostrand Avenue

21/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue U
25/35	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
28/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
29/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Coney Island Avenue
30/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street East 14th Street
31/35	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Shore Parkway

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue).

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Affordable housing preservation

Our community is a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) with many of our seniors aging in place. With fixed incomes and insufficient cost of living increases to their social security, aging in place has become increasingly challenging in Brooklyn with the rising costs of rent and other living expenses. We need programs which provide assistance to our seniors, especially those who helped build our communities and want to remain in their homes. If rental assistance is not possible then tax relief to landlords to allow seniors to spend their years with peace of mind securely with a roof over their head.

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

Needs for Land Use

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

Needs for Housing

We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs—including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.

Needs for Economic Development

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused not enticing new business or attracting new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed. Small businesses have been shown to be the backbone of a local community's economy. They are worthy of our support.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/22	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/35	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	

16/35	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<p><i>Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused not enticing new business or attracting new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.</i></p>	
17/35	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<p><i>We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i></p>	3004 Avenue V

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and with the amount of new construction, parking has not kept up with the development or demand. Where one house stood, now several apartments stand with families owning several cars. Because of the lack of parking, people are increasingly parking illegally, they double park and cause congestion throughout the community especially near our commercial districts, such as Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U, Kings Highway and Coney Island Avenue. Every school is inundated with parents waiting to pick up their children at dismissal causing congestion throughout the community. We need to develop traffic plans to alleviate the congestion and address the increasing demand for more parking.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Gerritsen Beach is plagued with flooding, even after a minor rainfall event. The neighborhood received some funding to address the older area, but not Gerritsen Beach in its entirety. Gerritsen Avenue from Bartlett Avenue to the Dead End also needs to be studied and upgraded. Streets must be resurfaced and proper drainage provided. Also throughout our community, the Department of Transportation must assign an additional installation crew to expedite backlogged installation of speed humps. Approved speed humps must be installed within a matter of months, not years.

Needs for Transit Services

Due to Brooklyn Community Board 15's large senior population we would like to see an elevator constructed at the Sheepshead Bay Station. Sheepshead Bay station is a large transit hub and seniors find navigating the large amount of steps to reach the elevated train line very difficult. Also, our stations are filthy! They smell like urinals, the staircases are lined with debris and graffiti is everywhere both inside and outside the stations.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/22	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>The bulkheads along Manhattan Beach between Corbin Place and Ocean Avenue have been compromised due to years of erosion. In case of another major storm, such as a Sandy, there are no resiliency measures in place to protect the community from bulkhead failures.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
15/22	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.</i>	
19/22	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>We would like to see the addition of solar-powered street lights and traffic signals throughout our community district as a resiliency measure in the event of future storm-related outages.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Bartlett Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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11/35	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>
18/35	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Street tree and forestry services, including street tree maintenance

The most complaints we receive are related to City trees. We need funding for additional staff in the Forestry Division to enhance pruning, replanting and stump removal capacities. Waiting times have tremendously increased in tree maintenance throughout the community district.

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

Needs for Parks

Brooklyn Community Board 15's parks are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. The Department of Parks & Recreation needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs our parks require on a daily basis, whether it is trimming the weeds, pruning the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition, when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, comfort stations need to be made a priority, not an afterthought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court between East 12th Street and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well-utilized popular park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be provided. Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, is in a rather remote area. A comfort station must be included. McDonald Park located at McDonald Avenue and Avenue S is in need of having its main ballfield repaired.

Needs for Cultural Services

Our community is vibrant and alive yet we are lacking in the arts. Our children need to travel to other communities to enjoy the fine arts. Traveling art shows would enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host arts, cultural, recreational and educational events such as science fairs which would allow our youth to experience hands-on projects. We would also like to see funding go to the Percent for Art program that introduces art elements to Capital projects in our district.

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

Community Board 15 is in need of an upgraded internet service. We are still working with a antiquated DSL line, which we are told will no longer be supported and the service will cease to exist by the end of the year.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/22	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Funding in the amount of \$6 Million is needed to complete Mellet Playground Phase 2 to include basketball and handball courts, and synthetic turf and drainage upgrades.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
5/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	Williams Court
6/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.</i>	Falmouth St and Oriental Blvd
7/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park's Baseball Field need \$9 Million to complete reconstruction of its baseball field, including new fencing, seating areas, drainage fixes, and filter water bottles.</i>	Ocean Avenue and Oriental Blvd.
11/22	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Emmons Avenue
12/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Belt Pkwy., Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Ave Brooklyn
13/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>McDonald Park is in need of \$10 Million, \$5 Million for reconstruction of its basketball and handball courts, perimeter sidewalk and sitting areas and \$5 Million needed for reconstruction of its tennis courts.</i>	McDonald Avenue and Avenue S

14/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar powered lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.</i>	Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York, NY
16/22	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>We need funding to replace the sidewalk adjacent to Holocaust Park on the Sheepshead Bay side. The sidewalk is broken up, a trip hazard and appears to be sinking in certain spots. Our main concern is that it's over water so we need to locate the source of the sidewalk failure and correct and restore it as soon as possible.</i>	West End Avenue
20/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Funding in the amount of \$8 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Bill Brown Playground to include the southern half of the park, the removal of unused wading pool area, and the introduction of new spray shower elements.</i>	Avenue X, East 24th Street, Bedford Avenue and Avenue Y
21/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding in the amount of \$6 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Galapo Playground to include all new equipment, drainage fixes, safety surfaces and full refurbishment of comfort station building.</i>	Gravesend Neck Road, Bedford Avenue and Avenue V
22/22	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement surrounds the entire area and needs to be restored. It could be repurposed as a sitting area.</i>	Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is in need of total reconstruction and upgrades to its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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6/35	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.</i>	
13/35	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	
20/35	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
22/35	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
26/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
27/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	

Provide more public art

Southern Brooklyn is a public art desert. Additional funding is requested for the expansion of the Percent for Arts program that will allow the department to expand its portfolio of active art projects associated with new Capital projects in the district. We have several potentially eligible Capital projects in our district including but not limited to a couple of Department of Transportation bridge replacements projects and upgrades to the Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant on Knapp Street.

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>We need to allocate sufficient funding for the purchase of iPads and laptops so we may continue educating students safely at home. No child should be without the ability to attend classes remotely during this pandemic. We also need funding to provide Internet access to these students so they can use these computers safely from their homes.</i>	
2/22	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Our seniors can no longer afford to maintain their properties and stay in their homes. Rentals are too expensive on fixed incomes. With an increasing aging population we need to create affordable senior communities. New York City is way behind in that area. Our middle class numbers have decreased. Real estate prices have sky-rocketed in our community. It is becoming impossible for people who grew up here or raised a family here to remain in our community. Home ownership is now a pipe dream, only affordable for the very wealthy. Rents are becoming so high that families have taken up residence in illegally created apartments, sometimes overcrowded to the point of being unsafe.</i>	
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4/22	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Coney Island Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway, two major roadway arteries serving our district. Severely affected by Superstorm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovation and is in the process of constructing a new flood resistant tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital is on the road to becoming a state-of-the-art facility but still needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, NY
5/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.</i>	Williams Court
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10/22	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>The school's playground floods following every rain event. Heavy rains cause mini-lakes, attracting mosquitoes during the warmer months and ice hazards during the winter. Funding is required for remediation to return the playground safely to the community's children, who use it.</i>	1925 Stuart Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
11/22	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.</i>	Emmons Avenue Emmons Avenue
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17/22	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.</i>	
18/22	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>Currently, Brooklyn does not have the capability to regularly tow heavy vehicles such as a semi-truck or a bus. Instead we have to rely on a special tow truck to be dispatched from Manhattan periodically. Brooklyn must have its own designated heavy load tow truck.</i>	
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CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.</i>	
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Brooklyn has grown in population at an alarming rate and our school systems have not caught up with the demands. We have several schools in the district that are overcrowded and resources are stretched to the seams. We need to take a good hard look at these schools and seek solutions to either expand classrooms when possible or create a new school to accommodate these very real and growing needs. Our children are our future and they deserve the best education possible and overcrowded classrooms can not provide that. PS 254, PS 153 and PS 206 are prime examples of schools at capacity.</i>	2200 Gravesend Neck Road, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>At Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33 (1635 East 14th Street), an Ansel system and a new stove. At Engine 254/Ladder 153 (901 Avenue U), a new Intercom system in firehouse, back-up generator, one-inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations, forcible entry training door, low profile floor jack, metal studs and plywood to build a search training course in the basement. At Engine 321 (2165 Gerritsen Avenue), a new apparatus (truck room) floor and a new stove. At Engine 246/Ladder 169 (2731 East 11th Street), electrical upgrades to firehouse including back-up generator, a new refrigerator, commercial range hood for outdoor grill and a new stove.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Superstorm Sandy. Flooding and ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerritsen (south of Bartlett Avenue) for many years. We are requesting a new stormwater and sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.</i>	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Bartlett Avenue

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Kelly Park and Kelly Playground are poorly laid out and in bad condition. It is need of total reconstruction and upgrades to its equipment. The basketball courts, paddleball courts and tennis courts are in desperate need of refurbishing.</i>	Avenue S and East 17th Street
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Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/35	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>With the significant cuts to our Police Department, including the loss of personnel from deferred incoming classes and a higher-than-usual rate of attrition, we are experiencing diminished patrol coverage and a rise in crime. Without an influx of new cadets as we lose more seasoned officers to retirement we lack the means to replace them. Our patrol force will be severely diminished, leaving our community unacceptably vulnerable in especially challenging times.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue
2/35	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>We need additional fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct. Too often our assigned vehicles are unavailable because they are in the shop awaiting repairs. We need a more rapid turnaround time to get vehicles back into service quicker, and an increase in the base number of fleet vehicles allocated to our precinct.</i>	2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/35	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as section 8, which need better policing are over saturated and closed.</i>	
4/35	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.</i>	

5/35	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).</i>	Shore Boulevard Pembroke Street Pembroke Street
6/35	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.</i>	
7/35	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.</i>	
8/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is not currently manned 24/7. We believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires will be more frequent. Being a regional recreational beach and boating coastal community, rescues on the water are an additional challenge which a year-round manned fireboat would be well equipped to respond to. Pulling a rescue boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Since this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 year-round is necessary to ensure public safety is protected.</i>	2001 Oriental Blvd

9/35	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.</i>	
10/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>There is currently a chronic staff shortage of personnel at our firehouses, which are now relying on an increase in overtime to compensate. The problem is compounded by the significantly smaller class sizes of incoming firefighters because of pandemic conditions. The incoming class sizes are lagging behind the current rate of attrition.</i>	
11/35	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy westbound flow of traffic on Emmons Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Sheepshead Bay Road and along Sheepshead Bay Road (north- and south-bound) between Emmons Avenue and Voorhies Avenue. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly. We also find Bay Academy JHS (at 1401 Emmons Avenue) causes traffic snarls at drop-off and dismissal times with parents adding to the area's congestion. A traffic study should be conducted when school is in full session.</i>	
12/35	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.</i>	Emmons Avenue Ocean Avenue Nostrand Avenue
13/35	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.</i>	

14/35	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).</i>	
15/35	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.</i>	52 Seba Ave
16/35	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<i>Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused not enticing new business or attracting new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.</i>	
17/35	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.</i>	3004 Avenue V
18/35	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.</i>	

19/35	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway and in our green street parks located on Ocean Avenue and Kings Highway.</i>	
20/35	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.</i>	Oriental Blvd and Ocean Avenue
21/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues U and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.</i>	East 16th Street Avenue U Avenue U
22/35	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.</i>	
23/35	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Now with Covid our seniors rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are than taking to assure our older new yorkers are doing well.</i>	

24/35	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program.</i>	
25/35	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.</i>	2501 Knapp Street
26/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting additional front end loaders to assist in cleaning.</i>	
27/35	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>We are requesting funding for packers for garbage removal.</i>	
28/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for such acts, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.</i>	
29/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.</i>	Avenue U Coney Island Avenue Coney Island Avenue
30/35	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.</i>	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street East 14th Street
31/35	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>The sidewalk and property abutting the B/Q train line by Homecrest Avenue (between Shore Parkway and Neptune Avenue) has become overgrown and utilized as an illegal dumping ground.</i>	Homecrest Avenue Shore Parkway Shore Parkway

32/35	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>We find many people do not comply with wearing masks when recommended and they ignore social distancing and gathering rules. We need to encourage vaccinations. We need more educational materials provided in numerous languages to be distributed in order to educate our residents.</i>
33/35	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>Sufficient funding is requested for the restoration of the FDNY Smoke/CO detector distribution and fire safety education program.</i>
34/35	DCLA	Provide more public art	<i>Southern Brooklyn is a public art desert. Additional funding is requested for the expansion of the Percent for Arts program that will allow the department to expand its portfolio of active art projects associated with new Capital projects in the district. We have several potentially eligible Capital projects in our district including but not limited to a couple of Department of Transportation bridge replacements projects and upgrades to the Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant on Knapp Street.</i>
35/35	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14h Street and Emmons Avenue).</i>