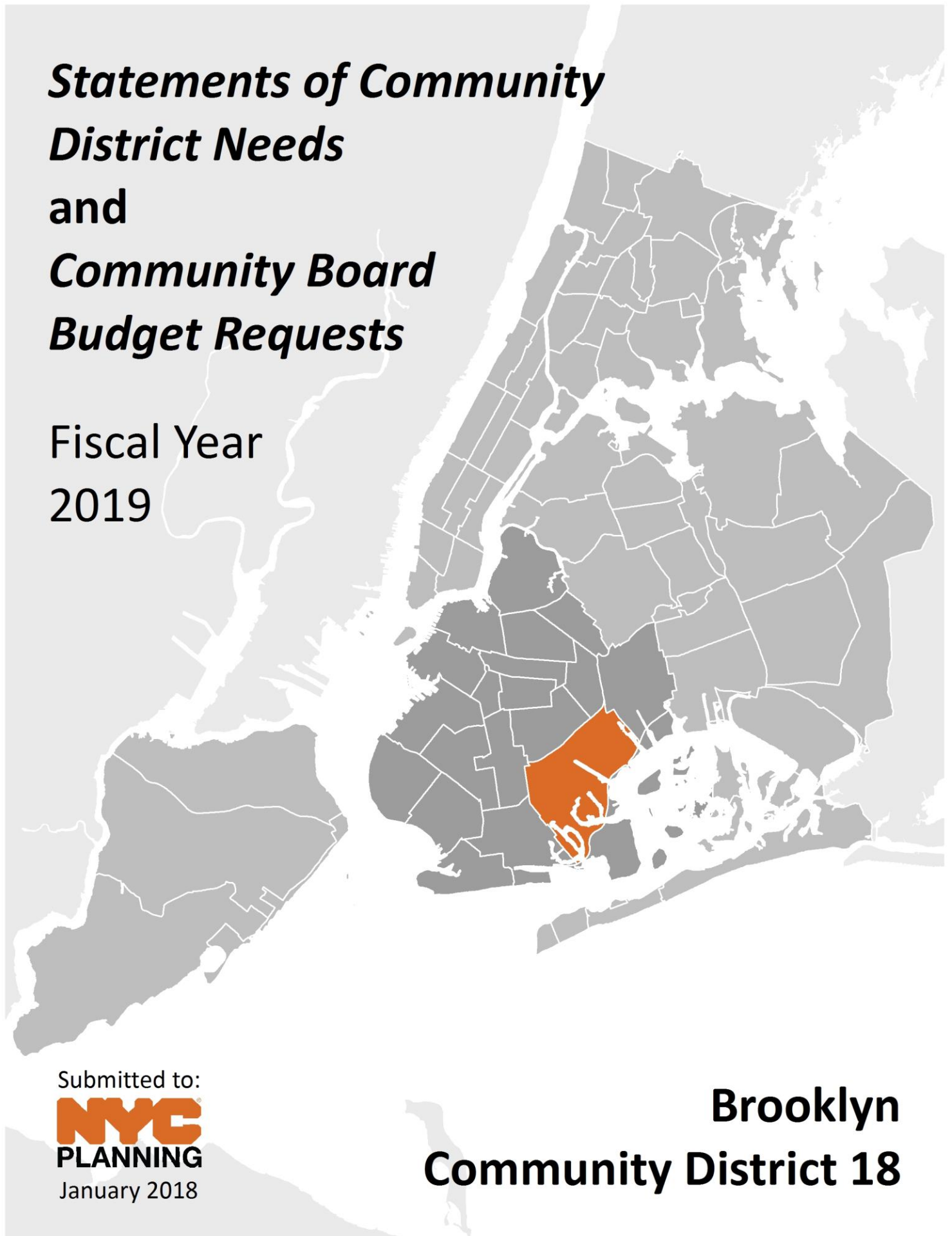


***Statements of Community
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and
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Budget Requests***

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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 Brooklyn Community Board 18's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 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 18

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Website:

Chair: Mr. Saul Needle

District Manager: Ms. Dorothy Turano

2. Community District Profile

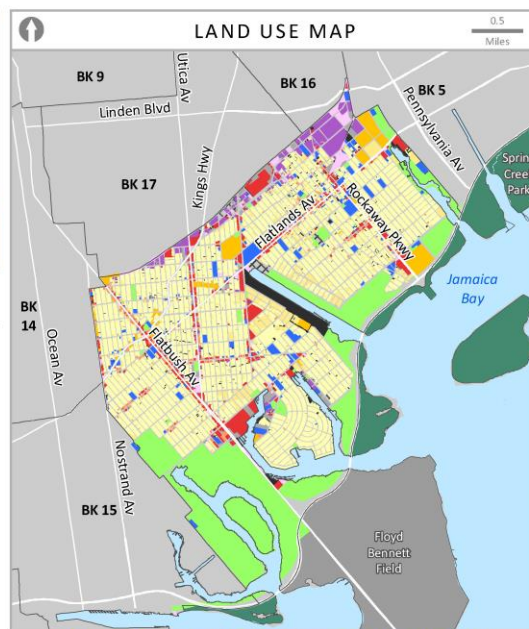
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Brooklyn Community District 18



Neighborhoods¹: Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Flatlands, Georgetown, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Paerdegat Basin

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
194,653	193,543	-1%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		208,145
Square Miles		8.5
Population Density		22,770/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 18 in 2017:

1. Parks
2. Resiliency
3. Street conditions

To learn more, please read [Brooklyn CD 18's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	30,323	38%
Multifamily Walk-up	2,384	5%
Multifamily Elevator	41	3%
Mixed Use	811	1%
Commercial	574	4%
Industrial	162	3%
Transportation/Utility	119	1%
Public/Institutional	226	3%
Open Space	94	39%
Parking	260	2%
Vacant	499	2%
Other	111	1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 18](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	51
Public Libraries	5
Hospitals and Clinics	10
Parks	17
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
44%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 18	Citywide Target
77%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
47	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
15%	24%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
9.5	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

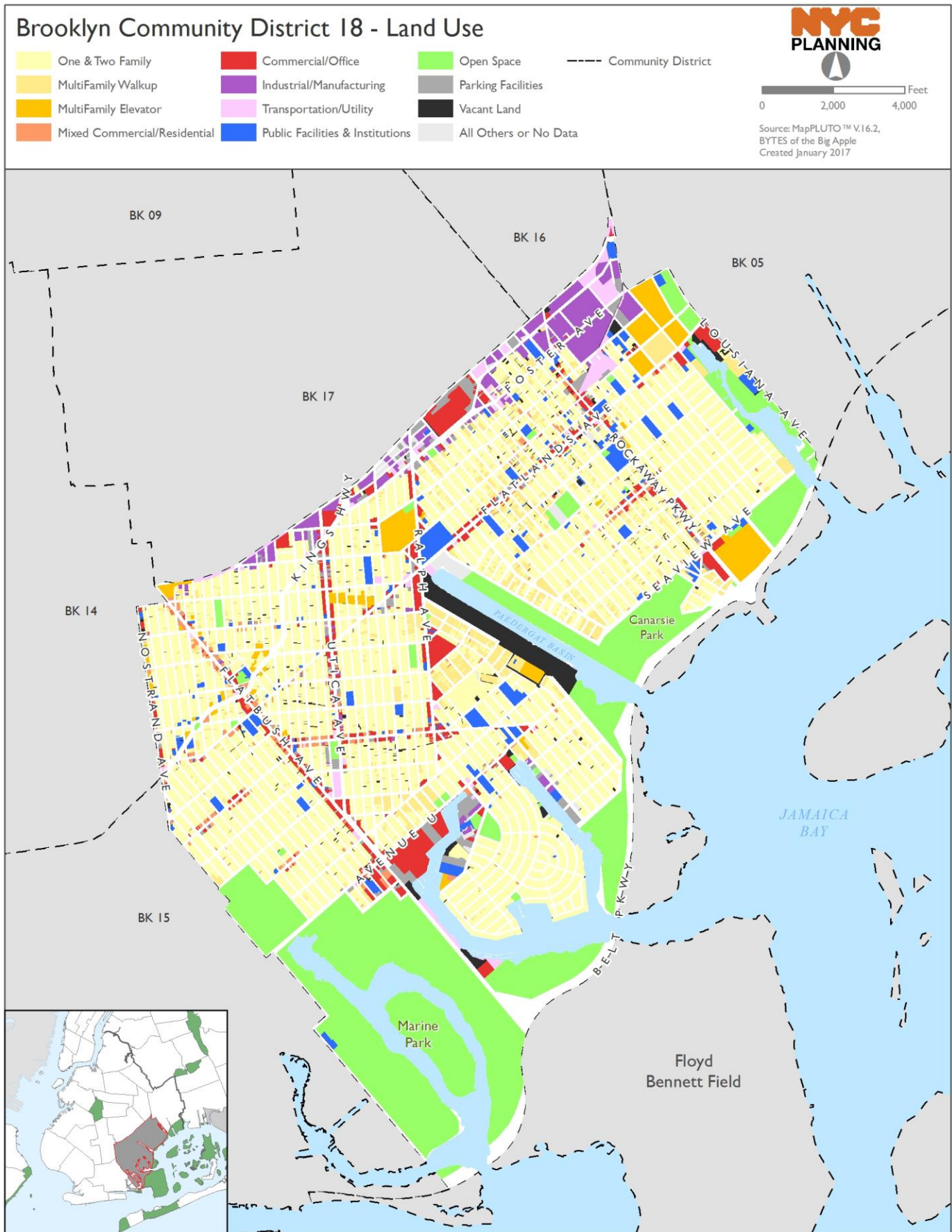
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
29%	33%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
9.7%	10%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 18	Brooklyn
16%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here .	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Referred to as “The Gateway District” -- the neighborhoods that comprise Community Board #18 has a rich history from the earliest days of the "Canarsie Indians" to the polyglot communities that exist within our borders today. These neighborhoods have been characterized as some of the finest places in New York to live in, raise a family, start a business, or invest in future development. The hallmark of Community Board #18 has, and continues to be, our network of volunteer, civic, parent, religious, and service organizations. This harmonious and constant interchange between neighborhoods, groups, residents and local elected officials has built the very foundation that keeps the fabric of our communities stable while planning for future growth and development.

Covering one of the largest geographical land areas of any Community Board in the City, a “snap shot” look captures the heart and the spirit of Brooklyn ... multi-ethnic, middle class neighborhoods with a solid tax base of single family, multi-family, mid-rise buildings with a scattering of condominiums and cooperative development. Additionally, within our boundaries, are several high-rise buildings including housing for senior citizens, the homeless, and three (3) N.Y.C. Housing Authority (NYCHA) Projects, Bayview, Breukelen, and Glenwood Houses, which require a “boots-on-the-ground” commitment to rehabilitation, full upgrading and extensive modernization.

Floyd Bennett Field, located in our district, became part of Gateway National Recreation Area in 1972. It is an historic treasure -- the first municipal airfield and an aerial hub for fighter planes during World War II, where the sounds of the departing aircraft of Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart, and Douglas "wrong-way" Corrigan stand as a living testament to times past. Views from the control tower at Floyd Bennett Field gave clear vision to the criss-crossing runways of New York's first municipal airport. Explore Hanger B, built in 1941 by the U.S. Navy and used primarily for seaplanes spans an enormous two (2) acres in size, where airplanes return to life. Every corner of Hangar B is filled with aircraft from literally every era of aviation. The aircraft restoration efforts are the work of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Project (HARP) created and staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by grant money. HARP works hard to meet Smithsonian's standard for aircraft restoration. You can see any sort of aircraft going as far back as a replica of the Wright Brothers model, WWII aircraft, and a fully restored Grumman JRF-5 “Goose” flying boat, which, back in the 1930's would have been used to transport wealthy Gold Coast clientele to Wall Street, literally landing in the river. HARP is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am to 3pm, with ranger guided tours during summer months on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm until Labor Day.

The field's coast is a polluted cemetery for destroyed boats and debris. In short - It is the disgrace of Gateway! The dream of a restored Floyd Bennett Field for recreational use with water-access must not be lost. The restoration of the boat docks at Floyd Bennett Field and at Canarsie Pier would allow for the use of the on-again, off-again use of water ferries at peak times to facilitate the movement of participants of large outdoor events as well as visitors to the Park, the islands off the coast of Canarsie, the sports entertainment complex at Floyd Bennett Field, and it would enable commuter connection with other parts of the borough and city.

As a result of Super Storm Sandy, the Canarsie “L” Train Tunnel was flooded with seven (7) million gallons of salt water, which damaged all the electrical and communication equipment, as well as the concrete lining to the tunnel. The MTA has been making temporary repairs. However, the condition of the tunnel's components and systems require that they be rehabilitated or replaced as soon as possible. The magnitude of the work needed is too great for nights-and-weekends -- only closure. Additionally, substantial prep work will be required prior to the projected 2019 start-up-date that will have significant impact on riders. We were left with two options for getting the work done -- closing the entire tunnel for eighteen (18) months -- or running one track at a time for three (3) years.

After a detailed operational review and significant community engagement, on July 25, 2016, the MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) announced their decision that the massive reconstruction work needed to the Canarsie Tunnel will require a full closure of the tunnel for eighteen (18) months starting no sooner than 2019. In April 2017 the MTA Board voted to award an expedited contract to accelerate the rehabilitation of the Canarsie Tunnel by three (3) months. The MTA and NYC DOT are engaged in an aggressive community outreach process through town halls, community workshops, meetings with residents, businesses, community boards, merchant groups and civic associations in communities along the "L" Line. We will continue to work with the MTA, NYC DOT and City and State agencies to determine service levels needed to accommodate our ridership during the planned closure.

3. Overview of Community District

Mayor de Blasio announced a Five Borough Plan for Ferry Service. The \$55 million Capital Plan includes neighborhoods in all the boroughs as a link to existing ferry service to Manhattan. The service for South Brooklyn is in Bay Ridge, with no provisions made to link either the Canarsie Pier or Floyd Bennett Field, both of which have significant off-street parking capabilities and would service the vastly underserved commuter needs of the neighborhoods of Community Board #18 especially during the "L" Line tunnel repairs. The Ferry Plan needs major rethinking and a concerted effort on the part of the Administration to gain support from the Federal Government for the use of these sites. Our local elected officials support this plan to include our Community Board area as part of the "new" Ferry Service.

Long range storm protection remains one of our top priorities. We must continue to partner with all levels of Government to make this battle to protect our shoreline communities a reality rather than another report lying in a pile of reports in some agency. Future additional funding through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 is necessary to implement short and long range goals for rebuilding and enhancing our infrastructure to accept the potential of another super storm surge. The Army Corps of Engineers must advance their flood protection plans to fortify the seawall side of the peninsula with the erection of seawalls and gates around the waterfront that could open or close in a storm threat to divert or redirect the surge.

We continue to look to the de Blasio Administration for a "boots-on-the-ground" comprehensive program of infrastructure improvement, reconstruction and development. Shocking as it may seem, our shore communities, five (5) years post Sandy, find ourselves still re-building and recovering. With immeasurable loss of property, businesses and lives, the approach has to be less than "band-aid" therapy for our arterial bleeding. We are guardingly optimistic that the Capital and Expense Budget will be more "backbone" and less "wishbone." Our Board looks forward to a vigorous and enlightening Budget Process in the coming fiscal year.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 18 are:

- *Parks*
- *Resiliency*
- *Street conditions (roadway maintenance)*

RESILIENCY NEEDS: On October 29, 2012, in the wake of super-storm “Sandy,” the East Coast saw the destruction of whole communities, businesses and infrastructure. Our neighborhoods were no exception. Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Gerritsen Beach/Plumb Beach, Marine Park and Mill Island suffered wide-spread damage ... double-digit millions in property damage ... untold personal loss ... businesses destroyed and disrupted ... lives lost and families uprooted. The very fabric of our neighborhoods and road conditions were torn apart.

Sewers and water delivery systems must be upgraded so catch basins and storm sewers can properly drain the roadways during heavy rain storms. Resiliency programs for our waterfront communities are necessary to prevent future flooding disasters for our environment and the quality of life for our communities and residents.

PARKS: The park areas within Community Board #18 provide recreational and cultural outlets for all ages, and are truly a valued natural resource that must be protected and maintained. Marine Park comprising 798 acres, and Seaview Park comprising 540 acres, are regional facilities that serve a large population outside our local neighborhoods. The large geographic area of our Community Board and its residential neighborhoods is the “home” to the largest street tree population in the Borough. Our tree population was decimated by “Sandy.” We encourage strategies for additional conservation protection and beautification programs to include sorely needed maintenance provisions.

Within our Community Board are numerous small “vest pocket” parks that are, generally, in a state of neglect and require reconstruction or “in-house” spruce-up. The maintenance and upkeep of our parks and playgrounds, therefore, continues to remain a major area of concern due to insufficient staffing and funding. Some parks and playgrounds in our District are in various stages of design, scope and reconstruction. We applaud our local Council Member Alan Maisel who literally “poured” millions of dollars into improvements for our local park system helping to clear-up years of neglect due to the lack of funding. We urge that these projects, as well as increased staffing, be addressed through the Capital and Expense Budget.

STREET CONDITIONS: Our street system was, in most part, build on unsupported land fill. The streets, road bed and sewer system are old and in need of full reconstruction ... not just repair ... which is nothing short of a “band aid to control arterial bleeding.” They are in various stages of collapse and require personnel and funding for a staged reconstruction plan by DOT and DEP to turn the plan into reality.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

Community Board #18 is the "host" to one of the largest and ever-growing senior populations in the City. Our system of senior centers and day programs is grossly inadequate. We need the centers, that are currently being run, to be upgraded and at least two (2) full service centers to be built. Full staffing of Drop-in Day Centers and a structured program of outreach to "shut-in" seniors would help to fill a growing need. Additionally, there is no one-stop location where a senior can go for help and direction. A senior citizen advocate housed at the Community Board makes good old "common sense" and should be considered for future funding. The Health Care System needs advocacy -- not just hope, but a pressing need for a solid commitment from the Department for the Aging to establish multi-purpose senior facilities and senior housing. We look forward to long and short range objectives for meeting these goals.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

The need for a full-service health care delivery system is always a pressing concern. There is only one Community Hospital located within our boundaries - Mount Sinai Brooklyn. We suggest that free-standing NYCDOHMH and NYCHHC open free- Urgent Centers ... not as an extension of the Hospital Emergency Room ... but as a place where people can get quality health care information and "fast tracked" care in a non-hospital setting. We encourage the reorganization of neighboring Kingsbrook and Brookdale Medical Centers into structured health care systems supported with State funding.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

Our senior population needs the Administration to provide a "boots-on-the ground" commitment to rehabilitate, upgrade and perform an extensive modernization of our facilities and services. These facilities will provide sorely needed recreational and rehabilitative activities for our seniors to live long, productive lives. They will also be able to provide quality intergenerational programs and activities for our energetic youth population. Our network of senior centers is not fully funded to provide hot meals, not only on the weekdays, but the weekends as well. Funding should be made available to increase the meal and senior advocacy programs throughout the Board area. Programming must provide intense outreach to identify and provide services for home-bound seniors in need of services.



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

The Board continues to direct its attention to the needs of our area youth by developing and supporting broad outreach after school and evening recreational, cultural, intergenerational and educational programs within the community. The call for youth centers and after school and evening programs has been a long-pressing need in our community. Although we have model programs flourishing in our Board area, offered by the Bergen Beach Youth Organization and the Millennium Development, our district youth "call-out" for placement and funding of additional after school and evening programs. These programs provide a unique opportunity to introduce young people to their community and civic responsibility. They promote leadership qualities to the participants, and give them an opportunity to give back to their communities by helping to maintain high "quality of life" standards for all residents. These sorely needed programs, along with promoting confidence and character building, also assist in the social development of young people through relationship building initiatives that include multi-cultural awareness activities to assist with acceptance. We look forward to work with the Administration to further that "agenda."

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

We are currently working with our local elected officials, community and youth organizations, to secure funds for special programs designated to address identified youth problems. By reaching students with vitally important services, ranging from mental health support to homework help and family counseling, Community Schools will help at-risk children succeed in the classroom and beyond. While we continue to stress the importance of traditional public school education, we also recognize the role of the Charter School in the "repurposed" educational environment. Consequently, we stand ready to work with all of the stakeholders in advancing the educational structure that best meet the needs of our children. We urge the Administration to continue to support collaboration between administrators, parents, and teachers for all students.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

There is an increasing need for child day care services as well as after school programs. Both parents working as well as single parent households created a desperate need for day care as well as after school activities for our youth.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Our Community Board has worked since its inception to build a network of innovative youth and after school programs. However, our goals can NEVER be achieved without an infusion of funding and "real" development by the City. We suggest that the Administration build on the model of the Community Service Society and their approach of the early 80's by bringing to our community a paid coordinator to develop, enhance and support the building of a truly structured Youth Service Agenda.



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Public Nuisance crimes such as loud noise, illegal parking and/or the removal of abandoned vehicles must be aggressively addressed. It's unacceptable for abandoned vehicles to remain in the same location for one (1) month or longer without action, or for trucks or other illegally parked vehicles not to be removed within a few days from the city streets. The Administration must establish stronger enforcement with severe penalties for these violations as well as for the operation of licensed, unlicensed, and "dollar" vans illegally operating and parking in our communities, primarily in and around the Kings Plaza Shopping Center. Rather than develop a strategy to shift the illegal parking and van problems from block-to-block we must adhere to a strong commitment of interminable rigorous enforcement of these "quality of life" violations.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

The need for a new 63rd Precinct Stationhouse continues to be an absolute necessity. Although the Department allocates funds for rehabilitation of the antiquated Stationhouse to meet staffing needs and patrol requirements, the poor conditions and problems still exist. Funding must be set aside for relocation. Since the existence of Community Boards in 1977, we have stressed the need for a New Modern 63rd Precinct House. Each year the Department never includes funding into its Capital Plan. The new Capital Budget, with its excess "dollars" means that this year the project can be funded. We are guardingly optimistic that our wish over these last forty (40) years becomes a reality. Modern, adequately sized police precincts are essential to good policing. We urge the NYPD to aggressively explore the acquisition of city-owned properties. Where development costs would be minimized ... new Police Precincts Do Not need to be centralized in a community ... with the communications available today location is secondary to space needs!!

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

We are optimistic that funds will be increased to establish an even greater emergency service presence for the improvement of service deliveries to battle fires, reduce crime, and enhance quality of life conditions within our Community Board area. Fire protection in a residential community, comprising tens of thousands of frame dwellings is, obviously, of paramount concern. The theory used by the Fire Department for "manning" decisions includes statistics that do not include literally thousands of homes and tens of thousands of area residents that have become part of the Board area since that statistical information was compiled. Consequently, analysis of the Department's decision should be the subject of "up-to-date" review not budgetary constraints. We urge the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit (CAU), the Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management (CECM), and the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT) to continue the strong working relationship between their centralized staff and our Community Board to assist in the coordination and approval of Street Activity Permits and the resolution of community and telecommunication issues and problems. We commend their constant expansion of internet access and support to our Board. The introduction of the multi-functional high tech kiosks is an important step in the introduction of a first-of-its-kind communication network offering up free Wi-Fi, phone calls, charging stations for mobile phones, along with a host of other functions. The Community Board has expressed concern about their placement and strongly suggest that they be placed in heavily travelled transit intersections and not be placed near any school or park. Data report listings posted on NYC.gov was an important step toward sharing 311 Citizen Service Center complaint collection data. However, we continue to stress the need to be informed about specific complaint collection data encompassing location, tracking and resolution. Interaction and sharing of information between city agencies and the Community Board will continue to enhance service delivery and further our efforts to improve the quality of life for our residents and the business community.



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/20	NYPD	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	<i>Select Site for the 63rd Police Precinct. Renovation is impractical and was disapproved by Police Department's Capital Planning. Consequently, new funding is required.</i>	<i>63rd Police Precinct</i>

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/10	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Increase Funding for Additional Personnel -- FDNY Engine Companies #257, #309, and # 323. Fund additional personnel to provide adequate fire protection for a Community Board area that has increased housing stock and is plagued throughout with substandard, illegal apartment conversions.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
4/10	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increase funding for Additional Personnel - 63rd & 69th Police Precincts. We Request Funding for twenty (20) Police Officers for the 63rd Precinct and twenty (20) Police Officers for the 69th Precinct. To perform increased mandated police responsibilities to patrol the heavily populated shopping areas, including the vicinity of the Kings Plaza Shopping Center, and to enforce parking regulations for the illegally parked and double parked vehicles at the schools.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Protective Infrastructure (sea walls, flood walls, etc.)

October marks the 5th anniversary of Super Storm Sandy. While much has been accomplished in repairing and rebuilding our communities, much still remains to be done. Community Board #18 borders on Jamaica Bay. "Sandy" inflicted triple digit millions in property damage to our neighborhoods ... destroyed its fabric ... dislocated and closed businesses ... and brought tragic fatalities to our scenic communities. The "Build It Back" Program proved to be a total failure in providing aid to our ravaged community. It was only after Mayor de Blasio, and our elected officials made a concerted effort to repurpose the program that we began to see some tangible results. Homes began to be rebuilt, businesses began to re-open, and plans were drawn to bring new life into a failed bureaucratic nightmare. The New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC) uses global climate models and a range of scenarios to develop climate projections relating to future population, economic growth, and technological change. Future 100 year Flood Zones clearly states that by the 2020's there is an expected 10' sea level rise. The NPCC projects that by mid-century, sea levels could rise up to 30 inches posing a significant threat to New York City's low-lying neighborhoods, not just during storms, but also in the case of tidal flooding. Additionally, the NPCC predicts that there will be an increase in the most intense hurricanes occurring in the North Atlantic Basin. By 2050 New York City could see as many 90 degree days as Birmingham, Alabama and heat waves could triple in frequency. We must continue to partner with all levels of Government to make this battle to protect our shoreline communities a reality rather than another report lying in a pile of reports in some agency. Future additional funding through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 is necessary to implement short and long range goals for rebuilding and enhancing our infrastructure to accept the potential of another super storm surge. The Army Corps of Engineers must advance their flood protection plans to fortify the seawall side of the peninsula with the erection of seawalls and gates around the waterfront that could open or close in a storm threat to divert or redirect the surge.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

In the wake of Super-Storm Sandy ... After the storm, press releases were issued, promises were made and commitments were assured. Nevertheless, those commitments and promises have had little, if any, tangible effects. Billions of dollars were sent to the City and State from the Federal Government. Sad to say after almost five (5) years, few of our communities including those now sitting in the "A" Zone of the newly drawn Flood Zone Maps, have seen little of these dollars or productive re-build programs. The de Blasio Administration was handed a bureaucratic mess. Only now have they been able to start the process of making actual awards to begin the rebuilding and repair process. It's still slow and bogged down in administrative "red tape." Public Forums funded by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery - New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program, and the Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations, must continue to rebuild neighborhoods impacted by "Sandy" and, through community-driven plans, prepare them to become more resilient. Funds have been allocated for the reconstruction of the Canarsie community area sewer system from the East 108th Street area, Flatlands to Seaview Avenues. We must continue to fund the reconstruction of all our old, deteriorated and inadequate sewer systems to upgrade and meet the increased usage demand to eliminate future flooding and hazardous road conditions.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

BK18 supervision and personnel have been exemplary in their willingness and demonstrated ability to work with the Board in developing the maximum potential with their limited manpower and equipment to deliver quality service to a community experiencing ever-increasing population growth and needs as they implement further source separation and recycling programs. Recycling continues to be another top priority ... a daunting challenge in our residential community which requires more outreach and education to area residents and homeowners. Increased manpower is also needed to maintain the numerous center malls along our roadways. Neglected and unattended they grow into breeding grounds for vermin and illegal dumping creating a community nuisance and safety hazard. Lot cleaning, attention to the ASP cleaning schedule and the quick removal of the illegally placed clothing bins is a top priority. Stronger laws and enforcement with severe penalties for the placement of illegal "Clothing Donation Bins" placed throughout our communities and on private property parking lots have been put in place. Develop a strategy to "tag" the bins only to have them shifted to another must also adhere to a strong commitment of interminable rigorous enforcement of this "quality of life" violation. Snow removal is obviously one of the top priorities for the Department. After the thaw we are inundated with sink and pot holes caused by the road salt. We urge the City to move forward with the use of less corrosive snow removal materials.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/20	DEP	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Construct bio swales with flowers and shrubberies along the eastern right-of-way of Flatbush Avenue along the Toys R Us building and the city-owned lot fronting Four Sparrows Marsh, north of the Westbound Belt Parkway ramp onto Flatbush Avenue. Flatbush Avenue just north of the Belt Parkway is the gateway to Community Board 18 neighborhoods and to Southern Brooklyn. This section of roadway is without a storm water filter system, thus storm water runoff from the road flows unfiltered into Mill Basin. The construction of bios wales presents an opportunity to both beautify Flatbush Avenue as well as filter storm water.</i>	<i>Flatbush Avenue Belt Parkway</i>

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/10	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for Additional Personnel -- Department of Sanitation. Fund additional personnel for Brooklyn District 18 to provide increased maintenance, lot cleaning, basket collection, and enforcement responsibilities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

We urge DCP to develop a new text amendment that would strengthen rules and zoning regulations for the placement of communication towers and poles, especially in residential neighborhoods, on city-owned housing projects and commercial properties. The outdated Federal Telecommunications Law of 1996 does not restrict the placement of cellular transmission devices based on health concerns since no hazard has been established. The Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permits for non-accessory towers in residential districts, ZR 73-30, only looks at the effect of the utility on the "privacy, quiet, light, and air of the neighborhood." With the exception of the recently rezoned Canarsie Community, we urge DCP to review the Zoning Regulations for our Board area, particularly the communities of Marine Park and Mill Island, to update the zoning districts to meet the current housing stock condition and future community needs.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

On June 30, 2009 the City Council approved the DCP ULURP Application for lower density and contextual zoning map changes for the Canarsie neighborhood. Community Board #18 unanimously supported the ULURP Application. That text amendment has set the standard for future development. We support further review by DCP and urge new efforts be made to address the population growth and the inequities in R-32A and R-4 Zoning Districts which cover large areas of our Board. It is the sense of this Board that all of the communities within our Board be reviewed to create a rational up-to-date zoning plan that reflects natural residential, commercial, and manufacturing boundaries. The current land use is largely an artifact of historical urbanization. Future land use must be controlled by zoning, public policy, and land use regulations intended to promote activities appropriate to preserve the neighborhood character and infrastructure for those who live and work there. The approval of the Zoning Text Amendments sends a clear signal of the intent of the City Administration to impact neighborhood development. It's up to the communities to make their voices heard either in support or opposition of proposed development in their communities. We must continue to review regulations to determine if the zoning does, in fact, reflect current and future housing conditions and needs. A partner in the planning process is the Board of Standard and Appeals (BSA). BSA's original mission was to provide a relief valve for property owners in those rare circumstances where existing zoning regulations prohibited them from reasonably developing their property. BSA is frequently misused to circumvent and twist the spirit and intent of the Zoning Resolution.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/10	DCP	<i>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</i>	<i>Fund Department City Planning to evaluate our Board area, especially the communities of Marine Park and Mill Island, to better match the zoning to reflect current and future housing conditions and needs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
9/10	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Hire Additional Inspectors -- Department of Buildings. There is a drastic need for additional inspectors to enforce Building Code Compliance for new construction, renovations and occupancy of existing buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Roadway maintenance

Transportation needs, particularly total street and sewer reconstruction, contract resurfacing, and scheduled repair of the roadways within the Board area, presents an ever increasing challenge. Canarsie and surrounding communities were built on landfill that rapidly deteriorated and require aggressive street and sewer reconstructive programs. The Community Board urges the Department of Transportation to advance our Board's meager Capital Project requests. Street resurfacing is a temporary "costly fix" ... not a solution. It's "band aid" therapy for a hemorrhage! Our roadways have recently seen a high increase of "sink holes" as a result of the road bed undermining from "Sandy." An emergency "hands-on" effort by DOT and DEP must address this major community need and concern.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The DOT has undertaken the "Reconstruction of the Seven (7) Bridges on the Belt Parkway" which commenced with minimal impact in November 2009 with the first of three contracts in our Board area - Fresh Creek Bridge, Paerdegat Basin Bridge, two (2) separate bridges eastbound and westbound, and the Rockaway Parkway Bridge. The Mill Basin Draw Bridge, a fixed structure with 60-foot clearance over "Mean High Water" obviating the need for opening and closing the bridge, 2018 is now scheduled for the approximate duration for the construction of the bridges. All impacts to wetlands will be mitigated in accordance with Federal and State regulations. Tidal wetland restoration and improvement projects have been performed at Jamaica Bay sites within the Gateway National Recreation Area to mitigate the tidal wetland impacts from this project. A freshwater wetland restoration and improvement project is planned at a site in Marine Park, fronting on Avenue U, approximately between East 34th and 35th Streets. The landscaping contract will complete the project by 2019. Transportation issues persist to rank high on the problem list for our Community Board. Pedestrian, cyclist, and motor vehicle occupant safety at many of the intersections and streets within our Board area are the source of major concern. With no enforcement of regulations in place, and with cyclists outnumbering motorists in some areas of the city, the administration is still aggressively expanding biker-friendly infrastructure. Beginning this year, DOT has committed to add ten (10) miles of protected bicycle lanes and allocate fifty (50) lane miles of regular bikeways annually. The number of bike paths citywide has more than doubled in the last decade to 1,133 miles from 513 miles in 2006. Of the existing paths, 425 miles are protected from automobile traffic by a physical barrier. Bicycle lanes clearly offer both an environmental and practical benefit in areas served by adequate mass transit alternatives and a bike-friendly population. City Bike provided a record 57,708 average daily trips in June 2017 -- up 19% from the same time last year. The program has more than 600 locations. Bike lanes, if not properly placed and enforced, will only create hazardous conditions in our board area and jeopardize the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicle occupants. Public education and community participation in new street designs and configurations to improve safety must continue to be an integral part of the planning and placement process along with expanded enforcement against dangerous moving violations for drivers and cyclists to ensure safety on city streets.



Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Numerous costly and time consuming studies have been performed by outside consultants, the Departments of Transportation and City Planning, as well as the Borough President's Office, in an effort to improve pedestrian, vehicular, and bus circulation problems at the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Avenue U. It remains one of the most accident plagued intersections in the city. The studies continue to identify the same problems and continue to propose a myriad number of improvements including changes in bus stop locations and operations, directional signage, street configuration with the widening of Avenue U and Flatbush Avenue, and the installation of pedestrian safety fencing along the South side of Avenue U, from Flatbush Avenue to East 55th Street, and on the center traffic island on Flatbush Avenue, between Avenues U and V. Conditions were worsened by the creation of a "bus layover/turnaround" and an illegal "dollar" van pick-up area on Flatbush Avenue at Avenue U, in front of Kings Plaza Shopping Center. Our Community Board included in our Capital Budget Priorities and Requests a request for the construction of an elevated pedestrian overpass at this intersection. -- To date... nothing of consequence has been done, except for the creation of a major "bus layover/turnaround" in front of the Kings Plaza Shopping Center causing buses, leaving the layover, to sharply cross five (5) lanes of traffic on Flatbush Avenue to accomplish a left-hand turn onto Avenue U. The widening of the traffic islands on Flatbush Avenue has created additional confusion, danger, and further bottleneck at this dangerous intersection! All the studies performed...All the dollars spent...All the changes suggested...All the promises made...All the time and money wasted -- To date...nothing of consequence has been done. The problem is self-evident -- the solutions have been proposed -- implement the recommendations. We urge the MTA to develop a long-term strategy for meeting the public transportation needs of our area and for all city residents. We remain frustrated in our efforts to provide adequate public transportation to other parts of the Borough due to the lack of speed, curtailed, changed and/or eliminated service on the surface bus lines. The MTA Select Bus Service (SBS) has failed to improve "bus reliability" ... the bus riders' chief complaint. The installation of dedicated bus lanes and longer bus stops, to accommodate the longer buses, has succeeded in causing a reduction of parking spaces for shoppers and the inability for businesses to receive curbside deliveries during peak hours. The dedicated bus lane signage is confusing to motorists and pedestrians, and should ONLY ensure the lanes remain clear during peak hours and violators fined ONLY during peak hours. We implore the Administration to place a moratorium on new SBS routes until the MTA and DOT can provide a complete, fair and accurate analysis to include SBS reliability, peak hour ridership, ridership fare evasion or fare machine reliability, pedestrian street access, and motorist traffic flow.



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Capital Requests Related to Transportation

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1/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Kings Highway Roadway and Traffic Islands from Nostrand Avenue to Troy Avenue in Conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Heavy commercial bus and truck traffic has significantly affected the quality of the roadbed and traffic islands causing safety problems to adjacent small homes. Hazardous vehicular and pedestrian conditions exist.	Kings Highway Roadway Nostrand Avenue Flatbush Avenue
2/20	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Install Pedestrian Safety Fences on the South Side of Avenue U, adjacent to Kings Plaza Shopping Center, from Flatbush Avenue to East 55 Street and on the Center Traffic Island on Flatbush Avenue between Avenues U & V. To improve pedestrian and vehicular safety in and around the Kings Plaza Shopping Center and the adjacent M.T.A. Bus Turnaround.	Community Wide
3/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Construct Raised Traffic Island at the Intersection of Troy Avenue, Kings Highway and Avenue K. Traffic calming devices are inadequate and dangerous. Numerous accidents continue to occur at this location due to heavily travelled roadway and the hazardous vehicular and pedestrian conditions that exist.	Troy Avenue Kings Highway Avenue K
5/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Construct pedestrian elevated overpass at Flatbush Avenue and Avenue U. To improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at this dangerous intersection. A heavily travelled and congested Bus Turnaround located adjacent to Kings Plaza Shopping Center adds to hazardous pedestrian and vehicular safety conditions at this location.	Flatbush Avenue Avenue U Flatbush Avenue
6/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Church Lane from Remsen Avenue to East 89 Street and East 88 Street to East 87 Street to include new sidewalks in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. These streets are deteriorated and not at grade. Serious flooding and buckling exists causing hazardous pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions.	Church Lane Remsen Avenue East 87 Street
7/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Widen Flatbush Avenue - In front, and north of, Toys "R" Us to allow for a Bus Lane to ease traffic congestion and provide vehicular/pedestrian safety. To ease extremely heavy traffic congestion and provide vehicular and pedestrian safety on this heavily travelled roadway and shopping complex.	2875 Flatbush Ave
8/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Construct a raised Center Island on East 69 Street from Avenue U to Avenue Y for landscaping and tree planting. East 69 Street is a very wide and heavily travelled commercial street. The raised landscaped island will clearly delineate traffic flow and provide safety as well as a pollution barrier for this manufacturing zoned street adjacent to residential properties.	East 69th Street Avenue U Avenue Y



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9/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct and open East 99 Street (Mapped Street) between Flatlands & Conklin Avenues in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. This street needs to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular accessibility and safety.	East 99th Street Flatlands Avenue Conklin Avenue
11/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 80 Street from Foster Avenue to Farragut Road in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are deteriorated, heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 80th Street Foster Avenue Farragut Road
12/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Rockaway Parkway and Traffic Islands from Seaview Avenue to Shore Parkway in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Heavy commercial bus and truck traffic has significantly affected the quality of the roadbed and traffic islands causing safety problems to adjacent small businesses. Hazardous vehicular and pedestrian conditions exist.	Rockaway Parkway Seaview Avenue Shore Parkway
13/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Avenue L between East 69 Street and East 70 Street in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Avenue L East 69 Street East 70 Street
14/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 72 Street from Ralph Avenue to Avenue M in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 72nd Street Ralph Avenue Avenue M
15/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Avenue M from East 66 Street to Bergen Avenue in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Avenue M East 66th Street Bergen Avenue
16/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 38 Street from Kings Highway to Flatlands Avenue in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious flooding and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 38 Street Kings Highway Flatlands Avenue
17/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Foster Avenue from Ralph Avenue to Rockaway Parkway in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Foster Avenue Ralph Avenue Rockaway Parkway



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18/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 45 Street from Avenue H to Avenue I in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 45th Street Avenue H Avenue I
19/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 56 Street from Avenue J to Avenue K in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 56 Street Avenue J Avenue K
20/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 56 Street from Avenue K to Avenue L in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 56 Street Avenue K Avenue L
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Bergen Avenue from Avenues K to L, and from Royce Place to Avenue U -- including raised center traffic islands, sidewalks, curbs, and designated parking spaces on the East side of Bergen Avenue -- in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. The streets are deteriorated and heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed. Raised Center Traffic Islands are for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Flatlands 7 Street from East 105 Street to East 108 street in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. This street is heavily travelled, and needs to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Flatlands 7 Street East 105 Street East 108 Street
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Avenue K from Bergen Avenue to Ralph Avenue in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Avenue K Bergen Avenue Ralph Avenue
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Avenue M from East 105 Street to East 108 Street in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. This street is heavily travelled, and needs to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Avenue M East 105 Street East 108 Street



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CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 105 Street between Flatlands Avenue and Seaview Avenue in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are old, deteriorated, heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 108 Street from Flatlands to Seaview Avenues in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are deteriorated, heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 108th Street Flatlands Avenue Seaview Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/10	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Hire Additional Personnel for Street Maintenance -- Department of Transportation. Funding request to hire additional maintenance workers for asphalt crews and street repair maintenance workers to maintain our heavily travelled, aging streets and infrastructure.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

We support Commissioner Silver's Community Parks Initiative to invest in "under-resourced" public city parks. Within our Community Board are numerous small "vest pocket" parks that are in a state of neglect. Commissioner Silver calls it a framework for an equitable future. We feel that equity should include the communities that we serve and we look forward to new funds dedicated to upgrading and maintaining our neighborhood parks. Community Board #18 has the distinction of being "home" to the largest acreage of parkland in the City utilized by visitors from all over the city. With that distinction goes a myriad of problems that must be addressed with limited manpower and equipment. Borough Commissioner, Martin Maher, and Department of Parks and Recreation Personnel, in general, demonstrate a generous spirit of cooperation and assistance in delivering timely, quality service to address the needs of our community. We call upon the Administration to supply the Department of Parks and Recreation with the funds and tools necessary to adequately provide quality recreational and cultural outlets for all ages, and to maintain our "under-resourced" parks and large tree population.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The maintenance and upkeep of our parks and playgrounds continues to remain a major area of concern due to insufficient staffing and funding. Some parks and playgrounds in our District are in various stages of design, scope and reconstruction. The Board fully supports the continued funding of these projects. Several of our smaller parks and playgrounds require reconstruction or "in-house" spruce-up. We urge that these projects as well as increased staffing be addressed through the Capital and Expense Budget. The Greenstreets Program provides us with an opportunity to beautify our barren neighborhood triangles and traffic islands. We wholeheartedly support the continuation of this program. We encourage strategies for additional conservation and beautification programs to include sorely needed maintenance provisions. Parks' Department equipment and personnel are always in short supply. We urge that our requests, as well as Departmental requests, be given a high priority in budget negotiations for adequate maintenance and operation of our parks. The park areas within Community Board #18 provide recreational and cultural outlets for all ages and neighborhoods, and are truly a valued natural resource that must be protected and maintained. Marine Park comprising 798 acres, and Seaview Park comprising 540 acres, are regional facilities that serve a large population outside our local neighborhoods. The large geographic area of our Community Board and its residential neighborhoods are also the "home" to the largest street tree population in the Borough. Department of Parks and Recreation budget allocations for Forestry and Maintenance must be increased to adequately address the needs of our huge parkland and tree population.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Our Community Board is "home" to five (5) branches of the Brooklyn Public Library -- Canarsie, Flatlands, Jamaica Bay, Mill Basin, and Paerdegat. The hours of operation must be permanently extended to provide easy access to accommodate the needs of our children and working-class population. Funds must be allocated to inspect, upgrade and maintain these buildings to provide our residents up-to-the-minute information, program and technical access opportunities.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

We urge the Administration to increase the budgets of Community Boards to allow for the hiring of a "planner" consistent with Sections 191(b)(5) and 2800(g) of the City Charter and for additional office staff in order to meet the increasing needs of the community for government access, information and programs. Community Board #18 and Community Boards, in general, cannot perform Charter mandated responsibilities with the current meager budget allocation.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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1/10	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>We urge the Administration to increase the budgets of Community Boards to allow for the hiring of a "Planner" consistent with Sections 191(b)(5) and 2800(g) of the City Charter and for additional office staff in order to meet the increasing needs of the community for government access, information and programs. Community Board #18, and Community Boards in general, cannot perform Charter Mandated Responsibilities with the current meager budget allocation.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/10	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Increase funding for Additional Personnel -- Department of Parks & Recreation. Fund additional personnel for maintenance of parks, on a regular basis. To staff recreation centers and playgrounds, provide increased park enforcement and park ranger programs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/10	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Request Additional Tree Maintenance Equipment -- Department of Parks & Recreation. Request equipment for spruce up program. Purchase two (2) high rangers, a garbage packer, and a dump-truck. High rangers are needed to prune the enormous tree population in our area. Due to the size of the many parks in our area, it is essential that we have our own garbage packer. Present operations are hampered by the lack of adequate equipment. Manpower could be used more effectively with additional equipment.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
10/10	BPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Additional funding is necessary to maintain this vital community resource. Support for Brooklyn Public Library Expense Budget Requests to PERMANENTLY maintain extended hours of operation, Literacy Initiatives, Improved Salaries for Library Employees, Maintenance of Library Buildings, Public Access to Technology, and New Collections for Brooklyn Readers.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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3/20	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Construct Raised Traffic Island at the Intersection of Troy Avenue, Kings Highway and Avenue K. Traffic calming devices are inadequate and dangerous. Numerous accidents continue to occur at this location due to heavily travelled roadway and the hazardous vehicular and pedestrian conditions that exist.</i>	<i>Troy Avenue Kings Highway Avenue K</i>	<i>Council Member Maisel Council Member Williams; Flatlands Civic Association Mill Basin Civic Association</i>
4/20	NYPD	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	<i>Select Site for the 63rd Police Precinct. Renovation is impractical and was disapproved by Police Department's Capital Planning. Consequently, new funding is required.</i>	<i>63rd Police Precinct</i>	<i>Council Member Alan Maisel Council Member Jumaane Williams; Assembly Member Jamie Williams Marine Park Civic Association</i>

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6/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Church Lane from Remsen Avenue to East 89 Street and East 88 Street to East 87 Street to include new sidewalks in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. These streets are deteriorated and not at grade. Serious flooding and buckling exists causing hazardous pedestrian and vehicular traffic conditions.	Church Lane Remsen Avenue East 87 Street	
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10/20	DEP	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Construct bio swales with flowers and shrubberies along the eastern right-of-way of Flatbush Avenue along the Toys R Us building and the city-owned lot fronting Four Sparrows Marsh, north of the Westbound Belt Parkway ramp onto Flatbush Avenue. Flatbush Avenue just north of the Belt Parkway is the gateway to Community Board 18 neighborhoods and to Southern Brooklyn. This section of roadway is without a storm water filter system, thus storm water runoff from the road flows unfiltered into Mill Basin. The construction of bios wales presents an opportunity to both beautify Flatbush Avenue as well as filter storm water.</i>	<i>Flatbush Avenue Belt Parkway</i>	<i>Council Member Maisel Council Member Williams; Mill Island Civic Association Marine Park Civic Association</i>
11/20	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Reconstruct East 80 Street from Foster Avenue to Farragut Road in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are deteriorated, heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.</i>	<i>East 80th Street Foster Avenue Farragut Road</i>	
12/20	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Reconstruct Rockaway Parkway and Traffic Islands from Seaview Avenue to Shore Parkway in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Heavy commercial bus and truck traffic has significantly affected the quality of the roadbed and traffic islands causing safety problems to adjacent small businesses. Hazardous vehicular and pedestrian conditions exist.</i>	<i>Rockaway Parkway Seaview Avenue Shore Parkway</i>	
13/20	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Reconstruct Avenue L between East 69 Street and East 70 Street in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.</i>	<i>Avenue L East 69 Street East 70 Street</i>	
14/20	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Reconstruct East 72 Street from Ralph Avenue to Avenue M in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.</i>	<i>East 72nd Street Ralph Avenue Avenue M</i>	

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17/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Foster Avenue from Ralph Avenue to Rockaway Parkway in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Foster Avenue Ralph Avenue Rockaway Parkway	
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20/20	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 56 Street from Avenue K to Avenue L in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 56 Street Avenue K Avenue L	

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CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Bergen Avenue from Avenues K to L, and from Royce Place to Avenue U -- including raised center traffic islands, sidewalks, curbs, and designated parking spaces on the East side of Bergen Avenue -- in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. The streets are deteriorated and heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed. Raised Center Traffic Islands are for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Flatlands 7 Street from East 105 Street to East 108 street in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. This street is heavily travelled, and needs to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Flatlands 7 Street East 105 Street East 108 Street	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Avenue K from Bergen Avenue to Ralph Avenue in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Avenue K Bergen Avenue Ralph Avenue	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Avenue M from East 105 Street to East 108 Street in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. This street is heavily travelled, and needs to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Avenue M East 105 Street East 108 Street	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 105 Street between Flatlands Avenue and Seaview Avenue in Conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are old, deteriorated, heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct East 108 Street from Flatlands to Seaview Avenues in conjunction with DEP's Reconstruction of Catch Basins and Sanitary Sewers. Serious buckling, flooding, and hazardous road conditions exist. These streets are deteriorated, heavily travelled, and need to be reconstructed for pedestrian and vehicular safety.	East 108th Street Flatlands Avenue Seaview Avenue	

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 18 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 18 submitted 10 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/10	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>We urge the Administration to increase the budgets of Community Boards to allow for the hiring of a "Planner" consistent with Sections 191(b)(5) and 2800(g) of the City Charter and for additional office staff in order to meet the increasing needs of the community for government access, information and programs. Community Board #18, and Community Boards in general, cannot perform Charter Mandated Responsibilities with the current meager budget allocation.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
2/10	DCP	<i>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</i>	<i>Fund Department City Planning to evaluate our Board area, especially the communities of Marine Park and Mill Island, to better match the zoning to reflect current and future housing conditions and needs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Council Member Alan Maisel Council Member Jumaane Williams; Mill Island Civic Association Marine Park Civic Association</i>
3/10	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Increase Funding for Additional Personnel -- FDNY Engine Companies #257, #309, and # 323. Fund additional personnel to provide adequate fire protection for a Community Board area that has increased housing stock and is plagued throughout with substandard, illegal apartment conversions.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Council Member Maisel Council Member Williams; Assembly Member Weinstein Assembly Member Williams</i>
4/10	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increase funding for Additional Personnel - 63rd & 69th Police Precincts. We Request Funding for twenty (20) Police Officers for the 63rd Precinct and twenty (20) Police Officers for the 69th Precinct. To perform increased mandated police responsibilities to patrol the heavily populated shopping areas, including the vicinity of the Kings Plaza Shopping Center, and to enforce parking regulations for the illegally parked and double parked vehicles at the schools.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Council Member Maisel Council Member Williams; Assembly Member Weinstein Assembly Member Williams</i>

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5/10	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for Additional Personnel -- Department of Sanitation. Fund additional personnel for Brooklyn District 18 to provide increased maintenance, lot cleaning, basket collection, and enforcement responsibilities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Council Member Alan Maisel Council Member Jumaane Williams; Marine Park Civic Association Mill Basin Civic Association</i>
6/10	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Increase funding for Additional Personnel -- Department of Parks & Recreation. Fund additional personnel for maintenance of parks, on a regular basis. To staff recreation centers and playgrounds, provide increased park enforcement and park ranger programs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
7/10	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Request Additional Tree Maintenance Equipment -- Department of Parks & Recreation. Request equipment for spruce up program. Purchase two (2) high rangers, a garbage packer, and a dump-truck. High rangers are needed to prune the enormous tree population in our area. Due to the size of the many parks in our area, it is essential that we have our own garbage packer. Present operations are hampered by the lack of adequate equipment. Manpower could be used more effectively with additional equipment.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
8/10	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Hire Additional Personnel for Street Maintenance -- Department of Transportation. Funding request to hire additional maintenance workers for asphalt crews and street repair maintenance workers to maintain our heavily travelled, aging streets and infrastructure.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
9/10	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Hire Additional Inspectors -- Department of Buildings. There is a drastic need for additional inspectors to enforce Building Code Compliance for new construction, renovations and occupancy of existing buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Council Member Maisel Council Member Williams; Assembly Member Weinstein Assembly Member Williams</i>
10/10	BPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Additional funding is necessary to maintain this vital community resource. Support for Brooklyn Public Library Expense Budget Requests to PERMANENTLY maintain extended hours of operation, Literacy Initiatives, Improved Salaries for Library Employees, Maintenance of Library Buildings, Public Access to Technology, and New Collections for Brooklyn Readers.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	