

***Statements of Community  
District Needs  
and  
Community Board  
Budget Requests***

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**Brooklyn  
Community District**

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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) 2025. 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, 2023.

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

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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	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
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
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
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
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
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
<b>AGE</b>							
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
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
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
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
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 7

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	126,230	100.00	133,230	100.00	7,000	5.5	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	28,316	22.4	30,146	22.6	1,830	6.5	0.2
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	126,230	100.0	133,230	100.0	7,000	5.5	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	57,375	45.5	52,310	39.3	-5,065	-8.8	-6.2
White non-Hispanic	29,464	23.3	31,915	24.0	2,451	8.3	0.7
Black non-Hispanic	3,688	2.9	4,209	3.2	521	14.1	0.3
Asian non-Hispanic	33,288	26.4	40,415	30.3	7,127	21.4	3.9
Some other race, non-Hispanic	645	0.5	1,120	0.8	475	73.6	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,770	1.4	3,261	2.4	1,491	84.2	1.0
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	42,506	100.0	45,683	100.0	3,177	7.5	0.0
Occupied housing units	40,043	94.2	43,079	94.3	3,036	7.6	0.1
Vacant housing units	2,463	5.8	2,604	5.7	141	5.7	-0.1

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

Community District 7 is a mixed residential, industrial and commercial community. Home to a diverse and integrated population, the District is comprised of two main communities: Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace. Other community identities have gained popularity and become more established recently, including Greenwood Heights and South Park Slope. Sunset Park consists of a strong residential community, two thriving commercial strips, 5th and 8th Avenues, and a large industrial area, mainly west of 3rd Avenue, along the waterfront. It is bifurcated by the Gowanus Expressway and is bordered to the south by the Long Island Rail Road cut. The 23-acre facility, Sunset Park, has an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a recreation center and a large open space with spectacular views of the harbor. Windsor Terrace and the northern part of the district consist of a smaller residential community with three main commercial strips on 5th and 7th Avenues and Prospect Park West. Windsor Terrace is surrounded by the natural boundaries of Prospect Park and Green-Wood Cemetery. The Gothic Brownstone “gatehouse” at the cemetery’s entrance is a New York City landmark and the most widely known symbol of the community. The District has been home to generations of immigrants, Irish and Italian and Scandinavian in the early 20th century and before. Mid-century saw a population influx from Puerto Rico, then immigrants from the Dominican Republic and from central and South America. The 1980s saw a large increase in residents from China and the 90s began an influx from Mexico, more rural areas of China and, to a lesser extent, the Middle East. Our community is extremely diverse and yet our populations live peacefully side by side making for a family-friendly neighborhood. Community residents have learned to organize to fight for resources and demand change and our collective action has produced positive results. We defeated a floating power plant in 2004 that would have been taller than any building in the area and longer than the Titanic. We rezoned most of our residential community in 2005 and 2009. After a 40-year effort, we finally built a local high school in 2009 and followed that up with eight additional schools and another, in the landmarked old 68th Precinct building, in progress. We finished our 197-a Plan, which calls for the preservation and enhancement of our industrial waterfront, calling for improved environmental performance and additional recreation opportunities on our waterfront and it was passed by the City. New businesses are bringing investments, industries and jobs to our waterfront. We are home to a bio-technology center, enormous economic development investments at Industry City, Liberty View Plaza, the Brooklyn Army Terminal, Made in NY Campus, Bush Terminal and the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal and we have the capacity to continue to grow our industrial sector with good-paying jobs for local residents. We have led the local effort to improve pedestrian safety and redesign our streets for safety and mobility improvements. We created the first committee in the City on last mile trucking and been a citywide leader on the issue. We lead on finding innovative ways to reach out to all of our residents. We were the first Community Board to create a committee on access and ability, to break down barriers and find solutions for accessing public spaces and meetings. Clearly, positive changes and investments are being made in our community, but more needs to be done for a community that had been left behind in the past. Our Board has been forward-looking and aggressive in our pursuit of investments and infrastructure improvements that will enhance the lives and livelihoods of our residents, workers and business owners. We are proud to have held thirty-five community meetings over two years to educate our residents and take feedback before we deliberated on Industry City’s proposed rezoning of much of the waterfront. We have welcomed the Brooklyn Nets practice facility, NYU Hospital’s upgrades, Steiner Studios (currently under development), the waterfront greenway (currently under partial construction), the rehabilitation of 4th Avenue as a more pedestrian-friendly corridor. Equinor will soon build its new offshore wind turbine construction and onshore power facility on our waterfront, making Sunset Park the hub of New York City’s green energy revolution. However, there continue to be sections of our community that have not received sufficient investments and improvements and this continues to leave many of our residents behind. Our community has many inadequate school facilities, an insufficient amount of parkland, the second oldest housing stock in NYC according to NYU, and a serious lack of affordable and senior housing units. We do more than our fair share when it comes to sanitation infrastructure, vehicle storage, power production and serving the homeless. Our waterfront access is extremely limited. There are concerns that the investments being made may not have a positive impact on the local residents and may exacerbate economic pressures and displacement. Many of our streets remain dangerous to cross and have crumbling infrastructure. Public transportation does not extend far enough and is in need of upgrades. We do not have fiber-optic cable in much of the neighborhood and more than 20% of households in Sunset Park do not have internet service, according to a recent survey. The Gowanus Expressway is under constant construction and continues to bring 50 million emission-spewing vehicles through our district every year.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

With increasing income inequality and a tightening market for affordable housing, long-time residents of Community Board 7 Brooklyn are being displaced and many residents are forced to live in severely overcrowded conditions. Few units of affordable housing are being built and existing affordable housing is being lost through landlords opting-out, speculative development and tenant harassment. There are a range of new insights into the relationship between affordable housing and life outcomes for children and families. The lack of stable, affordable housing increases stress on families and can be tied to many of the other issues identified in this report. The few affordable spaces are put into a city-wide lottery system that makes creation of such units less impactful in reducing such stress locally. Even the definition of affordability is controversial as the median income of the local community is less than half of what it is for the city in general, making affordability a relative term. While available space in Community District 7 for affordable housing is limited, there is space, owned by the city as well as private ownership, that remains empty and available to build affordable housing, yet this city and state lacks the creativity and leadership to think boldly in solving our housing crisis.

#### **Schools**

The high birthrate and the new families who have emigrated to our community create the need for vital support services, which is often placed under the auspices of our schools. Initiatives to support parents, promote child health and safety, and improve access to high-quality childcare can help the district in five key ways: Positive experiences between birth and school entry boost a child's healthy development and future prospects. Research clearly demonstrates that the "hard wiring" of a child's brain occurs during these early years. Children who get off to a good start are less likely to be held back or to get into trouble in school. Studies have even shown that early childhood success can lead to higher college graduation rates, lower crime rates, and reduced need for emergency services many years later. Families are more stable when the needs of their young children are met. When children are healthy and in reliable care, their parents are more likely to maintain steady employment and are typically more productive workers. When children enter school ready to learn, schools are better able to meet high standards and student needs. Successful schools benefit all students, improve a city's livability, and help develop a strong future workforce. Strong early childhood programs are a valuable asset for local economic development. In the short term, these programs can help attract better workers and support working parents. In the longer term, a city that has made the necessary investments to maintain a quality workforce over time is likely to be more appealing to businesses looking for a stable location. Early childhood initiatives that expand access to quality services help "level the playing field." Economic, racial, and ethnic disparities are too often perpetuated from one generation to the next unless children from disadvantaged households have the kinds of early childhood opportunities that are commonplace among their more advantaged peers. Far too many cases have been reported in Sunset Park about children bused to school facilities far away from the district, in one extreme case a set of autistic twin kindergarteners commute over an hour to get to a school with the facilities that can attend to their needs. Nowhere is the challenge for fulfilling the promise of academic achievement greater than in the work with diverse learners (aka students with learning disabilities). All students deserve an education that prepares them for postsecondary success and a lifetime of unlimited opportunity. Related services include Occupational Therapy (fine motor skill focus), Physical Therapy (gross motor skill focus), Speech Therapy, Language Therapy. In addition to the services, school buildings should be equipped with relevant facilities like sensory gyms and other technologies such as assistive technologies. Full Funding of the IDEA is necessary to provide early identification and early intervention services. Increased and enhanced early childhood programs. Reduced class size and caseloads. Incentives to attract and retain qualified personnel, including teachers, related services personnel, special education administrators, and paraprofessionals. Parent training. Alternative placements for children with behavior disorders and school-wide

positive behavioral support programs. After-school, extended-day, and extended-year programs. School- and community-based life skills and vocational training. Technology, both computer-aided instruction and assistive technology devices. School repair, renovation, and construction.

### **Traffic**

The wide boulevards of Community District 7 have long attracted a heavy volume of traffic, often including commuters who shun the constant construction on the Gowanus Expressway to pick their way through local traffic and heavy truck traffic due to the large industrial community. Often, frustrated drivers try to get around the local traffic by moving through narrower more residential blocks to get to another avenue, which is frequently just as crowded. The wide boulevards are home to much of our important community infrastructure, including schools, transportation hubs, businesses and libraries. Pedestrians need to traverse these wide streets that are often clogged with large, highway traveling trucks. These "conflicts" have too often led to tragic outcomes in our community. The modern economy heavily relies on trucks for delivery and our industrial area is often the starting and ending point for these trucks and they move through the local community, which has poor highway connections and the aforementioned driver-angering traffic. DOT, to its credit, has installed many speed humps and bicycle lanes in the community, but these solutions feel like one-size-fits-all solutions to larger issues. They do not necessarily address the specific conditions and needs of the local community. For example, Community Board 7 has been waiting for nearly two decades for DOT to conduct a pedestrian safety study for the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 60th Street, the most dangerous intersection in the community with more than 150 accidents a year and now home to four schools. DOT sent a non-sequitur response in 2019 to the Board's request to conduct a traffic study for 3rd Avenue and has held workshops with results that have yet to be shared with the public. CB 7 waited ten years for the completion of the 20th Street truck route study and DOT implemented a "solution" without community input a mere month after sharing a plan that simply put additional traffic on other streets and encouraged off-route trucking. The agency has yet to review their boondoggle. After the community pushed back on DOT's plans to make 7th and 8th Avenues one-way, as they were inadequate to addressing the community's needs, DOT decided to scrap the plan rather than engage in dialogue. The agency does not appear to accept community input. Even the 4th Avenue bike lane, announced at a press conference by the commissioner to be expedited and completed by the end of 2019, still awaits completion. CB 7 believes DOT should listen to the needs and lived experiences of the local community to determine what should be prioritized for study and improvement, not inform the community what our priorities should be.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 7

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Services to reduce or prevent homelessness**

DHS's past failure to communicate with the local residents or even elected officials and government agencies about new and existing shelters makes the local community believe the City is hiding something, such as placing pedophiles in the community. Even after DHS has corrected these missteps, giving us six months notice in one of the most recent placements, the lack of trust is a terrible disservice to the clients the agency serves. The lack of information prior to opening coronavirus-related shelters locally led to rumors and distrust in multiple city agencies. Ours is a welcoming community and embraces people of all backgrounds and economic status, recently holding a clothing and resource drive for migrants from Central America housed in a hotel in the community, but the City's past failure to disclose builds distrust for the City and the vulnerable population they are trying to serve. Efforts must be made to improve DHS's negative image. That starts with communication. As new hotel-based shelters open with little or no community notice, we find the city's pledge to be out of the hotels by 2023 to be another likely empty promise. Back in 2008 we foresaw the potential of speculative as-of-right hotel development in our manufacturing areas fearing housing intrusion of manufacturing areas, driving up industrial property values, potentially making industrial businesses unviable. We worried that these hotels could also become homeless shelters. Our City Councilman at the time pledged to submit legislation to prevent as-of-right hotels. That Councilman's name was Bill deBlasio. This is why we do not trust the city's policies and promises on this issue. Further, while Community District 7 has welcomed these shelters, it is the responsibility of every district to bear their fair share. Districts to our north and south have just a fraction of shelters that District 7 does; some do not even have a shelter in their district at all. The recent influx of migrants, also disproportionately housed in CD7 compared to neighboring districts, has exacerbated these problems, shining a light on the lack of resources for dealing with local impacts, as well as the City's poor communication, even with other city agencies.

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

No comments

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

Under the FY25 Capital Priorities for the Board, our members call for an increase in programmatic funding for existing senior centers in the district. Our members are concerned about the proliferation of for-profit adult day services around the city and believe the city's senior centers provide a much higher level of service and more opportunities for seniors. Unfortunately, the city centers are not eligible for the Medicaid funding and therefore are not playing on an even field. CB 7 believes the city should provide additional funds to allow for the centers to increase the number of seniors they serve.

###### **Needs for Homeless**

Unfortunately, the current Administration's policy with regard to communication on the opening of shelters, both homeless and migrant, has remained the same as the previous Administration. DHS fails to notify CB 7 of the opening of shelters until the last moment and has even denied shelters were opening at specific locations when questioned by the Board only to backtrack within hours of their denials. This does not engender good will with the local community. Despite the Administration's best efforts to stigmatize the very people they claim they are helping, CB 7 and its members have organized and participated in clothing and hygiene product drives to help these populations acclimate to NYC and to the local community, going so far as to develop multi-language "Welcome" materials to let

our new neighbors know about parks and shopping and other amenities to their new, most often, temporary home. Our community is largely sympathetic to poor people and immigrants, but the City's failure to communicate makes it appear that something is being hidden from the local community.

### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

CD 7 has a high rate of poverty (28%), a very large foreign-born population (47.2%) and well below average for English proficiency and educational attainment so it could be argued that all services provided are for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers in our neighborhoods.

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## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/25	DHS	<b>Other request for services for the homeless</b>	<i>Work with HRA to ensure that wrap around services are available for all shelter residents in CD 7.</i>	

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Support services for special needs youth (disabled, immigrant, non-English proficient, etc.)**

The coronavirus emergency closed our schools twice and reduced us to a hybrid model during the beginning of the last school year in 2021. Admittedly, DOE has had to scramble to provide resources for students and families due to the unprecedented emergency, but the needs of our largely immigrant and poor community, with its infrastructure deficiencies, were already greater than most of the city and now the chasm is even wider. The health emergency brought these issues to the forefront. Poor wi-fi service in many areas of the community lead students to rely on mobile connections, which are of poor quality and reliability. Much of our community still relies on outdated copper wire and lacks fiber optic cable. A lack of technology services for teachers, administrators and especially families and students who may not be technologically and English-proficient, has left our students further behind, likely increasing a disparity of income, often due to a lack of appropriate infrastructure investment over decades. At the very least the city should commit to ensuring that all households have the ability to access wifi. Students should not be forced to go to fast food restaurants or sit outside closed libraries and schools to gain their education. To reduce these disparities and help correct the inequities of the past, New York City should commit to providing free wifi services for our entire community. Community Board 7 recently signed on to a petition calling for comprehensive services and programming, including afterschool programming, for all students in our community. Space requirements often preclude important programming for development and advancement and support services for those with needs. However, as additional school seats are slated to open up, reducing the overcrowding burden on our local schools, we must reimagine our facilities and programs, especially their accessibility to all.

#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

CB 7 has worked recently collecting sites for future school construction. Recent school construction belies the fact that our schools are overcrowded for lack of appropriate planning in the past as our community's population has grown 50% in 20 years. However, the recent opening of schools, with more on the way, as well as a student population drop after schools reopened from covid closures, has eased some of the burden on our facilities allowing us to rethink our needs and to call for accessible, equitable and culturally sensitive programming and services at all of our schools, with afterschool programs to enhance scholarship and ease burdens on families and support services for those who need additional assistance. Additional space can allow us to reduce class sizes and bring back art programs, science labs, gyms, lunch rooms and libraries that have been repurposed in the past for classroom space. We recognize the importance of early childhood education and this deficit of seats has left a generations of our children, who are mostly poor and/or from immigrant families, at a terrible disadvantage. With the diverse populations within our community, there is an immediate need for augmented bilingual/ESL education for our Latino, Asian, Middles Eastern and Eastern European populations. Additionally, English proficiency programs, perhaps through our schools using the very students who are mastering language skills, for older residents would serve a great need for our community. Work skills and experience programs, such as SYEP and internships, must be expanded to prepare our students for the job market. We are very pleased that our high school's curriculum embraces such learning outside the classroom and that two AmeriCorps programs serve our community through the Red Hook Community Justice Center and NYU Family Health Care.

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

The population of the District has a large percentage of young people (30% under age 19) and programs for youth are greatly needed. Since our District has a minimum of public recreation space our children must rely on afterschool and other community-based programs for arts, entertainment, sports and academic help. Many of our residents fall beneath the poverty line and parents often have to work more than one job to support their families. These programs are vitally important to the life, learning and social skills of our youngest residents. The City must do



more to support our children and our community-based organizations by providing additional funds. We must consider the need for afterschool and vacation care for children whose parents work. Additional funds must be available to support organizations that provide these services to create more day care slots for the local community and facilities. This could have an added benefit of creating jobs. Our local SYEP program is run through a program located at our high school and the school has an aggressive internship program for upperclassmen, but these options are not enough for a community with such a large youth population. The approximately 1600 SYEP slots are the same amount we had a decade ago, when our population was smaller. When the economy turned bad, there was increased competition from older workers for precious few jobs, increasing youth unemployment. These programs provide some of the few opportunities our young people have to gain work experience. CB7 held two gang awareness forums for youth and parents to make people aware of the local gangs in the community and alternatives. NYPD and former gang members provided dozens of people with stark information. Awareness, avoidance and alternatives are keys to combating this problem in our community.

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## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/42	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Rehabilitate all non-ADA compliant schools and facilities within schools to ensure they are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	
21/42	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.</i>	
27/42	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5. As such, the play equipment is inadequate for older children.</i>	
33/42	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.</i>	
34/42	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>	<i>Fund new community programming, modeled on the Cornerstone program, in the city-owned building at 4201 4th Avenue, Brooklyn.</i>	4201 4 Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

6/25	ACS	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance primary prevention services to strengthen families</b>	<i>Increase day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increased significantly, but we have lost seats due to competition for space. Head Start had to move for a new public school and lost half its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space was used for Pre-K.</i>
9/25	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Fully fund all programs for all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (including but not limited to students with special needs and multilingual learners) in the district</i>
11/25	ACS	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services</b>	<i>Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.</i>
12/25	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers for all schools, especially serving schools with District 75 students. Safety officers should not be from the NYPD.</i>
19/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services</b>	<i>Increase funding for adult ESOL, literacy and education programs in CD 7.</i>
20/25	ACS	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth</b>	<i>Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.</i>
21/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Allocate funding for after school music and arts programs, comprehensive ASP, ELA, STEAM, sports, math COMPASS and SONYC programs to all schools in the district</i>

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Police-community relations**

CB 7 is a relatively low crime community, although we have seen major crimes jump about 50% in the past two years. High profile events in the past, including some that have taken place outside of our community and even city, have reopened a rift between some parts of the community and the 72nd Precinct. We acknowledge that the precinct and Brooklyn South have worked diligently to overcome this divergence. We believe community relations have been enhanced with the implementation of the Neighborhood Coordination Officers. We are strong believers that positive relations between our precinct and our residents will lead to even better results in reducing crimes and particularly quality-of-life complaints. However, better communication between individual officers and some members of the community does not make up for failures to respond appropriately to some quality of life concerns as well as failure to enforce safety regulations, such as speeding and off-route trucks. Community relations can only further improve with better service from the local precinct, addressing the sometimes years-long quality of life issues. Better communications can help residents understand how particular quality-of-life concerns are addressed rather than discourage individuals from making complaints in the future if they do not think their concerns are being addressed. However, the recent change of command at the Precinct has greatly improved communications in the District and has also witnessed a corresponding decrease in crime. We believe this communication has improved relations with the local community and goes hand in hand with the decrease in crime.

#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

The implementation of the Neighborhood Coordination Officer program (NCO) has helped to foster improved community relations and dialogue. Residents now have direct access to their local officers, who are essentially community specialists. The diverse NCO officers reflect the diversity of our community, improving understanding, trust and communication. However quality-of-life concerns are the most frequent constituent complaints addressed through the Community Board. The top QOL complaints we recent include: \* Double-parking. Changes to and construction on 4th Avenue have highlighted the need for vigorous double-parking enforcement; \* Noise. Noise complaints, which are most prevalent in the summer, include residential, but usually concern noise and illegal behavior at businesses (particularly one's with liquor licenses); \* Prostitution. We have seen recent spike in our prostitution complaints, particularly on 39th Street, at or near newly built hotels in the manufacturing district; \* Vagrancy/public intoxication: We have also seen an uptick in complaints about vagrancy/public intoxication, particularly in or near parks. The recent introduction of a homeless population to the district through hotels in the manufacturing zones may have led to this increase; \* Nightlife. Our community has become popular for weekend raves and party boats have come to the 58th Street Pier (without community approval). This has stretch NYPD resources thin during weekends. Pedestrian safety is also a top concern and we are trying to address this issue through DOT, however, it is vital that appropriate NYPD resources be made available, including an increase in the number of school crossing guards allocated to our community. We have new schools, annexes, pre-K facilities and charters in the past 20 years, as well as a burgeoning population, but have not seen an increase to crossing guards in decades. Several children have been injured or even killed in our district in the past years making this an essential need. We have also heard increased concerns and a need for education and enforcement on motorized bikes on sidewalks, in parks and in bike lanes.

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7 and increase hours to reflect afterschool programs. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.</i>	
7/25	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.</i>	
25/25	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase enforcement against illegal and double parking, unregistered vehicles and traffic violations throughout the district</i>	

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

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

##### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

All of the above choices are of great concern, however street cleanliness has always been a big issue for our community. Recent efforts made by the DSNY, including enhanced cleaning and additional basket pick up along with resources provided by the Councilmember and Borough President have helped improve our ratings to where we are above average for Brooklyn, but still below City average. Cleanliness concerns remain on the cleanliness of our commercial strips, near transit hubs, our industrial area, beneath the Gowanus Expressway and alongside Green-Wood Cemetery and the MTA properties.

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

##### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

The sewers, watermains and catch basins in this community are among the oldest in Brooklyn. There are a number of sewer collapses and undermined roadways reported to the Board each year. Several street reconstruction projects have been on our roster of Capital Budget requests for more than twenty years. The heavy volume of traffic, particularly on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and Caton Avenues, major thoroughfares and truck routes, causes severe wear and erosion on these streets and off-route trucks put an additional heavy burden on our side streets, which were not meant to accommodate such heavy vehicles. Our old streets and infrastructure are crumbling and additional contracts and resources must be made available for trenching activities. While the City occasionally paves streets, we are fearful that the underlying causes of the street degradation are not being addressed and repaving merely covers over the problems. We believe that DOT and DEP must address these concerns much sooner and more comprehensively, otherwise it may simply be a waste of funds as streets keep sinking despite new asphalt. Five years ago, a pipe thirty feet below 43rd Street broke leaving residents and businesses on the block without water, sewer and other city services, months of construction and a lack of access, as well as other hardships, on the block. Four years ago, a street collapse on 64th Street prevented travel on the heavily-used Fifth Avenue, including the rerouting of the bus for several days, causing hardships and loss of revenue for residents and businesses alike. It took over a year to repair. We believe that if the sewer and water pipes were replaced in 1988, as they were scheduled to be, this expensive, year-long plus infrastructure problem would not have occurred. We still are waiting on this work, nearly forty years later while the project languishes in the "10 year plan." Kermit Place's new sewers are also on the alleged 10 year plan. The 2005 replacement of the sewer pipe on 1st Avenue never occurred and seems to have completely disappeared. Unfortunately, recent heavy rainstorms, which are only getting more frequent have flooded numerous sections of our district, particularly just south of Prospect Park.

##### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Community District 7 continues to host more than its fair share of sanitation facilities. In addition to numerous private carters and recyclers, we are also home to the SIMS Municipal Recycling Facility, which will take most of NYC's metal and plastic recyclables; the garage for BK-7 and BK-10 (which serves CB10); the Hamilton Avenue Marine Transfer Station. A private company that takes 1000 tons of city residential trash every day on 50th Street. All these facilities require additional trucks in our community and, unfortunately, sometimes we are taken advantage of. Many of the private municipal waste truck drivers take liberties by parking beneath the Gowanus Expressway, along 3rd Avenue or next to Green-Wood Cemetery. For many years CB7 has advocated for moving our sanitation garage to a location off the harbor, as it doesn't need to be water adjacent. We have been denied for two decades. However, 2040 zero emissions standards for the fleet will require a larger facility (for equipment, charging, etc.) than the current garage and so we are asking, given our overburden of DSNY facilities, that ours becomes the first DSNY garage to comply with zero emissions and requiring us to find space and build a modern facility, preferable not directly on the waterfront.

## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/42	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.</i>	1st Avenue 39th Street 39th Street
15/42	DSNY	<b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b>	<i>Acquire site for a new BK-7 garage off the waterfront in order to build the first zero emissions DSNY garage and fueling facility. The current facility is too small to house the technology and ancillary equipment necessary to meet the City's 2040 goal.</i>	
28/42	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Establish a design an reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.</i>	5 Avenue 34 Street 34 Street
29/42	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure on 33rd and 34th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.</i>	34th and 35th Streets 4th Avenue 4th Avenue

## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.</i>	
14/25	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</b>	<i>Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.</i>	
22/25	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 8th Street and Caton Avenue</i>	

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DSNY

**Other cleaning  
requests**

*Allocate additional personnel for manual street  
sweeping in CD 7 and/or implementation of the  
Clean Curbs program for schools*



## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

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

##### **Affordable housing creation**

There is a rising concern that new housing development is not affordable for local residents, as the median income in CB 7 is approximately \$43,000/year, while the standard for affordability includes the median income from more affluent communities. Additionally, affordable units that are mandatory within a project that includes developer incentives need to include family-sized units and not just studio and one-bedroom units. Many in the community find the city's current MIH program insufficient for creating the number of affordable units our community needs and the levels of affordability still out of reach for most of our community. We often are asked whom these units are meant for as it is noted that Area Median Income is calculated using more affluent communities and counties, meaning units that are affordable in general to NYC residents remain outside of the price range of most of our local residents. Many look to the Fifth Avenue Committee's projects at the Sunset Park Library and at 4th Avenue and 63rd Streets as a model for not-for-profit based housing development that is affordable to local residents.

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

##### **Needs for Land Use**

CB7 is greatly concerned that hotels are allowed as-of-right in manufacturing districts, as we believe this is a back door way to promote housing expansion. We have spent almost two decades promoting and trying to safeguard our industrial waterfront, through our 197-a study and plan, and wish DCP would close this loophole, which could have devastating consequences for businesses and local employment if additional hotels are allowed to open in our manufacturing area. Many of the most recent hotels built in our community are either being used for homeless shelters. We are concerned these uses may one day make our manufacturing zones unaffordable, opening the door for housing, and throwing thousands of local residents out of their jobs. This as-of-right loophole for hotels in manufacturing zones must be closed. When he was Councilman for this community, Mr. deBlasio promised legislation to close the loophole to allow hotels in manufacturing zones as of right. A decade later we are still waiting for that legislation. In the meantime, those hotels have now become the City's homeless plan.

##### **Needs for Housing**

No comments

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

Our Board welcomes economic development along our waterfront, but insists that any development immediately adjacent to the water be limited to water-dependant and community uses. Our waterfront is our greatest physical asset with spectacular views and large areas ripe for development. We strongly believe that any development in our community must be sensitive to our current residents and businesses. Should businesses be required to move as part of a major development, priority should be given to relocating the businesses within the community. Our priority is to bring additional jobs to the community, not to force some businesses to leave. Our community has seen much of its potential wasted in the past from the placement of negative-impact facilities, such as the Metropolitan Detention Center, power plants and waste transfer stations. The community has received a disproportionate number of these facilities while many of the other neighborhoods in the City receive money to lessen the impact of such facilities or relocated them altogether. Our community has received millions, and promised additional billions, in public and private investments in recent years and there is a concern that such developments and changes will not reach the local residents and may even have negative consequences, such as making housing unaffordable.

## Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/42	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.</i>	
22/42	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons</i>	
25/42	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Build a ramp to replace stairson the 63rd Street walkway to the BAT buildings. The stairs are not accessible.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/25	SBS	<b>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</b>	<i>Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.</i>	
23/25	SBS	<b>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</b>	<i>Fund adult vocational and apprenticeship programs in CD 7</i>	

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Roadway and traffic design**

DOT should immediately commit to study and make changes to the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 60th Street, and to conduct a truck route efficiency and safety study for the community in the interest of public safety for the safety of all users and to move goods as efficiently as possible with as little conflict with pedestrians and bicyclists as possible. We do not understand why these are not a priority of DOT. The intersection at 3rd Avenue and 60th Street is the most dangerous in the community with over 190 crashes in the past 10 years, resulting in over 300 injuries, as well as a myriad of other safety issues including limited lighting, potholes in crosswalks, and undersized medians which provide almost no protection to vulnerable road users and pedestrians, giving them limited time to cross nine lanes of traffic. In 2021 we opened two new schools at the intersection, which along with PS 503 and PS 506 across the street, have added hundreds of small stature pedestrians to this intersection every school day. CB7 has been waiting for what was called a "Safe Routes to School" study for this intersection since at least 2003. Third Avenue itself is the most dangerous roadway in Brooklyn, and its lack of safety is compounded by issues like areas of insufficient lighting and a large quantity of sidewalks and curb cuts which do not meet DOT's Federally-mandated accessibility standards. DOT's intransigence is baffling for an agency that supposedly has a vision for zero pedestrian deaths. Goals need to be followed by actions, which have not been forthcoming. A truck route study is also a necessity for our community. We previously discussed the danger these trucks present to other users of the streets, but the need for a truck route study has increased as more trucks have become necessary to deliver goods both locally and to other communities. This has been compounded by the increase in warehouses and depots within our community, which are often the starting point for these trucks. These delivery services and depots are expanding at an unsustainable pace in our community and nearby. Our community also faces a large increase in truck trips due to the new last mile facilities opening. This will exacerbate an already dangerous situation as DOT has reduced our trucks routes, furthering the danger along existing routes or encouraging off-route trucking as traffic volume along designated routes increases. Instead of these studies, DOT has pushed through half thought out plans for 20th Street, Park Circle and 7th and 8th Avenues with little community input or notification. It appears DOT rushed to fulfill the previous administration's political promises rather than carefully study problems and create solutions tailored to local needs. But the DOT does not communicate. In fact, it took an Article 78 lawsuit from Assemblyman Abbate to even get DOT to agree to follow the law.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Transportation issues are amongst our most pressing. This is because we are home to two major highways, a large industrial area that requires trucks and because transportation issues have a strong impact on public safety and the quality-of-life in our community. State DOT also plays a crucial role in how trucks access our community as most come via the Gowanus and Prospect Expressways. Unfortunately, constant repair of the Gowanus and terrible traffic on both highways encourages drivers to get off the highways and travel local streets. In addition, a lack of appropriate highway entrances and exits, coupled with our large industrial area, mean that we constantly have problems with off-route trucks looking for ways to get around traffic. These additional trucks on our streets, with more coming due to welcomed economic development along our waterfront, mean additional conflicts with and dangers for pedestrians. City DOT, however, has recognized these conflicts and has worked with the Community Board and others to develop a traffic and pedestrian safety plan for 4th Avenue that has reduced the number of traffic lanes from three to two (north and south), widened the pedestrian medians and vehicle turning lanes, added high visibility paint and plastic bollards. Additional improvements are expected, including sheltered bike lanes and planted medians. However, because the City failed to keep up with these infrastructure needs for decades, many of the projects are happening at the same time, as the City rushes to support our economic growth in the industrial

area, including simultaneous lane closures on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues, daily work on the Gowanus Expressway structure, and side street closures in the 40s and 50s. This leads us to worry that agencies are not properly communicating and coordinating on projects, producing extra burdens on our residents and businesses.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

While we are happy that MTA has added an elevator to the 59th Street station, it is not nearly enough. All station rehabilitations should include elevator and/or ramps. We are very happy the 53rd Street and Prospect Avenue stations have recently been rehabilitated, we feel accessibility is much more important than cell phone charging. We are hopeful that a new elevator for the 36th Street station, which is in the MTA's 5 year capital plan will not be delayed for budgetary reasons. More frequent bus service is necessary on Third, Eighth and particularly on Fifth Avenue, especially when school is in session. MTA failed to provide traffic agents along 4th Avenue, as promised creating a safety hazard for all traverse the boulevard.

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/42	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection</i>	3rd Avenue 17th Street 17th Street
4/42	NYCTA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCTA</b>	<i>Deck over the MTA property between 36th and 39th Streets, from 6th to 8th Avenues, to provide space to build housing for those with low incomes and essential workers</i>	
5/42	NYCTA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCTA</b>	<i>Deck over the MTA property on 38th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues to provide space to build housing for those with low incomes and essential workers.</i>	
7/42	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue</i>	3 Avenue 15 Street 15 Street
9/42	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>Add shelters for every bus stop on the B63 route in CD 7</i>	
10/42	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Install pedestrian and speed cameras throughout CD 7</i>	
16/42	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons</i>	
17/42	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>Add 3 elevators and rehabilitate the 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line to improve station and ensure it is handicap accessible</i>	

26/42	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>Add elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible</i>	
31/42	DOT	<b>Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the bridge over the Prospect Expressway. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	Ft Hamilton Parkway East 5th Street East 5th Street
35/42	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7</i>	3rd Avenue 15th Street 15th Street
39/42	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Complete DOT projects district-wide including raised sidewalk extensions in crosswalks on 4th Avenue, "No Parking signs" in appropriate areas on 4th Avenue and the 58th Street upland connector.</i>	
40/42	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Add bollards on 4th, 5th and 8th Avenues to prevent vehicles from parking in crosswalks and to protect sheltered bike lanes from vehicle intrusion.</i>	
41/42	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Remove rails and reconstruct 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets as was supposed to be done in 2005</i>	
42/42	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the western terminus</i>	

### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several school inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.</i>	

15/25	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Fully fund a pedestrian, bicyclist, driver safety study for 3rd Avenue from 15th to 65th Streets to include all safety issues, including, but not limited to crossing times and safe waiting areas, truck and last mile issues, bicyclist safety, lighting, flooding, illegal parking</i>
17/25	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service</i>
18/25	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Provide additional buses to increase frequency of the B70 bus.</i>

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Brooklyn Community Board 7

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

##### **Community facility access and programming**

Community Board 7 calls on the administration, through the Department of Youth and Community Development, to reimagine and design a community center modeled on the Cornerstone at 4201 4th Avenue, the building in which the Community Board resides. Our district has well below the city's minimum standard of parkland acreage per capita with few spaces available for the creation of additional park space. Although the Department of City Planning says nearly 25% of our community is parks or greenspace, 95% of that is Green-Wood Cemetery, which does not present an opportunity for recreation beyond walking. 4201 4th Avenue, the old Courthouse, is currently the temporary home for the Sunset Park Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. Once they return to their rebuilt modern facility, we believe the space in the building that currently houses the library, and perhaps beyond those confines, should remain within community use, rather than returning as a back office or storage for a city agency. A plan to reimagine the space as a community center would be an ideal fit in our underserved district and should be discussed and workshopped with the public as soon as possible so we can immediately start on the redevelopment after the library's space is vacated.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

Our parks are oases within the concrete City where people of all generations, socio-economic statuses and ethnic and national backgrounds can gather, relax, play or simply enjoy a more pastoral setting within the City. They are for mental rejuvenation, physical fitness and stress relief. However, during difficult economic times our parks see an increase in use because of limited personal recreation funds, but often experience a decrease in programming and upkeep. Together these facts spell trouble for our parks as overused equipment falls into disrepair or natural settings are overtaxed. Unfortunately for local parks, the City's main parks seem to get all the attention while our facilities become eyesores. Facility upgrades are left to our Councilmembers' discretion and ability to negotiate and while our elected officials have done a great job bring these funds to the community, we believe it is unfair to them to have to concentrate funds in parks that should be funded directly by the agency. As such, we call upon the City to establish a capital program for local parks that does not rely on limited discretionary funds from elected officials.

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Library Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

Community Boards haven't received a non-salary related budget increase in a decade. Including salaries, budgets have only increased 40% in the past 40 years. We are in deperate needs of a budget increase as we have been asked to do more and more with no assistance. For example, we have had to squeeze money out of our budget over several years to be able to enhance our meeting technology, which proved crucial when we had to hold virtual meetings for three years. Unfortunately, the technology also comes with a maintenance cost for which we also have to find money in our budget. We have the fewest staff members now than at any time in our history, yet we have new unfunded responsibilities such as hybrid meeting facilitation, social media and website design and posting, contracting, language access and, perhaps, dozens of additional meetings per year to handle cannabis license applications. Language access is a particularly important need as 50% of our population is foreign-born, with at least three major languages spoken in the district and our tiny office has no budget and extremely limited internal ability to provide such service.



## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/42	DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>Purchase fixed and portable equipment to allow Community Board 7/Brooklyn to hold blended meetings in the board and in locations around the district</i>	
8/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate children's playground, basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park.</i>	
11/42	DCAS	<b>Other capital budget request for DCAS</b>	<i>Install infrastructure to provide free wifi access to all of CD 7. The limited drop down menu doesn't cover this request, only allowing this request to be made for our office.</i>	
13/42	DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Community Board 7 rest rooms (to ensure ADA compliance), lobby, plumbing, electrical and hvac systems and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant. DCAS has had the money for almost a decade. This is an embarrassment to NYC.</i>	4201 4 Avenue
14/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.</i>	
18/42	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Windsor Terrace branch library to include ADA-compliant bathrooms, interior renovations and outfitting</i>	
19/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Replace interior walkways within Sunset Park</i>	

20/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.</i>	
23/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park.</i>	4601 3 Avenue
24/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Plascencia Park, including higher fences to prevent damage to surrounding homes</i>	
30/42	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues</i>	
32/42	DPR	<b>Improve access to a building in a park</b>	<i>Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	East 4th Street Ft. Hamilton Parkway Ft. Hamilton Parkway
36/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated</i>	
37/42	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Add accessible swings and other accessible equipment to all playgrounds in CD 7</i>	
38/42	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Build a dog run in Sunset Park</i>	

#### Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/25	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>Increase community board budgets city-wide</i>	
16/25	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers</i>	4200 7th Ave

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Provide translation and interpretation services for community board meetings and communications, city-wide through CEC</i>	

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/42	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection</i>	3rd Avenue 17th Street 17th Street
2/42	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Rehabilitate all non-ADA compliant schools and facilities within schools to ensure they are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	
3/42	DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>Purchase fixed and portable equipment to allow Community Board 7/Brooklyn to hold blended meetings in the board and in locations around the district</i>	
4/42	NYCTA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCTA</b>	<i>Deck over the MTA property between 36th and 39th Streets, from 6th to 8th Avenues, to provide space to build housing for those with low incomes and essential workers</i>	
5/42	NYCTA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCTA</b>	<i>Deck over the MTA property on 38th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues to provide space to build housing for those with low incomes and essential workers.</i>	
6/42	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.</i>	
7/42	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue</i>	3 Avenue 15 Street 15 Street
8/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate children's playground, basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park.</i>	

9/42	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>Add shelters for every bus stop on the B63 route in CD 7</i>	
10/42	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Install pedestrian and speed cameras throughout CD 7</i>	
11/42	DCAS	<b>Other capital budget request for DCAS</b>	<i>Install infrastructure to provide free wifi access to all of CD 7. The limited drop down menu doesn't cover this request, only allowing this request to be made for our office.</i>	
12/42	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.</i>	1st Avenue 39th Street 39th Street
13/42	DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Community Board 7 rest rooms (to ensure ADA compliance), lobby, plumbing, electrical and hvac systems and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant. DCAS has had the money for almost a decade. This is an embarrassment to NYC.</i>	4201 4 Avenue
14/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.</i>	
15/42	DSNY	<b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b>	<i>Acquire site for a new BK-7 garage off the waterfront in order to build the first zero emissions DSNY garage and fueling facility. The current facility is too small to house the technology and ancillary equipment necessary to meet the City's 2040 goal.</i>	
16/42	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons</i>	

17/42	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>Add 3 elevators and rehabilitate the 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line to improve station and ensure it is handicap accessible</i>	
18/42	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Windsor Terrace branch library to include ADA-compliant bathrooms, interior renovations and outfitting</i>	
19/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Replace interior walkways within Sunset Park</i>	
20/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.</i>	
21/42	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.</i>	
22/42	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons</i>	
23/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park.</i>	4601 3 Avenue
24/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate Plascencia Park, including higher fences to prevent damage to surrounding homes</i>	
25/42	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Build a ramp to replace stairson the 63rd Street walkway to the BAT buildings. The stairs are not accessible.</i>	

26/42	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>Add elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible</i>	
27/42	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5. As such, the play equipment is inadequate for older children.</i>	
28/42	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.</i>	5 Avenue 34 Street 34 Street
29/42	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure on 33rd and 34th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.</i>	34th and 35th Streets 4th Avenue 4th Avenue
30/42	BPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)</b>	<i>Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues</i>	
31/42	DOT	<b>Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the bridge over the Prospect Expressway. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	Ft Hamilton Parkway East 5th Street East 5th Street
32/42	DPR	<b>Improve access to a building in a park</b>	<i>Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	East 4th Street Ft. Hamilton Parkway Ft. Hamilton Parkway



33/42	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.</i>	
34/42	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.</i>	
35/42	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7</i>	3rd Avenue 15th Street 15th Street
36/42	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated</i>	
37/42	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Add accessible swings and other accessible equipment to all playgrounds in CD 7</i>	
38/42	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Build a dog run in Sunset Park</i>	
39/42	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Complete DOT projects district-wide including raised sidewalk extensions in crosswalks on 4th Avenue, "No Parking signs" in appropriate areas on 4th Avenue and the 58th Street upland connector.</i>	
40/42	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Add bollards on 4th, 5th and 8th Avenues to prevent vehicles from parking in crosswalks and to protect sheltered bike lanes from vehicle intrusion.</i>	
41/42	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Remove rails and reconstruct 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets as was supposed to be done in 2005</i>	



## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.</i>	
2/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>	<i>Fund new community programming, modeled on the Cornerstone program, in the city-owned building at 4201 4th Avenue, Brooklyn.</i>	4201 4 Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
3/25	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Provide translation and interpretation services for community board meetings and communications, city-wide through CEC</i>	
4/25	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>Increase community board budgets city-wide</i>	
5/25	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7 and increase hours to reflect afterschool programs. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.</i>	
6/25	ACS	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance primary prevention services to strengthen families</b>	<i>Increase day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increased significantly, but we have lost seats due to competition for space. Head Start had to move for a new public school and lost half its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space was used for Pre-K.</i>	
7/25	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.</i>	

8/25	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several school inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.</i>	
9/25	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Fully fund all programs for all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (including but not limited to students with special needs and multilingual learners) in the district</i>	
10/25	DHS	<b>Other request for services for the homeless</b>	<i>Work with HRA to ensure that wrap around services are available for all shelter residents in CD 7.</i>	
11/25	ACS	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services</b>	<i>Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.</i>	
12/25	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers for all schools, especially serving schools with District 75 students. Safety officers should not be from the NYPD.</i>	
13/25	SBS	<b>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</b>	<i>Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.</i>	
14/25	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</b>	<i>Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.</i>	
15/25	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Fully fund a pedestrian, bicyclist, driver safety study for 3rd Avenue from 15th to 65th Streets to include all safety issues, including, but not limited to crossing times and safe waiting areas, truck and last mile issues, bicyclist safety, lighting, flooding, illegal parking</i>	
16/25	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers</i>	4200 7th Ave

17/25	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service</i>
18/25	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Provide additional buses to increase frequency of the B70 bus.</i>
19/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services</b>	<i>Increase funding for adult ESOL, literacy and education programs in CD 7.</i>
20/25	ACS	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth</b>	<i>Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.</i>
21/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Allocate funding for after school music and arts programs, comprehensive ASP, ELA, STEAM, sports, math COMPASS and SONYC programs to all schools in the district</i>
22/25	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 8th Street and Caton Avenue</i>
23/25	SBS	<b>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</b>	<i>Fund adult vocational and apprenticeship programs in CD 7</i>
24/25	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 and/or implementation of the Clean Curbs program for schools</i>
25/25	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase enforcement against illegal and double parking, unregistered vehicles and traffic violations throughout the district</i>

## FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses – Capital

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/42	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
02/42	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Rehabilitate all non-ADA compliant schools and facilities within schools to ensure they are 100% accessible to all student populations.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
03/42	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Purchase fixed and portable equipment to allow Community Board 7/Brooklyn to hold blended meetings in the board and in locations around the district</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/42	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Deck over the MTA property between 36th and 39th Streets, from 6th to 8th Avenues, to provide space to build housing for those with low incomes and essential workers</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
05/42	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Deck over the MTA property on 38th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues to provide space to build housing for those with low incomes and essential workers.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
06/42	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.</i>	Inquiry needs to be directed elsewhere
07/42	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
08/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate children's playground, basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park.</i>	Partially funded.
09/42	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Add shelters for every bus stop on the B63 route in CD 7</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10/42	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install pedestrian and speed cameras throughout CD 7</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
11/42	DCAS	Other capital budget request for DCAS	<i>Install infrastructure to provide free wifi access to all of CD 7. The limited drop down menu doesn't cover this request, only allowing this request to be made for our office.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
12/42	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

13/42	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Rehabilitate Community Board 7 rest rooms (to ensure ADA compliance), lobby, plumbing, electrical and hvac systems and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant. DCAS has had the money for almost a decade. This is an embarrassment to NYC.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
14/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
15/42	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Acquire site for a new BK-7 garage off the waterfront in order to build the first zero emissions DSNY garage and fueling facility. The current facility is too small to house the technology and ancillary equipment necessary to meet the City's 2040 goal.</i>	No alternate site has been identified to support the proposed action.
16/42	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
17/42	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Add 3 elevators and rehabilitate the 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line to improve station and ensure it is handicap accessible</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
18/42	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Rehabilitate Windsor Terrace branch library to include ADA-compliant bathrooms, interior renovations and outfitting</i>	This BPL capital project is currently unfunded or not fully funded. BPL supports the City funding this need.
19/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Replace interior walkways within Sunset Park</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
20/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.</i>	This project is funded and is in the design phase.
21/42	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
22/42	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
23/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park.</i>	This project is funded and is in the design phase.

24/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Plascencia Park, including higher fences to prevent damage to surrounding homes</i>	This project is funded and is in the design phase.
25/42	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Build a ramp to replace stairson the 63rd Street walkway to the BAT buildings. The stairs are not accessible.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
26/42	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Add elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
27/42	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5. As such, the play equipment is inadequate for older children.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
28/42	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Establish a design an reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
29/42	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure on 33rd and 34th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
30/42	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	<i>Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
31/42	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the bridge over the Prospect Expressway. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
32/42	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden. The adjacent property owner is NYC.</i>	The Department of Parks and Recreation does not maintain this facility.
33/42	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
34/42	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.



35/42	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7</i>	Bus shelter site recommendations can be made by submitting the request to our franchises division. The appropriate request submission form can be located searching for (shelter) on <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/dot">www.nyc.gov/dot</a>
36/42	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
37/42	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add accessible swings and other accessible equipment to all playgrounds in CD 7</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
38/42	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Build a dog run in Sunset Park</i>	More information needed from Community Board about other potential locations.
39/42	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Complete DOT projects district-wide including raised sidewalk extensions in crosswalks on 4th Avenue, "No Parking signs" in appropriate areas on 4th Avenue and the 58th Street upland connector.</i>	This project is included in the ten-year plan.
40/42	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Add bollards on 4th, 5th and 8th Avenues to prevent vehicles from parking in crosswalks and to protect sheltered bike lanes from vehicle intrusion.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
41/42	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Remove rails and reconstruct 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets as was supposed to be done in 2005</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
42/42	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the western terminus</i>	Please contact NYC EDC regarding this.

## FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses – Expense

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
02/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Fund new community programming, modeled on the Cornerstone program, in the city-owned building at 4201 4th Avenue, Brooklyn.</i>	Program siting decisions are based on the Request for Proposals process, area needs and available funding. Sign up at DYCD's website to learn when solicitations for services are released
03/25	CEOM	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide translation and interpretation services for community board meetings and communications, city-wide through CEC</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/25	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Increase community board budgets city-wide</i>	As of the FY 2025 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.
05/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7 and increase hours to reflect afterschool programs. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
06/25	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance primary prevention services to strengthen families	<i>Increase day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increased significantly, but we have lost seats due to competition for space. Head Start had to move for a new public school and lost half its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space was used for Pre-K.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.</i>	Each Patrol Borough enforces traffic laws as needed as a result of traffic conditions and community complaints.
08/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several school inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
09/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Fully fund all programs for all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (including but not limited to students with special needs and multilingual learners) in the district</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10/25	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Work with HRA to ensure that wrap around services are available for all shelter residents in CD 7.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

11/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services	<i>Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.</i>	This request has already been funded.
12/25	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers for all schools, especially serving schools with District 75 students. Safety officers should not be from the NYPD.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
13/25	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
14/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
15/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fully fund a pedestrian, bicyclist, driver safety study for 3rd Avenue from 15th to 65th Streets to include all safety issues, including, but not limited to crossing times and safe waiting areas, truck and last mile issues, bicyclist safety, lighting, flooding, illegal parking</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
16/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
17/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
18/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Provide additional buses to increase frequency of the B70 bus.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
19/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>Increase funding for adult ESOL, literacy and education programs in CD 7.</i>	DYCD funding is allocated through public solicitations including Requests for Proposals.
20/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.</i>	ACS currently offers services for youth and families. For additional information, please call 212-341-0900 and ask for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, or check our website at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/acs">www.nyc.gov/acs</a> .
21/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Allocate funding for after school music and arts programs, comprehensive ASP, ELA, STEAM, sports, math COMPASS and SONYC programs to all schools in the district</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
22/25	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 8th Street and Caton Avenue</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

23/25	SBS	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building	<i>Fund adult vocational and apprenticeship programs in CD 7</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
24/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 and/or implementation of the Clean Curbs program for schools</i>	NYC public schools receive a high-level of additional DSNY service. It is the school's responsibility to properly store and manage their waste between the frequent collection service.
25/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Increase enforcement against illegal and double parking, unregistered vehicles and traffic violations throughout the district</i>	Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.