

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

Fiscal Year  
2026

**Brooklyn  
Community District**

**2**

November 2024



# 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.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

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

### 2. **Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

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

### 3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

## Brooklyn Community Board 2

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District Manager: Taya Mueller

## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

## New York City

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

## Brooklyn

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

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

## Brooklyn Community District 2

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

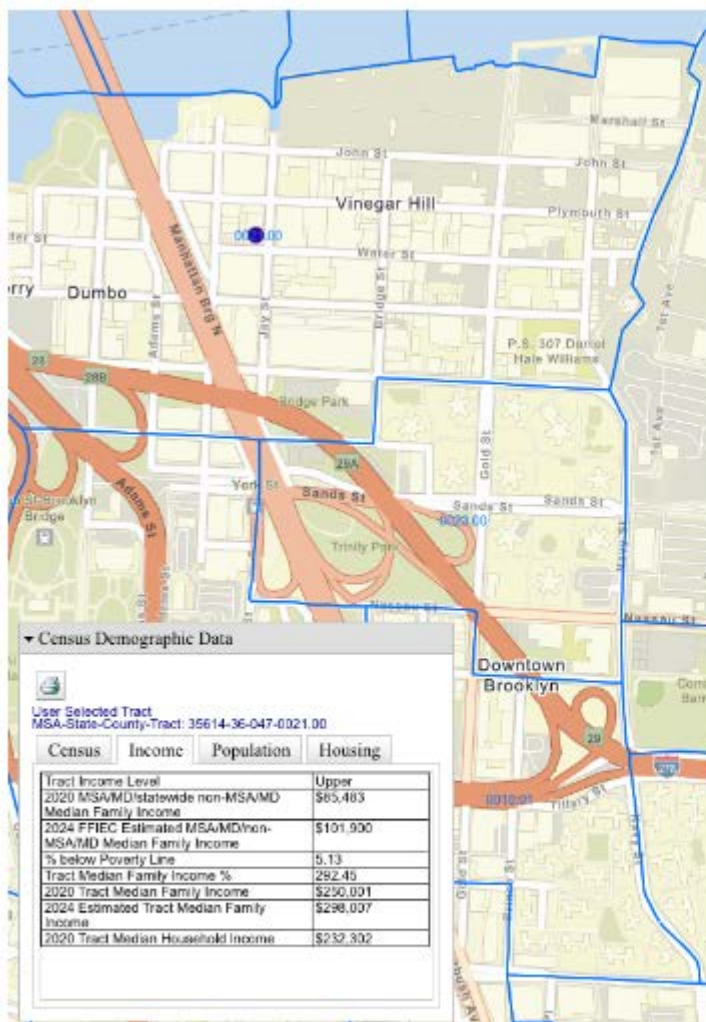
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### Statement on Data Accuracy

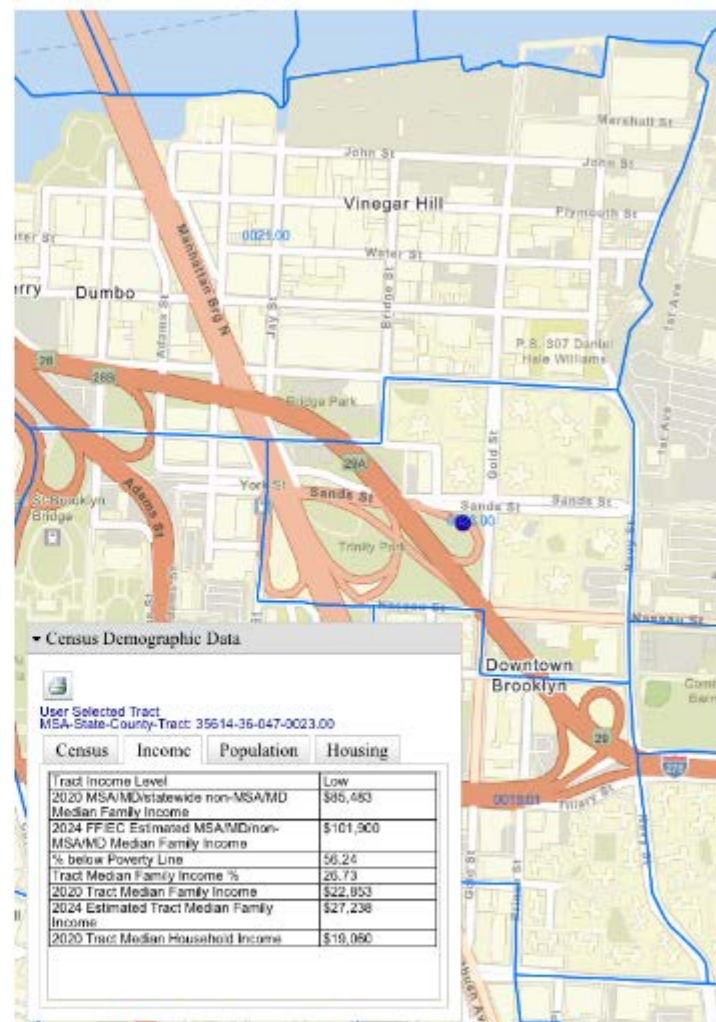
Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, 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.





**Census Tract 21: \$232,302 MHI**



**Census Tract 23: \$19,060 MHI**

ZIP	ACTUAL POPULATION (TARGETS)	SURVEY RESPONDENTS		
		2022 (for FY24)	2023 (for FY25)	2024 (for FY26)
11201	49%	42%	37%	47%
11205	21%	29%	29%	17%
11217	15%	15%	16%	15%
11238	15%	11%	15%	18%
<i>[work in BKCD2 but live outside]</i>		3%	3%	3%
		361	358	493

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Civic & Community Facilities:

Over 100 acres of mapped parkland and public space

81 Cultural Organizations

10 (24%) of Brooklyn's 41 Designated Historic Districts

9 (39%) of Brooklyn's 23 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)

7 City, County, State, and Federal Courthouses and the Brooklyn Borough Jail

6 Public Libraries including the Center for Brooklyn History and the L10 Arts & Cultural Center

#### Municipal Infrastructure:

1.5 miles (12%) of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE)

85 Parking Lots & Garages

30 City Office Buildings

14 DSNY Solid Waste Drop-Off Facilities

11 MTA subway lines and the Long Island Railroad

11 Rail Yards

11 City Maintenance Facilities

7 Ports & Ferry Landings

4 Wastewater Treatment Sites

2 Telecommunications Facilities

1 Recycling Facility

The 300-acre Brooklyn Navy Yard manufacturing district is a waterfront National Historic District which houses over 500 businesses employing 11,000 workers, including the largest U.S. film and television production studio outside of Hollywood.

Health & Human Services:

26 Hospitals & Clinics

21 Legal Service Organizations

16 Mental Health Centers

11 Senior Service Centers

9 Chemical Dependency Organizations

9 Organizations Serving People with Disabilities

9 Housing & Homeless Services Organizations

9 Food Distribution Sites

7 Workforce Development Centers

4 Residential Health Facilities

3 NYCHA Cornerstone Community Centers

Youth & Education Facilities:

62 Daycare and Pre-K

64 K-12 Schools

22 After-School Centers

52 Youth Literacy & Job Training Centers

16 Vocational Schools

9 Higher Education Institutions

According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population growths in the preceding decade, with 31% growth in total residents (now 130,021), including a 33% increase in residents under the age of 18 (20,037 total). Annual average median income also rose to \$100,000 and the District saw 35% growth in total occupied housing units (61,221), however median rent also increased 90%.

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

Census Tract 21: \$232,302 MHI Census Tract 23: \$19,060 MHI

In preparation for the FY26 CD Needs Statement, the District Office conducted 8 public meetings between June - October to discuss District needs by Committee topic area, conducted the 3rd Annual District Priorities Public Survey, and a final internal Board prioritization poll. The public survey and Board poll results were reviewed at the Board's regular Executive Committee public meeting in advance of submission.

The impacts of the District's rapid development and shifting demographic trends were evident in our community's spirited input. Growth is one key indicator of community health, however our residents are clear in their unified appeal for a proportional increase in affordable housing, social services, public safety and sanitation services, transit planning, and strategies to ensure equitable access to services for all of our neighbors.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable Housing**

47.9% / Affordable Housing - Affordable Housing has been the #1 Priority for our District since 2015 when the Top 3 format was first introduced for the FY17 District Statements. Our survey results continue to reflect the majority opinion that our District is lacking in permanently affordable housing for low-income and medium-income households. Young adults leaving their family home in our District can no longer afford to rent or buy in the neighborhoods where they have multigenerational family ties, support systems, and care obligations. No resident should live in fear that they may need to leave their neighborhood if their circumstances change. That fear prevents tenants from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings.

#### **Homelessness**

42.8% / Homelessness - Homelessness, Social Services, and Crime & Public Safety are perennial contenders for the 2nd most urgent issue for BKCD2. While last year's comments evidenced a healthy public awareness of social service gaps as a driver for becoming unhoused, this year's public comments suggest that residents are simply tired of the outcome. Reversing chronic homelessness requires patience and repeat peer-to-peer outreach. In other words: significant investment and commitment to growing the corps of trained outreach personnel working daily in our streets, parks, plazas, and subway stations. This is an opportunity for a Citywide agency staffing shortage to dovetail with the Citywide need for access to quality vocational training and employment opportunities.

#### **Crime and Public Safety**

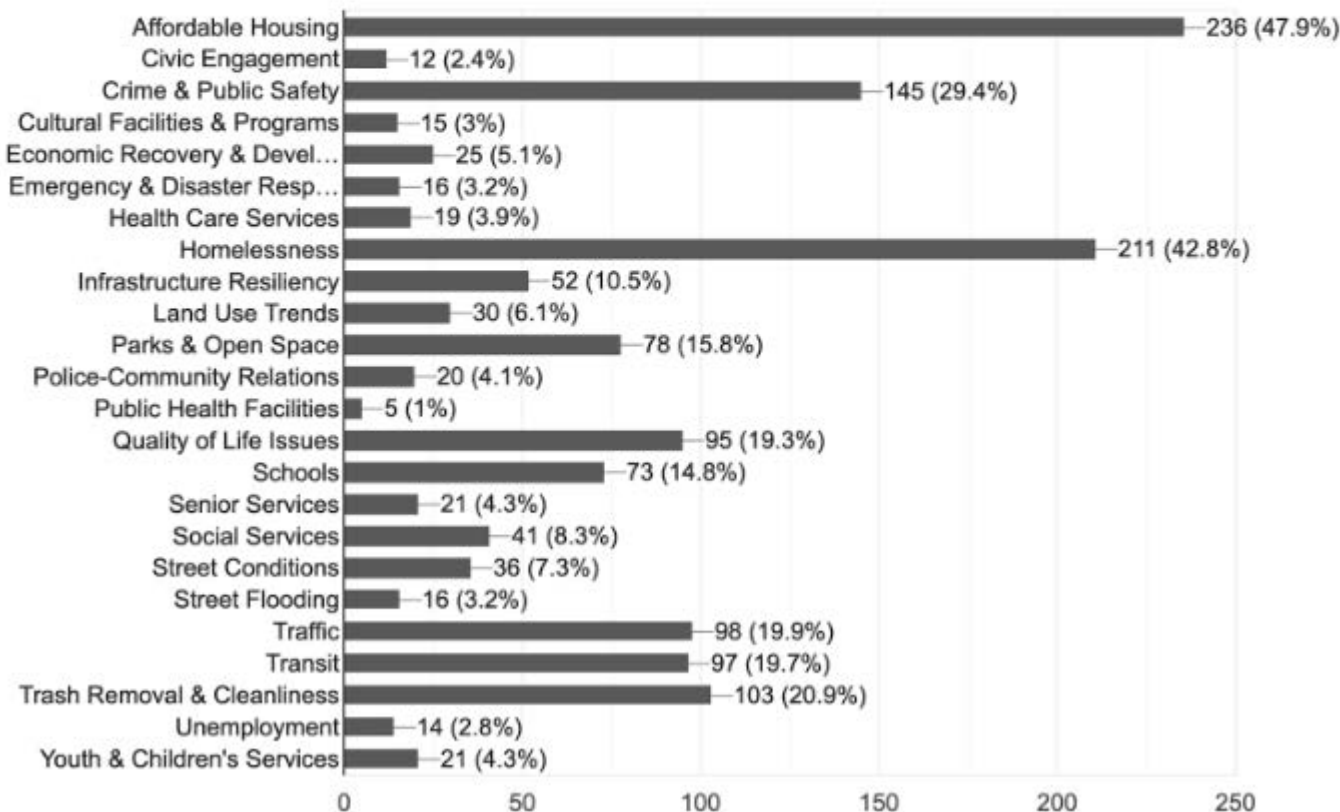
29.4% / Crime & Public Safety - This was a significantly weaker signal this year, but still top on District resident's minds, as detailed in specific requests.

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# Top 3 Most Pressing Issues Overall

What are the Top 3 most urgent funding categories in Brooklyn Community District 2 for the July 2025-June 2026 fiscal year:

493 responses



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

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 2

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

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

73.4% / Services to reduce or prevent homelessness - Homelessness is a perennial contender for the 2nd most urgent issue for BKCD2. While last year's comments evidenced a healthy public awareness of social service gaps as a driver for becoming unhoused, this year's public comments suggest that residents are simply tired of the outcome. Reversing chronic homelessness requires patience and repeat peer-to-peer outreach. In other words: significant investment and commitment to growing the corps of trained outreach personnel working daily in our streets, parks, plazas, and subway stations. This is an opportunity for a Citywide agency staffing shortage to dovetail with the Citywide need for access to quality vocational training and employment opportunities.



## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 28	DFTA	Grace Agard Harewood Renovation
27 / 28	DOHMH	NYCHA Air Quality Monitors
28 / 28	HRA	Other capital budget request for HRA

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

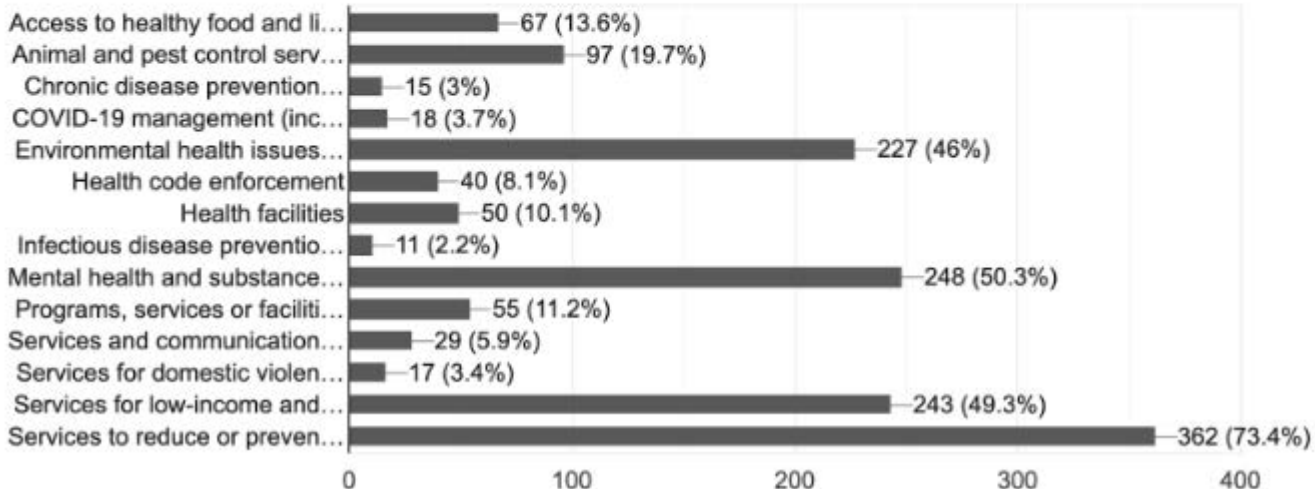
Priority	Agency	Title
18 / 18	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

# Health Care & Human Services

## MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

Which THREE programs and services are the most urgent funding priorities for BKCD2?

493 responses



### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **After school programs**

44.4% / After School Programs - According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population growths in the preceding decade, including a 33% increase in residents under the age of 18. We have excellent libraries, parks, and cultural programming, but our youth need more safe public access to positive socialization, health services, nutritious meals, general enrichment, and daily opportunities to exercise, learn, train, work, and engage in community in both planned and organic ways outside of school hours. The District needs a proportional investment into high-quality, extended-hour, year-round programming for our youth that meets the known 33% growth of this population.

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## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 28	SCA	PS 20 Water Damage
3 / 28	SCA	PS 46 Air Conditioning
4 / 28	SCA	MS 113 Air Conditioning
5 / 28	SCA	Brooklyn Tech Renovation
6 / 28	SCA	Science Skills Gym
7 / 28	SCA	BKCD2 Green Roofs
8 / 28	SCA	PS 270 Library
11 / 28	SCA	PS 8 Air Filtration
12 / 28	SCA	PS 46 Playground
15 / 28	SCA	McKinney Theater

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 18	DYCD	SYEP Seats for BIDs & Nonprofits
7 / 18	DOE	MS 113 Social Workers & Paras
9 / 18	DOE	PS 46 Social Workers & Paras
11 / 18	DYCD	After School for PS20

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **Traffic violations and enforcement**

52.9% / Traffic Violations & Enforcement - There is blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way in our District. While total fatalities/deaths have decreased slightly from 2023, BKCD2 still ranks #15 among the Community Districts in total motor injuries and fatalities according to NYC Crash Mapper. Reckless delivery drivers, e-scooters, and enhanced motorbikes need to be reined in, and bicycles must obey traffic rules. The traffic density in this District suggests urgent prioritization for additional investment in automated enforcement technologies.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

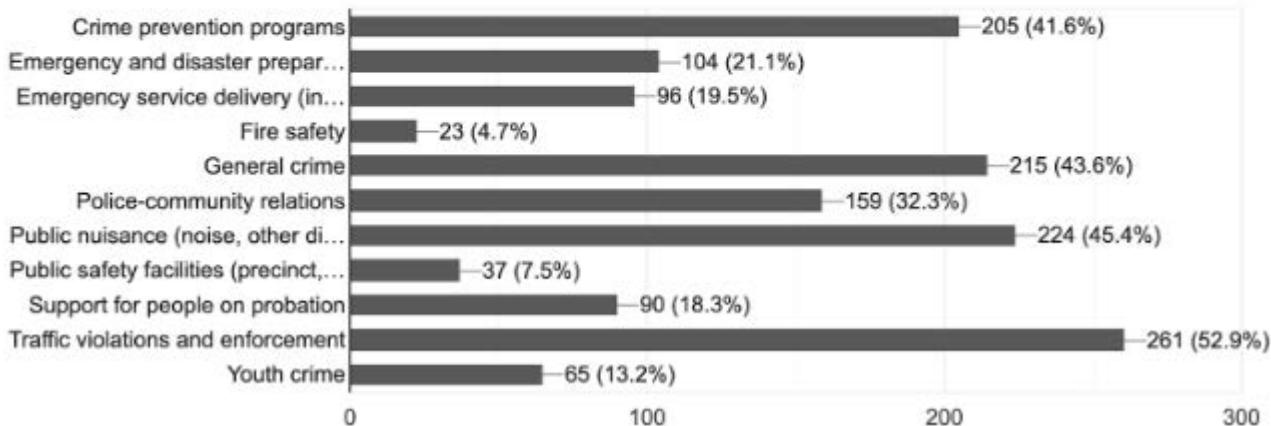
Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 18	NYPD	NYPD Multi-Agency Response Teams
4 / 18	NYPD	FDNY Lithium Battery Outreach
13 / 18	NYPD	NYPD BID Foot Patrols

# Public Safety & Emergency Services

## MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

Which THREE programs and services are the most urgent funding priorities for BKCD2?

493 responses



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

**Cleanliness/trash collection**

62.3% / Cleanliness & Trash Collection - Residents interact with the public realm on sidewalks, so these public spaces should set the standard for cleanliness and quality of life.

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## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 28	DSNY	DSNY BID Containerization
19 / 28	DSNY	DSNY MOM Units

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

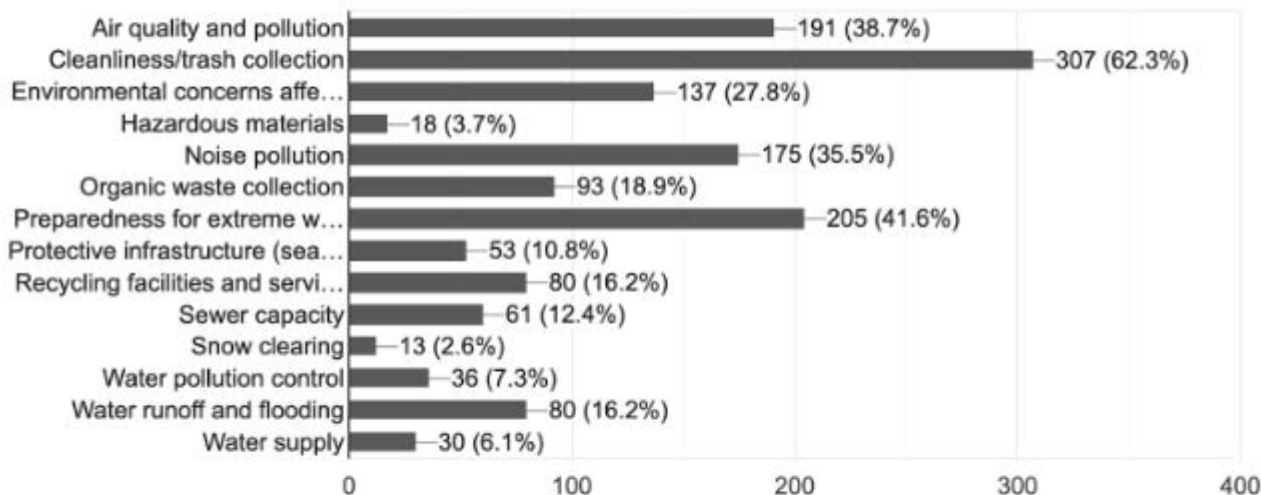
Priority	Agency	Title
16 / 18	DSNY	Multi-Agency Vending Enforcement

# Core Infrastructure, City Services & Resiliency

## MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

Which THREE programs and services are the most urgent funding priorities for BKCD2?

493 responses



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## Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

#### **Affordable housing creation**

57.6% / Affordable housing creation - This category continues to generate agreement across all District zip codes, and was our #1 Top overall priority this year, as it has every year since 2015 when the Top 3 format was introduced for the FY17 District Statements. Our survey results continue to reflect the majority opinion that our District is lacking in permanently affordable low-income and medium-income housing. Young adults leaving their family home in our District can no longer afford to rent or buy in the neighborhoods where they have multigenerational family ties, support systems, and care obligations. No resident should live in fear that they may need to leave their neighborhood if their circumstances change. That fear prevents tenants from holding landlords to their agreements for safe, well-tended dwellings.

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 28	NYCHA	Whitman Community Center

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

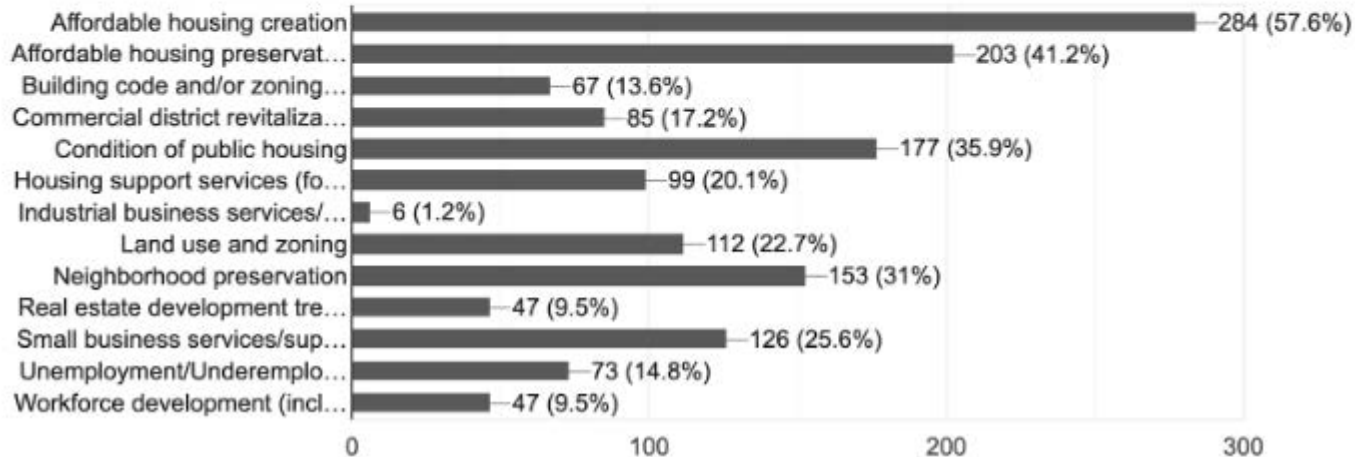
Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 18	NYCHA	NYCHA REES Expansion
6 / 18	DOB	DOB Community Unit
10 / 18	SBS	SBS Capacity
14 / 18	SBS	SBS Older Adult Workforce
15 / 18	SBS	SBS In-Person Marketing
17 / 18	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to improve a public space through management, maintenance and programming

# Housing, Land Use & Economic Development

## MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

Which THREE programs and services are the most urgent funding priorities for BKCD2?

493 responses



## Brooklyn Community Board 2

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.)**

48.3% / Pedestrian Safety: Safer Crossings, Sidewalk Management, etc. - According to the 2020 census, BKCD2 experienced one of NYC's largest population increases since the 2010 census, with 31% growth to 130,021 total residents. Growth is a key indicator of community health, however this growth requires a proportional increase in transit planning and public safety considerations. BKCD2 is a highly walkable community, however it is also home to the third-largest Central Business District in New York City, the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, the Brooklyn Queens Expressway, and major Borough and City arterials.

Traversing our crowded streets and sidewalks is difficult for pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and especially difficult to navigate for residents with limited mobility or special needs. There is also blatant disregard for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way in our District - often ending in tragedy. While enforcement is one part of the solution, intelligent human-centric design is the preferred tool.

This Board supports infrastructure that improves universal safety and promotes independent mobility. Supporting safe, multi-modal transit has positive impacts on congestion, the environment, and community health, and will encourage more residents to try alternatives to private vehicles.

At the same time, government-sponsored (mandated) change implies an equal responsibility for government-led public education and public notice to ensure that all citizens are not just "heard" in their existing opinions and feelings, but also have a real opportunity to understand the underlying social, environmental, and fiscal drivers of proposed changes in their daily commutes. We look forward to continuing to partner with DOT on education and feedback initiatives to win hearts and minds, renew citizen faith in government, and improve District safety.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
26 / 28	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

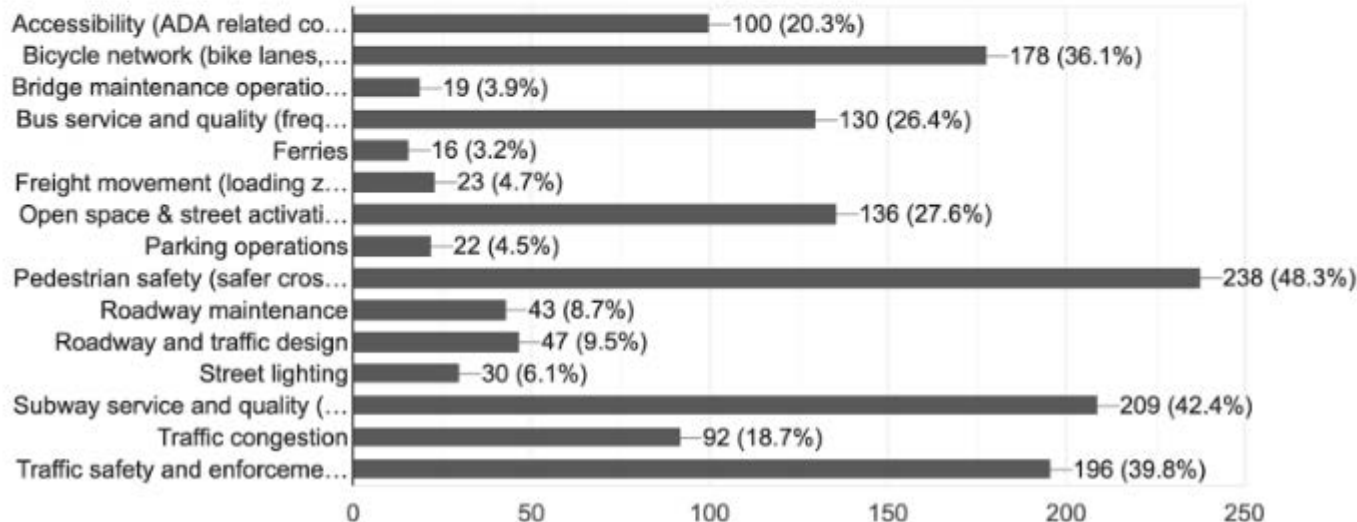
The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# Transportation & Mobility

## MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

Which THREE programs and services are the most urgent funding priorities for BKCD2?

493 responses





## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Brooklyn Community Board 2

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

##### **Library facilities and access**

49.5% / Library Facilities & Access - There is widespread and passionate agreement that our Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) branches are an essential public good that deliver high-quality, progressive, and responsive all-ages educational programming, enrichment, and ad hoc community services. Specifically, there continues to be general support of increasing funding for staffing in order to offer extended hours for youth and families at all branches, seven days per week.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 28	DPR	South Oxford Turf
10 / 28	DPR	Parham Playground
14 / 28	DCAS	BKCD2 Town Hall
16 / 28	DPR	Underwood Spray Shower
18 / 28	DPR	Greene Playground Phase 2
20 / 28	DPR	Adam Yauch Basketball
21 / 28	DPR	Adam Yauch Dog Run
22 / 28	DPR	Cadman Renovation & Bottle Station
23 / 28	DPR	Sixteen Sycamores Renovation
24 / 28	DPR	Brooklyn Promenade Tiles & Painting
25 / 28	DPR	Korean War Memorial Repointing

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

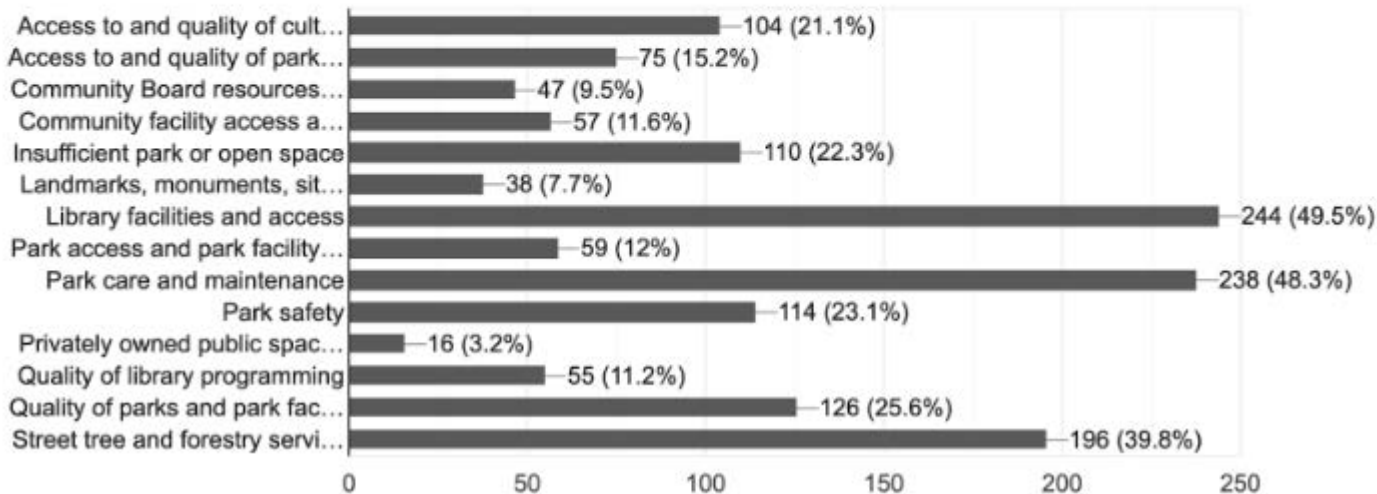
Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 18	OMB	BKCD2 Personnel Increase
8 / 18	BPL	BPL ESOL
12 / 18	DPR	Increase Brooklyn PEP Corp

# Parks, Cultural & Other Community Facilities

## MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

Which THREE programs and services are the most urgent funding priorities for BKCD2?

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## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
PS 20 Water Damage	1 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	66 - BKCB2 supports a request to address water damage in the cafeteria ceiling of PS 20 at 225 Adelphi.
Whitman Community Center	2 / 28 NYCHA	<b>Other capital budget request for NYCHA</b>	61 - BKCB2 supports a request for a community center with gym facilities at Whitman Houses (NYCHA) to provide the community with prosocial programming opportunities.
PS 46 Air Conditioning	3 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	59 - BKCB2 supports a request to install more air conditioning and/or electrical wiring upgrades to install classroom AC units at PS 46 at 100 Clermont.
MS 113 Air Conditioning	4 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</b>	58 - BKCB2 supports a request for air conditioning repair or replacement in the classrooms, gym, and cafeteria of MS 113 at 300 Adelphi.
Brooklyn Tech Renovation	5 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	54 - BKCB2 supports a request for funds to accelerate and complete the exterior construction and repairs at Brooklyn Tech at 49 Fort Greene Place which has burdened the surrounding residential neighborhood with scaffolding since 2008.
Science Skills Gym	6 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	53 - BKCB2 supports a request for funding for a regulation size gym at Science Skills HS at 49 Flatbush in order to meet physical education requirements and accommodate participation in team sports.
BKCD2 Green Roofs	7 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate other site component</b>	52 - BKCB2 supports a request for the School Construction Authority to analyze green roof feasibility in our District for recreation, school gardening, and reducing the urban heat island effect and urban pollution which is exacerbated by the encircling BQE.
PS 270 Library	8 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary</b>	49 - BKCB2 supports a request for a new library for PS 270 at 241 Emerson.

		school	
South Oxford Turf	9 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>49 - BKCB2 supports a request to replace the crumbling artificial turf at South Oxford Park with a nontoxic option.</i>
Parham Playground	10 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>49 - BKCB2 supports the Parks Dept's request for funding for the Albert J. Parham playground and restrooms</i>
PS 8 Air Filtration	11 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>48 - BKCB2 supports a request for an improved air filtration system for PS 8 at 37 Hicks.</i>
PS 46 Playground	12 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>47 - BKCB2 supports a request for a playground renovation at PS 46 at 100 Clermont.. PS 46 and PS 20 are separated by just 2 blocks but the differences in basic maintenance and upkeep are worlds apart. At PS 46 the recreation area looks like a prison yard, with harsh fencing, drab colors, and little consideration of amenities for enrichment</i>
DSNY BID Containerization	13 / 28 DSNY	<b>Other capital budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>46 - BKCB2 requests additional DSNY funding to support our 9 BIDs with the new roadway containerization requirements. Our BIDs understand the central role that waste management holds in their operating missions, but they should not be expected to bear the financial burden and manage the accelerated timeline for merchant outreach and compliance on their own.</i>
BKCD2 Town Hall	14 / 28 DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>45 - BKCB2 requests funding for a dedicated, modern town hall facility that serves seniors in the morning, youth in the afternoons, and the whole community in the evenings. A place for enrichment, learning, multigenerational interaction, true community development--and Community Board meetings!</i>
McKinney Theater	15 / 28 SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>43 - BKCB2 supports a request for an updated shock-absorbing dance studio floor and updated theater technology</i>

*including lights, sound, and video equipment at Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School of the Arts at 101 Park.*

Underwood Spray Shower	16 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>41 - BKCB2 requests funding for upgraded bathrooms and renovated spray shower infrastructure at Underwood Park.</i>
Grace Agard Harewood Renovation	17 / 28 DFTA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</b>	<i>40 - The Grace Agard Harewood Older Adult Club at 966 Fulton is 1 of 13 older adult centers operated by the Fort Greene Council (FGC), which also houses its primary administrative offices at this address. BKCB2 supports a request for cosmetic renovations to improve daylight, paint finishes, and amenities in the dining room, game room, and basement room.</i>
Greene Playground Phase 2	18 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>38 - BKCB2 supports the Parks Dept's request for funding for Greene Playground Phase 2</i>
DSNY MOM Units	19 / 28 DSNY	<b>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</b>	<i>36 - DSNY has tested dedicated compact vacuum mechanical brooms called Micromobility Operations Machines (MOMs) designed to sweep bike lanes and other tighter areas, such as the municipal parking lots under the BQE. BKCB2 requests accelerated testing and rollout of these compact units in our District which is the 3rd largest Central Business District in the City and contains 1.5 miles (12%) of the BQE.</i>
Adam Yauch Basketball	20 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>35 - BKCB2 requests funding for renovation of the Adam Yauch Park basketball courts.</i>
Adam Yauch Dog Run	21 / 28 DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>32 - BKCB2 supports the Parks Dept's request for funding for the Adam Yauch Park dog run including extended fencing for enhanced safety adjacent to the BQE on-ramp.</i>

Cadman Renovation & Bottle Station	22 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>28 - BKCB2 requests funding for Cadman Plaza Park renovation/upkeep including a bottle-filling station.</i>
Sixteen Sycamores Renovation	23 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>26 - BKCB2 requests funding for community design and renovation of Sixteen Sycamores Park.</i>
Brooklyn Promenade Tiles & Painting	24 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>25 - BKCB2 supports the Parks Dept's request for funding for renovation of the Brooklyn Promenade tiles and painting of benches</i>
Korean War Memorial Repointing	25 / 28 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>24 - BKCB2 supports the Parks Dept's request for funding for the Korean War Veterans Plaza repointing.</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	26 / 28 DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>There continues to be blatant disregard in our District for traffic safety, red lights, stop signs, and pedestrian right of way, which has made walking through the District unsafe at all hours. District residents request significant investment in automated enforcement technologies to curb the rising tide of scofflaw offenses that erode our civic life--and often end in tragedy.</i>
NYCHA Air Quality Monitors	27 / 28 DOHMH	<b>Other capital budget request for DOHMH</b>	<i>Per the 2018 Community Health Profile, the levels of fine particulate matter and the rate of child asthma emergency room visits are notably higher in BKCD2 than in NYC as a whole. The Board requests capital funding to install air quality monitors on the rooftops of BKCD2 NYCHA sites: Atlantic, Farragut, Ingersoll, and Whitman. These are City-owned properties that house residents at higher risk for compounded health problems, and the locations are well-distributed to provide useful data for Northwest Brooklyn and lower Manhattan during future air quality emergencies such as the Canadian</i>



wildfires. 48.4% of the Board agree this is a "Very Important" priority for FY25, 22.6% indicate it is "Important", and 25.8% agree it is "Valid", with zero Board Members indicating "Do Not Fund".

Other capital budget request for HRA	28 / 28 HRA	<b>Other capital budget request for HRA</b>	<i>District residents requested capital funding to support the Tillary Street Women's Shelter in renovating their bedroom units, with 25.8% of the Board agreeing this is a "Very Important" priority for FY25, 38.7% indicating it is "Important", and 35.5% agreeing it is "Valid". Zero Board Members indicated it is "Not Important" or "Should Not Be Funded".</i>
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## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Title</b>	<b>Priority Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
NYPD Multi-Agency Response Teams	1 / 18 NYPD	<b>Other NYPD staff resources requests</b>	<i>69 - When NYPD responds to non-emergency matters involving unhoused persons or persons experiencing a mental health crisis, they collaborate with other agencies including B-HEARD teams and Co-Response teams. BKCB2 requests increased funding for both types of multi-agency, multi-service teams in our District.</i>
BKCD2 Personnel Increase	2 / 18 OMB	<b>Provide more community board staff</b>	<i>64 - BKCB2 is currently budgeted for 3.5 FTE and requests additional funding to maintain 4.5 FTE along with additional funding for ongoing technical training and professional development for all positions. BKCD2 bears a significant administrative burden that is not experienced by all Community Districts. Two obvious examples of many: BKCD2 is only 1 (5%) of 18 Brooklyn Community Districts but is home to 24% of Brooklyn's 41 Historic Districts as well as the 3rd largest Central Business District in NYC; and thus a significantly larger portion of the Borough's total land use and preservation activity. Likewise, BKCD2 is home to 39% of Brooklyn's 23 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and an outsized portion of the total State liquor, cannabis, and other municipal application types in the Borough. BKCD2 also experienced one of NYC's largest population growths in</i>

the decade between the 2010 and 2020 census, with 31% growth in total residents--and a proportional growth in residential quality of life issues. Managing our District's municipal obligations requires a combination of specialized knowledge, strong relationships, and tenured experience. At current headcount, the loss of 1 FT staff person due to retirement, medical/parental leave, or better wages at a different agency represents the loss of 29% of our agency workforce and institutional knowledge. The burden of coverage falls to the remaining staff, while also managing the additional administrative tasks of recruiting, hiring, and training--often at the cost of resolving resident concerns. While staff turnover is to be expected at any City agency given the competitive realities of the modern job market, our District Office experiences normal turnover as a regular cadence of crippling understaffing. Finally: the #1 request we heard from every sister agency during this year's Borough Budget Consultations was "more & better outreach partnership" from our offices. Community District Offices fulfill the unique role of being the most local, geographically compact, and nonpartisan source of trusted information. Our District Office has undertaken significant digital transformation of our administrative processes since 2020, but we cannot sustainably continue to "do more with less". BKCB2 requests a proportional increase in our personnel budget/headcount that meets the demands of our District's disproportionate duties.

SYEP Seats for BIDs & Nonprofits	3 / 18 DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out</b>	60 - BKCD2 needs more Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) seats for our 9 BIDS and myriad nonprofits in order to offer more subsidized and fully funded jobs to our youth. The number of District residents under the age of 18 grew by 33% between the 2010 census and the 2020 census. Summer employment fuels future career interests and keeps youth active, productive, and safe.
FDNY Lithium	4 / 18	<b>Other NYPD</b>	58 - The lack of a mandatory nationwide

Battery Outreach	NYPD	<b>programs requests</b>	<i>standard has allowed the micro-mobility battery market to become flooded by unsafe lithium-ion batteries that have caused hundreds of fires and dozens of fatalities and serious injuries. BKCB2 requests a significant commitment of funds to increase the FDNY's capacity for multilingual outreach, education, and community engagement with micro-mobility users.</i>
NYCHA REES Expansion	5 / 18 NYCHA	<b>Other housing support requests</b>	<i>55 - BKCB2 supports a request for additional funding for local Resident Economic Empowerment &amp; Sustainability (REES) programs to expand local employment opportunities for qualified NYCHA residents.</i>
DOB Community Unit	6 / 18 DOB	<b>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</b>	<i>55 - The number of DOB Emergency Response Team and Real-Time Enforcement unit personnel is trending down (711 in FY22, 627 in FY23, 540 in FY24). BKCB2 requests additional funding for a dedicated inspector for the DOB community unit to work with District Managers to directly route for emergencies and collaborate on staging to catch bad actors for after hours and illegal work enforcement purposes.</i>
MS 113 Social Workers & Paras	7 / 18 DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>53 - BKCB2 supports a request for more social workers and paraprofessionals at MS 113 at 300 Adelphi.</i>
BPL ESOL	8 / 18 BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</b>	<i>53 - Given the significant increase in non-native English speakers in our District's emergency migrant shelters, BKCB2 requests additional funding for the Whitman and Clinton Hill BPL branches to support their supplemental programming such as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).</i>
PS 46 Social Workers & Paras	9 / 18 DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>51 - BKCB2 supports a request for more social workers and paraprofessionals at PS 46 at 100 Clermont.</i>
SBS Capacity	10 / 18 SBS	<b>Provide or expand occupational</b>	<i>50 - BKCB2 requests additional funding for the full suite of Small Business Services (SBS) career training programs</i>

		<b>skills training programs</b>	<i>for all ages, which provide pipelines to secure union jobs across industries. Currently only half are funded, operational, and accepting new enrollments.</i>
After School for PS20	11 / 18 DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>49 - BKCB2 supports a request for more on-site after school programming at PS 20 at 225 Adelphi.</i>
Increase Brooklyn PEP Corp	12 / 18 DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>48 - There are currently 30 Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Officers in the Brooklyn command to service 877 parks sites in the borough. This is an untenable "caseload" of ~29 parks each, for which each officer is responsible for quality-of-life issues, homeless outreach, canine waste patrol, illegal dumping, littering, illegal vending, and general public safety needs that fall below the priority of NYPD enforcement. Given the growing residential population in the District, combined with ever-increasing tourism, BKCB2 requests significant additional funding for PEP Officers in our District.</i>
NYPD BID Foot Patrols	13 / 18 NYPD	<b>Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</b>	<i>43 - Retail theft recidivism has become an increasingly serious problem in Brooklyn North. BKCB2 requests increased funding for high-visibility NYPD foot patrols in our 9 BID corridors to combat retail theft, decrease response times, and identify and prosecute serial offenders.</i>
SBS Older Adult Workforce	14 / 18 SBS	<b>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</b>	<i>34 - BKCB2 requests additional funding for SBS marketing and community outreach in our District for 55+/older adults workforce engagement programs.</i>
SBS In-Person Marketing	15 / 18 SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<i>30 - BKCB2 requests additional funding for SBS marketing and community outreach in our District, focused on in-person, direct, peer-to-peer marketing (not just digital).</i>
Multi-Agency Vending Enforcement	16 / 18 DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of Set-out laws</b>	<i>27 - BKCB2 supports a request for a feasibility study to explore a unified budget and management policy for unauthorized and non-compliant street vendors. Several of our commercial corridors continue to experience</i>

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

Support local CBO's efforts to improve a public space through management, maintenance and programming	17 / 18 SBS	<b>Support local CBO's efforts to improve a public space through management, maintenance and programming</b>	<i>Our BIDs have some of the best marketing teams in the City but need support and expanded funding for public space management (crowds) and maintenance (trash). 70.7% of public survey respondents agree that this is a Top 3 priority for increased funding in our Community District, across 7 categories of SBS Commercial District services.</i>
Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	18 / 18 DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>We appreciate the 20% decrease in response times from FY22 to FY23, and the ongoing Rat Academy offerings, however rats continue to be a growing and ever-present issue in our District despite not being one of the Citywide interagency "priority zones". 54.5% of public survey respondents agree that reducing rats is a Top 3 priority for increased funding in our Community District, across 9 categories of DOHM programs and services. District residents are eager to see public outreach, innovation, plans, and results from the newly-created Citywide Office of Rodent Mitigation; particularly how this office will collaborate with related agencies such as DOHMH, DSNY, and the newly-created Public Realm Office; and with programs such as the also newly-created "Dining Out NYC".</i>