

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

Fiscal Year 2026

**STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT
NEEDS**

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Dear Community Residents and Stakeholders,

As District Manager of Brooklyn Community Board 9, it is my privilege to serve our community. Working alongside board members, residents, business owners, elected officials, city agencies, and the many institutions within our district is an honor.

Our statement of needs is a reflection of the testimony taken at the Brooklyn Community Board 9 FY26 District Needs, Community Engagement Session held Thursday September 26, 2024, at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (260 Eastern Parkway) and FY26 Statement of Needs Public Hearing held on October 30th, 2024, at the Board Office (890 Nostrand Ave), constituent complaints to the board office, and sentiments from our meetings.

As the community board continues with the business of the district, I encourage you to visit our website at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/brooklyncb9/index.page> to stay informed on Board business and events. On our website, you will find information about the Board, our meetings, district info, projects currently being reviewed by the Board, and how to participate. Please check back regularly for updates on events, meetings, and important announcements as meeting location and dates are subject to change with notice.

To make local government more accessible, our office has a weekly e-blast we send out to the public who has signed up for our emails. The e-blast is a one-stop shop for upcoming information on board activities, but also on events taking place throughout the district by elected officials and community groups. To sign up for our weekly e-blast, please email the board at bk09-1@cb.nyc.gov or call 718-778-9279 to be added.

Your insights are invaluable in helping us maintain or improve quality of life here in Community District 9. Every suggestion to improve our operations is a step toward a more effective and inclusive government. Whether in person or online, we look forward to working with you to build an ever-stronger community.

Sincerely,

Dante B. Arnwine, MPA
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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) 2026. 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, 2024.

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.

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

Brooklyn

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

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

Brooklyn Community District 9

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	98,429	100.00	102,000	100.00	3,571	3.6	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	22,580	22.9	19,983	19.6	-2,597	-11.5	-3.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	98,429	100.0	102,000	100.0	3,571	3.6	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	9,157	9.3	10,478	10.3	1,321	14.4	1.0
White non-Hispanic	18,825	19.1	28,532	28.0	9,707	51.6	8.9
Black non-Hispanic	66,958	68.0	52,807	51.8	-14,151	-21.1	-16.2
Asian non-Hispanic	1,214	1.2	2,640	2.6	1,426	117.5	1.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	604	0.6	2,279	2.2	1,675	277.3	1.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,671	1.7	5,264	5.2	3,593	215.0	3.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	38,710	100.0	41,694	100.0	2,984	7.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	36,831	95.1	39,338	94.3	2,507	6.8	-0.8
Vacant housing units	1,879	4.9	2,356	5.7	477	25.4	0.8

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community District 9 comprises the neighborhoods of Crown Heights South, Prospect Lefferts Garden, Wingate and portions of north Flatbush. Our geographical border consists of Eastern Parkway to the north, Washington and Ocean Avenues to the west, Clarkson Avenue to the south, and Utica, Rochester, and East New York Avenues to the east. Community District 9 is home to prominent cultural and academic institutions which include Prospect Park, Brooklyn Museum, Jewish Children's Museum, Medgar Evers College, Kings County Hospital, and SUNY Downstate - on borderline with Brooklyn Community Board 17. Brooklyn Community District 9 is filled with diversity with approximately 63.7% of the district identifying as Black/ African America; 22.9% identifying as White/Caucasian; 8.8% identifying as Hispanic; 1.9% identifying as Asian; and approximately 40% of the district population is foreign born. We highlight our racial diversity adds to the rich culture of Central Brooklyn.

As a Community Board, it is our responsibility to bring focus to issues affecting or that could affect the welfare of the district. We ask the City and our elected officials to prioritize the needs of our district needs statement as they underscore the voice and priorities of the community.

As District Manager of the Community Board, I would like to thank the Board staff for their countless hours to the community and Borough of Brooklyn. Thanks Hilton and Jemmott.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 9

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Brooklyn Community District 9 (CD9 or CB9) blocks are extremely diverse, ranging from one story commercial strips to 2 story 19th century single family detached homes or attached townhouses, to 6 story rent stabilized 1920's apartment buildings, to tower in the park style 1960's – 1980's NYCHA and Mitchell Lama developments. All have their own unique character defined by many aspects of the built environment that often go beyond height and density, such as front yards, setbacks, open space, streetscapes, and beloved businesses and essential retail. Zoning plans must consider each block and each community individually and in detail. Height limits should be calibrated to the context of the community. • For blocks characterized by a consistent street scape and similar height buildings, this means infill buildings should be the same height. • For blocks with a mixed context that includes some taller apartment buildings as well as small homes, infill developments should not exceed the 50 ft height of the majority of buildings in CD9 • Where viable buildings of historic interest were purchased and demolished within the last 20 years, new housing should match the heights & densities of demolished housing. • In all instances, but particularly for large full block developments or blocks without an established context because they consist mostly of vacant lots expected to be redeveloped, shadow and visual impacts and light, air and privacy for nearby private properties and sunlight sensitive public resources should be considered in determining the appropriate heights and densities of new buildings. That means the height and bulk of buildings, the width of the street, and the positioning relative to other sites must be considered. Even if no such impacts are caused, buildings taller than 90 ft. may be too tall given the district wide context. Demolition and Redevelopment Zoning in CD9 should encourage preservation and productive use of existing housing and businesses, and residential and commercial stability, rather than redevelopment, long-term warehousing of space, and high rates of population and business turnover. • Allowable density limits should match built densities (and other land use restrictions such as landmarking and deed restrictions) as closely as possible on most blocks. • As many blocks have a mixed context of some higher density apartment buildings and some lower density homes, zoning districts should be calibrated as finely as possible to groups of buildings, but if necessary, should favor preservation of all residential buildings rather than "compliance". • Based on discussions with property owners and tenants on individual blocks, density limits should allow for limited expansion of homes on certain blocks; however, built density of most lots should not be less than 50% of allowable density in order to prevent demolitions. • CD9 should encourage individual building owners to seek zoning variances for bulk relief if the broader zoning scheme causes hardship.

Infrastructure resiliency

Infrastructure resiliency remains a major issue throughout the district. Infrastructure resiliency includes street conditions/roadway, street bridge, mass transit maintenance and infrastructure; street flooding; maintenance and cleanliness of institutions, natural assets, and public space. Flooding has been a chronic issue mostly affecting homeowners throughout the district. DEP should work directly with the community board and homeowners who experience chronic flooding due to outdated infrastructure to create a plan to address flooding in low-lying areas. Streets and sidewalks connect our blocks. Brooklyn Community Board 9, separate from residents, but in the same spirit, has been requesting traffic mitigating measures to address speeding on our streets throughout the district. Requests submitted by the community board and by our constituents for speed bumps and additional traffic calming measures around the district have languished in the "study" phase for years or have been denied by the NYC Department of Transportation Brooklyn's Borough Office for not "meeting" citing criteria. With what seems to be a lack of overall enforcement for violators violating local laws, residents are worried about the consistent speeding of vehicles taking place on an innumerable amount of streets also affect adjacent community districts. The Brooklyn Bus Redesign and the Flatbush Priority Project are opportunities to address longstanding issues to bus and train service and to connect riders to the network. Large



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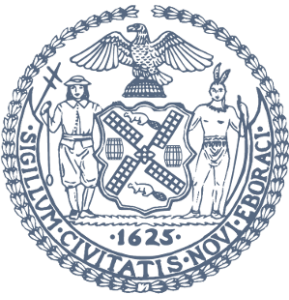
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BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9 ZONING PRINCIPLES

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infrastructure projects add significant volume to dense spaces. With the rise in the older adult population and pace of as-of-right development, it's imperative the infrastructure is in place to accommodate the future growth. The lack of ADA accessibility to our subway network alienates those who need accessibility most. We ask the MTA to consider the Board's request to add FRANKLIN AVE-MEDGAR EVERS (2,3,4,5,S) to the list of station set for ADA accessibility in the 2025 capital plan.

Trash removal and cleanliness

In our FY26 District Needs community survey, unsanitary sidewalk conditions was noted as a major concern for residents and small business owners. Overflowing trash cans, the lack of trash receptacles, occasional missed garbage collection, and rat sightings are making it unpleasant to walk along commercial stretches. The City needs to prioritize the sanitation budget to ensure our communities remain habitable spaces for residents and guests. Negative street and sidewalk conditions on the corridors of Flatbush, Nostrand, Rogers, Bedford, Kingston, and Utica Avenues hinder these corridors from seeing or meeting its economic potential. There are 0 BIDs or active merchant associations housed in CD9 to fund supplemental cleaning services along our commercial strips meaning we need the City to take a more active approach to educate small business owners on their cleaning to the curb responsibilities. Additionally, it's understood there is a parking issue in our district, but motorize failing to move their vehicles for alternate side parking is preventing some residential blocks from receiving the full benefits of ASL. Sanitation is a quality of life issue we all share. Our streets deserve to be clean and free of bags and garbage like other neighbors in this city. If the City is unable to provide adequate funding due to the ongoing asylum crisis affecting the city, the State of New York should work with the city to creating funding avenues to address the gaps in service. AFTER ALL, WE ARE ALL NEW YORKERS.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

Ethnic minority groups experience high rates of poor health and disease for a range of health conditions. We need an infusion of programming that promotes healthier eating and health screenings, and provides access to healthy education in our schools, libraries, and throughout the district and surrounding communities. The South Crown Heights and Prospect Leffert's Gardens neighborhood's adult obesity rate is 30%, which is 5% higher than the City percentage. The hypertension rate for the same area is 33% compared to a 27% hypertension rate citywide. Access to spaces that promote healthy programming and healthy lifestyle is a start to addressing the health disparities in our community.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Education in healthcare remains the most vital tool in combating chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes and asthma that effect an alarming portion of the population of the district. Funding is needed to enhance the education/outreach efforts that help connect community members to the resources they need to lead healthier lives.

Needs for Older NYs

Many adults fear losing self-sufficiency as they age, senior centers are a pivotal part of their social live and a home base of sorts to obtain supportive services as they age in place. We need continued and increased funding of our senior centers to enable them to offer a wide range of services information on health services, tech education, recreational activities, volunteer opportunities and other social interaction. Fostering such environments allows for the preservation of dignity, promotion of independence and the inclusion of a social support system thereby reducing loneliness and depression.

Needs for Homeless

Shelters have continued to installed in Community Board 9 without funding allocated to provide assisatance to the individuals that reide there. We require more resources to handle the increased needs of this population.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 61	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center
10 / 61	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center
43 / 61	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless
44 / 61	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests
61 / 61	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 100	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA
42 / 100	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
64 / 100	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.
65 / 100	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
66 / 100	DHS	Expand street outreach
67 / 100	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs
68 / 100	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA
69 / 100	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services
93 / 100	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
94 / 100	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.



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CB9 Resolution Calling On Elected Officials To Support Int. 1099-2023

WHEREAS the matter of healthcare is extremely important and must be protected for the 250,000 NYC retirees who worked for their healthcare rights;

WHEREAS Int. 1099-2023 legislation is currently waiting in the City Council for a hearing to be scheduled by Speaker Adams so it can move forward;

WHEREAS the NYC retirees are being forced into a Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP) with no alternative options provided;

WHEREAS this plan threatens access to the same level of health care, in that the retirees would be forced into a plan from the medical providers in the MAP, and would also be at MAP's whims for preauthorization decisions that may be based - at least in part - on Artificial Intelligence - instead of the medical decisions from their current regular medical providers;

WHEREAS the proposed plan would draw millions of dollars away from traditional Medicare into a privatized MAP;

WHEREAS the proposed plan sets a harmful precedent for the rest of the Nation;

WHEREAS the New York City Retirees have denounced this proposed change in different platforms and forums, as well as in the January 11, 2023, New York City Council marathon public hearing, that they have been subjected to unconscionable stress due to this violation of their earned healthcare benefits; and therefore

BE IT BE RESOLVED that Community Board 9 urges all of its elected officials to publicly support the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees' efforts supporting Int. 1099-2023. We are hereby requesting the city maintain the original Medicare plan provided at the time of hiring and not force retirees into a private, profit-driven healthcare plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we urge our elected officials to uphold the statute in New York Administrative Code §12-126. Consistent with these contractual and statutory obligations, the City has for several decades (since 1957) covered the out-of-pocket cost of the GHI Senior Care plan, which the majority of NYC Retirees have chosen, as well as other Medigap plans and

Urges the New York City Council to exercise leadership by voting to pass Int. 1099-2023

Adopted: November 20, 2023

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Community District 9 is dealing with major gaps in education. A real issue is our public school principals are not receiving enough funding to modernize their schools to make it competitive for students and resources. DOE District 17 completely engulfs the boundaries of Community District 9. Finding affordable after-school care remains a consistent hurdle for parents and guardians in our district. The need is so great that some parents choose schools based on after school offerings rather than academic integrity. Students need access to more cultural, academic, extracurricular, and economic programming to ensure they are equipped with the information and knowledge to succeed in school and thereafter. Per the Summer 2023 District 17 Data Summary Report, total enrollment in District 17 declined by 17% over the last five years and declined 5% last year alone. The same report states District 17 has the second lowest elementary school retention rate and the fourth lowest middle school retention rate in Brooklyn. Lastly, District 17 has the largest number of schools with an enrollment in the bottom 25% of schools citywide compared to other districts across the city. We ask the City to consider restoring the budget cuts from the education budget to ensure principals and school support have the resources they need to prepare the future generation of leaders in Brooklyn.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

The schools in Community Board 9 need to be reinvigorated. There needs to be increased funding of the IDEA, so that students who require early intervention services can be identified and serviced. Many of our students get lost and left behind in a large classroom setting. We need our class sizes reduced to allow for teacher to truly connect and monitor the progress of their students. The Department of Education should create incentives to attract and retain personnel, including teachers, related services personnel, special education providers.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Community Board 9 does not have a space within its confines that is solely dedicated to youth engagement, such as a recreational center. Our youth must rely on afterschool and other community-based programs for arts, entertainment, sports and academic help. These programs are essential to the development of life, learning and social skills of our youngest residents. The City must do more to support our children via an infusion of funding into community-based organizations.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 61	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 100	DOE	Assign more teaching staff
5 / 100	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)
37 / 100	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD
40 / 100	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE
43 / 100	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services
45 / 100	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)
73 / 100	DOE	Other educational programs requests
74 / 100	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program

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Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

Although there have been strides to positively engage the community via the installation of Neighborhood Coordination Officers. The NYPD needs to double down in establishing themselves as a trusted community partner for our residents. There is a lack of trust that leads to citizens being reluctant to report crimes because they are distrusting of the police. A number of respondents from our FY25 District Needs community survey last year noted the lack of presence of the precinct as an overall concern. As our district continues to grow in population and size of buildings being erected, its crucial the city directs funding and resources to the 71st Precinct to address the response time ranking and bolster community relations with the public.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

As in previous years, we are calling for an increase in funding for crime prevention programming to quell the gun violence in our neighborhood. We continue to see the number of shootings proliferate and boldly take place in broad daylight. There should be an establishment of a strategic partnership between the local precinct, elected officials , community members and the Kings County District Attorney to effectively combat the escalating violence.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 61	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
33 / 61	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
38 / 61	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests
42 / 61	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
11 / 100	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing
12 / 100	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards
81 / 100	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community District 9 is suffering from overflowing garbage cans, an excessive amount of litter on sidewalks and street curbs, and increased rat and rodent sightings. To be clear, the NYC Department of Sanitation (BK9) garage is absolute fantastic and we want to thank them for working to keep our streets and sidewalks clean with minimal resources. Sanitation and unsanitary sidewalk and street conditions are brought to our attention nearly everyday. Another round of budget cuts are looming due to the ongoing asylum seeker crisis. Restoration of funding for DSNY, prioritizing collection frequency and ASP, is crucial to the cleanliness of our district and the wellbeing of those who visit it. At spontaneous locations illegal dumping of household items and large furniture continues to be an issue. Installation of signage and possibly illegal dumping cameras could be cost efficient measures to improving unsanitary conditions overall in the district.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The population in Community District 9 is increasing due to the conversions of one and two-family homes into multiple unit apartment dwellings. The sewer system is therefore being overburdened due to increased waste and water volumes.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Sanitation enforcement needs to be more proactive in the issuance of violations when motorists do not adhere to the Alternate Side Parking rules and prevent the mechanical brooms from properly cleaning the streets. Mechanical brooms should also be properly filled with water to prevent leaves and dirt from blowing back onto sidewalks.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 61	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
8 / 61	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure
13 / 61	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
14 / 61	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
29 / 61	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed
30 / 61	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed
32 / 61	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed
41 / 61	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY
59 / 61	DEP	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 100	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers
8 / 100	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
9 / 100	DEP	Clean catch basins
10 / 100	DSNY	Other enforcement requests
13 / 100	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible
17 / 100	DSNY	Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions
28 / 100	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
31 / 100	DEP	Clean catch basins
32 / 100	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP
36 / 100	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers
41 / 100	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
44 / 100	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
46 / 100	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
49 / 100	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules
51 / 100	DEP	Clean catch basins
54 / 100	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
55 / 100	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

87 / 100	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
88 / 100	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules
89 / 100	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers
90 / 100	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
91 / 100	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests
98 / 100	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY

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

Affordable housing creation

Brooklyn Community District 9 (CD9 or CB9) blocks are extremely diverse, ranging from one story commercial strips to 2 story 19th century single family detached homes or attached townhouses, to 6 story rent stabilized 1920's apartment buildings, to tower in the park style 1960's – 1980's NYCHA and Mitchell Lama developments. All have their own unique character defined by many aspects of the built environment that often go beyond height and density, such as front yards, setbacks, open space, streetscapes, and beloved businesses and essential retail. Zoning plans must consider each block and each community individually and in detail. Height limits should be calibrated to the context of the community. • For blocks characterized by a consistent street scape and similar height buildings, this means infill buildings should be the same height. • For blocks with a mixed context that includes some taller apartment buildings as well as small homes, infill developments should not exceed the 50 ft height of the majority of buildings in CD9 • Where viable buildings of historic interest were purchased and demolished within the last 20 years, new housing should match the heights & densities of demolished housing. • In all instances, but particularly for large full block developments or blocks without an established context because they consist mostly of vacant lots expected to be redeveloped, shadow and visual impacts and light, air and privacy for nearby private properties and sunlight sensitive public resources should be considered in determining the appropriate heights and densities of new buildings. That means the height and bulk of buildings, the width of the street, and the positioning relative to other sites must be considered. Even if no such impacts are caused, buildings taller than 90 ft. may be too tall given the district wide context.

Demolition and Redevelopment Zoning in CD9 should encourage preservation and productive use of existing housing and businesses, and residential and commercial stability, rather than redevelopment, long-term warehousing of space, and high rates of population and business turnover. • Allowable density limits should match built densities (and other land use restrictions such as landmarking and deed restrictions) as closely as possible on most blocks. • As many blocks have a mixed context of some higher density apartment buildings and some lower density homes, zoning districts should be calibrated as finely as possible to groups of buildings, but if necessary, should favor preservation of all residential buildings rather than "compliance". • Based on discussions with property owners and tenants on individual blocks, density limits should allow for limited expansion of homes on certain blocks; however, built density of most lots should not be less than 50% of allowable density in order to prevent demolitions. • CD9 should encourage individual building owners to seek zoning variances for bulk relief if the broader zoning scheme causes hardship.

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

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Needs for Land Use

The residents of Community Board 9 live in a mix of housing of private homes and apartment buildings. The development in the district has taken place at breakneck speed, yet the pressures for affordable housing are persist. This district is disproportionately rent burdened. Future development within should take this into account, as previous use of the MIH program has been thoroughly abused.

Needs for Housing

The residents of Community Board 9 need truly affordable housing in order to remain apart of this community. The majority of the residents of Community Board 9 are rent and utility burdened. True legislative changes needs to be championed by our elected officials in order to introduce policy changes that address the over consumption by developers and the ravaging of the affordable housing market in New York City.

Needs for Economic Development

The major commerical corridors of Utica, Kingston, Nostrand and Flatbush Avenues are a mix of newly opening businesses, struggling mom and pop shops and vacant store fronts. We need a reinvigoration of resources to support these businesses and keep them afloat.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

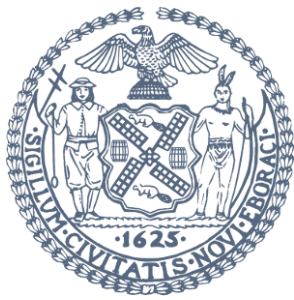
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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
31 / 61	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors
45 / 61	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts
56 / 61	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless
57 / 61	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households
58 / 61	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 100	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs
7 / 100	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness
15 / 100	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD
18 / 100	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings
19 / 100	EDC	Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment
26 / 100	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors
33 / 100	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests
39 / 100	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs
61 / 100	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB
62 / 100	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance tenant protection programs
63 / 100	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs
70 / 100	SBS	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district
71 / 100	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses
72 / 100	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment
80 / 100	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests
82 / 100	DCP	Increased community board training, including on core land use process and practices
83 / 100	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings
84 / 100	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth
85 / 100	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD
95 / 100	DOB	Expand code enforcement
96 / 100	DCP	Create a neighborhood plan in coordination with the community



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Brooklyn Community Board 9 Recommendations Resolution on the “City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality” Citywide Zoning Text Amendments

Whereas, the Zoning For Zero Carbon Text Amendments have entered the public review process and City Planning will accept comments from community boards until July 3; and

Whereas, the city of Yes zoning subcommittee of CB9’s Land use committee has met each month from January – June to discuss the proposed amendments and vote on their recommendations, and has held a public meeting with the Department of City Planning staff on June 6 to field community questions about the zoning text amendments; and

Whereas, CB9 is concerned about preserving the historic and residential character and scale of our neighborhoods and our public sunlight sensitive resources like the Botanic Gardens and Prospect Park; and

Whereas, the vast majority of buildings in CB9 are pre-war brick or stone and low scale (< 5 stories), and most apartment buildings are 6 story pre-wars; and

Whereas, CB9 is concerned about preserving our significant affordable housing stock including the 68% of housing units located in rent stabilized buildings, as well as middle class co-ops in pre-war buildings; and

Whereas, CB9 is concerned about resident health and safety given that we suffer from elevated rates of asthma and respiratory illnesses, from the urban heat island effect, from excessive environmental noise, from serious building code violations in many rental apartment buildings, an alarming trend of destructive fires in older buildings, street litter and rats; and

Whereas, CB9 is concerned about the limited ability of city agencies to enforce all types of existing city codes related to health, safety and nuisance; and

Whereas, CB9 wants to preserve and create car and bike parking spaces for individual non-commercial use because parking is extremely tight in this very dense district, and a significant proportion of residents own cars; and

Therefore it is resolved, CB9 has the following recommendations and concerns regarding the Zoning For Zero Carbon Text Amendments:

Adopted: 6/26/2023



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Renewable Energy Generation

Solar Panels – Proposed: Increase rooftop coverage at maximum allowed heights from 25% to 100% and eliminate required 6 foot setback. Max allowed height in R1-R5 districts is 6 ft, max height in R6-R10 district is 15 ft.

CB9 Recommendation

- **R1-R5 districts No change to Rules.** concerned about shadows on neighboring green roofs which also contribute to climate change mitigation by absorbing storm water, providing rooftop insulation, visual impact of 1 story high solar panels on 2 story homes. With most efficient solar panels, 100% coverage not needed to generate enough electricity for fully electrified home.
- **R6-R10 districts** – Solar panel max height $\leq 10\%$ of building height, with 6 ft setback Concerned about visual impact of 2 story solar panel on 2-6 story building in R6, R7 zone, shadows on green roofs.

Solar canopies (p.92) – Proposed: In all zoning districts, increase max height of solar canopies in rear or side yards from 10ft – 15ft, if located over an accessory off street parking space. No solar canopies over front yard parking spaces.

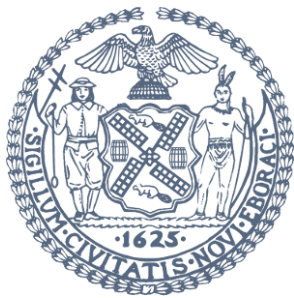
CB9 Recommendation

- **All Residential districts – max height 8 ft.** Concerned about visual impact, shadows on neighboring properties. At 15 ft would be higher than fences which are max 10 ft. Not needed to accommodate residential vehicles.
- **Commercial districts – max height 15 ft, 15 ft setback from any residential property line.** Greater height needed to accommodate commercial vehicles like trucks and vans.

Grid Scale Solar, Battery Storage and Wind Turbines – allow non-accessory solar systems up to 10,000 sf in area in all residential districts without special permit, wind turbines of unlimited size in waterfront areas with special permit.

CB9 Recommendation – do not permit grid scale solar, battery or any wind turbines in any district within 500 feet of residential housing.

- Concerned about fire and resulting air pollution risks from large lithium ion battery storage installations.
- Concerned about visual impact of “solar fields” and large wind turbines, even if screened would appear as construction or “hazard” site.
- No requirement that “community” solar arrays provide affordable electricity to surrounding community.
- Concerned about noise, safety hazards of wind turbines such as vibrations, tree branches and birds falling into blades.



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Buildings

Wall insulation and façade coverings – Proposal increases permitted obstruction for wall thickness from 8 in to 12 in

CB9 Recommendation

- Permitted obstruction should be reduced from 8 inches to 4 inches since newer insulation like Aerogel is one third as thick for same insulation value.
- Concerned about alteration of historic building facades as many are not yet landmarked. They can insulate inside the building.

Passive house or fully electrified building – Proposal for 5% FAR bonus to accommodate accessory mechanical equipment and wall insulation.

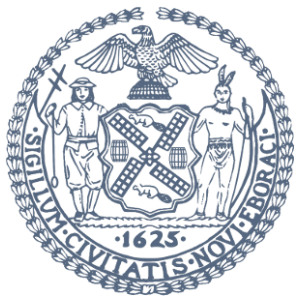
CB9 Recommendation – No FAR bonus permitted.

- Double counts FAR exclusion for accessory mechanicals which is already allowed under current code. Double counts permitted obstruction for wall thickness.
- Double counted FAR will increase height and scale beyond what is needed for mechanicals and insulation – upzoning without community review.
- Concerned about incentivizing extensive renovations on older buildings that would increase monthly costs for tenants or trigger rent destabilization.
- Concerned about incentivizing alteration of unlandmarked historic building facades

Rooftop mechanical obstructions – Proposal to increase rooftop coverage of mechanicals at the maximum heights from 20% of rooftop area to 30% of rooftop area and to increase the maximum heights from 25 feet to 35 feet on buildings < 120 feet tall, and from 35 feet to 55 feet on buildings > 120 ft tall.

CB9 Recommendation – There should be no increase.

- Concerned about visual impact and shadows from additional height and coverage.
- The existing 20% of rooftop area at the maximum heights is sufficient to accommodate elevated water towers and chimneys which are the tallest obstructions.
- Other rooftop obstructions should be limited to 10% of building height, subject to a cap of 20 feet. HVAC compressors for electrified buildings are 4-8 ft high, the lower/denser the building the less mechanicals it needs.
- Concerned that vertical stacking of HVAC will be used to create private rooftop terraces – upzoning without community review for non public outdoor space.



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Transportation

Proposal to eliminate distinctions between C1, C2 and C8 districts – No we prefer to maintain walkable retail frontage in C1 districts and direct non accessory auto uses to C8

EV Charge Sharing in residential garages – Yes. However, we still want public curbside charging.

100% Commercial vehicle parking in C4 – C8 accessory garages and parking lots – No. Prefer to preserve parking for residents. Does not advance environmental goals.

Bicycle & micromobility storage – Yes, structures subject to usual permitted obstruction rules

FAR relief for Automated parking facilities – No.

- Automation allows much greater density of vehicles compared with regular garages.
- When all cars are EV's with lithium ion batteries, the garage becomes a giant battery storage facility with increased fire risk.
- **What additional fire and building regulations are required?**
- Does not advance climate goals.

Sustainability, sewers and solid waste

Permeable Paving – Yes

- not on any E designated or adjacent site as it may increase polluted runoff.
- No to gravel (dust, neighborhood character) and must meet all building code requirements for structural soundness and underlying soil integrity depending on use.

Street Trees – Yes – but trees should be trimmed regularly by the city and connected tree pits or extra long/wide tree beds that obstruct curb access or sidewalks should be avoided.

Retail Storefront composting and recycling – No – concerns about rats, flies, odors, dirt, vehicle traffic and noise. Enforcement of existing city environmental codes is limited. Conflicts with current city policies for DSNY compost pickup and processing.

Greenhouse permitted obstruction on commercial buildings – proposed 25 ft full rooftop coverage, no special permit – No .

- **Permitted obstruction should be limited to 15 ft and 25% rooftop coverage** to avoid significant de facto upzoning of up to 2 FAR.
- Does not advance sustainability goals without requirements that plants grown be food and be sold in the immediate area.



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BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Community Board 9's (CB9) median annual household income is \$77,000, the median wage is \$42,000 and 30% of our households make less than \$50,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yes has stated that the justification for zoning density increases is the .39% vacancy rate for units renting for less than \$1100 per month; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Affordability Preference (UAP) level is established at 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) which is \$83,880 for a family of 3 as of 2024 and \$65,000 for a single person for 2024 (studio rent \$1,630 per month); and

WHEREAS, per the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP), City of Yes aims to build 100,000 units across the city by 2040 by "adding a little more housing everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, CB9 has built 4,000 units of housing from 2010-2023; and

WHEREAS, there are over 2,500 permitted units in the district, of which 800 are income-restricted; and

WHEREAS, CB9 has 55% non-white residents and the racial equity impact analysis failed to predict the impacts of this proposal on communities of color, the number of affordable housing units or where they would be built, or the effects of displacement on communities of color; and

WHEREAS, CB9 zoning currently permits up to 25,000 new units to be built; and

WHEREAS, CB9 opposes the demolition of existing housing and strongly supports the preservation of existing affordable housing, including existing rent-stabilized and NYCHA housing; and



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WHEREAS, the City of Yes UAP zoning increases are highest in R6 zones on narrow streets, increasing zoning density from 2.2 to 3.9 and second highest in R7 zones from 3.44 to 5.0, compared with the zoning increases in contextually zoned communities which are as low as 10%; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the land area of District 9 is covered by R6 and R7 zoning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yes proposal would do nothing to stop as of right demolitions of small buildings for luxury apartments that raise rents and cause primary and secondary displacement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yes Universal Affordability Proposal would nearly double “as of right” development potential in our community, creating the possible demolition of currently affordable housing stock, the acceleration of displacement/gentrification, and other unmitigated impacts on local resources and infrastructure; and

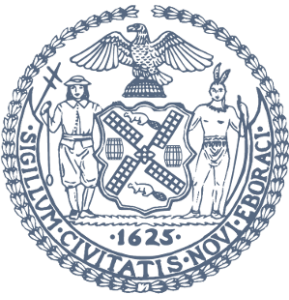
WHEREAS, community districts already have the ability, with the approval of the community board and the local council member to map voluntary and mandatory inclusionary housing on specific sites where they believe density increases are appropriate and will be the best option to facilitate new affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, CB9 has a great need for housing for families; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of CB9 residents drive and need parking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yes proposal to eliminate parking mandates would only benefit larger market rate buildings as the current zoning code already allows reduced parking requirements for affordable units and buildings under ten units; and

WHEREAS, the majority of CD9 1- 3 family homes are on lots too small to accommodate a separate 800 sf , 2 story dwelling without impacting both the owners and the neighbors light and air; and



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WHEREAS, the “Missing Middle” and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) density increases for R1-R5 zones would lead to significant density increases primarily on a single block of our district which already has extremely large single-family houses; and

WHEREAS, the district’s preference is to work with single family blocks that need to expand their homes for the use of their families to map more appropriately sized increases or allow for an expedited variance for single family homes similar to CD 14.

THEREFORE it is **RESOLVED**, Brooklyn Community Board 9 **strongly opposes** the City of Yes Universal Affordability Preference zoning density increases as it incentivizes a “destroy and rebuild” model, which would trigger significant adverse environmental impacts, significant racial equity impacts, and fair housing violations; and

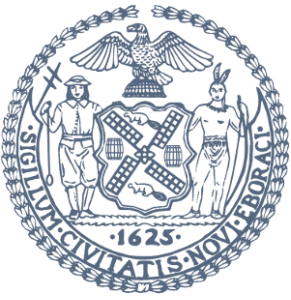
It is also **RESOLVED**, the proposed Universal Affordability Preference units are not sufficiently affordable for the households in our district or our city who most need affordable housing; and

It is also **RESOLVED**, CB9 is **opposed** to the removal or reduction of parking mandates and recommends the consideration of parking waivers as per the current rules, on a case-by-case basis; and

It is also **RESOLVED**, CB9 **opposes** the removal of the dwelling unit factor which would allow the creation of buildings with mostly studios and 1-bedroom units; and

It is also **RESOLVED**; CB 9 **opposes** the across-the-board reduction of backyards from 30 ft to 20 ft and side yards in R1-R5 districts from 8 ft to 5 ft and variances should be considered on a case -by-case basis.

It is also **RESOLVED**, CB9 **supports** the grandfathering and legalization of existing ADU’s, which include basements and existing structures, and new ADU’s on lots larger than 5,000 sf, no taller than the typical one-story garage, i.e. 15 ft tall and no more than 400 sf in total size; and



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It is also **RESOLVED**, CB9 **requests** to be to be exempted entirely from the UAP program unless and until our as-of-right zoning is changed to more closely align with our built density and height, like other mixed density Brooklyn Districts; and

It is further **RESOLVED**, CB9 opposes the “Missing Middle” and “Transit Oriented Development” increases for the community district.

ADOPTED: JUNE 24, 2024

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other - Write In (Required)

The Board receives frequent complaints regarding traffic congestion, double parking, and the lack of enforcement to address these issues. The issues plague the major corridors of Flatbush, Ocean, Washington, Rogers, Nostrand, Kingston, and Utica Avenues. Although there are no bus lanes on Empire Boulevard the bike lanes on are oftentimes inaccessible to cyclists due to commercial trucks, ambulettes, and regular vehicles double parking thus obstructing the bike lanes. There are a number of bike lanes in other district that terminal upon entering Community District 9. An expansion of bike lanes in other district could be the solution to a connected bike network in Central Brooklyn. Additional enforcement measures should be considered along our busy thoroughfares, in order to minimize traffic hazards, congestion, and deter double parking. We ask the City to be thoughtful and communicative as it creates its plan for a more inclusive and cohesive transportation network in Crown Heights.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Proposals for bike lanes, pedestrian islands, and pedestrian plazas are more often than not initiated by DOT without the community and Board's input. And in some instances where the Board's input is solicited and given, it's often not carefully considered and the Board's position is overruled. DOT has also continuously rejected the Board's input/requests.

Needs for Transit Services

There are six bus lines that operate within District 9, including express buses and select bus service routes. We need live bus timers, bus shelters, and City benches at key bus stops on the B41, B43, B44/B44SBS, B46/B46SBS, B48 and B48 bus routes. ADA accessibility of stations in the district are priority as more people continue to move to Crown Heights and PLG.

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CB9 RESOLUTION

CITY OF YES FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TEXT AMENDMENTS

We at Community Board 9 oppose the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity text amendments in their entirety.

These are city-wide text amendments which will result in broad-brush changes across New York City, a complex city of five boroughs with neighborhoods of varied zoning, mass transit access, population size, etc. We continue to be concerned about the fact that these recommendations were made without conducting planning studies on the current commercial corridor conditions (i.e., vacancies, rents) within each community district prior to deciding if zoning changes were needed.

We believe a full environmental impact statement must be conducted on these sweeping changes because the current language in these text amendments places us at great risk of irreversible, unintended consequences negatively impacting the peace, quiet, security, health, and street parking on residential blocks and in residential buildings. City resources are already stretched. Who will monitor and enforce adherence to guidelines as the lines between residential, commercial and manufacturing zones are further blurred?

In addition to our opposition to the individual proposals which clearly apply to our district, we discovered numerous objectionable changes throughout the 664 pages of zoning text which were not mentioned in the original public presentations held by the Department of City Planning (DCP) in July and September. In particular, a series of new special permits would allow nearly all remaining environmental and performance standards to be waived. These changes, combined with the questionable negative environmental assessment, raise red flags suggesting an unacceptable intent to do away with nearly all zoning distinctions and environmental standards while evading public review. We therefore urge DCP to start again by consulting community boards first.

The following is a summary of our feedback and concerns regarding the specific text amendment proposals and several other text changes. While we understand these text amendments are city-wide, our feedback is based upon how they would affect our district.

Note: CB9 is primarily a residential neighborhood. Most of our residential areas are located within 2-3 blocks of a retail corridor. Our non-residential spaces are either part of mixed-use residential buildings (C1-3 and C2-3 commercial overlay districts) or are Commercial or Manufacturing (C8-2 or M1) districts adjacent to residential buildings and zones. Our Economic Development Committee has found that *several of our commercial zones have had persistent vacancies in recent years due in part to rising rents, lack of access to capital, and spaces held vacant for years in anticipation of redevelopment*. This implies CB9 does not need additional commercial space. *Furthermore, CB9 is already a densely built community and we would prefer to support the city's efforts to provide housing by maintaining our existing housing stock as much as possible rather than undermining those efforts by allowing conversion of residential space to commercial space.*

Goal 1: Make It Easier for Businesses to Find Space and Grow.

Proposal	CB9 Feedback/Concerns
1. Lift time limits to reactivating vacant storefronts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB9 opposes this proposal because we believe that each community board should be able to review each site for whether a commercial use remains appropriate, as well as to prevent warehousing of commercial space.
2. Simplify rules for business types allowed on commercial streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB9 opposes eliminating the differences between C1 and C2 districts because this would introduce auto intensive uses such as body shops, storage and other uses that would interfere with continuous retail frontage, pedestrian safety, convenient shopping and foot traffic because they would generate activity that obstructs sidewalks or curbs, is not public facing, or creates objectionable noise, chemical emissions, fire hazards, or gatherings.
3. Expand opportunities for small-scale clean production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB9 opposes expanding manufacturing activities into C1, C2 and C4 overlays. No clear guardrails to prevent businesses with environmentally hazardous manufacturing activities from opening. Onus appears to be placed on the community to complain and fight for remediation.
4. Modernize loading dock rules so buildings can adapt over time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB9 believes that a blanket elimination of loading dock requirements citywide is inappropriate. We already suffer from traffic congestion and narrow sidewalks.
5. Enable commercial activity on upper floors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB9 opposes adding Commercial Uses on Upper Floors of C1 and C2 Buildings. This would introduce more security, fire hazard and nuisance problems for residents without separate entrances, exits and elevators for commercial and residential. CB9 opposes allowing hotels by special permit in C1 and C2 overlay districts as this would permit the conversion of current permanent residential space to transient hotel space, undermining newly passed laws restricting commercial airbnb.
6. Simplify and modernize the way businesses are classified in zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB9 opposes the reclassification of Use Groups and the changes to the legislative intents section of the zoning text. The changes remove the current codes' fundamental emphasis on improving business corridors and protecting public health and safety from dangerous and objectionable environmental influences and replaces it with a system that groups businesses by industry even if their specific activities have quite different environmental and economic effects on our business corridors. These are not always rational groupings for purposes of separating incompatible uses. While some of the current Use Groups could be updated, they are still valuable guides to the purposes of the zoning districts

Goal 2: Boost Growing Industries

Proposal	CB9 Feedback/Concerns
7. Support nightlife with common-sense rules for dancing and live entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We oppose allowing as of right dancing and live music for eating and drinking establishments in C1-C3 commercial districts. In addition to capacity, the proposed use of an establishment is important. We are opposed to the potential noise, traffic, sidewalk congestion (including lines outside), security concerns and additional garbage.• We are primarily a residential community and are suffering from a proliferation of smoke shops. We don't need as-of-right nightclubs that would encourage more drug and alcohol use. Community boards need the ability to assess the types of businesses coming into their communities. The SLA licensing process alone is not adequate for this type of establishment.
8. Create more opportunities for amusements to locate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We oppose allowing large scale indoor entertainment in C1 and C2 districts. A proliferation of such uses could squeeze out retail stores which serve everyday needs and more closely align with the purpose of C1 and C2 districts. In our community, our C8 and M1 districts would be more appropriate for these venues.
9. Enable entrepreneurship with modern rules for home-based businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We oppose allowing unrestricted home occupations, recharacterizing home occupations as “small businesses” and increasing the allowable percentage of the home used to 49% from 25% and the number of non-resident employees from 1 to 3.• Some occupations are not appropriate in homes, especially apartment buildings with shared walls and ventilation systems where fumes, noise and odors from commercial activity will impact other residents (e.g., beauty salons using chemicals, commercial kennels, vets, pharmacists).• CB9 wants to preserve existing residential space for residential use, and we are concerned that expanding the allowable percentage of space to be used for commercial activities will squeeze out families who cannot pay as much as a commercial business.• City resources are already limited. Concerned about how “being a good neighbor” would be monitored and enforced.

Goal 3: Enable More Business-Friendly Streetscapes

Proposal	CB9 Feedback/Concerns
10. Introduce corridor design rules that promote better activate ground floors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 opposes the proposal to impose broad brush citywide rules. Instead DCP must work with each community to implement appropriate, customized corridor design rules.
11. Reduce conflicts between auto repair shops and pedestrians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 opposes allowing light auto service uses in C1-C7 commercial districts. We believe there is ample vacant space within the C8-2 and M1-1 areas in our district for such uses, which would also harm the walkable retail character of the C1 & C2 areas and introduce adverse environmental impacts on nearby residences.
12. Encourage safe and sustainable deliveries with micro-distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 opposes allowing wholesale and storage businesses in C1 and C2 retail districts because of the additional traffic and sidewalk congestion. • We believe there is ample vacant space within C8-2 and M1-1 areas in our district for such uses. • We are also concerned about the city resources that would be available for the monitoring and enforcement required to ensure no negative impact to retail character and neighboring residences.

Goal 4: New Opportunities for Business

Proposal	CB9 Feedback/Concerns
13. Facilitate local commercial space on residential campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 opposes this proposal as we believe that community boards and council members should retain the right to negotiate increases in the amount of commercial space through the ULURP process.
14. Create process for allowing corner stores in residential areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 believes this is unnecessary in our district as we already have ample retail space, including vacant space within 2-3 blocks of all our residential areas. • The proposed BSA special permit has no specific restrictions that would prevent a property owner from making a plausible argument for a special permit on any corner. • If that were the case, citywide our analysis shows that over 150 million square feet of commercial space could be added and the same amount of ground floor residential space subtracted. An impact of this scale clearly demands a full scale environmental impact study.
15. Rationalize waiver process for adapting spaces for industries like film	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 residents adjacent to C8 and M1 districts are already negatively affected by taller buildings. • We are concerned about impacts on light and air, solar panels, backyard gardens, community gardens, Brooklyn Botanic Gardens.
16. Create new kinds of zoning districts for future job hubs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB9 opposes the introduction of higher density manufacturing districts without use limitations on those districts and without full environmental review.

Additional Concerns

Proposal	CB9 Feedback/Concerns
Special Permit 74-152	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CB9 opposes the new CPC special permit 74-152 to allow transient hotels in C1 and C2 overlay districts with an underlying residential component.• Such hotels are incompatible with the use of the corridor for the everyday shopping needs of local residents• Gives landlords an incentive to convert permanent residential housing into short term hotels, or to construct hotels instead of housing with ground floor retail.
Special Permit 74-161, 74-181	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CB9 opposes the new CPC special permit 74-161, 74-181 and 74-191 and 74-211 to allow the modification of all size restrictions, environmental standards, enclosure restrictions, geographic limitations or other limitations imposed in Section 74-16 on retail and service uses and 74-18 on large scale amusements and 74-19 for micro distribution facilities.• Since we opposed many of the additional uses permitted in Section 74-16,18,19 on our C1 and C2 retail corridors, we also oppose the existence of a special permit to remove even the flimsy and sparse remaining protections against adverse environmental impacts on residents and other businesses.
Special Permit 74-193	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CB9 opposes Special permit 74-193 to permit new public parking garages in C1 districts.• C1 districts are designed for walkable retail; open street facing car parks and new public garages with curb cuts are not desirable

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

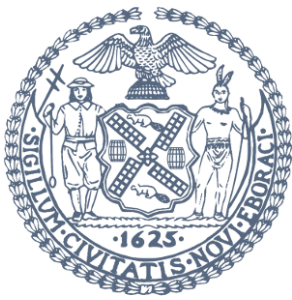
CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 61	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.
11 / 61	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
12 / 61	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
15 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
16 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
17 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
18 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
19 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
20 / 61	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
21 / 61	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
22 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
23 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
24 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
25 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
26 / 61	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests
28 / 61	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas
34 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
35 / 61	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
36 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
37 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
39 / 61	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
40 / 61	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights
46 / 61	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
47 / 61	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA
48 / 61	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
49 / 61	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
50 / 61	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
51 / 61	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
52 / 61	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share
60 / 61	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights
CS	NYCTA	NewCB9Office
CS	NYCTA	ADAFranklinMEC

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
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14 / 100	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
20 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
21 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
22 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
23 / 100	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
24 / 100	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies
25 / 100	DOT	Address traffic congestion
30 / 100	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance
34 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
35 / 100	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals
38 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
50 / 100	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
56 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
57 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
58 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
59 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
60 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
75 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
76 / 100	DOT	Improve parking operations
77 / 100	DOT	Provide new bike lanes
78 / 100	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals
79 / 100	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming



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BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION SHARED TRANSPORTATION AND NETWORK DESIGN GUIDELINES (STAND GUIDELINES)

SUMMARY: This proposal creates guidelines aiming to prioritize CitiBike placement on sidewalks instead of roadbeds, adjust CitiBike dock size based on usage, minimize the impact of Carshare and bike share programs on street-parking loss, and encourage Carshare programs to serve people all across the district instead of concentrating placement in small pockets of the district.

At the June 24, 2024, General Board meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 9, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS

1. Brooklyn Community District 9 contains diverse neighborhoods connected by our shared values for family safety and active street life; recognizing that residents and visitors to Prospect Park, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and other esteemed public spaces have a right to safety, accessibility, and ease of access. Improved and sustained connections to our prized local features will increase the quality of life experienced by both residents and visitors;
2. Many residents of Community District 9 use a mixture of transportation methods, including cars, rideshares, taxis, bicycles, and public transportation from buses and trains to CitiBikes;
3. DOT Carshare is presented as a helpful program to help residents obtain convenient access to cars;
4. The location of Carshare-reserved parking spots are concentrated in the northwestern portion of the district;
5. Residents have expressed concern that the painted and reserved spots for Carshare programs change without notice;
6. Fines for parking even at abandoned or unused Carshare spots are a significant financial burden;
7. Some carshare spots are not adequately cleaned, leading to an accumulation of debris at these locations;
8. CitiBike's bike share numbers continue to grow steadily, seeing the busiest usage in the program's history in the third quarter of 2023; and CitiBike's equity and expansion area discounts greatly benefit residents of the district and enable them to achieve steps toward mobility parity;
9. CitiBike has rolled out unevenly over time but has been well used by residents. It is unclear if future pilot rollouts are planned;



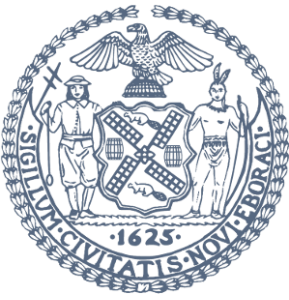
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10. Bike docking stations are located in a variety of environments in our District, including on wide and narrow sidewalks, on non-travel street lanes, and on Parks' rights of way;
11. CitiBike operates as a private partnership between Citibank and Lyft, giving it limited accountability and avoiding many requirements that a governmental entity may have for transparency and accommodations;
12. CitiBike can be open to making mistakes in bike dock placement that could have been avoided with community input, due to its reduced accountability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brooklyn Community Board 9 urges DOT, CitiBike, and all other responsible bodies to implement the following guidelines on currently installed and planned installations of infrastructure in Brooklyn Community District 9:

Regarding CitiBike stations:

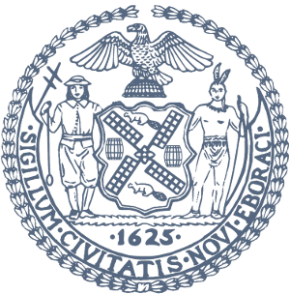
1. Ensure that new and existing CitiBike stations are placed on sidewalks where there is enough space to wield mobility devices or equipment rather than the roadbed when there is enough space, and consistently prioritize sidewalk locations over roadbed locations.
 - a) Ideally, 70% or more of our CitiBike stations should be on sidewalks instead of roadbeds.
 - b) Consider relocating or modifying CitiBike station placement from street non-travel lanes (parking lanes) to wide sidewalks (typical at avenues)
2. Brooklyn Community Board 9 requests CitiBike, or its representatives in the Department of Transportation to produce and share their short- and long-term goals for central Brooklyn; their criteria for successful use and uptake in our community, and future expansions or modifications to the network. We strongly encourage, especially at the invitation of the board, attendance by CitiBike and its representatives in NYC-DOT.
3. Include a provision to adjust dock sizes or location presence based on historic ridership use and present that data to the city via a publicly accessible (OpenData) exchange.



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Regarding DOT Carshare Locations:

1. Ensure no more than three streetside reserved carshare parking locations are concentrated within a ¼ mile radius (or 400m), roughly equivalent to a 5-minute walk.
 - a) No more than 3 carshare locations, assuming each location consists of two parking spots, should be placed within a ¼ mile (400m) radius except when directly approved by Community Board 9 during outreach.
2. Prioritize locating Carshare-reserved parking locations in underutilized commercial or public parking lots and parking lots belonging to city institutions instead of directly in front of single-family or low-density private homes.
3. Review new DOT Carshare spot placement proposals—especially those concerning locations in residential areas or areas not mainly utilized for business in the district with Community Board 9, allowing the community to determine whether the placement improves or decreases the quality of life and convenience for users and residents.
4. Produce a planning document, in collaboration between DOT, Zipcar, and other private Carshare participants, stating the long-term goals for neighborhood rollout and address the following questions:
 - a) Whether this program is in its pilot stage or not;
 - b) Have any city- or state-owned parking spaces in the district been considered for co-location;
 - c) Whether participating Carshare entities will consider a private, negotiated arrangement to locate Carshare parking sites within existing large or underutilized parking lots.
5. Only perform changes to the current network of Carshare locations after:
 - a) Public notice — including required community board communication of intent;
 - b) Proper removal of outdated signs and return of any unused striped or painted streetway to normal travel or parking use. If the DOT continues to violate its requirement of notice, this board or the members within it may exercise their right to seek penalty (for violation of Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter, based on failure to update Equity & Community Outreach Plans



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for each item listed above, Community Board 9 respectfully **requests** that for any study conducted according to the policies and protocols of NYC-DOT, such results be shared with the Board, regardless of the outcome of NYC-DOT's decision. Such documents requested include, but are not limited to, traffic control studies, intersection control data, transportation and mobility analyses, and correspondence with other agency stakeholders such as the Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA), and the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) if applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Brooklyn Community Board 9 **supports** collaboration with DOT, CitiBike, City Council, and State Lawmakers on consolidated measures to:

1. Create a legally enforceable timeline to follow the investment tiers described in the NYC Streets Plan to ensure equitable roll-out of these improvements to the curb, prioritizing underserved communities first;
2. Make Citibike a more fully integrated public transit service by cross-honoring MetroCards, OMNY, or by increasing the City's subsidy for NYCHA and student users;
3. Create a public, updated, online timeline that shows which Carshare and CitiBike locations are upcoming, so the public can view these developments and offer potential support or alternative ideas.

ADOPTED: JUNE 24, 2024

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Community board resources (offices, staff, and equipment)

Brooklyn Community Board 9 is in need of a new office space to fulfill its charter mandated responsibilities and to accommodate supplemental services in the community. A new CB9 office would allow the board to easily hold committee meetings and community programming in the office. Ideally the space would serve as a quasi-community center for residents and local non-profits. We, along with other community-based organization in Crown Heights, are often looking for large spaces to hold public programming. The pandemic exacerbated the need for additional space as some non-profits and community groups have used our small office to conduct events for the public. The office is too small to accommodate required committee meetings and public hearings, especially for meetings of sensitive and controversial topics affecting the district. Current development across the district has not produced enough, in size and numbers, community space for programming. We ask DCAS to expedite our ALREADY SUBMITTED request for a new CB9 Office as it would also be in the best interest of the board and community.

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Needs for Parks

As a community we continue to advocate for better parks and playgrounds. Parks are an asset to our community as they aid in child development, community engagement through family events, physical activities, and a resource for our educators and their students. We also must protect our parks and cultural institutions from the effects development.

Needs for Cultural Services

CB9 has strong institutions that bring diverse programming and support services to residents of CB9.

Needs for Library Services

The Brooklyn Public Library facilities serving the district continue to need additional funding to meet the demand for its services.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards are provide to a voice and be a conduit to City government. The current operating budget is insufficient to effectively navigate the rising cost of operation, purchasing technology and maintenance of the aforementioned. If Community Boards are to remain relevant, they need to able have access the latest technology in order to effectively engage their constituency.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 61	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
6 / 61	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
7 / 61	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR
27 / 61	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
53 / 61	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program
54 / 61	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests
55 / 61	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 100	OMB	Provide more community board staff
16 / 100	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests
27 / 100	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting
29 / 100	DCLA	Provide more public art
47 / 100	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness
48 / 100	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
52 / 100	DPR	Plant new street trees
53 / 100	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
92 / 100	DPR	Provide more environmental education programming (i.e. Urban Park Rangers)



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October 2, 2023

Mayor Eric Adams
Mayor – City of New York
City Hall,
New York, NY 10007

On September 26, 2023, Brooklyn Community Board 9 unanimously passed the attached resolution in support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding.

We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.

Sincerely,

Fred P. Baptiste
Chairperson

Dante B. Arnwine
District Manager

CC:

- Meera Joshi, Deputy Mayor of New York City
- Sue Donoghue, Commissioner - New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
- Speaker Adrienne Adams, New York City Council
- City Council Member Shekar Krishnan, Chair- New York City Council Park and Recreation Committee
- City Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair- New York City Council Finance Committee
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March 1, 2023

Morgan Monaco
President/Prospect Park Administrator
Prospect Park Alliance/NYC Parks
95 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Dear President Morgan:

On behalf of Brooklyn Community Board 9, we would like to submit this letter of support for the restoration of the Prospect Park Vale in the northeast corner of Prospect Park.

This \$40M restoration will bring needed amenities to this area of the park, which has not benefited from improvements in over 50 years. The design will strengthen the area's woodland character, adding new trees and plants that will provide important habitats to park wildlife. It will also provide much-needed restroom facilities for this area of the park. We appreciate that the new building does not take away from the woodland nature of the landscape and is tucked into the hillside with a green roof that will provide additional habitat for birds and pollinators.

In conclusion, this project will be transformational for this area of the park, providing a beautiful and welcoming front door for surrounding communities, where they can enjoy a green and serene environment.

Best,

Dante Arnwine, MPA
District Manager
Brooklyn Community Board 9



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Brooklyn Community Board 9 Resolution in Support of the 1% of NYC Parks Funding Campaign

The following resolution was passed at the Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board meeting on September 26, 2023, in Support of 1% for NYC Parks Funding.

WHEREAS, parks and green spaces provide numerous benefits to communities, including promoting physical and mental health, providing spaces for community gatherings and events, improving air quality, climate resiliency and cooling, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents; **WHEREAS**, many parks and green spaces have experienced neglect and underfunding, resulting in deteriorating conditions and limited programming options;

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign proposes to dedicate one percent of the City's annual budget towards parks and green spaces, ensuring adequate funding for staffing, maintenance, and other critical needs;

WHEREAS, many large U.S. cities allocate more than one percent of their city budgets to parks, which has resulted in significant improvements to parks and green spaces in those communities. San Francisco spends 1.6 percent of its municipal budget on parks, Los Angeles spends 2.9 percent, Chicago 4.3 percent and Minneapolis 5.3 percent.

WHEREAS, the 1% for Parks campaign has garnered widespread support from community organizations, advocacy groups, and residents who recognize the importance of parks and green spaces to the health and well-being of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brooklyn Community Board 9 fully supports the 1% for Parks campaign and urges our elected officials to allocate this increased funding in the New York City budget. We believe that investing in parks and green spaces is essential to creating a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community that benefits all residents.

We call on our elected officials to prioritize parks and green spaces in budget decisions and work towards ensuring that all members of our community have access to safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and green spaces.

Adopted: September 26, 2023

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
CS	Other	SaveSUNYDownstate

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
86 / 100	DCP	Other expense request
97 / 100	OMB	Other expense request
100 / 100	DCAS	Trainings

FY26 Brooklyn CB9 Statement of Needs Community Session Testimony	
September 26, 2024 - St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf - 6:00PM	
Video Recording: https://www.youtube.com/live/kSgri7W1st4?si=jP783kL8Dx-NAmNo	
Economic Development	
Strategic plan for commerical districts in CD9	
Create better communication between landlords and small business owners/ tenants	
Focus on commerical district beautification (facades, storefronts, awnings)	
Commerical only zoning district	
Land Use/ Housing	
Advocate for retail that fills gaps in community (nutrition/ pharmacy)	
Address the AML issue which affects affordability	
Reports and requirements focused on drains for stormwater	
Advocate for preservation of existing housing	
Identify areas where zoning is out of context	
Identify areas where homeowners could expand their homes	
Advocate for the protection of cultural and green spaces from shadows	
More funding for the Landmarks Preservation Commission to support landmarking efforts in communities	
Additional resources to connect people to Housing Connect	
Request services along with development (senior centers, pharmacies, health clinics, post offices, swimming pools, etc.)	
Parks, Recreation, & Culture	
Revitalization of Eastern Parkway Mall	
More funding for more routine park maintenance	
Rat mitigation at pedestrian plaza (Empire Blvd & Franklin & Washington Avenues)	
Address broken catch basins and stormdrains in district (Montgomery & Bedford)	
Youth Services/ Education & Libraries	
Increase access to educational institutions in district and Central Brooklyn	
Create relationships with Medgar Evers College to obtain relevant data for participatory research	
Board Member trainings on open meetings law (OML), CB8 bylaws, and parliamentary procedures	
More workforce development programming	
Public Safety	
Advocate for closure of illegal smoke shops	
More enforcement for e-bikes on sidewalks and streets	

More enforcement and resources to address derelict vehicles with and without license plates
Address lack of security at Kingsboro Pyschiatric shelter
Environmental Protection
Infrastructure improvements and increased maintenance on sewers and drainage system
Support additional funding efforts for Dept. of Sanitation
Write a letter to Council Member Hudson for trash receptacle placement in CD9
Appropriate agencies should issue compliance audits to ensure development is compliant with current laws
Enforcement for ASL for vehicles not moving
Create a battery exchange or dead battery drop off
Tranportation
Study showing the after affects of traffic mitigation measures implemented by DOT
Advocate for traffic pattern adjustments at Utica Ave and Crown (only one left turn off Utica from Empire to EP)
Request for a citibike station placement redesign
Request for a zip car placement redesign
Request for change in rules for ZipCar companies to clean ZipCar spots
WHY ARE THESE ISSUES PRESSING
ZIP Code 11213 has a distress score of 90.5, categorizing it as a severely distressed area. In contrast, neighboring ZIP Codes 11225, 11216, and 11238 have significantly lower distress scores, indicating mid-tier to comfortable living conditions.
We are facing a housing crisis, in going to the housing court the line was wrapped around the floor, and the free legal services are at capacity. Due to gentrification, the only concern is around creating more/newer/unaffordable housing developments.
Sanitation is a big issue especially on mckeever from sullivan pl to empire boulevard. That stretch of street and other related streets are constantly dirty dejected, littered and full of weeds.
Because housing is the most serious crisis most of the people are facing. The absence of housing makes other issues worse.
Economic development is crucial in my area due to the limited variety of stores and services, high business turnover, and vacancies. Boosting growth can attract diverse businesses, stabilize the economy, and improve life for residents with more dinin
Our district has a much lower concentration of attractive businesses than it could have.
There is not enough affordable housing, not just for low income but for middle income. So much of the development is not for families or middle class, people who are getting priced out with rent and moving out of the city. We need new standards.
Housing security is one of the most important basic human rights
Safwt and the ability to roam freely impqxts all of the others
In 11213, 30% of adults are obese, 10% have diabetes, and 33% suffer from hypertension. 3 risk factors that increase likelihood of heart disease & heart attack. These rates are higher than the average for NYC yet we face issues like SUNY Downstate...

Businesses are closing left and right in the district due to the increased rent as well as decrease in financial stability in the economy. Assistance and breaks should be given to business who are providing employment yemnet opportunities.
There aren't enough entertainment spaces(bars and clubs that cater to all different demographics) in crown heights which makes it difficult to find things to do locally on a friday night (without traveling to other parts of Brooklyn).
People need to be empowered so that they become self sufficient and productive member of the society.
Affordable housing is crucial in my area due to limited availability and high demand. More affordable options can reduce overcrowding, stabilize rent prices, attract new businesses, and improve the overall quality of life for residents.
Transportation in the district could be better. Our bike lane network is inadequate, some of our streets are congested and need redesigns, and parking is not utilized well enough here.
With a nearly 20% increase in population, our infrastructure cannot hold up to so many more people on the grid. We need to be planning for long term development and holistically.
Being able to have sustainable small businesses to provide employment opportunities and keep a local community thriving
Housing and lack of or cost if plays into our safety and quality of life.
11213 hasn't experienced any rezoning in 4 decades
Parkling capabilities within land use

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 61 **Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.**

NYCTA

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Allocate funding for ADA Accessibility at the Franklin Avenue - Medgar Evers College Avenue subway station (2/3/4/5/S). This station served as an express stations for person(s) traveling from Flatbush and Crown Heights areas. In 2022, Franklin Ave - Medgar Evers College ranked 97 out of 472 in total ridership. More focused needs to be on making our public transit system actually accessible for all members of the public.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

2 of 61 **Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library**

BPL

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

The Crown Heights branch of the Brooklyn Public Library has MAJOR CAPITAL needs. It has a \$200,000 need for safety and security enhancements. The library is a community space that has not received adequate funding to address its ongoing needs which total over \$6M dollars. If funding for repairs and upgrades continue to be delayed, future repairs will be added cost to taxpayers. Additionally, fixing delayed repairs has caused the library to be closed for extended periods of time. Closure of a library, especially in communities of color, forms a void to access the library's resources (technology, meeting space, wifi, outdoor programs, etc.).

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports this capital need and will continue advocating for additional capital funding to address it.

3 of 61 **Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school**

SCA

Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

MS 61 is in dire need of renovations. Renovation of library (including tables, chairs and book shelves). Updated Smartboards, as well as new paint and flooring throughout the building. The auditorium needs air conditioning and new seats. Electrical wiring upgrade is needed throughout the school to improve lighting and audio apparatus. The water fountains need replacement/upgrading.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

4 of 61 **Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests**

DSNY

Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

Location: District Wide

The heavy foot traffic along our corridors contributes to the mounting trash conditions. The addition of trash cans and recycling cans would assist in the reduction of litter. Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY will reduce rat activity and sightings.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is placing new Better Bins when funding is made available by local Council Members or the Mayor.

5 of 61 **Renovate or upgrade a senior center**

DFTA

Renovate or upgrade a senior center

Location: East New York Avenue

The Christopher Blenman Senior Center continues to be an antiquated space in complete disrepair. A collaborative effort with NYCHA should be embarked upon to provide this space with a complete renovation.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will work with NYCHA to determine how this request can be achieved.

6 of 61	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	DPR
Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide sorely needed recreational space for the youth in the community.		<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please contact us to discuss this request.</i>
7 of 61	Other capital budget request for DPR Other capital budget request for DPR	DPR
The Eastern Parkway Mall is one of the crown jewels of Brooklyn. The pedestrian and bike path are currently in disrepair and are in need of immediate restoration. Protruding stones are hazard to pedestrians traversing the mall. The benches along the mall are missing slates and have chipped/fading paint. The Parks Department should allocate funding to restore this borough treasure.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have capital funding available for improvements to the pedestrian and bike paths at the Eastern Parkway Malls.</i>
8 of 61	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	DSNY
The request for a new location for the BK9 garage has lingered for years. The intersection of New York Avenue and Winthrop Street is for a lack of better word, littered with DSNY vehicles. These vehicles create blind spots and contribute to the rush hour nightmare of drivers/pedestrians navigating the area. The BK9 sanitation garage needs adequate space to store its fleet and reduce the inconvenience to the residents in its direct vicinity.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Further study by the agency of this request is needed.</i>
9 of 61	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	FDNY
Provide additional vehicles in order for Community Affairs to expand outreach efforts.		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
10 of 61	Renovate or upgrade a senior center Renovate or upgrade a senior center	DFTA
St. Gabriel's Senior Center is need of a furniture upgrade. The facility needs to replace tables, chairs and refrigerator. The center is also in need tech upgrades such as media carts, laptop tables, desks and smart boards.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will be requesting additional funding for this request.</i>
11 of 61	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	DOT
Location: Midwood Street - Utica Avenue & Utica Avenue Expedite a joint DOT and DEP capital project for the reconstruction of Midwood Street to create a high functioning drainage system and improve road surface. There is a longstanding severe ponding and street flooding condition that becomes hazardous for pedestrians and motorists alike during the winter months when the road becomes icy as a result of the water pooling. The resurfacing, drainage, and sewer support system must be addressed in a systematic manner. The area lacks proper drainage and the location needs to be investigated by both DEP and DOT		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

12 of 61 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)**DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: Lincoln Road - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue
Many streets in Community District 9 are in need of resurfacing due to damages caused by winter salting and general wear and tear. Community District 9 would like to see an increase in the district's asphalt allocation and the number of streets that are resurfaced. In particular Lincoln Road is a street within the District that has been in need of repaving for a number of years. There are large dips and potholes on the road that are hazardous conditions even for motorists that are familiar with the road but at times find themselves having to abruptly swerve in order to avoid potential damages to their vehicles by driving through the dips and potholes.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please report potholes via 311.

13 of 61 Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests**DSNY**

Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

Location: Rogers Avenue - Empire Boulevard & Empire Boulevard
Increase litter baskets and/ or replace the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.

14 of 61 Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests**DSNY**

Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

Location: Bedford Avenue - Empire Boulevard & Empire Boulevard
Increase litter baskets and/ or replace the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.

15 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Ocean Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue
Ocean Avenue between Flatbush and Parkside Avenues needs traffic calming interventions. While the street is scheduled for major reconstruction with the addition of a bike lane, that may now be years away. In addition, there are five signalized street crossings all leading to the park's entrances. They are all dangerous and should have more pedestrian refuges and other considerations. Two of the signalized crossings are not intersections; drivers ignore red signals every time the light changes. Drivers make illegal U-turns, and there is excessive speeding. The parking lane is used as a travel lane during rush hours, and was the reason for moving the planned bike lane onto the expanded sidewalk. But there is no enforcement during the afternoon rush and therefore can be a protected bike lanes

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The capital project will address part of these concerns. Please reach out to NYPD re: traffic enforcement.

16 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Lefferts Avenue - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue

The three-year wait time period for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested.

Additionally, All Way crossings signals at intersections should be implemented in some heavily used areas to allow pedestrians time and space to cross the street. Truck routes throughout the District needs to be included in the study.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Due to a significant backlog and ongoing limited resources, speed reducer studies are experiencing delays at this time.

17 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Winthrop Street - Troy Avenue & Troy Avenue

The three-year wait time period for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested.

Additionally, All Way crossings signals at intersections should be implemented in some heavily used areas to allow pedestrians time and space to cross the street. Truck routes throughout the District needs to be included in the study.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Due to a significant backlog and ongoing limited resources, speed reducer studies are experiencing delays at this time. This is a duplicate of 209202616C

18 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

The three-year wait time period for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested.

Additionally, All Way crossings signals at intersections should be implemented in some heavily used areas to allow pedestrians time and space to cross the street. Truck routes throughout the District needs to be included in the study.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Due to a significant backlog and ongoing limited resources, speed reducer studies are experiencing delays at this time. This is a duplicate of 209202616C

19 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Lincoln Road - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue

Lincoln Road bet. Flatbush Ave and Ocean Ave is a gateway to Prospect Park. It should be turned into a modified open street/busway, allowing restaurants to expand onto the parking lanes, but still leave space to implement trucks unload zones at the supermarket and two grocery stores on the block. The street is often congested and unsafe, with double and triple parked cars, trucks and buses.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. As we discussed previously, it's difficult to balance major bus routes, delivery zones, and roadway dining in one space. Most of the dining establishments on this stretch cannot participate in the roadway dining portion of the Dining Out NYC program because of existing curbside uses, mainly bus stops. We can discuss this further separately if needed.

20 of 61 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Allocate funding for Handicapped Accessibility at the Kingston Avenue subway station - #3, 4 IRT line. The station is located right outside the Jewish Children's Museum and the Lubavitch World Headquarters. Making the station handicapped accessible will provide transportation access for thousands of people who visit this community all year round

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

21 of 61 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Allocate funding for Handicapped Accessibility at the Winthrop Street subway station - #2, 5 IRT line. The station services two hospitals (one within the District and a neighboring one), Health and Hospital Corporation/Kings County Hospital and SUNY Downstate. The station therefore needs to be renovated and upgraded to include the installation of elevator and ramps to meet standards projected for the rest of the IRT system.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

22 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Washington Avenue - Montgomery Street & Montgomery Street
Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. NYCDOT has been given authorization to expand the number of red light cameras to 600 intersections and all new locations will be carefully selected based on crash and safety data. Please reach out to NYPD regarding enforcement beyond cameras.

23 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Rogers Avenue - Lefferts Avenue & Lefferts Avenue
Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

24 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Winthrop Avenue - Troy Avenue & Troy Avenue
Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

25 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Parkside Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue
Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

26 of 61 Other transportation infrastructure requests**DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Montgomery Street - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue
The ponding condition at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Nostrand Avenue persists even though the Department of Transportation conducted a repair of the site in the Spring of 2018. The slope of the street was not properly pitched to the catch basin. This has created an ongoing condition of trash accumulation and standing water.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

27 of 61 Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park**DPR**

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

Due to an ever growing pet population in the district, there is now an increase in the utilization of our park facilities by their owners. We are requesting that funding be allocated to the study of the feasibility of a dog runs/parks in parks around the district. Having clearly defined space with also reduce safety concerns amongst parents patronizing the parks with small children

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Please contact us to discuss potential locations for dog runs in the district. We do not have capital funding available to construct or improve dog runs at parks beyond what has already been allocated.

28 of 61 Upgrade or create new plazas**DOT**

Upgrade or create new plazas

Study to consider creating public plaza space in the district. Public plazas may be a good solution for underutilized block and lots in the district. The pandemic is an illustration residents need easy accessible open space.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please feel free to suggest specific locations. Our plaza program is open in rounds for inclusion and require a maintenance partner.

29 of 61 Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed**DEP**

Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed

Location: Fenimore Street - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue
Several residents have experienced serious basement flooding which may have been caused by clogged sewers.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

30 of 61 Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed**DEP**

Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed

Location: Sterling Street - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue
Several residents have experienced serious basement flooding which may have been caused by clogged sewers.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

31 of 61 Provide more housing for seniors**HPD**

Provide more housing for seniors

There is a critical need for senior citizen housing as this population is generally excluded from the affordable housing lotteries being offered due to low fixed incomes.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD will continue to fund the construction of senior housing from the development pipeline to maximize available resources. HPD's senior housing program develops new housing with Section 8 vouchers to ensure that seniors on fixed incomes are not burdened by housing costs.

32 of 61 Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	DEP
Location: Midwood Street - Bedford Avenue & Bedford Avenue Several residents have experienced serious basement flooding which may have been caused by clogged sewers.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
33 of 61 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	NYPD
Location: Washington Avenue - Montgomery Street & Montgomery Street Installation of speed cameras to deter drivers from speeding in residential areas.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
34 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Location: Lincoln Road - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue The three-year wait time period for speed hump installations, stop sign requests, midblock crossing requests and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety proposals must be decreased. DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested. Additionally, All Way crossings signals at intersections should be implemented in some heavily used areas to allow pedestrians time and space to cross the street. Truck routes throughout the District needs to be included in the study.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Due to a significant backlog and ongoing limited resources, speed reducer studies are experiencing delays at this time; duplicate of 209202616C</i>
35 of 61 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	DOT
Location: New York Avenue - Maple Street & Maple Street The northeast corner of this intersection needs a curb cut to allow access to the crosswalk. With no curb cut, the corner in question is a serious tripping hazard.	<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. No specific intersection was provided in this request. Please reach out to us with specifics and we can look into it.</i>
36 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Location: Brooklyn Avenue Motorists constantly speed down Brooklyn Avenue, south of Empire. Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) are necessary to alleviate this problem.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. We will continue to work with the community board on a project here.</i>
37 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Location: Eastern Parkway - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue Repair the potholes and the cobble stone sidewalk at the Nostrand Avenue and Eastern Parkway promenade.	<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please reach out to Parks Department regarding Eastern Parkway. Please report potholes via 311.</i>

38 of 61 Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	NYPD
Increase the number and access of tow trucks for the 71st Precinct to address abandoned car request(s) sent to the precinct. The amount of abandoned and unlicensed vehicles across the district has grown out of control. These vehicles are occupying public parking spaces and do not move for street sweeper.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
39 of 61 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Location: President Street Install speed humps and/ or speed bumps and speed limit signage and markings to deter and prevent speeding on residential street.	<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please provide details on the specific locations and we can investigate further.</i>
40 of 61 Repair or provide new street lights Repair or provide new street lights	DOT
Location: Union Street - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue Installation of street lights would add more lighting in this location.	<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. No specific location is mentioned. Please enter a request into ARTS.</i>
41 of 61 Other capital budget request for DSNY Other capital budget request for DSNY	DSNY
Location: District Wide Install Dog Law signage throughout the district.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.</i>
42 of 61 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	NYPD
Location: Hawthorne Street - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue Installation of cameras will hopefully deter and prevent any criminal activity and loitering along Hawthorne Street.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
43 of 61 Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	DHS
Upgrading/ creating transitional housing will provide homeless individuals and families with modern support and services they need to move toward permanent housing.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DSS invites community boards and elected officials to submit proposed locations for new shelter sites. Note, there is an RFP process - sites are determined based on whether they meet the criteria.</i>

44 of 61 Other programs to address public health issues requests**DOHMH**

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Support for the community fridge network in Crown Heights. The community fridge is a network of outdoor refrigerators aimed to addressing food insecurity and food waste in healthy food deserts.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

45 of 61 Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts**EDC**

Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts

CD9 is in need of economic development investments bring vibrancy our commercial corridors and to address the noticeable rows of vacant storefront. From the 2022 SBS & Bridge Street CDNA, Crown Heights has a 14% vacancy rate for storefront. While the survey does include CB8, many commercial corridors in CH are facing similar challenges.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. More information on the specific storefront locations is needed.

46 of 61 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Fair evasion continues to be an issue citywide. Additional measure are needed at the Prospect Park station on Flatbush to address the chronic fair evasion at this location. As the city continue to install a more modernized fair collection system, we ask the MTA to prioritize this location.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

47 of 61 Other capital budget request for NYCTA**NYCTA**

Other capital budget request for NYCTA

Some residents have voice their thoughts on the expansion of the subway. The expansion of the subway, especially along Utica Avenue, improve accessibility to our district along Utica. An expansion of the subway could provide economic opportunities and growth for businesses along the corridor.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

48 of 61 Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share**DOT**

Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share

As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be strategically place commercial loading zones to prevent double parking by trucks while allow businesses to receiving goods and services for their businesses.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. No specific location was given. Please reach out with additional information. via an ARTS request

49 of 61 Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share**DOT**

Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share

As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. Installation of micro-mobility lanes would give certain lightweight vehicles space on streets deterring individuals from using the sidewalks.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please send us specific locations of concern.

50 of 61 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	DOT
<p>Request for DOT to prioritize and fill outstanding pothole and broken sidewalk repair requests. Many homeowner, who are older adults, are concerned regarding the liability of a trip and fall in front of their house. The DOT has been slow to honor request submitted for the program.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. Please enter specific requests into 311 or ARTS. We can follow up on individual requests as needed.</i></p>
51 of 61 Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	DOT
<p>Installation of electric car charging stations strategically positioned throughout the district for charging connectivity. A focus of the installation should be on the charging stations network coexisting with current infrastructure and future development.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. We are continuing to explore options for future locations, including within CB9. Three sites shared within CB9 will be included in the initial environmental analysis for the project, and may be developed subject to further community and elected input and feasibility analysis, with the opportunity for community members, elected officials and the agency to identify additional potential sites for consideration going forward.</i></p>
52 of 61 Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	DOT
<p>Expansion of Dollar Van services, especially along Flatbush, could be a viable options for commuters as buses see continuous delays.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will continue to work with TLC and NYPD to ensure that legal van operators are supported in providing supplemental transit services as necessary along approved origins and destinations.</i></p>
53 of 61 Provide new type and/or specific type of program Provide new type and/or specific type of program	DPR
<p>Create an infrastructure to support local artist and the arts in the community.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. We already support temporary art installations at parks.</i></p>
54 of 61 Other cultural facilities and resources requests Other cultural facilities and resources requests	DCLA
<p>District needs a free community center to provide a space for community, youth, adult, small business, academic, and cultural opportunities.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>

<p>55 of 61 Other capital budget request for DPR Other capital budget request for DPR</p> <p>The need for more family-friendly green spaces for family entertainment and leisure.</p>	<p>DPR</p> <p><i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please contact us to discuss this request. We do not have funding available to acquire additional parkland.</i></p>
<p>56 of 61 Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</p> <p>Develop supportive and transitional housing based on the community district average income. The Board has heard many complaints regarding the amount development of supportive and transitional housing slated for this district. Community members have voiced their concerns about having such dense supportive housing created in one area of the district.</p>	<p>HPD</p> <p><i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. The Board's position is unclear if there is too much supportive housing in the district (based on the difference in the request and description). That said, we advance supportive housing projects across a variety of Community Districts and are sensitive to community feedback. We operate within a fair housing framework and work to invest in and build supportive housing in neighborhoods across the city. Our supportive housing developments offer some of the most affordable rents - both for our formerly homeless neighbors and for those interested in units available through the lottery.</i></p>
<p>57 of 61 Provide more housing for medium income households Provide more housing for medium income households</p> <p>Many families in the district earn below 80% AMI. Housing needs to be created for very low, low, moderate/ middle, and working class families.</p>	<p>HPD</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Approximately 63% of total new construction units financed by HPD since FY15 to present have been 80% AMI or less. We will continue to fund new housing for the deepest incomes to ensure those with the greatest needs are met.</i></p>
<p>58 of 61 Provide more housing for seniors Provide more housing for seniors</p> <p>More housing needs to be created for the growing older adult population. With many older adults on fixed incomes and rents still heightened from the pandemic, many older adults are feeling rent burdened.</p>	<p>HPD</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD will continue to fund the construction of senior housing from the development pipeline to maximize available resources.</i></p>
<p>59 of 61 Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers</p>	<p>DEP</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>

60 of 61 Repair or provide new street lights**DOT**

Repair or provide new street lights

Throughout the district, there are areas that lack adequate street lighting for pedestrians. The installation of street lights on these areas would increase visibility, create safer traveling conditions, and bring vibrancy to corridors.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. Please enter requests for specific locations into ARTS and our Street Lighting team will conduct an inspection.

61 of 61 Other programs to address public health issues requests**DOHMH**

Other programs to address public health issues requests

The development of grocery stores and/or supermarkets would certainly start to address the district's food desert. Grocery stores are often distances away making it more difficult for individuals and families to buy and eat health affordable food.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS NewCB9Office**NYCTA**

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Brooklyn Community Board 9 plays an important role in improving the quality of life for residents of Community District 9. CB9 is a city agency with a mission to coordinate and monitor municipal service delivery to the residents of our community district. Community Boards advise on zoning issues, make budget recommendations and address patterned and immediate community concerns. Additional space provides a higher quality and quantity of constituent services and increases our ability to hold timely public hearings and meetings as required by the charter. The proposed office will house three to four full-time staff members including three to five interns. The Board Chairperson, CB9 Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and District Manager utilize the space for our mandatory public meetings and on an as-needed basis. We need space for city, state, federal agencies, and nonprofits to routinely provide programming in our office to avoid long travel times for constituents to services outside the district. A relocation request for a new space was submitted in our annual district needs statement to DCP. Describe why current space(s) is (are) inadequate: Management has "cleaned" rat feces, which can be smelled in the office, from the basement beneath. At specific locations in the office, water comes through and molds the ceiling tiles when it rains. On multiple occasions we had no restroom in the office for staff due to clogged pipes and flooding. As soon as you walk into the office, dust and allergens are in the air due to a weak HVAC system. The space only has one restroom which is located in the back part of the office.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS ADAFranklinMEC**NYCTA**

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Location: Eastern Parkway & Franklin Avenue
Franklin Av - Medgar Evers College (2, 3, 4, 5) and Botanic Garden (S):
Complex, to provide accessibility enhancements in both directions and provide an ADA-compliant connection between the IND-Shuttle and IRT-Eastern Parkway. See attached resolution.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS	SaveSUNYDownstate Other capital request	Other
We will continue to work with Community Board 17 and members of the public and SUNY Downstate stakeholders to fight for generational investment into Downstate		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 100	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	DSNY
<p>Location: District Wide</p> <p>Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY. Our streets would benefit more from this style of receptacle as it reduce rat and rodent activity.</p>		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.</i>
2 of 100	Provide more community board staff Provide more community board staff	OMB
<p>As City Charter mandates, the community boards are to have access to experts and consultant to assist with issues such as land use. As development continues to skyrocket around the district this resource is essential.</p>		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. As of the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.</i>
3 of 100	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	DCP
<p>Location: District Wide</p> <p>Zoning is supposed to organize the way land is used, determine the sizes and building uses; however, the current zoning in Community District 9 encompasses a mixture of different zoning, which we have seen create numerous concerns for residents and home-owners in the district. CB9 would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a study of our district with an included focus on the preservation of apartments to better utilize land in the district to address the need for housing. Study should include height and setback controls, open space, commercial revitalization, upgraded/new schools, job creation, transportation access, improved utility services and infrastructure to support an expected population growth.</p>		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DCP requires additional information. While a holistic neighborhood study could be useful in this part of Brooklyn, the Department would need to better understand the goals and process CB 9 would like to undertake prior to engaging in an extremely complex initiative such as this.</i>
4 of 100	Assign more teaching staff Assign more teaching staff	DOE
<p>Sufficient staff means smaller class sizes and and an environment in which teachers can effectively connect and monitor the progress of their students.</p>		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

5 of 100 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	DYCD
PS 221 - Toussaint L-Ouverture is in need of an after school program such as Beacon Program.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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.</i>
6 of 100 Other expense budget request for DFTA Other expense budget request for DFTA	DFTA
Further promotion of SAGE centers, as there is a significant LGBTQIA population that needs to be informed of resources available to assist them as an aging adult.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.</i>
7 of 100 Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	NYCHA
The poor upkeep of the William Ried Houses is well known. Requests for repairs are usually met with rebuke by the local managing agent. Soot left by a fire last year lingered on the wall for weeks until the intervention of NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie. NYCHA needs to increase funding to complete repairs and increase monitoring to insure that repairs tickets are not simply closed out.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Howard Houses has a 20-Year Capital Need of ~\$382 million. The total project investment since 2019 has been ~\$42 million. Completed projects include CCTV installation. Active work includes roof replacement, brickwork & facades, and fire protection systems. For more information on the capital needs and current projects at Howard, please see here: https://capitaltracker.nycha.info/developments/72. NYCHA is happy to work with our elected stakeholders to find funding for other projects.</i>
8 of 100 Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	DSNY
Location: Clarkson Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY will reduce rat activity and sightings at these two intersections.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.</i>
9 of 100 Clean catch basins Clean catch basins	DEP
Ponding is a direct result of clogged catch basins. The basins need to be consistently serviced so that our crosswalks are not regularly flooded and the safety of pedestrians sacrificed.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

10 of 100 Other enforcement requests Other enforcement requests	DSNY
<p>Illegal dumping is an escalating issue in our community. Illegal drop offs and dumping at corner baskets, back sides of schools, tree pits, is an ongoing complaint. Funding to increase enforcement's capacity to monitor chronic locations could make a significant impact in the public health, safety and appearance of our district.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.</i></p>
11 of 100 Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	NYPD
<p>In order to reaffirm a positive relationship with the community, we are requesting that NYPD personnel be mandated to cultural sensitivity trainings.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
12 of 100 Hire additional crossing guards Hire additional crossing guards	NYPD
<p>The number of traffic accidents in the district continue to rise. In order to maintain the safety of seniors and youth, we are asking for assignments to be made with inclusion of traffic incident data.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
13 of 100 Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	DEP
<p>Location: Clarkson Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue Install raingardens where appropriate and missing along Clarkson Avenue.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
14 of 100 Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	NYCTA
<p>Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
15 of 100 Other expense budget request for HPD Other expense budget request for HPD	HPD
<p>The residents of our district spend well over 30% of their income on rent. This has led to the sharing of apartments by multiple generations. The development of truly affordable housing should be paramount.</p>	<p><i>Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Thank you for this request. We agree that your district need additional affordable housing. HPD will continue to use all tools available, including but not limited to subsidy, tax exemptions, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to fund the construction of affordable housing from the development pipeline to maximize available resources.</i></p>

16 of 100 Other street trees and forestry services requests**DPR**

Other street trees and forestry services requests

The Parks department should increase funding to the Forestry Division, so that regular maintenance may be performed on the trees within our district.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We agree that additional funding would increase the capacity of our Forestry Division, but additional funding cannot be determined at this time.

17 of 100 Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions**DSNY**

Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions

Location: Franklin Avenue, Bedford Avenue, and Nostrand Avenue
Community Board 9 has been delayed in the inclusion of in the organics collection program. The residents of our communities have called for the deployment of brown collection bins to assist in quelling the garbage condition in the district. Community Board 9 should be added to the program immediately.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Curbside composting is now live in every borough. Residents should speak with building management on where organics can be collected in the building for curbside collection on the proper day.

18 of 100 Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings**DOB**

Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings

Community Board 9 regularly receives complaints of unpermitted construction work around the district. The DOB should allocate additional funding to increase the number of inspectors, so that complaints can responded to in a reasonable time.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The agency will accommodate and continue to use the budgeted staff to conduct these inspections. DOB will discuss budgetary needs with OMB if agency needs changes.

19 of 100 Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment**EDC**

Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment

Remaining viable in this current economy means being to accommodate all the guidelines that COVID-19 has triggered. Businesses need to be able to modernize and remain up to code in order to stay in business.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. More information on what kind of financial assistance would be helpful. SBS should have existing initiatives and programs in this space.

20 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be loading zones on the street; otherwise trucks double park and park in crosswalks. Some existing bike lanes need to be changed to protected bike lanes. The current bike lanes on Empire Boulevard are constantly obstructed by double parked vehicles. With the protected bike lanes, parked cars would serve as buffer and the bike lanes would be between the sidewalk and parked cars. There are other locations within the District that should be considered for bike lanes

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please reach out with specific locations of concern.

21 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Brooklyn Avenue - Empire Boulevard & Empire Boulevard
As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be loading zones on the street; otherwise trucks double park and park in crosswalks. Some existing bike lanes need to be changed to protected bike lanes. The current bike lanes on Empire Boulevard are constantly obstructed by double parked vehicles. With the protected bike lanes, parked cars would serve as buffer and the bike lanes would be between the sidewalk and parked cars. There are other locations within the District that should be considered for bike lanes

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We will investigate this further and determine what the next steps are.

22 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Kingston Avenue - Empire Boulevard & Empire Boulevard
As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the streets by all. There should also be loading zones on the street; otherwise trucks double park and park in crosswalks. Some existing bike lanes need to be changed to protected bike lanes. The current bike lanes on Empire Boulevard are constantly obstructed by double parked vehicles. With the protected bike lanes, parked cars would serve as buffer and the bike lanes would be between the sidewalk and parked cars. There are other locations within the District that should be considered for bike lanes

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

23 of 100 Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance**NYCTA**

Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

24 of 100 Conduct traffic or parking studies**DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Given the number of requests for speed hump installations, stop sign, traffic light timing, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation of traffic calming measures is critical. Thus DOT should be required to conduct district-wide traffic calming study to improve safety, particularly around known or identified speeding areas, and to understand how implementation of all or any combination of traffic calming requests would impact traffic flow in the District, instead of considering the impact on a block-by-block basis, as they are requested

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

25 of 100 Address traffic congestion**DOT**

Address traffic congestion

Provide adequate funding to expedite response to streetlight complaints, traffic calming and signage requests. Good street maintenance and expeditious repairs would help ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Bedford, Rogers, Nostrand, Kingston, Utica. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please contact BBCO to clarify the specific locations of concern.

26 of 100 Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors **EDC**

Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors

Often times graffiti is equated with poverty and blight. Restoration of the funding for the graffiti removal program should be reinstated immediately. There should be extensive promotion and recruitment of building owners to increase participation and change the face of our commercial corridors.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The Department of Sanitation oversees the graffiti-free NYC program. CB can refer to the agency for removal of graffiti on public and private spaces.

27 of 100 Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting **DPR**

Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting

Installation of additional lighting to deter illegal activities

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have capital funding available to install lighting at Dodger Playground.

28 of 100 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up **DSNY**

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Increasing collection to reduce residential trash from piling up on the sidewalk.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

29 of 100 Provide more public art **DCLA**

Provide more public art

Increase funding for public art murals to celebrate the Caribbean American diasporas contributions to the district.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The Percent for Art Artist Directory is used by the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) to consider artists for the commissioning of public artwork in connection with new construction and substantial renovations on City-owned property. Artists included in the Directory may be considered for future Percent for Art opportunities and may be asked to submit proposals for new artwork commissions. Inclusion in the Directory does not guarantee an Artist will be selected to submit a proposal. Artists are selected through a panel process and review of submitted proposals. The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member to request additional funding.

30 of 100 Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance **NYCTA**

Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance

Location: Nostrand Avenue - Sterling Street & Sterling Street
Increasing the frequency of cleaning the bus stations should help reduce litter piling up at bus stops. Loose litter prevents drainage especially at the SBS-B44 bus stops.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

31 of 100 Clean catch basins

Clean catch basins

DEP

Improve drainage by the Franklin Avenue subway station on Eastern Parkway as it regularly floods impeding traffic.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

32 of 100 Other expense budget request for DEP

Other expense budget request for DEP

DEP

Create a plan to evaluate all flood risk locations in CB9.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

33 of 100 Other zoning and land use requests

Other zoning and land use requests

DCP

Support downzoning and landmarking for incorrectly zoned and non landmarked areas of Prospect Lefferts Gardens

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

34 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

Location: Rogers Avenue

Motorists constantly speed on Rogers Avenue. Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

35 of 100 Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

DOT

Signal timings feel insufficiently short to accommodate the large crowds walking to and from the park. Additionally, the sidewalk's width is too narrow to handle the amount of foot traffic for one light cycle.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. No specific intersection was provided in this request. Please reach out to us with specifics and we can look into it.

36 of 100 Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers

Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers

DSNY

Location: Commercial Districts

Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY will reduce rat activity and sightings in our commercial corridors of Nostrand Avenue, Empire Boulevard, Franklin Avenue, Flatbush Avenue, Bedford Avenue, and Utica Avenue.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.

37 of 100 Other expense budget request for DYCD**DYCD**

Other expense budget request for DYCD

Provide more programs in CB9 geared toward Parents and Youth empowerment.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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.

38 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Eastern Parkway - Washington Avenue & Washington Avenue
Provide additional safety measure at this location as drivers making a left from Washington Avenue in both directions do not look for pedestrians.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please provide the information for which intersection of Washington Avenue you are referring to and we can investigate further.

39 of 100 Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs**SBS**

Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs

Provide and/ or better advertise available programs that offer financial assistance, marketing, advertising, and other small business programming to assist small businesses with their pandemic recovery and position them for future growth

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. SBS promotes all of our services through various outreach efforts including: • The SBS agency outreach team, which hosts events in partnership with local organizations, conducts in-person presentations and webinars to build awareness of services, attends community events and canvasses neighborhoods across all five boroughs. • SBS also activates the Mobile Outreach Unit "Mobie" across the five boroughs to promote SBS Services. • Close partnerships with local partners such as the various Chamber of Commerce's, BIDs, and ethnic-based CBOs to spread awareness of SBS resources. • The SBS Small Business Hotline, which can provide information about our services and provide referrals to services. We encourage all of our community board partners to share the SBS Hotline number widely (888) SBS-4NYC.

40 of 100 Other expense budget request for DOE**DOE**

Other expense budget request for DOE

Increase funding that provides students with the technological resources and internet access needed to fulfill their educational requirements in the classroom and at home.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

41 of 100 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up**DSNY**

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Location: Montgomery Street - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue
Additional trash pick-up is needed on this street. Preventing the piling up of trash will reduce rat sightings and activity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

42 of 100 Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations**DOHMH**

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Location: Commercial Corridors

Create a Pest Control Initiative to coordinate rat control measures along business corridors rat and rodent activity has increased. We ask the City to consider CD9 as a Rat Mitigation Zones as more development leads to more sightings.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH is happy to discuss ways to partner on reducing rodent populations, including hosting Rat Academies for property owners and proper garbage disposal.

43 of 100 Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services**DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services

Location: District Wide

Increase funding for programming to support adults on technology use. The pandemic has increased the need for computer and tech literacy. Education on safely using social media, safely shopping online, avoiding scammers and guidance on fact checking misinformation on the internet is needed.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DYCD's workforce development and community center programs incorporate technology education where appropriate. Individual community centers that wish to offer specific computer skills classes are welcome to do so.

44 of 100 Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

Location: Montgomery Street - Nostrand Avenue & Nostrand Avenue

Illegal dumping on a residential street is a public safety hazard. Increasing enforcement will hopefully deter and prevent illegal dumping in the future.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

45 of 100 Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)**DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)

Increasing funding for Kiddie Science Lab programming.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DYCD cannot fund individual organizations outside of the RFP process.

46 of 100 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Location: District Wide

Increase enforcement, especially in the commercial corridors, as vacant storefronts have led to an increase in litter in the streets and on sidewalks

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

47 of 100 Improve trash removal and cleanliness**DPR**

Improve trash removal and cleanliness

Location: Around Prospect Park

Increase cleaning around the park as dog waste dispensers and bags are often left and are not properly discarded.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please contact us to discuss at which park(s) this dog waste condition has been an issue.

48 of 100 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)**DPR**

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

Increase enforcement or PEP officers at Prospect Park to enforce the closure of the park at the appropriate hours.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have expense funding available to hire additional PEP officers.

49 of 100 Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules

Location: Winthrop Street - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue
School buses are parking on Winthrop Street during the day, overnight, and on weekends. Bus drivers are not removing their buses during alternate days, so the street sweepers cannot clean the street on its scheduled days.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

50 of 100 Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance**NYCTA**

Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

The Parkside Avenue Q Station needs to be upgraded, cleaned and modernized as it sees a significant amount of foot traffic.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

51 of 100 Clean catch basins**DEP**

Clean catch basins

Location: District Wide
Flooding and ponding has been an unaddressed issue in the district. DEP should conduct a campaign to clean and repair, if broken, all catch basins in the district.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

52 of 100 Plant new street trees**DPR**

Plant new street trees

Location: District Wide
Parks should conduct an assessment of CB9 streets to determine where tree planting is feasible. Once assessed, plant more trees where feasible throughout the district.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. New trees will be planted throughout CB9 as part of our Neighborhood Tree Planting approach. Every viable location across the city will be planted on a predictable 9-year cycle, prioritizing the most heat-vulnerable neighborhoods first. More details can be found on the Parks website: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting>.

53 of 100 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)**DPR**

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

Location: District Wide
Increase enforcement, maintenance, or PEP officers at all parks and playgrounds across CB9 to enforce the closure of the park at the appropriate hours and to deter prohibited activity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have expense funding available to hire additional park maintenance or enforcement staff.

54 of 100 Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

Location: Bedford Avenue - Winthrop Street & Winthrop Street
Illegal dumping on a residential street is a public safety hazard. Increasing enforcement will hopefully deter and prevent illegal dumping in the future.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

55 of 100 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up**DSNY**

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Location: Flatbush Avenue
Additional trash pick-up is needed on this street. Preventing the piling up of trash will reduce rat sightings and activity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

56 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Ocean Avenue
Motorists constantly speed on Ocean Avenue. Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please reach out to our office with specific locations of concern.

57 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Motorists constantly speed on Parkside Avenue. Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) are necessary to alleviate this problem.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

58 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Parkside Avenue - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue
Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) need to be installed at this intersection to reduce congestion and prevent blind spot accidents.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. No specific location was given. Please reach out with additional information.

59 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Winthrop Street - Flatbush Avenue & Flatbush Avenue
Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) need to be installed at this intersection to reduce congestion and prevent blind spot accidents.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. No specific location was given. Please reach out with additional information.

60 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: Ocean Avenue - Parkside Avenue & Parkside Avenue
Additional traffic enforcement measures (cameras, speed humps, street markings) need to be installed at this intersection to reduce congestion and prevent blind spot accidents

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. No specific location was given. Please reach out with additional information.

61 of 100 Other expense budget request for DOB**DOB**

Other expense budget request for DOB

New construction is required to enforce rat control measures during construction of a new building.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

62 of 100 Provide, expand, or enhance tenant protection programs**HPD**

Provide, expand, or enhance tenant protection programs

Increased support for tenants Right to Counsel through legal services organizations representing tenants in housing court.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

63 of 100 Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs**HPD**

Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs

Increased support for HPD enforcement and litigation staff as well as the Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Our response is in regards to our part and not for MOPT; MOPT is not within HPD's jurisdiction.

64 of 100 Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.**DOHMH**

Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.

The creation and implementation of community programming geared toward nutrition and healthy eating. Programming to support local farmstand, farmers markets, and other healthy promotions allows for greater access to healthier foods and information.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH recommends contacting the Mayor's Office of Food Policy for follow-up.

65 of 100 Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment**DOHMH**

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

Create or expand mental health services to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment. Creation of the these programs with give more access to treatment for those who need services.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH looks forward to discussing further ways we can partner with communities to address mental health concerns.

66 of 100 Expand street outreach**DHS**

Expand street outreach

Many complaints have been voiced regarding the amount of homeless individuals on our streets. Increasing public outreach to homeless individuals will hopefully get individuals off the street and into a facility with the appropriate services to address their respective situation(s).

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.

67 of 100 Enhance educational and recreational programs**DFTA**

Enhance educational and recreational programs

With the older adult population growing, we must provide more programming and services for older adults whether at senior center or generally. Additionally, more services for older adults will help us bridge the information and technological gaps with older adults.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.

68 of 100 Other expense budget request for DFTA**DFTA**

Other expense budget request for DFTA

Increase services and programming for individuals with disabilities to make sure that people with disabilities can lead happy, healthy and productive lives. More programming should be considered as a way to increase awareness disability education and services.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.

69 of 100 Enhance NORC programs and health services**DFTA**

Enhance NORC programs and health services

With many older adults looking to age in place, the creation of a NORC would centralize the resources and services needed by older adults to our respective district. This request moreso is for DFTA to work with local and state elected officials to consider the creation of a NORC.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.

70 of 100 Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district**SBS**

Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district

The creation of a BID/ merchant associations would create an active infrastructure for small businesses along our commercial corridors focused on the strengthening small businesses, corridor vibrancy, cleanliness, safety, and capital improvements typically beyond what the City can provide. Small businesses working together as one would also promote accountability of responsibilities for owners.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. BID formations are a multi-year process and requires broad-based community support, including local merchants and property-owners. SBS has supported merchant organizing and commercial corridor revitalization in recent years. In FY25, Bridge Street Development Corporation received the third installment of a multi-year Avenue NYC commercial revitalization grant (\$300,000 over three years) to implement commercial revitalization efforts in Brooklyn community board 9. Additionally, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce received a Merchant Organizing Grant to support the Parkside Empire/Flatbush Avenue Merchants Association in FY25.

71 of 100 Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses**EDC**

Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses

Investment in MWBE's to diversify our workforce industry and to give opportunities for entrepreneurship for minorities and women, hopefully from the community. Investment in MWBE's will provide opportunities to MWBE's for government contracts and RFP's.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

72 of 100 Conduct a commercial district needs assessment**SBS**

Conduct a commercial district needs assessment

In 2022, SBS in partnership with Bridge Street Development Corp. conducted a CDNA of north Crown Heights. A commercial needs assessment would give us a full view of the needs and gaps affecting our small businesses.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The recently conducted CDNA of Crown Heights, in 2022, included portions of commercial corridors located in CB9. SBS accepts grant applications from all neighborhood organizations. SBS will continue to promote grant programs when available and encourages local community boards to share information about our grant programs with local non-profits.

73 of 100 Other educational programs requests**DOE**

Other educational programs requests

We must provide more programming and services for student with significant challenges, not limited to autism spectrum disorders, significant cognitive delays, emotional disabilities, and sensory impairments. Many parents who have children with disabilities are forced to find services outside of the district.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

74 of 100 Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program**DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program

Expansion of the Summer Youth Employment Program would give youth in the district earn and income and learn skills in the workplace. This exposure will give students to real world experience in employment, teach them life and conflict resolutions skills and customer service to prepared them for other professional opportunities.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

75 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Enforcement for local laws on streets and sidewalks. There has been a visible increase in electric bikes and mopeds speeding on our sidewalks and streets. Enforcement for double parking will encourage motorist to move their vehicles as well for street sweeping. Enforcement of local laws is needed to keep pedestrians safe on our streets and sidewalks.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

76 of 100 Improve parking operations**DOT**

Improve parking operations

Enforcement of local laws is needed to keep pedestrians safe on our streets and sidewalks. Overnight parking of large vehicles (trucks, RV's) have been parking on our streets overnight on Brooklyn Avenue and Winthrop Street and in the vicinity.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

77 of 100 Provide new bike lanes**DOT**

Provide new bike lanes

Installation of new bike lanes to improve the overall connectivity of the network in our district. There are numerous bike lanes that terminate at Eastern Parkway in CB8. The bike lanes should continue into into CB9 to enhance the connectivity to surrounding amenities and cultural institutions.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

78 of 100 Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals**DOT**

Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

The district is in need of traffic lights or other traffic calming measures on various streets throughout the districts. Washington Ave Rutland Road Troy Ave Winthrop Street Schenectady Ave

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Please provide specific corridors or intersections on the listed streets for us to investigate further.

79 of 100 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

A recalibration of poorly timed traffic would prevent cars from speeding down streets and busy thoroughfares.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. Please reach out with any specific areas of concern.

80 of 100 Other zoning and land use requests**DCP**

Other zoning and land use requests

Land use focused on increasing public parking space. With the increase of development excluding parking in their projects has forced car owners to double park or park illegal on our streets.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

81 of 100 Other NYPD staff resources requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Residents believe there has been a lack of presence by the 71st Precinct. Residents would like to see better community relations between the precinct and the community.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

82 of 100 Increased community board training, including on core land use process and practices**DCP**

Increased community board training, including on core land use process and practices

Funding needs to be allocated toward more zoning and land use workshops for Board Members and members of the public. Understanding zoning and land use affects how communities plan for the future.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DCP's Brooklyn Borough Office is happy to expand and improve on the land use and zoning trainings already offered to community board partners and will reach out to CB09 to discuss priorities and needs.

83 of 100 Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings**DOB**

Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings

Increasing education and enforcement for zoning compliance will hold developers and landlords accountable for illegal conversions and illegal uses of space.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Currently, DOB staff are offered educational developing courses annually to increase staff knowledge and understanding when reviewing and performing inspection for zoning compliance. This request is adequately being met with the current allotted funding. In addition, the actions of bad actors cannot be redirected through DOB's educational training. The Department will continue to review and enforce the rules, laws and code to obtain compliance.

84 of 100 Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth**DCP**

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

A comprehensive study of the environmental impacts of as of right (AOR) development will inform the future planning of the community. AOR developments are not required to present their projects to CBs.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

85 of 100 Other expense budget request for HPD**HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

Policy or programming aimed at the preservation of rent-stabilized units.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD is constantly adding new rehabilitation and preservation projects to its development pipeline. Please do not hesitate to identify buildings that would benefit from such efforts. Many of our preservation programs are geared towards assisting buildings with rent-stabilized units (or shifting preserved market-rate units to rent stabilization).

86 of 100 Other expense request**DCP**

Other expense request

Creation of a notification system to inform residents of future developments slated for construction in the district.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

87 of 100 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up**DSNY**

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Increase in trash collection days would keep our sidewalks and streets free from trash and rodents. Residents have complained about missed collections especially during cultural and religious celebrations in the district.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

88 of 100 Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules

Location: District Wide

Car owners not moving their vehicles for ASP is an ongoing issues in the district. When vehicles fail to move for the street broom, our streets are unable to be cleaned. Some homeowners have complained about receiving a sanitation summons for trash left on the street due to the broom unable to complete sweeping.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

89 of 100 Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers**DSNY**

Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers

Installation of trash receptacles along would help alleviate the overflowing trash cans and constant littering along our commercial corridors.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.

90 of 100 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Enforcement of unsanitary sidewalk conditions is one of our most frequent complaints. Small business owners and landlords need to be informed of their responsibilities to clean to the curb and need to be held accountable for not fulfilling those responsibility. Enforcement should succeed education on the matter.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

91 of 100 Other garbage collection and recycling requests**DSNY**

Other garbage collection and recycling requests

DSNY has announced a plan to containerize all residential trash beginning fall 2024. A PSA or education campaign should commence prior to the implementation of the service.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Outreach on the bin mandate has begun and is ongoing. Additional information is also available on DSNY's website.

92 of 100 Provide more environmental education programming (i.e. Urban Park Rangers)**DPR**

Provide more environmental education programming (i.e. Urban Park Rangers)

As the city continues to fight climate change, educating the public on environmental protection will increase overall awareness of EP initiatives (composting, green infrastructure, air quality).

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We do not have expense funding available to hire additional Urban Park Rangers.

93 of 100 Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations**DOHMH**

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

We ask for CD9 to be considered as a Rat Mitigation Zone. Outdoor dining and development without appropriate abatement has led to an increase in rat/ rodent sightings in the district. Any additional measures, educational or operational, would be welcomed to address this quality of life issue.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH is happy to discuss ways to partner on reducing rodent populations, including hosting Rat Academies for property owners and proper garbage disposal.

94 of 100 Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc. **DOHMH**

Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.

Work with DOE to create more programming and curriculum infusing school and community gardens. Access to health and healthy food education at an early age is paramount to addressing the overall health disparities in CD9.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

95 of 100 Expand code enforcement
Expand code enforcement

DOB

Expansion of enforcement is to hold owners of vacant buildings/ storefronts accountable for their property. Cleaning to the curb is a responsibility owners have been neglecting as our district is filled with vacant storefronts.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

96 of 100 Create a neighborhood plan in coordination with the community
Create a neighborhood plan in coordination with the community

DCP

A number of residents have voiced their support for economic development measures on Empire Blvd. The strip between Washington and New York Ave is riddled with blight and vacant lots/ buildings.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This could be included as part of CB 9's request # 209202603E

97 of 100 Other expense request
Other expense request

OMB

Funding for trainings for the board members (Roberts Rules, zoning, land use, public engagement) and for the board staff.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. As of the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.

98 of 100 Other expense budget request for DSNY
Other expense budget request for DSNY

DSNY

Location: Nostrand Avenue - Empire Boulevard & Empire Boulevard
Replacing the wire trash receptacles with Paris Site Furnishing (Model: NYC PSR Style-44G) trash receptacles which are used by DSNY will reduce rat activity and sightings along this commercial corridor.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc. DSNY is replacing old wire baskets with new Better Bins as funding from Council Members is made available.

99 of 100 Strategic Plan

Other expense budget request for EDC

EDC

Strategic plan for commercial districts in CD9

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

Other expense request for DCAS

Board Member trainings on open meetings law (OML), CB8 bylaws, and parliamentary procedures

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DCAS is not the appropriate agency to request this training. We are not funding for these services nor do we have the expertise.