

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2027

**Brooklyn Community
District
2**

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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) 2027. 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, 2025.

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 FY24 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

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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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.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	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	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

Brooklyn Community District 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	99,617	100.00	130,021	100.00	30,404	30.5	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	15,019	15.1	20,037	15.4	5,018	33.4	0.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	99,617	100.0	130,021	100.0	30,404	30.5	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	14,171	14.2	17,036	13.1	2,865	20.2	-1.1
White non-Hispanic	45,970	46.1	62,700	48.2	16,730	36.4	2.1
Black non-Hispanic	27,921	28.0	25,029	19.2	-2,892	-10.4	-8.8
Asian non-Hispanic	7,792	7.8	16,669	12.8	8,877	113.9	5.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	633	0.6	1,380	1.1	747	118.0	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	3,130	3.1	7,207	5.5	4,077	130.3	2.4
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	50,753	100.0	66,998	100.0	16,245	32.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	45,322	89.3	61,221	91.4	15,899	35.1	2.1
Vacant housing units	5,431	10.7	5,777	8.6	346	6.4	-2.1

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.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community District 2 (BKCD2) consists of Downtown Brooklyn and the surrounding residential neighborhoods of Brooklyn Heights, Fulton Ferry, DUMBO, and Vinegar Hill along the western and northern waterfront; Boerum Hill to the southwest; Fort Greene and Clinton Hill to the east, and the 300-acre Brooklyn Navy Yard manufacturing district on the northeast border.

Downtown Brooklyn is the third-largest Central Business District in New York City, and the civic center of Kings County (Borough of Brooklyn), which is the most populous county in New York State. If Brooklyn were an independent city, it would be the fourth largest in the United States after New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago; and larger than Atlanta, Boston, Minneapolis, and Washington D.C. combined.

Most of the neighborhoods in BKCD2 were first developed in the 19th century as low-density row houses and low-scale commercial streets. The construction of high-rise buildings accelerated after the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge in 1883 and the introduction of elevated rail and streetcar lines. In the early 20th century, multiple subway lines opened in Downtown Brooklyn, which spurred further development of taller residential and commercial buildings until the Great Depression.

Since the 2004 rezoning of Downtown Brooklyn, an explosion of high rise development has once again dramatically changed the housing mix and skyline, including the 2022 completion of the 93-story Brooklyn Tower, which is the first "supertall" building in Brooklyn, and the tallest building on Long Island.

BKCD2's elected representation includes 2 Congressional Districts, 2 State Senate Districts, 2 State Assembly Districts, and 2 City Council Districts. Its boundaries include 2 NYPD Precincts, parts of 3 FDNY Fire Battalions, 2 Health Center Districts, and 2 DOE School Districts.

BKCD2 shares borders and interests with BKCD6 and BKCD8 to the south, BKCD3 to the east, BKCD1 to the north, and MCD1 and MCD3 along the East River waterfront including Governors Island.

Civic & Community Facilities:

- Over 100 acres of mapped parkland and public space
- 81 Cultural Organizations
- 10 (24%) of Brooklyn's 41 Designated Historic Districts
- 9 (39%) of Brooklyn's 23 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
- 7 City, County, State, and Federal Courthouses and the Brooklyn Borough Jail
- 6 Public Libraries including the Center for Brooklyn History and the L10 Arts & Cultural Center

Municipal Infrastructure:

- 1.5 miles (12%) of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE)
- 85 Parking Lots & Garages
- 30 City Office Buildings
- 14 DSNY Solid Waste Drop-Off Facilities
- 11 MTA subway lines and the Long Island Railroad

- 11 Rail Yards
- 11 City Maintenance Facilities
- 7 Ports & Ferry Landings
- 4 Wastewater Treatment Sites
- 2 Telecommunications Facilities
- 1 Recycling Facility
- The 300-acre Brooklyn Navy Yard manufacturing district is a waterfront National Historic District which houses over 500 businesses employing 11,000 workers, including the largest U.S. film and television production studio outside of Hollywood.

Health & Human Services:

- 26 Hospitals & Clinics
- 21 Legal Service Organizations
- 16 Mental Health Centers
- 11 Senior Service Centers
- 9 Chemical Dependency Organizations
- 9 Organizations Serving People with Disabilities
- 9 Housing & Homeless Services Organizations
- 9 Food Distribution Sites
- 7 Workforce Development Centers
- 4 Residential Health Facilities
- 3 NYCHA Cornerstone Community Centers

Youth & Education Facilities:

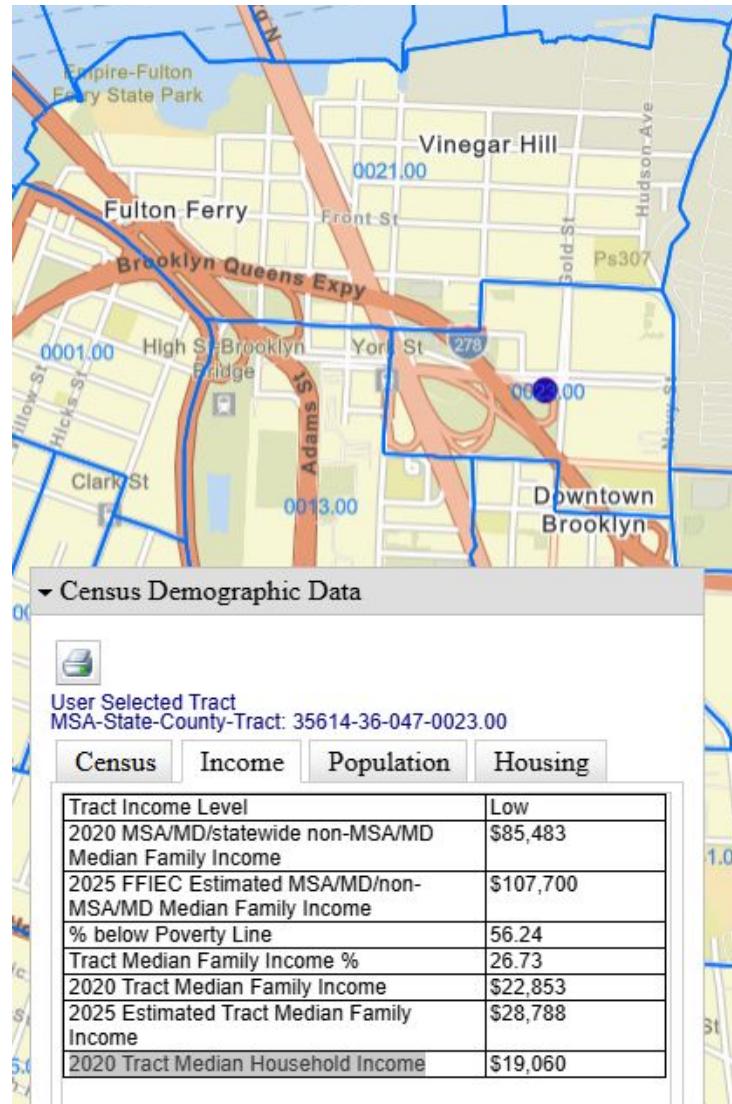
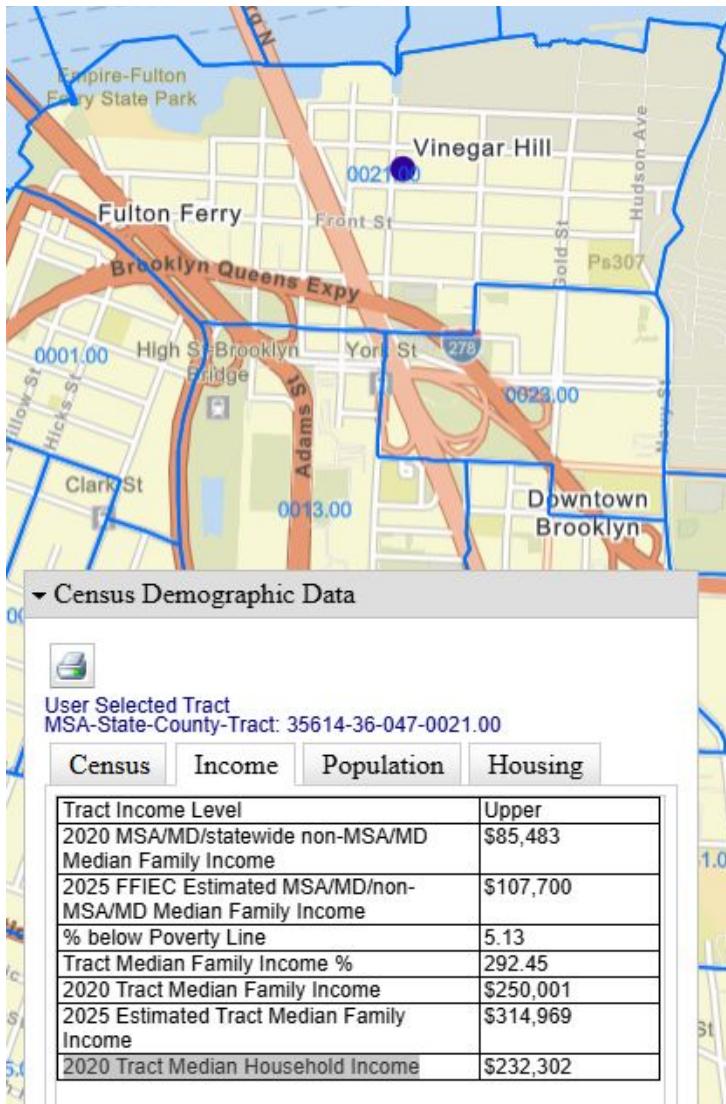
- 62 Daycare and Pre-K
- 64 K-12 Schools
- 22 After-School Centers
- 52 Youth Literacy & Job Training Centers
- 16 Vocational Schools
- 9 Higher Education Institutions

According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population growths in the preceding decade, with 31% growth in total residents, including a 33% increase in residents under the age of 18. Annual average median income rose to \$100,000 and the District saw 35% growth in total occupied housing units, however median rent also increased 90%.

Districtwide statistics suggest a high quality of life, however aggregate data obscures the reality of many neighborhoods. For example, a comparison of data drawn from two adjacent census tracts indicates a Median Household Income (MHI) of \$232,302 on the north side of York Street toward DUMBO and Vinegar Hill, versus \$19,065 on the south side of the same portion of York Street bordering the Farragut NYCHA complex.

In preparation for our FY27 CD Needs Statement, the District Office issued the 4th Annual District Priorities Public Survey; conducted 10 Committee-level public meetings in September and October to brainstorm and discuss needs by Committee topic area; and conducted a final Full Board poll to determine the prioritization of these submissions. We received 487 Public Survey responses this year from a near-perfect distribution (proportional representation) across our 4 residential zip codes.

BKCD2 Census Tracts 21 & 23: 2020 Median Household Income (MHI)



4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing has been the #1 Priority for our District since 2015 when the Top 3 format was first introduced for the FY17 District Statements. Our survey results continue to reflect the majority opinion that our District is lacking in permanently affordable housing for low-income and medium-income households. Young adults leaving their family home in our District can no longer afford to rent or buy in the neighborhoods where they have multigenerational family ties, support systems, and care obligations. No resident should live in fear that they may need to leave their neighborhood if their circumstances change. That fear prevents tenants from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings.

Homelessness

Closely related to the top priority, Homelessness continues to be a perennial contender for the 2nd most pressing issue for BKCD2 residents. Public comments evidenced a healthy public awareness of social service gaps as a driver for becoming unhoused, and acknowledgement that reversing chronic homelessness requires patience and repeat peer-to-peer outreach. In other words: significant investment and commitment to growing the corps of trained personnel in our streets, parks, plazas, and subway stations. This is an opportunity for a Citywide agency staffing shortage to dovetail with the Citywide need for access to quality vocational training and employment opportunities.

Crime and Public Safety

Crime & Public Safety is once again the 3rd most pressing issue for District residents, as detailed in specific requests.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Survey respondents cited a highly visible and increasing presence of unhoused individuals and those struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues, particularly in and around our many transit hubs, which is perceived as a threat to public safety and quality of life. From the comments submitted, it is clear that our residents understand the intertwined nature of their top 3 Healthcare & Human Services issues: homelessness, services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers, and mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention.

Many respondents also called out air pollution from the BQE, idling vehicles, and constant construction dust/debris; and noise pollution from emergency vehicle sirens, construction sites, and the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOHMH	1 / 1	NYCHA Air Quality Monitorsing
HHC	1 / 1	More Substance Abuse Program Mobile Outreach Units

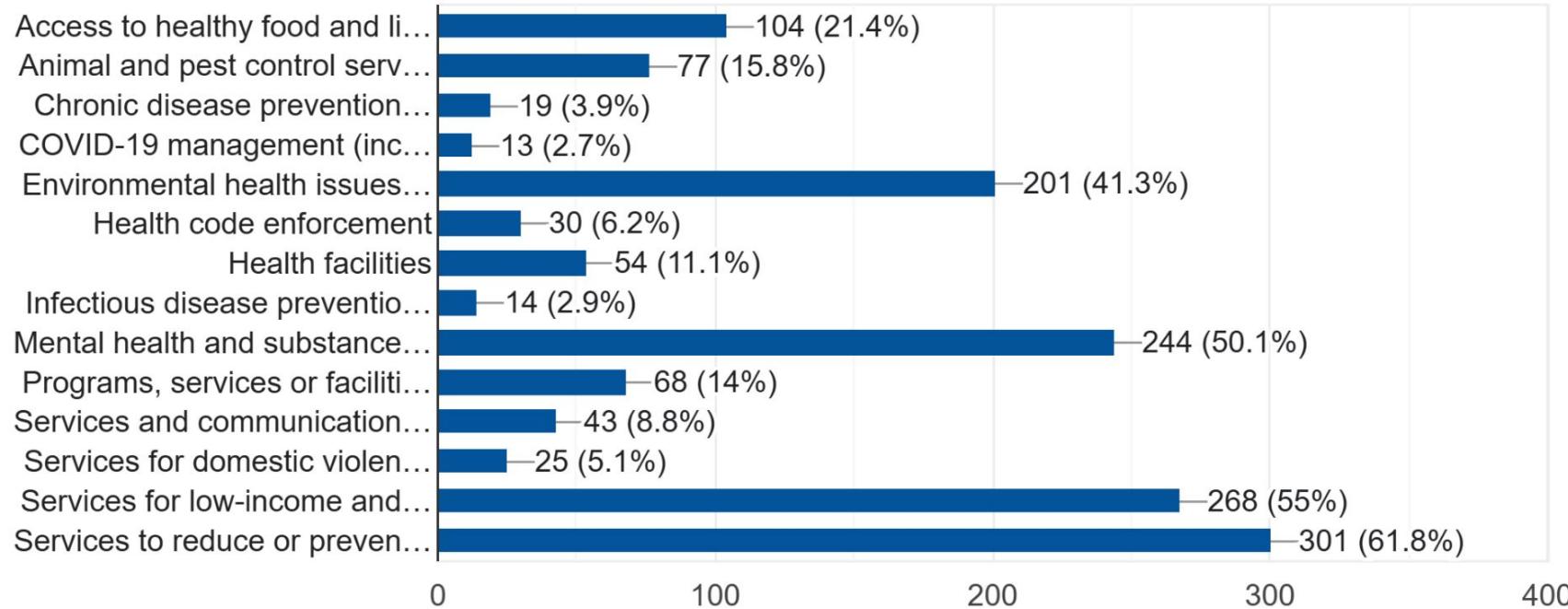
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DHS	1 / 1	More Mobile Street Outreach for Unhoused Residents

BKCD2: FY27 Health Care & Human Services Priorities

The City manages programs across all of the following service areas. Which 3 are the MOST urgent funding priorities for our Community District in the near future?

487 responses



YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population growths in the preceding decade, including a 33% increase in residents under the age of 18. The District needs a proportional investment into high-quality, extended-hour, year-round programming that meets this growth. Our youth need more safe public access to positive socialization, health services, nutritious meals, general enrichment, and daily opportunities to exercise, learn, train, work, and engage in community in both planned and organic ways outside of school hours. Many comments suggested this could be best accomplished by simply investing more into existing programming at our excellent libraries and parks.

Other notable issues included childcare services ("an affordability crisis") and more youth workforce and summer training opportunities that lead to above-minimum wage career tracks in addition to entry-level hourly jobs.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
SCA	1 / 2	Water Fountains & Bottle Fillers in Public Schools
SCA	2 / 2	Gym & Meeting Space Study for Science Skills HS

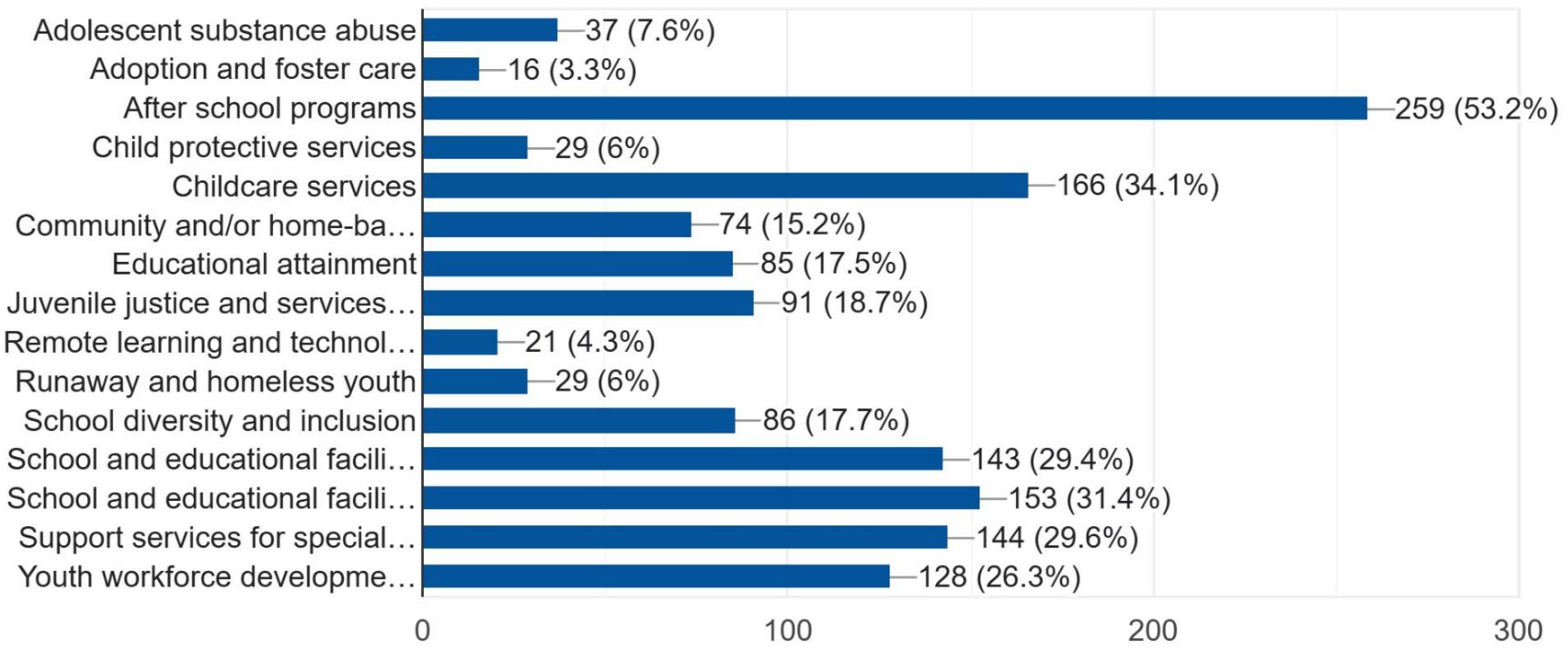
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 3	Bus Exemption for PS 456
DOE	2 / 3	Feasibility Study to Open Schoolyards to the Community
DOE	3 / 3	Weekend Programming & Transportation for D13 STEM Center

BKCD2: FY27 Youth, Education & Child Welfare Priorities

The City manages programs across all of the following service areas. Which 3 are the MOST urgent funding priorities for our Community District in the near future?

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PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

"Public Nuisance" narrowly replaced "Traffic Violations & Enforcement" as the top priority this year, with the majority of comments for both topics related to transit issues: reckless driving, speeding, loud mufflers, loud music, loud sirens. The traffic density in this District suggests urgent prioritization for additional investment in automated enforcement technologies.

The district is also widely perceived as unprepared for the growing effects of climate change (especially flooding) and other potential emergencies, with calls for more investment in infrastructure suitable to our ongoing growth, and increased preparedness training for all ages.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 7	More Argus Cameras
NYPD	2 / 7	Smartphones for Traffic Enforcement
NYPD	3 / 7	Argus Camera Updates
NYPD	4 / 7	Upgraded Portable Radios
NYPD	5 / 7	NYPD Decibel Readers
NYPD	6 / 7	Off-Street Parking for 84th & 88th Precincts
NYPD	7 / 7	NYPD Window Tint Meters

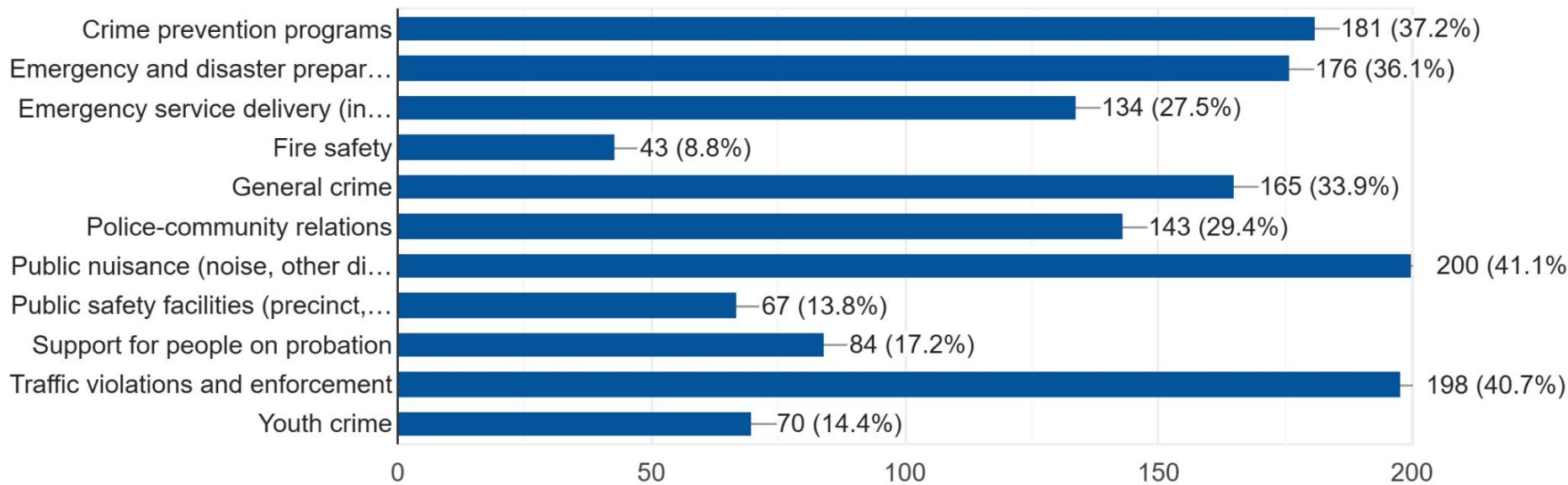
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 6	Expand Multi-Agency Response Teams for Mental Health Crises
NYPD	2 / 6	Increase Funding for Youth Crime Prevention Programs
NYPD	3 / 6	Crossing Guard Recruiter & Marketing
NYPD	4 / 6	Additional School Safety Agents on Myrtle Ave
NYPD	5 / 6	More Traffic Enforcement at Major Intersections
NYPD	6 / 6	Enforcement of No Standing Near Schools

BKCD2: FY27 Public Safety & Emergency Services Priorities

The City manages programs across all of the following service areas. Which 3 are the MOST urgent funding priorities for our Community District in the near future?

487 responses



CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Cleanliness & Trash Collection remains the top priority for our District. Residents interact with the public realm on sidewalks, so these public spaces should set the standard for cleanliness and quality of life. Notably: while parking issues have been a flashpoint in our District, there have been shockingly few complaints about the recent rollout of the Empire Bins pilot program: perhaps the one thing our residents hate more than looking for parking is rats!

Preparedness for Extreme Weather was a close 2nd top priority this year, with several residents describing chronic flooding in streets, basements, and subways due to aging sewer infrastructure and climate change. Air and noise pollution also continue to be significant concerns, with calls for more tree canopy/shade, and stricter laws.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	More Noise Cameras for Automatic Enforcement
DSNY	1 / 4	BID Containerization Support
DSNY	2 / 4	A Dedicated Electronic & Textile Waste Drop-Off Site
DSNY	3 / 4	DSNY MOM Units
DSNY	4 / 4	Expanded Food Scrap Drop-Off Options

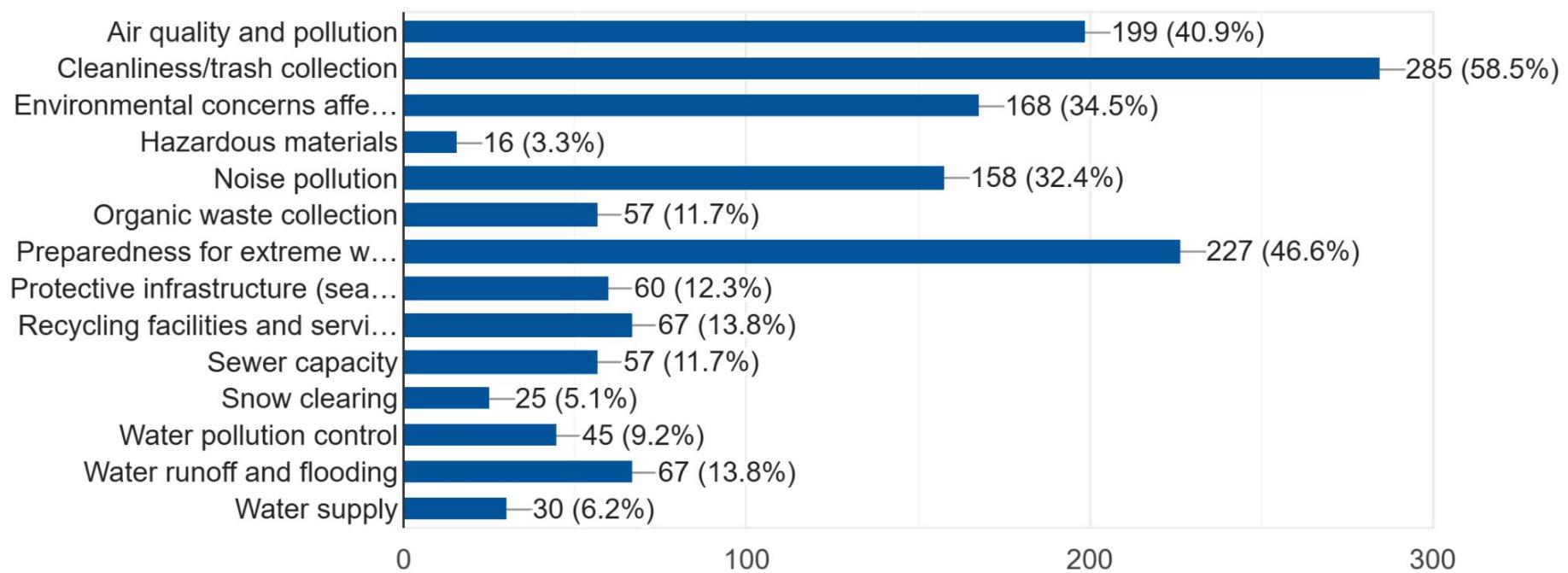
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 4	Enforcement of Public Scofflaw Violations
DSNY	2 / 4	Study Containerization Impact on Recycling
DSNY	3 / 4	Multi-Agency Vending Enforcement
DSNY	4 / 4	Door-to-Door Organics Outreach

BKCD2: FY27 Core Infrastructure, City Services & Resiliency Priorities

The City manages programs across all of the following service areas. Which 3 are the MOST urgent funding priorities for our Community District in the near future?

487 responses



HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Affordable housing creation

Affordable housing creation continues to be the top priority across all District zip codes, and has been our #1 Overall Priority for our District since 2015 when the Top 3 format was first introduced for the FY17 District Statements. Our survey results continue to reflect the majority opinion that our District is lacking in permanently affordable housing for low-income and medium-income households. Young adults leaving their family home in our District can no longer afford to rent or buy in the neighborhoods where they have multigenerational family ties, support systems, and care obligations. No resident should live in fear that they may need to leave their neighborhood if their circumstances change. That fear prevents tenants from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings. There were also many specific comments that the new towers springing up in and around Downtown Brooklyn include too few units for the lowest AMI bands, and often leave out middle-income bands entirely.

Other comments noted the proliferation of chain stores, disappearance of independent businesses, and too many empty storefronts along Myrtle, Atlantic, Smith, and Court. A connecting thread is that many residents are concerned that luxury high-rise development and accompanying big box retail are erasing the unique character and history that made our neighborhoods desirable.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

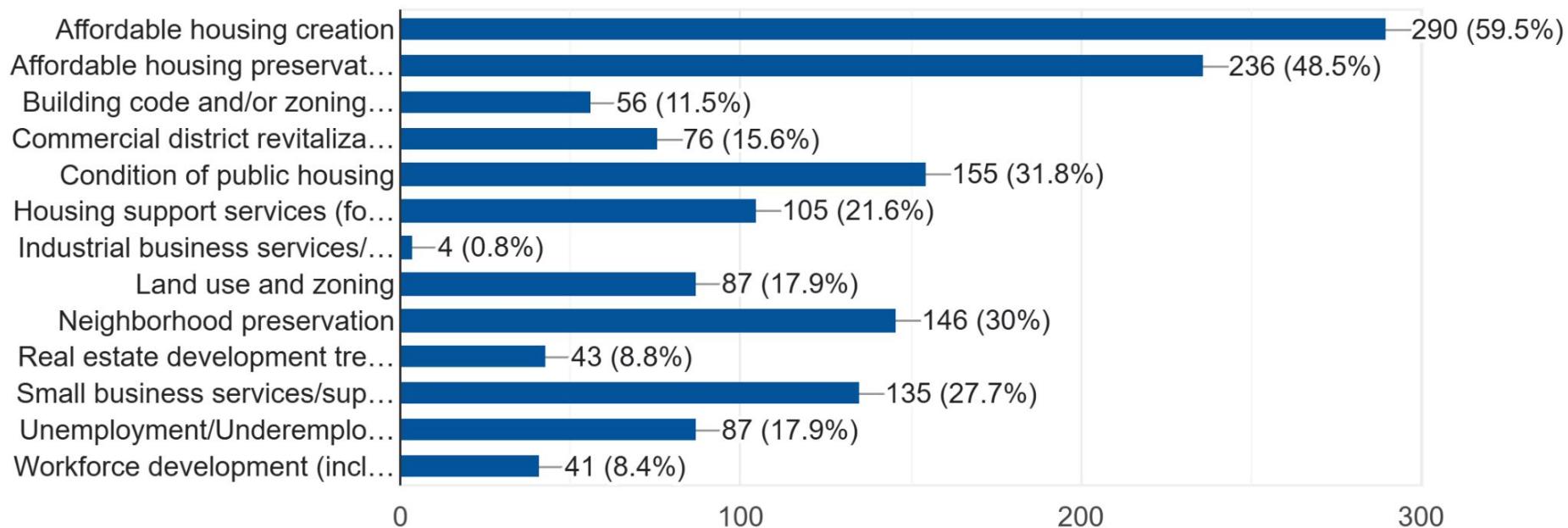
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOB	1 / 1	More DOB Emergency Response, After-Hours, and Real-Time Enforcement Personnel
EDC	1 / 1	Increase Ferry Service
NYCHA	1 / 1	NYCHA REES Expansion
SBS	1 / 2	Retail Attraction & Retention
SBS	2 / 2	BID Support

BKCD2: FY27 Housing, Land Use & Economic Development Priorities

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TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Brooklyn Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

Subway Service & Quality replaced Pedestrian Safety as the top transportation priority this year. Respondents highlighted the need for safer and cleaner subway stations, with multiple mentions of unsanitary conditions (e.g., defecation). There were also requests for increased frequency and reliability for the G train and C train, and continued desire for a second exit at the F train York stop.

Pedestrian Safety remained a strong 2nd top priority, with many of the same concerns expressed as last year. Per the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population increases since the 2010 census, with 31% growth in total residents. Growth is a key indicator of community health, but growth also requires a proportional increase in transit planning and public safety considerations. BKCD2 is a highly walkable community, however it is also home to the third-largest Central Business District in New York City, the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, the Brooklyn Queens Expressway, and major Borough and City arterials. Traversing our crowded streets and sidewalks is difficult for pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and especially difficult to navigate for residents with limited mobility or special needs. There is also blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way in our District--often ending in tragedy. While enforcement is one part of the solution, intelligent human-centric design is the preferred tool.

This Board supports multi-modal transit infrastructure that improves universal safety, promotes independent mobility, and has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health. However, government-mandated change implies an equal responsibility for government-led public education to ensure that all residents understand the underlying social, environmental, and fiscal drivers of proposed changes in their daily lives. We look forward to continuing to partner with DOT on outreach and education to win hearts and minds, renew citizen faith in government, and improve District safety.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 5	BQE Streamline Plan Feasibility Study
DOT	2 / 5	Redesign Flushing Ave
DOT	3 / 5	WIM Sensors for Residential Streets Near BQE
DOT	4 / 5	More Curbside Electric Car Charging Stations
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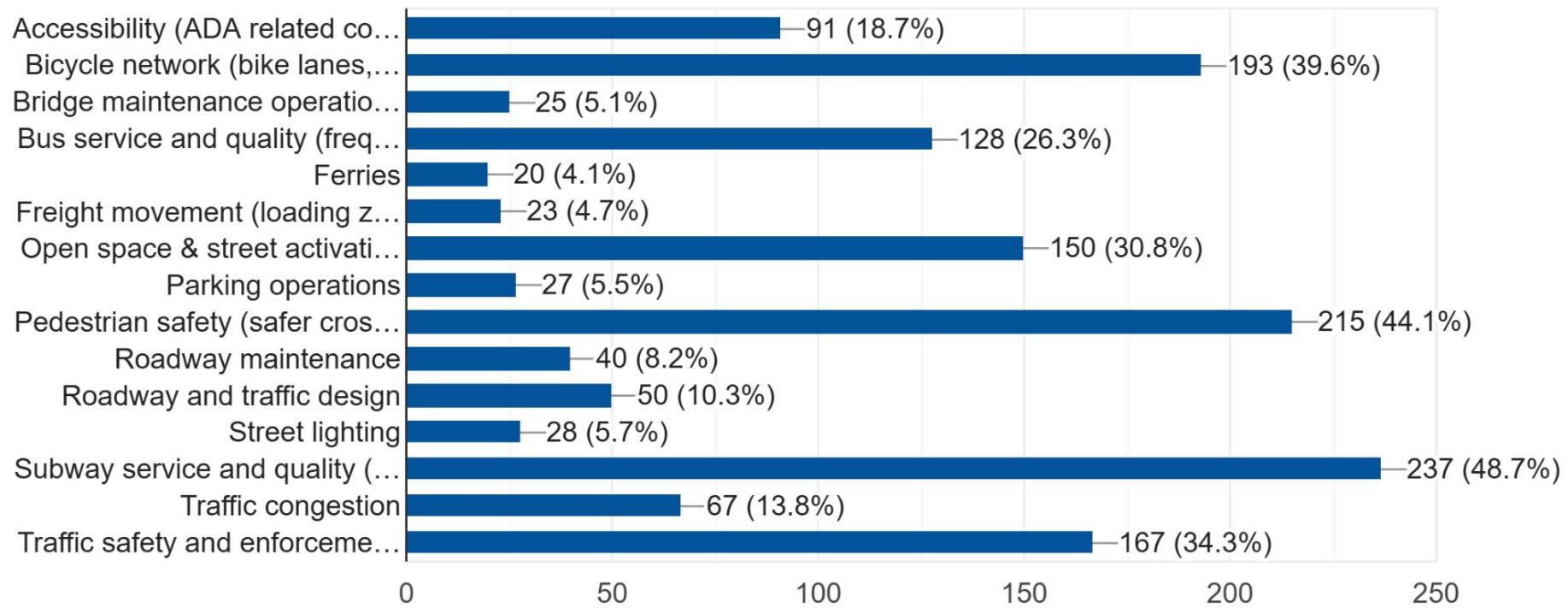
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

BKCD2: FY27 Transportation & Mobility Priorities

The City manages programs across all of the following service areas. Which 3 are the MOST urgent funding priorities for our Community District in the near future?

487 responses



PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

Library facilities and access

Library Facilities & Access remained the #1 top priority in our District. There is widespread and passionate agreement that our Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) branches are an essential public good that deliver high-quality, progressive, and responsive all-ages educational programming, enrichment, and ad hoc community services. Specifically, there continues to be general demand for extended hours for youth and families at all branches, seven days per week. Per the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population growths in the preceding decade, with 31% growth in total residents, including a 33% increase in residents under the age of 18.

Park Care & Maintenance was a very close 2nd top priority. Given our District's population growth, our parks are heavily (Over)used and need more funding for maintenance, particularly improving the condition of public bathrooms and water fountains. A growing concern in recent years is the need for dedicated dog parks to discourage inappropriate use of park lawns and playgrounds.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
BPL	1 / 3	Clinton Hill BPL Renovation
BPL	2 / 3	Center for Brooklyn History Renovations
BPL	3 / 3	Adams St BPL Storage & Staff Space Upgrades
DCAS	1 / 3	District Office Infrastructure Investments
DCAS	2 / 3	Multi-Use Permanent Civic Hall for BKCD2
DPR	1 / 11	Fort Greene Park Renovation Phases 4, 5, 6
DPR	2 / 11	Greene Playground Phase 2
DPR	3 / 11	2-Phase Renovation of Edmonds Playground
DPR	4 / 11	4-phase Renovation of Parham Playground
DPR	5 / 11	Restore Cobblestones Along Fort Greene Park Sidewalks
DPR	6 / 11	Korean War Veterans Plaza Maintenance
DPR	7 / 11	Sixteen Sycamores Renovation
DPR	8 / 11	Adam Yauch Basketball Court Renovation
DPR	9 / 11	Renovate Bridge Park 3 next to Farragut Houses
DPR	10 / 11	Hillside Dog Park Renovation
DPR	11 / 11	Adam Yauch Dog Run

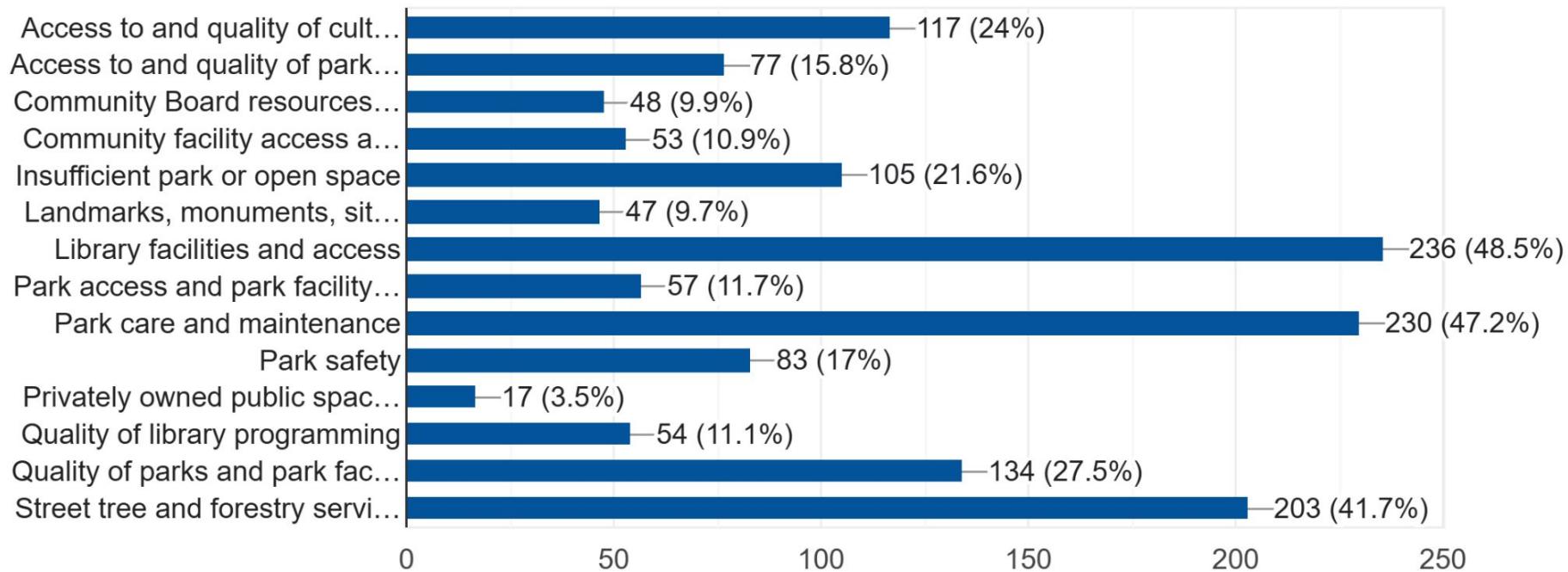
EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
BPL	1 / 1	Extended Library Operating Hours
DPR	1 / 1	Increase Brooklyn PEP Corp
OMB	1 / 1	Public Outreach Budget for the District Office

BKCD2: FY27 Parks, Cultural & Other Community Facility Priorities

The City manages programs across all of the following service areas. Which 3 are the MOST urgent funding priorities for our Community District in the near future?

487 responses



6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	3 / 3	A Brooklyn Tourist Center

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 4	BID Containerization Support Other capital budget request for DSNY	DSNY
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BKCB2 recommends additional funding to include our 9 Business Improvement Districts in the Empire Bin pilot. We are delighted to have been selected as the 2nd pilot site for this exciting program and it is critical for our BIDs to be included in order to reap the full benefits and provide the fullest picture of the program's potential impacts.

2 of 4	A Dedicated Electronic & Textile Waste Drop-Off Site Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	DSNY
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BKCB2 recommends funding for a public electronic and textile waste drop off site in a central location near public transit to expand regular access for disposal. Currently, ecycleNYC bins are available only to residential buildings with 10 or more units, while re-fashioNYC bins serve larger buildings, institutions, and certain industries. A public drop-off site would expand access and divert significant amounts of electronics and textiles from landfills, providing a vital service and strengthening the city's waste reduction efforts.

3 of 4	DSNY MOM Units Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	DSNY
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BKCB2 recommends increased DOT funding for the Micromobility Operations Machines (MOMs) pilot to clean the lots under the BQE along Park Ave, as requested previously in 2023. BKCB2's sanitation budget is ~\$2M below NYC average, while Flushing, which received funding for its mobile litter patrol, has a budget ~\$5M above City average.

4 of 4	Expanded Food Scrap Drop-Off Options Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	DSNY
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BKCB2 recommends funding to install smart composting bins or establish food scrap drop-off (FSDO) sites at our four NYCHA campuses to expand access to organics collection. NYC Compost Project drop-off sites previously filled this gap, but most have closed following cuts to community composting.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

1 of 1	NYCHA Air Quality Monitors Other capital budget request for DOHMH	DOHMH
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BKCB2 recommends increased DOHMH funding in BKCD2 for street-level air quality monitors through the NYC Community Air Survey (NYCCAS) program, and exploration of collaboration opportunities with our State DEC partners to implement rooftop monitors on our NYCHA campuses and the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges. Particulate matter that is 2.5µm or smaller ("PM2.5") penetrates deep into the lungs and bloodstream, causing chronic and often lethal heart and lung disease. Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) such as gas-powered vehicles are the leading source of PM2.5. Long term exposure to PM2.5 contributes to 1 out of 25 deaths in NYC, and per the 2018 Community Health Profile, the levels of fine particulate matter and the rate of child asthma emergency room visits are notably higher in BKCD2 than in NYC as a whole. BKCD2 contains 1.5 miles (12%) of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE) within its boundaries and has 3 Neighborhood Tabulation Areas in Brooklyn's 10 highest PM2.5 levels--the most of any Brooklyn Community District. This request is particularly urgent given the Trump Administration's recent reversal of the Biden Administration's EPA limits on PM2.5.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

1 of 3 District Office Infrastructure Investments

DCAS

Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment

BKCB2 recommends a comprehensive assessment of our operating and technical needs, and a commensurate increase in our baseline operating budget. There has been no Citywide assessment of Community Board technical needs since Windstream acquired PAETEC's municipal contracts in 2011. Windstream has consistently failed to provide reliable phone and internet service or equipment since beginning bankruptcy proceedings in 2019. This is just one example of widespread underinvestment in the basic needs of Community Board operations. A recurring theme expressed by our City agency partners across all of this year's Borough Budget Consultations was, "'We are budgeted to address [X program/concern], but we need more support with direct local outreach.'" The general public is also increasingly expectant that government offices utilize modern tools and offer digital connectivity. As the most local unit of nonpartisan City government, Community Boards need an infusion of infrastructure, equipment, and staff support to meet modern challenges, effectively partner with City agencies, efficiently serve our residents, and support greater community engagement. The scope of assessment and investment must include basic office and field equipment updates; a survey of phone, internet, and broadcasting infrastructure and gaps; a survey of staff training and upskilling needs; and baselining of fundamental SaaS tools including design and communication (newsletter) software, and news, database, and research subscriptions. To be clear, this requires a significant periodic investment above our extremely modest \$13-\$15k average annual OTPS allotment. We recommend commitment to a 4-year cycle of regular operational and technical assessments and upgrades.

2 of 3 Multi-Use Permanent Civic Hall for BKCD2

DCAS

Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment

BKCB2 recommends funding for a 300-capacity or larger, multi-use, dedicated civic hall for BKCD2 that serves seniors in the morning, youth in the afternoons, and the whole community in the evenings. A place for enrichment, learning, multigenerational interaction, true community development, and modern accommodations for our District's growing Community Board meetings.

3 of 3 A Brooklyn Tourist Center

DCAS

Other capital request for DCAS

BKCB2 recommends funding for a feasibility study regarding creation of a Brooklyn tourist center. Local residents continue to be frustrated by unmanaged tourist traffic on and surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge. There is some local sentiment that this could be relieved by creation of a public destination to corral tourists, create a safe space to rest and conduct commerce, and ensure safe traffic patterns. We include it here as a reflection of public opinion, and to shine a light on the underlying problem of unmanaged tourist traffic on and surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge.

Department of Transportation (DOT)**1 of 5 BQE Streamline Plan Feasibility Study**

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

BKCB2 recommends funding for a feasibility study of the Mark Wouters "Streamline Plan" for BQE Central reconstruction which leaves the Promenade and Brooklyn Bridge Park intact, repurposes the existing retaining wall for faster and less construction, and allows two lanes of traffic in each direction throughout construction.

2 of 5 Redesign Flushing Ave

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

BKCB2 recommends funding for redesign or study of Flushing Avenue from Bridge Street to Kent Ave, to mitigate dangerous pedestrian conditions. As indicated in our FY24 CD Needs Statement, "Given the growing congestion of high-speed, east-west vehicular and bicycle traffic, and growing numbers of pedestrians attempting to cross to Wegmans, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the water ferry, this thoroughfare has become ever more treacherous. It is an accident waiting to happen. The Board requests better signage, lane markings, and haptic enhancements to differentiate the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular lanes." The Board was deeply saddened by the recent death of Brooklyn Navy Yard employee Theresa Valenti and urges the City to remedy these conditions before another tragedy occurs.

3 of 5 WIM Sensors for Residential Streets Near BQE

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

BKCB2 recommends extending funding for DOT WIM enforcement technology to residential streets adjacent to and surrounding BQE exits in BKCD2. Weigh-in-motion (WIM) technology allows the City to automatically enforce truck weight restrictions on the aging, NYC-owned portion of the BQE. To avoid fines, trucks often reroute to nearby residential streets, decreasing quality of life and creating significant congestion when they frequently get stuck. Extending WIM to residential streets adjacent to the BQE would encourage trucks to seek alternate routes.

4 of 5 More Curbside Electric Car Charging Stations

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

BKCB2 recommends increased DOT investment in BKCD2 for curbside charging. DOT secured a \$15M grant in 2024 to expand curbside charging. According to FLO Network, BKCB2 has no public curbside chargers, and as of 2022, Brooklyn has 98 EVs per charger, the highest of any borough.

5 of 5 Resident Parking Pilot Program

DOT

Other capital budget request for DOT

BKCB2 recommends funding for a pilot resident parking program.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 11 Fort Greene Park Renovation Phases 4, 5, 6**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends full funding of the Parks Dept's stated need for \$26M to complete Phases 4, 5, and 6 of the Fort Greene Park renovation including demolishing and constructing a new public restroom at the playground with new utility service; reconstructing the historic pavement and landscaping on the monument plaza wings; and complete reconstruction of the Visitors Center including public restrooms and an addition to accommodate enforcement, rangers and operations space.

2 of 11 Greene Playground Phase 2

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the Parks Dept's stated need for \$4.5M to complete Phase 2 of the Greene Playground renovation.

3 of 11 2-Phase Renovation of Edmonds Playground

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the Parks Dept's stated need for \$12.5M for a 2-phase renovation of Edmonds Playground.

4 of 11 4-phase Renovation of Parham Playground

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the Parks Dept's stated need for \$15-20M for a 4-phase renovation of Parham Playground. We hope this can be coordinated closely with the School Construction Authority's recent announcement that an elevator construction project at PS 20 will necessitate the closure of basketball courts at Parham Playground for three years.

5 of 11 Restore Cobblestones Along Fort Greene Park Sidewalks

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

BKCB2 recommends funding to repair and restore the cobblestone areas bordering both sides of the sidewalk on the west side of Washington Park between Myrtle and Dekalb. These areas are heavily used by the weekly farmers market and have become eroded, uneven, and dangerous to navigate.

6 of 11 Korean War Veterans Plaza Maintenance

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the Parks Dept's stated need for \$3M to repair and paint the honor rolls in the Korean War Veterans Plaza.

7 of 11 Sixteen Sycamores Renovation

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to redesign and renovate Sixteen Sycamores Park.

8 of 11 Adam Yauch Basketball Court Renovation

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to renovate the Adam Yauch basketball court.

9 of 11 Renovate Bridge Park 3 next to Farragut Houses

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to renovate Bridge Park 3 (B223JC) next to the Farragut NYCHA campus. Specifically: renovate the dilapidated basketball courts and the community garden that has sprung up in the unused bocce courts; reimagine the open space near the handball courts for better community use; and repurpose the underused handball courts as a multiuse hardcourt for affiliated sports including handball, bike polo, pickleball, street soccer, and street hockey. This could be a creative adaptive reuse of concrete areas to benefit multiple demographics at Farragut and the surrounding neighborhood.

10 of 11 Hillside Dog Park Renovation

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the Parks Dept's stated need for \$4.5M to renovate the Hillside Dog Park

11 of 11 Adam Yauch Dog Run

DPR

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the Parks Dept's stated need for \$3.5M to renovate the Willowtown Dog Run at Adam Yauch Park.

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)**1 of 3 Clinton Hill BPL Renovation**

BPL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BKCB2 recommends \$13.5M in increased funding for the Clinton Hill Brooklyn Public Library to cover forecasted needs including facade and window work, heating and cooling improvements, safety enhancements, and an interior renovation.

2 of 3 Center for Brooklyn History Renovations

BPL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BKCB2 recommends \$54M in funding for the Brooklyn Public Library Center for Brooklyn History to cover necessary renovations including infrastructure work (heating and cooling, electrical upgrades, roof and facade work), structural and elevator modernization, and safety and security enhancements.

3 of 3 Adams St BPL Storage & Staff Space Upgrades**BPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BKCB2 recommends funding for interior improvements at the Adams Street public library to accommodate proper and safe maintenance and cleaning supply storage. Currently, essential supplies such as toilet paper and outdoor snow removal equipment are stored in areas where the librarians conduct their daily work.

School Construction Authority**1 of 2 Water Fountains & Bottle Fillers in Public Schools****SCA**

Renovate other site component

BKCB2 recommends funding of water fountains and bottle fillers in public schools.

2 of 2 Gym & Meeting Space Study for Science Skills HS**SCA**

Renovate other site component

BKCB2 recommends funding for a feasibility study regarding building a gym and meeting space on the land adjacent to the Science Skills High School. Students do not currently have access to appropriate facilities to complete their physical education requirements.

Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)**1 of 1 More Substance Abuse Program Mobile Outreach Units****HHC**

Provide a new or expanded health care facility

BKCB2 recommends increased funding for Street Health Outreach & Wellness (S.H.O.W.) mobile units in and around Downtown Brooklyn and its main arterials: Myrtle, Dekalb, Fulton, and Atlantic. BKCD2 overlaps with the United Hospital Fund code UHF-42 202 in portions of zip codes 11201 and 11205, however the eastern half of our District is underserviced. The medical care, behavioral health resources, harm reduction, and material goods mobile outreach units provide are highly effective.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 1 Mitigate Flooding at High St Station****NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

BKCB2 recommends funding for additional flood mitigation at High St station. In addition to recent investments in escalator renovation, the station needs flooding mitigation, as it is 70 feet underground (90 at its deepest point) and consistently floods during heavy rain and extreme weather events, which are becoming more common.

New York Police Department (NYPD)**1 of 7 More Argus Cameras****NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

BKCB2 recommends significant additional funding for new Argus camera placements for automated traffic enforcement. Our District is a major transit and vehicular hub, and continues to suffer from blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way. Reckless and impatient drivers, e-scooters, motorbikes, and cyclists must obey traffic rules.

2 of 7 Smartphones for Traffic Enforcement**NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

BKCB2 recommends funding to support NYPD's stated need for traffic enforcement agents to be issued smartphones in order to access and finalize 311 assignments in real-time, in the field. 311 is the City's most modern and powerful tool for triaging, prioritizing, and documenting 98,028 daily complaints from every corner of NYC. Our public safety officers must be appropriately equipped to leverage this capability.

3 of 7 Argus Camera Updates

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

In addition to the separate request for more Argus cameras, BKCB2 also recommends funding to support the NYPD's stated need for investments to update all existing Argus camera equipment. Our City's burgeoning digital assets must be maintained with regular, baselined upgrades.

4 of 7 Upgraded Portable Radios

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the NYPD's stated need for investment in upgraded portable radios.

5 of 7 NYPD Decibel Readers

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the NYPD's stated need for more handheld decibel readers for response to noise complaints.

6 of 7 Off-Street Parking for 84th & 88th Precincts

NYPD

Add NYPD parking facilities

BKCB2 recommends funding for dedicated parking facilities for the 84th & 88th Precincts. The NYPD has insufficient safe parking proximate to their precinct houses and employees resort to parking on public sidewalks. We respect and honor our public safety colleagues, but this is a decades-long public nuisance that impedes access to public thoroughfares for seniors, parents with strollers, and residents with special mobility needs; adds to community tensions and negative attitudes regarding the NYPD; and diminishes the street design and pedestrian safety of our neighborhoods.

7 of 7 NYPD Window Tint Meters

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

BKCB2 recommends funding to support the NYPD's stated need for more handheld vehicular window tint meters for enforcement of safety concerns.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

1 of 1 More Noise Cameras for Automatic Enforcement

DEP

Other capital budget request for DEP

BKCB2 recommends additional funding of noise cameras for automatic enforcement.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 6 Expand Multi-Agency Response Teams for Mental Health Crises

NYPD

Other NYPD programs requests

BKCB2 recommends increased funding for B-HEARD multi-agency response teams deployed for non-emergency calls. The Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-HEARD) is limited in its hours of operation, its geographic distribution, and in the types of calls considered eligible for a response. This means that many people who may need a B-HEARD team are instead provided a "traditional response" by the NYPD. B-HEARD currently covers only 31 of the 79 NYPD Precincts. BKCB2 requests expansion of the B-HEARD program to the 84th and 88th Precincts within BKCD2.

2 of 6 Increase Funding for Youth Crime Prevention Programs

NYPD

Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs

BKCB2 recommends increased funding for our excellent youth crime prevention programs, and specifically for additional outreach staffing and strategies to guide our youth to fill seats in existing programs.

3 of 6 Crossing Guard Recruiter & Marketing

NYPD

Other NYPD staff resources requests

BKCB2 recommends funding for a dedicated local School Crossing Guard recruiter. We understand there is a Citywide shortage of these personnel and believe more people would benefit from learning about the pay, benefits, predictable hours, meaningful community impact, and physical health benefits of these part-time jobs.

4 of 6 Additional School Safety Agents on Myrtle Ave

NYPD

Hire additional school safety agents

Location: Myrtle & Vanderbilt

BKCB2 recommends funding for a dedicated School Safety Agent on Myrtle Avenue to resolve the ongoing issue of teens "mobbing" at specific points along the corridor after school. This problem has been exacerbated in recent years due to the speed of digital and social media amplification. The Board is deeply concerned about safety issues for the youth, as well as for the significant population of seniors in this area.

5 of 6 More Traffic Enforcement at Major Intersections

NYPD

Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

BKCB2 recommends funding for additional traffic enforcement at major intersections.

6 of 6 Enforcement of No Standing Near Schools

NYPD

Other NYPD staff resources requests

BKCB2 recommends funding for additional enforcement of No Parking/No Standing zones around schools during pick-up and drop-off hours.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

1 of 1 NYCHA REES Expansion

NYCHA

Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests

BKCB2 recommends additional funding for outreach to NYCHA residents regarding the excellent opportunities available to them through the Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability (REES) programs.

Department of Buildings (DOB)

1 of 1 More DOB Emergency Response, After-Hours, and Real-Time Enforcement Personnel

DOB

Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

BKCB2 recommends additional funding for DOB Emergency Response Team and Real-Time Enforcement units. Our District continues to drive construction activity in the borough. After-hours and illegal work often requires more than one inspection attempt, and DOB must be fully funded to meet this need.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 1 Increase Brooklyn PEP Corp

DPR

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

BKCB2 recommends additional funding for Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Officers. At a May 13 City Council hearing, NYC Parks reported an active headcount of 344 PEP officers with "approximately" 60 officers per borough". With ~877 parks sites in Brooklyn alone, this is an untenable per-officer caseload of quality-of-life issues, homeless outreach, canine waste patrol, illegal dumping, littering, illegal vending, and general public safety needs. BKCB2 requests significant additional funding for PEP Officers in our District.

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)**1 of 1 Extended Library Operating Hours**

BPL

Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

BKCB2 recommends increased funding for our 6 Brooklyn Public Library branches to 1) facilitate extended 8pm daily closures at all locations, and 2) permanent Sunday service hours at the 5 locations without: Adams Street, Center for Brooklyn History, Clinton Hill, Walt Whitman, and the Library for Arts & Culture. Public libraries are one of our most democratizing institutions, and offer vital community services like computer and internet access, and free educational and enrichment programs for all ages. Our public libraries should be open on evenings and weekends to provide equitable access to safe and inclusive spaces for students, adults who work traditional 9-to-5 jobs, and seniors seeking community and social connection. Expanded access ensures libraries can fulfill their role as a public good accessible to all.

Department for Homeless Services (DHS)**1 of 1 More Mobile Street Outreach for Unhoused Residents**

DHS

Expand street outreach

BKCB2 recommends increased funding for DHS Joint Command Center (JCC) services. While our District accounts for a relatively modest percent of the Citywide shelter population, our central location, density of municipal services, and high accessibility to transit and public spaces leads to more concentration, visibility, and often violent interactions.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**1 of 1 Public Outreach Budget for the District Office**

OMB

Other community board facilities and staff requests

BKCB2 requests a baselined annual budget increase of \$26,160 to send an annual direct mailer to the ~80,000 households in BKCD2 to inform them of the City Charter-mandated municipal information, resident assistance, and civic participation opportunities available to them through their Community Board and District Office. Printing: \$0.08/postcard = \$6,400 USPS EDDM bulk postage: \$0.247/postcard = \$19,760 Investing in Community Boards is an investment in accountable, equitable, and responsive government for every New Yorker. Community Boards play a uniquely democratic role in shaping development, addressing neighborhood concerns, ensuring residents have a voice in city decisions, and educating residents about municipal systems and functions. Yet we operate with one third of the staff of City Council offices despite serving a similar-sized population, and are typically allocated an OTPS budget of less than \$15k per year. Increasing our baseline budget specifically for outreach purposes would strengthen our ability to reach and engage the public, conduct meaningful planning, and respond effectively to community needs. Outreach will become even more urgent in the coming decade as Community Board term limits take effect, thereby decreasing institutional knowledge and increasing the need for new Member recruitment.

Department of Education (DOE)**1 of 3 Bus Exemption for PS 456**

DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

BKCB2 recommends funding for PS 456 (385 State St) to expand their school bus service borders to match the Borough-wide mandate of the school.

2 of 3 Feasibility Study to Open Schoolyards to the Community

DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

BKCB2 recommends funding for a feasibility study regarding opening schoolyards to the community after school hours.

3 of 3 Weekend Programming & Transportation for D13 STEM Center

DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

BKCB2 recommends funding for the District 13 STEM Center to provide weekend programming and transportation for students and their families participating in robotics, 3-D printing, and other technology skills.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**1 of 1 Increase Ferry Service**

EDC

Other expense budget request for EDC

BKCB2 recommends funding for additional NYC Ferry service access points, and more ways to directly access the ferries from the landlocked portions of the District, including dedicated City shuttles, or public access to those provided to the Brooklyn Navy Yard employees and guests.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)**1 of 2 Retail Attraction & Retention**

SBS

Other commercial district revitalization requests

BKCB2 recommends funding to increase support for retail attraction and retention. There are still too many vacant storefronts in all of our 9 Business Improvement Districts. While we are proud of our marquee restaurants and understand the need for some big box retail, residents continue to express desire for more locally-driven daily residential retail such as diners, laundromats, dollar stores, bakeries, etc.

2 of 2 BID Support

SBS

Other commercial district revitalization requests

BKCB2 recommends additional funding for our 9 local Business Improvement Districts. Our BID's have some of the best marketing teams in the City but need support and expanded funding for public space management (crowds) and maintenance (trash).

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**1 of 4 Enforcement of Public Scofflaw Violations**

DSNY

Other enforcement requests

BKCB2 recommends additional funding for DSNY enforcement of scofflaw violations in public spaces such as dumping, commercial and residential neglect, and unmanaged dog waste.

2 of 4 Study Containerization Impact on Recycling

DSNY

Other expense budget request for DSNY

BKCB2 recommends funding for DSNY to conduct a study to determine if and how containerization impacts recycling rates. The full recyclables diversion rate of metal, glass, paper, organics, textiles, and e-waste in BKCD2 is 27.6%, which is high relative to the Brooklyn average of 17%. The containerization roll-out should not result in backsliding. BKCD2 is well-positioned for such a study given the mix of high and low rise buildings, row houses, and large NYCHA developments, and because it is the next District selected for an Empire Bins pilot.

3 of 4 Multi-Agency Vending Enforcement

DSNY

Increase enforcement of street vending

BKCB2 recommends funding for a feasibility study regarding creation of a multi-agency task force to reduce unauthorized and non-compliant street vendors. Several of our commercial corridors continue to experience rampant disregard for the laws that protect the health and safety of our District's millions of annual visitors, and the daily quality of life and sanitation expectations of our District's residents. Just as the Office of Nightlife has seen success with coordinated multi-agency enforcement and education efforts such as M.A.R.C.H and C.U.R.E, we hope that the creativity and resourcefulness of our agencies working together might yield comparable solutions for better street vendor education, compliance, and enforcement. BIDs might be a suitable and motivated partner in this work, perhaps as a means for street vendors to begin to be integrated into the community support systems and business resources available to bricks & mortar operators sharing the same corridors.

4 of 4 Door-to-Door Organics Outreach

DSNY

Provide or expand community composting programs

BKCB2 recommends additional funding for direct public awareness and education campaigns around the benefits of organics composting and curbside organics collection.