

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

Fiscal Year  
2025

**Brooklyn  
Community District**

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## INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2023.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

## New York City

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

## Brooklyn

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

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

## Brooklyn Community District 1

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	173,083	100.00	204,125	100.00	31,042	17.9	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	41,264	23.8	44,725	21.9	3,461	8.4	-1.9
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	173,083	100.0	204,125	100.0	31,042	17.9	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	47,008	27.2	45,476	22.3	-1,532	-3.3	-4.9
White non-Hispanic	105,311	60.8	124,282	60.9	18,971	18.0	0.1
Black non-Hispanic	8,982	5.2	10,692	5.2	1,710	19.0	0.0
Asian non-Hispanic	8,711	5.0	13,631	6.7	4,920	56.5	1.7
Some other race, non-Hispanic	859	0.5	2,956	1.4	2,097	244.1	0.9
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,212	1.3	7,088	3.5	4,876	220.4	2.2
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	72,105	100.0	89,974	100.0	17,869	24.8	0.0
Occupied housing units	65,842	91.3	83,353	92.6	17,511	26.6	1.3
Vacant housing units	6,263	8.7	6,621	7.4	358	5.7	-1.3

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS FISCAL YEAR 2025 - Pursuant to the requirements of the New York City Charter, Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 (Greenpoint/Williamsburg) submits its Statement of Community District Needs for the upcoming year. It is our hope that the items identified in this document will be given priority consideration by the City of New York in order further to enhance the development of a cooperative planning process and ensure an improvement in the quality of life for all of our residents. We recognize the importance of working with the city council, community agencies, and the Mayor's office to address our district's needs. Our top three priorities are Affordable housing, Parks and Open Space, and Transportation and Mobility. We support the effort to fund affordable development and implement programs to meet the many needs of our residents. We urge that sufficient funding be provided for the Department of Parks and Recreation to meet these needs for more green and open spaces. Our streets are congested with traffic, causing excessive wear and tear on the roadways. Additionally, our public transportation system requires upgrades.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 1

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

Affordable Housing - Affordable Housing in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority that must be addressed as a critical need. Lack of affordable housing options remains the most significant concern to Brooklyn Community Board One. We are skeptical that the 2005 rezoning has produced the number of projected affordable units. While we have seen plenty of higher-end luxury housing created in our district, sadly, those units are out of reach for many residents of North Brooklyn. And when MIH units are included in a new development, the affordable rents still tend to be set too high for many of the neediest residents to access. There is a severe need for affordable senior housing and larger units with multiple bedrooms for families. Both of these continue to be urgently needed in our district. We look forward to analyzing the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal over the coming year.

#### **Infrastructure resiliency**

Transportation and Infrastructure in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority. We continue to urge the City and State to budget funds to adequately forecast transit and traffic growth projection so we can plan accordingly. Robust housing construction in CB1 has increased the populations of Greenpoint and Williamsburg. The public transit system is strained, however, and has yet to keep up with the pace of development. The L, G, and J/M trains are overcrowded, and many commuters have long bus commutes. Our convoluted bus routes must provide direct and expedient access to key locations. We support an assessment of our current bus routes and a study of where dedicated bus lanes or busways could more efficiently move residents and could put better employment opportunities within reach. We ask the Department of Transportation to realize the Community Board One's goals for a recommitment to Vision Zero, reliable mass transit, a more accessible and lower-stress walking and biking environment, less congestion and pollution, and more innovative accommodations for the skyrocketing number of delivery vehicles and micro-mobility users on our streets. Prioritizing improvements to our streets, transportation infrastructure, and public realm is a proven way of improving the quality of life for city residents.

#### **Parks and open space**

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space: Access to open space and parklands is vital to maintaining our community's mental and physical well-being. It is, therefore, essential to preserve and protect our parks. We have found that the number of children in the district is steadily increasing, as can be seen with the corresponding increases in public and private school-enrolled pupils (kindergarten – 8th grade). Also, with the huge new housing development, there has been a significant increase in the population. To better serve the community, funding is needed to repair and renovate playgrounds and parks. Also, park enforcement personnel are needed in our neighborhood to protect the safety and security of all park users. More maintenance staff must be assigned to the following facilities: McCarren Park, Cooper Park, Sternberg Park (Lindsay Park), Sgt. Dougherty (to be reconstructed with the Kosciuszko Bridge Project), P.S. 84 Playground, Martinez Playground, La Guardia Playground, Bushwick Houses Pool. Also, adequate recreation staffing must be assigned to Metropolitan Pool and major facilities such as McCarren, McGolrick and Sternberg Parks. Finally, firm commitments to secure adequate, year-round recreation, security, and medical first aid staffing at McCarren Pool must be made a very high department priority. Also, funding is requested to renovate restrooms and play equipment in playgrounds. The creation of a restroom at WNYC Transmitter Park. Funding for the Renovation of the McCarren Park Asphalt Field, the renovation of the Handball courts, and identifying available space to construct a Pickleball courts.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 1

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

##### **Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, moisture, mildew, mold, etc.)**

RECENT HEALTH TRENDS Community Board No. 1 had ranked third out of the 59 districts citywide with a high number of asthma cases. Despite a city-wide drop in cases, our district still has a high rate. We remain concerned in any rise in cases of asthma in the district. Funds must be earmarked for additional testing, education and specialized treatment. Several years ago there was a CDC cancer and asthma study conducted in this District and we strongly support a new, updated study be carried out. In addition, the DEP ought to conduct a study of air and traffic pollution (which is particularly bad in our District) and their environmental and health impacts. We continue to support efforts by the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, DEP and HPD to thwart lead poisoning as it is a very serious condition, especially for children. Children with lead poisoning may develop health, learning and behavior problems. Education about lead poisoning is important so that people can make their homes safe and healthy as well as learn about treatment and access to testing. Reports about AIDS in New York City have yielded the following figures for Community Board No. 1: the rates of new HIV diagnosis in Greenpoint and Williamsburg-Bushwick health districts range 0.50 & 1.30 per 1,000 persons/population. The combined rates for our district are above the rates for Brooklyn (0.68), New York City (0.84) and the US (1.14). Rates of people living with HIV & AIDS show Greenpoint at 5.5 and Williamsburg-Bushwick at 12.1 per 1,000 persons/population which again, is above the rates of Brooklyn (6.4), NYC (9.2) and US (3.2). We urge that the medical community continue addressing this grave disease and that additional programs be developed toward prevention, education and treatment. As the only New York City hospital within blocks of Community Board No. 1 Woodhull Hospital must be aggressive in addressing the needs of all of our constituents. We would be remiss if we did not raise concern about the current health COVID-19 crisis which has tightly gripped our City this year. This virus is spread from person to person and has been found to exist on surfaces in the environmental. It is new health issue that can only be dealt with stringent measures of containment, social distancing and mass testing. An effective vaccine is in development. It is encouraging that public health officials announce that such a vaccine is close to fruition and may be distributed starting early next year.

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

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

Health Services – Our district has serious health issues that must be addressed. CB #1 remains concerned about the delivery of health care services in the district and supports efforts for improvement. The top causes of death for residents of Greenpoint and Williamsburg, as for most New Yorkers, are heart disease and cancer. Death rates due to heart disease, flu and pneumonia, diabetes, stroke and liver disease are higher in Greenpoint and Williamsburg when compared to the City rates. Quality Health Care - A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment, such as avoidable hospitalizations. Access to health care is therefore a needed focus. About one in six adults in Greenpoint and Williamsburg has no health insurance, and one in eight goes without needed medical care. We urge continued funding for asthma patient care, research and education. We were pleased when a dental clinic (Williamsburg) was reopened to provide much needed services for youngsters in the district whose families do not have adequate financial means or insurance coverage, and were left dismayed that the clinic was again closed as a budget savings measure by HHC in 2010. We support any necessary funding to reopen and maintain the clinic within our district. The only dental clinic that offers free and affordable dental care is located in Woodhull Hospital, a facility not located in our district's confines. In addition, we urge that emerging health care need trends (such as access to health care, treatment and prevention of heart disease, psychological & mental illness treatment) be addressed. The Brooklyn Hospital/Mt. Sinai in its 2015 report relates that the burden of

both asthma and hypertension have increased to 18% and 33% respectively in our district. We remain concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and response from the various health agencies. Funding must be allocated for continued outreach, testing, vaccine development and distribution.

### **Needs for Older NYs**

(The following is an excerpt from our full Statement of District Needs) SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING We note that there is a great need for housing of the elderly and an increasing senior citizen population in Community Board No. 1 (over 20,000) remains of paramount concern. In the past, we have been successful in obtaining Section 202 (federal) funding for various senior housing developments in the district: Jennings Hall, Monsignor Vetro Houses, Metropolitan Houses, Monsignor Jarka Hall, Los Sures Senior Citizens Development, Dupont Street Mary D'Angelis Senior Housing) and Huron Street Senior Housing. We urge that similar efforts continue in Greenpoint/Williamsburg, with additional Section 202 sites submitted by private and City sources and evaluated by Community Board No. 1 prior to being recommended to the City. Where there is a shortage of senior citizen, assisted living housing, and nursing homes (a nursing home was targeted for construction at the former Greenpoint Hospital campus) in the district, we hope that the City will develop this targeted housing as promised by a previous administration. However, HPD has failed miserably in communicating with this Board. (SEE FULL STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS FOR CONTENT)

### **Needs for Homeless**

(The following is an excerpt ) HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS We continue to support and urge a continuation of the reduction in the census at the remaining temporary shelter at the former Greenpoint Hospital. The positive positions taken by the Community Board are well known to the City. We applaud the revised policy changes by the City and look forward to the eventual results, a reduction/elimination of the "warehousing" of the homeless in our Community District and throughout the City. Expensive temporary housing must be replaced with permanent low-rent housing, including housing for single individuals, in each Community District. We also urge the expansion of support services to identify and address individual medical/social needs of homeless individuals residing in city and private facilities HOMELESS SERVICES Community Board No. 1 approves the downsizing plan that decreased the census at the former Greenpoint Hospital Site, as the City has agreed to do at all other "armory" type shelters. We agree with the City's decision to limit the overall census at any one site to 200 persons or less, and we hope that this number can be further reduced. In the past, Community Board No. 1 supported the development of compassionate and effective programs for the homeless. We share the City's basic policy to provide shelter to those who request it and, in 1983 were the only Board in Brooklyn to positively respond to the Mayor's appeal to suggest potential shelter sites. Our recommended location, the former Most Holy Trinity Convent, was initially identified as a shelter for homeless women, and subsequently opened as a model S.R.O. facility. We have supported this excellent private shelter administered by Most Holy Trinity Parish, and stand ready to assist the efforts of other local community groups to establish similar programs. The City should review regulatory policies toward private facilities, in which, homeless individuals reside such as, the Clay Family Residence (at the former Greenpoint Hotel building). Also, the City must insure that adequate support services are provided to maintain the safety of surrounding residents and to minimize quality of life problems. We have received complaints regarding the newly opened Clay Family Residence about the facility's clients loitering and fighting outside. Community Board No. 1 had vehemently opposed the Department of Homeless Services' (DHS's) and the Doe Fund's advancement of a shelter at 89-111 Porter Avenue. We were truly saddened that the Appellate division failed to find merit for appeal when the City found a loophole in the ULURP process and sited this "homeless" shelter in the heart of a city designated "in place industrial park". We remain concerned about the establishment of a homeless facility at 400 McGuinness Blvd, (a former factory building that a previous owner eyed for residential development) and 66 Clay Street (aka the Greenpoint Hotel/SRO). We remain concerned about these facilities and any associated rise in crime statistics demonstrated for the area. (CONTINUED - SEE FULL STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS)

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

(THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM OUR STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS) HOUSING Affordable housing in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority that must be addressed as a critical need. If our neighborhoods are to remain viable and attract/retain jobs and a stable work force, an adequate supply of decent and affordable housing must be available at various income levels. Community Board No. 1 generally supports the policies articulated by the City, that provides an unprecedented portion of City Capital Budget funding for housing in a manner that gives increased

priority to the development of low and moderate income housing. As we have stated in previous years, three general principles must be incorporated into any equitable comprehensive housing plan: FIRST, those currently funded housing programs that have proven successful must be held harmless from the reduction in past federal assistance, even if an increased City Tax Levy contribution is required to achieve this end. SECOND, in allocating additional housing funds between the poor and middle class economic segments of our society, it is essential that the first priority be assigned to the poorest segment of our population, those who must bear the brunt of the housing crisis. However, we strongly support the need for affordable housing (both rental and home ownership) for all economic groups. THIRD, any additional housing funds must be allocated in a fair and equitable manner that responds to the most critical housing needs of each Community District, with a clear and largely advertised marketing throughout the district. (SEE FULL STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS FOR CONTENT)

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## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/23	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Request: Increase the staffing of outreach programs that handle education, testing and counseling for addictions, (ie.drug abuse, nicotine cessation, smoking/vaping.) Also outreach programs are needed for Corvid-19 and other infectious diseases (TB/AIDS/ZIKA). Explanation: There is a Mental Health Crisis in the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community due to the overuse and abuse of drugs that has led to homelessness, domestic violence and increase in crime rates. Also, because of the Corvid-19 pandemic, those who have not left their homes, especially Seniors, have become severely depressed. They need outreach and counseling.</i>	
8/23	DFTA	<b>Increase home delivered meals capacity</b>	<i>Increase Homecare Services and Homebound Meals funding, especially providing these services for the frail and elderly following the Covid-19 Pandemic. The elderly have relied on their local senior citizen centers for daily social interaction, meals, counseling, and easy access to programs to combat depression and social isolation.</i>	
14/23	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Request: Fund Comprehensive Study of Environmental Health Hazards, Including Air Quality and Asthma, to Learn Cumulative Effects on CB #1; Study Should Include the DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant. Explanation: Community Board No. 1 has been impacted by many adverse environmental factors (i.e., Mobile Oil spill, toxic waste, transfer stations, air pollution, etc.). A comprehensive study is needed to assess these impacts and develop resolutions, such as anti-asthma initiatives, to be implemented. The Study should include the DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant. Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. We remain concerned about the many public safety needs for the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>	

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15/23	DFTA	<b>Funding for a new senior center program</b>	<i>Request: Establish a Senior Center to Serve South West Area of Williamsburg, Central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street/Continued Funding. Explanation: At the present time, accessible senior center services do not exist for the expanding senior citizen population of the west area of Williamsburg. Although we are aware of the current funding constraints regarding senior center services, the existing needs compel us to support the establishment of such a facility in the area central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street.</i>	Clymer Street and Division Avenue
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# YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

## Brooklyn Community Board 1

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

#### **Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)**

We advocate for improvements identified by the schools necessary to continue providing educational instruction and after-school programs. Especially important are funding capital needs and expense items essential for schools because Covid-19 continues impacting our community with huge waves of infections. Schools need funding for cleaning, testing, social distancing, health instruction, etc.

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

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

We support an overall master planning effort for the Department of Education's District 14. With the acknowledged change in student population, schools in our district must be retooled to address the ever changing needs, especially with protocols related to COVID-19. We continue to see the growing importance of having our youth able to appropriately harness remote learning, tablet/computer based educational resources, and sufficient internet capabilities. We remain supportive of our area schools and their expressed needs previously related to our Board: outfitting each school with a science laboratory and to provide wireless computers and stations for the schools within the Community School District. We continue to support (1) After School, Saturday, Summer Instructional and Recreational Programs; and (2) Repair, Refinement of our area's School Buildings. In the past, budget cuts to several capital projects caused them to be eliminated in a number of schools and many educational programs were either ceased or reduced as well as staff connected with those programs. We are concerned about the need for student protection and support all recognized security programs approved by the Department of Education to protect our children. A major push by parents, community residents and teachers to reorganize the academically declining Comprehensive Eastern District High School proved to be quite successful as the 850 Grand Street Campus facility was instituted. In 1996 the Board of Education started three smaller schools, also called academies, that focused on particular themes of study (Progress HS for Professional Careers; Enterprise Business HS; and the School for Legal Studies), and eventually phased out Eastern District High School. Since that time, several other smaller schools are established in our district: the Academy for Young Writers; Williamsburg Preparatory School; Williamsburg HS for Architecture and Design; El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice; Harry Van Arsdale HS GED; Green School: An Academy for Environmental Careers; and charter schools: Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School; Williamsburg Charter HS ("Beginning with Children" was a pioneer charter school in our community for elementary school age youngsters. It grew out of a private partnership with Pfizer and opened its doors in September 1992). We look forward to our educational facilities having future success in serving the educational needs of our children. We have received the expressed needs (list shown below of schools within the confines of CB #1) from School District #14's superintendent. Schools Needs MS 126 424 Leonard Street - Air conditioning in the auditorium and cafeteria PS 132 320 Manhattan Ave. - 13 classroom air conditioners are not functioning, as well as the air conditioners in the Performing Arts Space and in the cafeteria. PS 147 325 Bushwick Ave. - Comprehensive Auditorium Upgrade including Electrical Wiring to accommodate air conditioning systems, new seating and floors, state-of-the-art stage equipment to include a defined stage area with backstage, lighting, sound. - Comprehensive Bathroom Upgrades for students and adults building-wide to include new plumbing, flushing systems, toilets, sinks, wall tiles, floors. - Window Upgrade (entire building). PS 250 108 Montrose Ave. - Bathroom upgrades. - Brighter lighting in the Gym. - School yard upgrades. - New closet Doors in Classrooms. PS 319 360 Keap Street - New PA System. - New Windows. - Courtyard Resurface. - New toilets and sinks for student restrooms. Additional comments for the needs of PS 250 are: Multi Media Center at PS 250 - Comprehensive Multi Media Center for students and community members to have the opportunity to learn photography, film-making, animation, graphics, podcasting, and other forms of communication. This proposal calls for state of the art technology and support for media. A Modern Gym at PS 250 - The idea is to resurface the gym floor with hardwood and to install new wall padding. We also need the basketball hoops fixed. The gym lighting needs to be upgraded, and the gym needs bleachers installed. Restroom Upgrade -



The student restrooms have not been upgraded in over two decades. School Yard Upgrade - Repair broken asphalt and overall redesign Auditorium Upgrade - Add air conditioning system, new seating, state of the art stage equipment to encompasses backstage upgrade, new sound system, projector upgrades, and lighting enhancements It has been reported by the Department of City Planning that according to the Census, out of the total district's population, in the group 5 years and over: 89,085 persons are proficient and 57,775 are not proficient in English. Those persons not proficient in English had another language spoken at home. Roughly 46.5% spoke Spanish/Spanish Creole; 20.8% spoke Polish; 20.5% spoke Yiddish (with the remainder percentage scattered in other categories). We encourage programs that will assist persons with attaining better English proficiency skills. The various educational programs and school facilities found in our district must be carefully operated to address the various necessary safe practices (i.e. social distancing, remote learning, testing) to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Schools must have proper ventilation (fresh airflow) including air conditioning during the hot months.

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

(THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM OUR FULL FY 2020 STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS) YOUTH SERVICES More than 51,600 residents of Community Board No. 1 are 19 years of age or less, and a very high percentage of this population resides in the poorest portions of the district. Unless an effective network of youth service programs is established, many of these youths will never have a fair opportunity to succeed in life, and will instead be attracted to the alternate lifestyles of crime and drugs. In light of this, the appallingly small allocation for delinquency prevention and after school programs funded by the Department of Youth and Community Development remains a perpetual source of frustration to the Board's Youth & Education Committee. We are also concerned with the closing of youth centers at our public housing developments. The youth center at the Cooper Park Housing development is closed in the evenings. The closings should be stopped and these centers reopened and financially supported. Not only do they provide vital recreation but are safe havens for the youths. The Beacon program located at 850 Grand Street Campus has offered a valuable resource, but is not enough to service the approximately 51,625 youths of our district. Unless the City and State agree to substantially bolster this modest allocation, and a 100% increase is not-out-of order, its impact upon the youth of Community Board No. 1 will remain slight. We were pleased that the City expanded Beacon Programs citywide and, as a result, additional Beacon programs for our area have been made available at MS 126 and MS 50. The Beacon program at MS 126 has served as an anchor for a newly formed "Greenpoint-Williamsburg Youth Soccer League" that has over 500 youths. There is extremely limited open space to accommodate these youngsters to play concurrent games and we urge that additional space be made available for this use. We are concerned about the sudden increase in the number of Charter Schools being sited in the district (Community School District 14 serves the CB #1 area). Often they are being collocated in existing school buildings. We raise the question of their having a negative impact upon funding allocations for our existing public schools. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT The Department of Youth and Community Development must increase the number of slots and continue to develop and expand local sponsorship within Community District No. 1 for the City's "Summer Youth Employment Program". It must take a more aggressive role in addressing program sponsorship in each Community Board area. We urge the City to increase its outreach within the community to obtain non-profit agency sponsors who will adequately service our youths. TEEN PREGNANCY One of the most serious problems involving youth is adolescent pregnancy, which had reached epidemic proportions throughout North Brooklyn. We are pleased to learn that statistics in this area are starting to show a decline. It is essential that a systematic approach to this problem is continued aimed at preventing unwanted pregnancies from occurring in the first place and providing educational and social services to the teen mothers in order to prevent long term welfare dependency.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/29	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>The Department of Education Program is scheduled to upgrade schools in SD-14 to start or complete this year . Renovations to include Automotive Trades HS. Many of the schools in the district are very old and require modernization, upgrading of their physical structure and/or replacements of heating/cooling systems.</i>	850 Grand Street Campus
27/29	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>The principal of this school has lobbied for this request. The plans for the school signs were approved, but the principal was told they did not have the funds. The signs and security cameras will improve communication with parents and students and act as a security system that will be a deterrent and provide the school with another layer of security.</i>	District #14 108 Monstrose Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11206

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/23	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Request: Increase Significantly the Department of Youth and Community Development Agency's Community Board Fair Share, After School, and Summer Recreation Funding Allocation for CD #1. Explanation: Over 32% of CD1's population is 18 years of age or younger, and many of these individuals require education, recreation and counseling programs to enable them to escape from an environment of crime and poverty. The inadequate levels of Youth Bureau funding available to CD1 severely undermines the ability of these programs to effectively serve this population. The significant expansion of all Youth Bureau allocations should be implemented as promptly as possible.</i>	

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12/23

DOE

**Provide more funds  
for teaching  
resources such as  
classroom material**

*Request: Fund New Science Labs for Schools  
(including middle schools)(District 14/Region 8)  
Located Within the Confines of Community  
Board No. 1 District. Explanation: New science  
labs are needed in the various schools in our  
District. The labs would provide new facilities or  
replace outdated ones and utilize modern  
equipment for instruction*

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Brooklyn Community Board 1

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

##### **Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)**

(Excerpt Statement of District Needs) We note the valuable contribution of the anti-drug housed at the 90th Precinct. We urge continued efforts by the NYPD to deter illegal drug dealing in our community and reduce crime. We are concerned about the lack of planning on both New York State and New York City levels concerning the legalization of marijuana operations. Since the "legalization" of marijuana, we fear New York State has no firm grasp. Also, the foot patrolman is a valuable public safety resource, and more personnel must be put on patrol to increase efficiency and address quality of life type complaints. We are pleased that they have started "NCO." Each sector team has two officers designated as the neighborhood coordination officers (NCOs). We supported the installation of these cameras on McGuinness Blvd, especially at the intersection of Norman Avenue, where Public School 34 is located. Community Board No. 1, unfortunately, had the distinction of being in the top three of the community districts with the highest suspicious fire rates. The devastating 10+ alarm fire in 2006 at the Greenpoint Terminal Market (remarked as rivaling the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center) shows too dramatically the need for fire protection and the full complement needed to investigate and solve suspicious fires. We must not forget that a large percentage of housing stock was lost in our communities during the arson ravages of the 1970's. It was only through prevention, education, investigation, and the bringing to justice those persons criminally responsible that the spread of fire damage was stemmed. We continue to rank within the top five community boards regarding total incidents. We oppose any plan by the Administration to close any more units! With the closing of St. Catherine's Hospital in 1964 and the Greenpoint Hospital shutdown in 1982, the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community remains void of any hospital facility within its confines. Although vibrant and expanding, the communities of Greenpoint/Williamsburg continue to have an older population ( a rising young one) and thus rely on the Fire services and EMS Engine Companies with defibrillators to be the "1st Responders" when needed. As a community in a renaissance, we have seen a steady rise in population (noted in the 2020 census). We believe this figure is far short of the actual increase (the notable growing population includes many new families with young children, and there is a boom in the restaurant/bar type businesses with many patrons attracted from both inside and outside the community). We are concerned about the delivery of health services in the district, especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our response teams need to be fully funded and staffed.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING - Adequate police protection is a basic public right, and we urge the Community Board No. 1's two local precincts – the 90th and 94th – receive their fair share of any additional police staffing. Community Board #1 is experiencing a renaissance. Current population statistics topple over census figures as new faces fill our streets as we become the trendy place to live; even more to visit. New residences are constructed or lofts are converted, new entertainment venues are being developed. While we are enjoying this popularity, it comes with a cost. Our two police precincts, the 90th and 94th, continue to be severely overburdened with addressing the many quality of life issues that arise with the many different lifestyles of our new and existing populations. For example, Bedford Avenue (between Metropolitan Avenue and North 12th Street; North 6th Street between Bedford and Kent Avenue) has become a Mecca for bars, eateries – and on the whole – a new venue for nightlife in Williamsburg. Policing is a necessary ingredient for this venue to be successful, not only for the City as a tax revenue base, but being able to weave this trend into an existing community. Likewise, the introduction of clubs, bars and galleries in Greenpoint has also created a greater enforcement need – constituents are walking the streets at later hours whereas past trends of earlier bedtimes drew less police action. We are highly concerned about the sudden rise of huge venues for entertainment that are opening in the district, especially within our industrial/manufacturing enclaves. These large venues are geared to attract thousands of patrons to their doors per event. Such numbers require tight security plans and safety management. In lieu of this ever- changing scenario Community Board No. 1

seeks immediate action in the assignment of additional police officers to the 90th and 94th Police Precincts. In addition, the growth in the residential and commercial population has brought a great deal more vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic to the district. We would greatly benefit from more traffic enforcement agents, particularly along our busiest and increasingly dangerous corridors: Graham Avenue, Flushing Avenue, Metropolitan Avenue, Bedford Avenue, and Manhattan Avenue. Since the implementation of a cycling network in our district, we are compelled to respond to increased complaints by residents that cyclists are not adhering to rules of safety. We call upon the Administration to begin a program of identification license plates for bicycles. Revenues attained by the plating of bicycles can be used to implement additional safety measures to protect cyclist, pedestrians and motorists. We believe that the implementation of the BikeShare program warrants the need for police personnel to be dedicated for bicycles safety enforcement. We continue to support the installation of surveillance cameras within the City's subway stations. The cameras have aided the police in deterring crime and apprehending criminals. We support requests made by our local precinct(s) commanders to install these cameras, monitored by NYPD personnel, in our district's stations (G, L, M/J lines). This should result in the assignment of adequate police officers to each facility to maintain the recently reduced crime rate and maintain around the clock coverage of all police sectors in each precinct. In addition, it is essential that the number of police officers assigned to the eight NYC Housing Authority developments located in Community Board No. 1 be significantly increased, whereas Cooper Park was turned over to the 94th Precinct. This should be duplicated throughout Community District #1 area. Turning NYCHA sites over to their respective precincts for a more local policing strategy is the right thing to do! We remain concerned about the health and safety of our police during this COVID-19 Pandemic. They need to receive necessary funding to secure the personal protection equipment and other safeguarding measures to reduce risk.

### **Needs for Emergency Services**

(Excerpt from FY 2019 Statement of District Needs) FDNY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES We continue to be in "shock and awe" with the Mayor's decision to close Engine Company 212 that we are compelled to once again reiterate our extreme and vehement opposition to any Fire Station closings. The future of our community depends on this essential service. We oppose any plan by the Administration to close any more units! With the closing of St. Catherine's Hospital in 1964 and the Greenpoint Hospital shutdown in 1982, the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community remains void of any hospital facility within its confines. Although vibrant and expanding, the communities of Greenpoint/Williamsburg continue to have an older population (and a rising young one) and thus rely on the Fire services, EMS, Engine Companies with defibrillators to be the "1st Responders" when needed. For the period of January – May 2016, our fire companies responded to 4,933 emergencies (total emergency & medical responses) as "Certified First Responders-Defibrillators" in Community Board No. 1. The ranking for our district is the third highest in Brooklyn with Emergency Medical total responses. The total number for Nonfire and Nonmedical Emergencies for this year to date (May) is 2,783 noting our district as the highest in Brooklyn with these responses. There were 238 responses to structural fires and 223 nonstructural fire responses, with a total of 461 year to date, ranking our district as first with the highest number. In 2015, from January to December, CB #1 ranked third in the borough with 13,539 total incidents handled by the FDNY. As a community in renaissance, we have seen a steady rise in population (noted in the 2010 census). We believe that this figure is far short of the actual increase (the notable growing population includes many new families with young children, and there is a boom in the restaurant/bar type businesses with many patrons attracted from both inside and outside the community). An increased risk of fire is connected with restaurant operations, as well as possible food/choking hazard emergencies. We remain concerned about the lack of fire and emergency medical service coverage in this section of our district. The exodus of the commercial use to that of residential is extremely problematic mainly as well because most – if not all – of the properties are wood beam construction with an extreme potential for fire. We applaud the Fire Department's efforts to bring better service via the concept of housing EMT bases strategically located in the community. A location was identified and secured within Community Board No. 1 (332 Metropolitan Avenue). After several delays this facility's construction was completed and operating. The FDNY has made little attempt if any, to site a location to serve the northern portion of Greenpoint. We hereby call upon the Administration to address the community's need for ready ambulance services. (CONTINUED - SEE FULL STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS)

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	FDNY	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<i>Request: Creation of a New Firehouse in the North side Area. Explanation: The Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities are growing significantly in population and new businesses. With the increased waterfront development, there is a tremendous increased need for enhanced public safety. There is no firehouse to serve the North side community and the waterfront area. A new state-of-the-art facility that can house proper modern equipment (such as ladders for high-rise buildings) should be created to better service the community.</i>	
26/29	NYPD	<b>Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras</b>	<i>Request: Install Surveillance Cameras for the Williamsburg Bridge (Roadways, Walkway and Bikeway). Explanation: The Williamsburg Bridge is heavily used by both vehicular traffic on its roadways, and by pedestrians/bike riders on the walkways. Enhanced security by the use of surveillance cameras would increase the public's safety.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/23	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>Request: Fund the Operations of a Newly Created Firehouse (FDNY) in the North side. Explanation: The closure of the firehouse at 136 Wythe Avenue serving the mixed-use north community leaves this expanding residential neighborhood without adequate fire protection. Loft conversion and future development planned for the waterfront will greatly increase the population and businesses in the area requiring fire protection.</i>	

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10/23	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<i>Provide Safe Street Crossing (NYPD Crossing Guard Post) at Jackson Street &amp; Kingsland Avenue for Children Attending Various Local Schools and Programs/after school programs. (St. Francis Developmental School, PS 132, St. Nicholas/Rosary Academy, IS 49 Campus, Grand Street Campus/Beacon Program, IS 126/Beacon Program, School Settlement House Association). All police personnel need to have protective gear and measures to thwart the COVID-19 virus.</i>	NYPD Crossing Guard Jackson Street Kingsland Avenue
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## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Brooklyn Community Board 1

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

##### **Environmental concerns affecting citizens**

(Excerpt from our Statement of District Needs) Our board opposes the Organics Recycling/Waste to Energy Program at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and unanimously passed the following resolution: RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROCESSING OF ORGANIC Community Board No. 1 opposes the WASTE/WASTE TO ENERGY AT THE NEWTOWN CREEK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT - WHEREAS the City of New York, with the Department of Sanitation and the Department of Environmental Protection has co-ventured with Waste Management Inc. and NationalGrid to conduct a recycling program to process organic waste/waste to energy at the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. It exacerbates the adverse environmental conditions that come from traffic, industrial uses and waste processing.

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

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

(Excerpt from our Statement of District Needs) SEWER CONSTRUCTION As one of Brooklyn' oldest communities, Community District No. 1 naturally suffers from a terribly outdated and inadequate sewer system. The continued upgrading and replacement of our sewers remains an on-going necessity. The stretch of Graham Avenue, from Meeker Avenue to Metropolitan Avenue, continues to be plagued by foul sewer odors that emanate from the catch basins. To date, DEP has not been able to resolve the condition. An additional unresolved sewer related matter is DEP's failure to step up to the plate and aggressively correct numerous cave-in conditions from previous sewer pipe work that now requires trench restoration. These are sites where there was inadequate shoring, or wood shoring that was never removed and decayed causing underground subsurface voids which have subsequently collapsed. The Department of Environmental Protection continues to drag its feet in this matter while every day these conditions worsen and present public safety hazards. Community Board No. 1 has forwarded the following locations since 1999 to receive priority attention: • Clymer Street between Wythe and Bedford Avenues • Division Avenue between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue • Eckford Street between Norman and Nassau Avenues • Grand Street between Humboldt Street and Morgan Avenue • Maujer Street between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue • Meserole Street between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue • Montrose Avenue between Union Avenue and Buschwick Place • Moore Street between Humboldt Street and Manhattan Avenue • North 6th Street between Driggs Avenue and Roebling Street • Rutledge Street between Bedford/Marcy/Lee Avenues • Scholes Street between Morgan and Union Avenues • Skillman Avenue between Humboldt Street and Graham Avenue • Ten Eyck Street at Lorimer Street These locations were to be addressed in FY 2009, however, the Department of Design and Construction relates that the work is delayed because DEP says they have no funding! In another portion of the District, the area directly under and north of the Kosciuszko Bridge continues to be forgotten and floods constantly with the free-fall drainage from the BQE. Sewer construction here has been delayed, too. This item also needs to be promptly addressed by the responsible environmental agencies of both the City and State.

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

(Excerpt from the 2020 Statement of District Needs) SANITATION GARAGES The construction of a new garage to serve Community District 1 and 4 was completed. The Department of Sanitation has not acted responsibly to relocate the K-3 Sanitation Garage. It still needs to be placed in Community District #3 and no longer be situated in our district. The Department of Sanitation must take immediate corrective action to relocate this to its respective district as per co-terminality guidelines and not juggle it within the confines of Community Board No. 1. The DOS relocation of BK3 to the old BK4 site remains completely unacceptable. STREET CLEANING REGULATIONS We urge the Department of Sanitation to change the parking regulations to reduce the number of street cleaning days from four to two. We should be treated like any other Community Board and be granted a reduction.



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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/23	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>Request: Expand Refuse Collection Program for NYCHA and Other Large Housing Developments to Schools &amp; Senior Centers. Explanation: Implementation of this request will provide relief to the residents of Community Board No. 1's eight public housing developments (6,506 units); Lindsay Park Mitchell-Lama housing (2,800 units), who suffer from chronically inadequate refuse collection services</i>	NYCHA
17/23	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>Provide more litter baskets and bins to maintain street cleanliness, especially in the commercial corridor. Also, include surveillance cameras and Sanitation Police Officer headcount in known illegal dumping areas.</i>	
21/23	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Catch basin cleaning should be maintained and increased to eliminate and prevent debris build-up from maximizing water drainage from streets during downpours and other rain sessions. Climate change has brought much heavier storms, flooding, and even flash flooding to NYC. Recent storms have illustrated the dangers of clogged catch basins.</i>	
22/23	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Fund a comprehensive study of stormwater management measures to help mitigate the increasing onslaught of cloudburst events that chronically cause severe flooding in homes and businesses on the street. Our district, to a large extent, is a waterfront community. There needs to be a deep investment in climate change mitigation measures. Harmful effects of climate change, for example, include flooding and a rise in groundwater from cloud burst events and sea levels.</i>	

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DSNY

**Provide or expand  
community  
composting  
programs**

*Our community supports the composting program. We request school educational composting programs and outreach educational resources for residents. Regular curbside organics collection will help reduce garbage hauling costs and contribute to reduced greenhouse emissions by keeping organics and food scraps out of landfills.*

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Brooklyn Community Board 1

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

#### **Affordable housing creation**

We have noted in our Statement of District Needs that Affordable Housing - Affordable Housing in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority that must be addressed as a critical need. The lack of affordable housing options continues to be the most significant concern to Brooklyn Community Board One. We are skeptical that the 2005 rezoning has produced the number of projected affordable units. While we have seen plenty of higher-end luxury housing created in our district, sadly, those units are out of reach for many residents of North Brooklyn. And when MIH units are included in a new development, the affordable rents still tend to be set too high for many of the neediest residents to access. There is a severe need for affordable senior housing and larger units with multiple bedrooms for families. Both of these continue to be urgently needed in our district. We look forward to analyzing the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal over the coming year.

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

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

HOTEL DEVELOPMENT CB #1 seeks the City to address an issue that is of increasing importance to our community: hotel development. As the landscape of the city changes, more and more hotels are being built in neighborhoods that are historically residential, such as ours. Hotels have an outsized, often disruptive, impact on our communities and we urgently need a process that provides real community input on hotel development. Recent hotel growth in Brooklyn has been in residential and industrial areas, crowding out local communities, manufacturing spaces, and affordable housing. This hotel growth has led to the gentrification and homogenization of our communities, and it has inflated rents and property taxes. To maintain our vibrant city, every effort should be made to preserve socioeconomic diversity and keep our neighborhoods affordable for the mix of uses (residential, community spaces, artistic) that currently exist. We need a real voice in the development process and an opportunity to engage developers before they start building. The simplest, most comprehensive approach is to amend the Zoning Resolution so that new hotels may only be developed by special permit. We strongly support a city-wide special permit requirement for hotels. This will empower communities and put residents and our representatives in City Council and in the Borough President's office on more equal footing with hotel developers, who have too often disregarded substantive issues.

#### **Needs for Housing**

(Excerpt from FY 2020 Statement of District Needs) HOUSING Affordable housing in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority that must be addressed as a critical need. If our neighborhoods are to remain viable and attract/retain jobs and a stable work force, an adequate supply of decent and affordable housing must be available at various income levels. As we have stated in previous years, three general principles must be incorporated into any equitable comprehensive housing plan: FIRST, those currently funded housing programs that have proven successful must be held harmless from the reduction in past federal assistance, even if an increased City Tax Levy contribution is required to achieve this end. SECOND, in allocating additional housing funds between the poor and middle class economic segments of our society, it is essential that the first priority be assigned to the poorest segment of our population, those who must bear the brunt of the housing crisis. However, we strongly support the need for affordable housing (both rental and home ownership) for all economic groups. THIRD, any additional housing funds must be allocated in a fair and equitable manner that responds to the most critical housing needs of each Community District, with a clear and largely advertised marketing throughout the district. We will now apply these principals to the major housing concerns of Greenpoint and Williamsburg: While we were extremely encouraged by the Administration's "Points of Agreement" with the NYC Council and its consideration of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg zoning and related ULURP actions, several points were noted in this document, including affordable housing, which the Administration agreed to significantly increase through a variety of mechanisms including

inclusionary zoning, financial and tax incentives. In addition to increasing the number of affordable units in the district, the Administration agreed to anti-harassment provisions to be provided separately, as part of a follow-up corrective action. The lack of progress on the many areas outlined in the Agreement shows a violation of the spirit of this document. The ill-fated plans to create a Greenpoint-Williamsburg Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund of up to \$10 million, to be managed by HPD, using proceeds received from the sale of air rights from the MTA site on Commercial Street in Greenpoint never happened. Harassment and displacement continues unmitigated. All efforts must be made to implement those previously proposed projects that have yet to be funded. It is essential that the City realizes the need for low income rental housing/ownership and provide the much needed funds that will help compensate for the past tragic loss of Federal housing subsidies. The inclusion of such programs by the Mayor, an overall comprehensive housing program, is an absolute necessity for our district. Homeownership in low-income communities is seriously weak. In other areas of the country, the Section 8 subsidy is utilized for home purchasing. We urge that a similar pilot program be brought to NYC, and that Greenpoint and Williamsburg is considered for inclusion. (SEE FULL STATEMENT FOR CONTENT)

### **Needs for Economic Development**

(Excerpt from the 2020 Statement of District Needs) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED - SEE FULL DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT STATEMENT)

To promote economic development and support MWBE (Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises) and local businesses, we ask that developers organize job fairs and information sessions for new development projects. This would allow these businesses to bid on the work and allow residents to work on these projects. Any workers hired for these projects must receive a living wage. Developers should hire responsible contractors to address the high fatality rates seen in New York construction.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/29	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Request: Fund Constructions and Rehabilitation of Subsidized/Affordable Housing, Including Waterfront and Upland Areas, in the Community District #1 Area. Explanation: The neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB #1. It is essential that adequate subsidies be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.</i>	
5/29	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint – Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.</i>	
11/29	NYCHA	<b>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</b>	<i>Redevelop NYCHA Playground on Roebling Street and South 9th Street. This park is well-used by the community. The playground is aged, and in need of upgraded equipment and infrastructure.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/23	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint – Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.</i>	
7/23	HPD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs</b>	<i>Request: Increase Funding to Support Subsidies to Lower Rents for Senior Citizens to Reduce the Increase in Homelessness. Explanation: Increase funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens to reduce the increase in homelessness.</i>	

9/23	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<p><i>Request: Create a New Fund for the Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) Created Under the Administration's Points of Agreement Regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Waterfront Rezoning.</i></p> <p><i>Explanation: A new fund is requested. The Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) was created under the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning. Proceeds from this fund will only be available to development parcels that make use of the waterfront inclusionary housing program referenced in the agreement, and that participate in the esplanade transfer program (as noted in the agreement's Open Space section). Funds will be used to partially offset site-specific infrastructure costs.</i></p>
18/23	DOB	<b>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</b>	<p><i>The number of building inspectors should increase in proportion to the increase in the huge building development the is now impacting our community. We will also need an increase in training programs to train inspectors to be skilled to do the job.</i></p>
20/23	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<p><i>Increase allocation for rehabilitation loan programs. The neighborhood of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB#1. Adequate subsidies must be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.</i></p>

## Brooklyn Community Board 1

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)**

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE We ask the Department of Transportation to realize Community Board One's goals for a recommitment to Vision Zero, reliable mass transit, a more accessible and lower-stress walking and biking environment, less congestion and pollution, and more innovative accommodations for the skyrocketing number of delivery vehicles and micro-mobility users on our streets. Prioritizing improvements to our streets, transportation infrastructure, and public realm is a proven way of improving the quality of life for city residents. Also, the public transit system has not kept up with the pace of the increasing population. Newly constructed buildings have brought – and will continue to bring – thousands of new residents to Greenpoint and Williamsburg, which has strained the public transit system. The L, G, and J/M trains are overcrowded, and our bus routes fail to provide direct and expedient access to key locations. Many commuters have excessively long bus commutes. We support an assessment of our current bus routes and a study of where dedicated bus lanes or buses could move residents around North Brooklyn more efficiently. This would save time for residents and could put better employment opportunities within reach. Also, we continue to support the funding of the train station and transit improvement including camera surveillance and improved lighting, for public safety.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation and Infrastructure in Community Board No. 1 is a top priority.

We continue to urge the City and State to budget funds to adequately forecast transit and traffic growth projection so we can plan accordingly. Robust housing construction in CB1 has increased the populations of Greenpoint and Williamsburg. The public transit system is strained, however, and has yet to keep up with the pace of development. The L, G, and J/M trains are overcrowded, and many commuters have long bus commutes. Our convoluted bus routes must provide direct and expedient access to key locations. We support an assessment of our current bus routes and a study of where dedicated bus lanes or busways could more efficiently move residents and could put better employment opportunities within reach. We ask the Department of Transportation to realize the Community Board One's goals for a recommitment to Vision Zero, reliable mass transit, a more accessible and lower-stress walking and biking environment, less congestion and pollution, and more innovative accommodations for the skyrocketing number of delivery vehicles and micro-mobility users on our streets. Prioritizing improvements to our streets, transportation infrastructure, and public realm is a proven way of improving the quality of life for city residents.

#### **Needs for Transit Services**

MASS TRANSIT: Mass transit is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of our district. Local bus service is frequently delayed because of overall traffic congestion. Overcrowding on the L and G train lines is so severe that riders often must allow 2, 3, or more trains to go by before they can board; For those North Brooklyn commuters who solely depend on the G, improved service must be a priority. There needs to be a better connection to trains that travel to and from Manhattan. The connection at Court Square for the G line remains inadequate and difficult to navigate. We continue to advocate that there be a free transfer between the G line and the elevated (J/M) line (Broadway/Hewes Street). We were pleased that the temporary extension of the G line that brought it further into Brooklyn was made permanent. The Greenpoint Avenue station on the G line needs to be upgraded to include a public announcement system as one is sorely lacking. Delays in service on the line leave riders at this station in the dark because there is no communication. Ferry service has resumed at the CB #1's waterfront with an expanded

service. We ask that the ferry service be “hooked into” the NYC Transit’s fare system to allow payment by use of a MetroCard. In down times on the G, the ferry could serve as an alternate mode of transportation to and from Manhattan, Long Island City, or further into Brooklyn where they may stop. We are pleased that EDC has expanded the ferry service in our district making commuting to other boroughs more conducive.

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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12/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request for Trench Restoration/Reconstruction for Withers Street between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road. Explanation: The roadway on Withers Street between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road is severely deteriorated and sunken making it unsafe for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.</i>	Withers Street Humboldt Street Woodpoint Road
13/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Reconstruct Metropolitan Avenue from Varick Avenue to River Street. Explanation: This roadway receives much traffic and is a truck route. The street needs reconstruction to correct several poor conditions that exist.</i>	Metropolitan Avenue Varick Avenue River Street
14/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Grand Street, from Grand Street Bridge to River Street. Explanation: This piece of roadway receives much traffic and is a truck route. The street needs reconstruction to correct several poor conditions that exist.</i>	Grand Street Grand Street Bridge River Street
15/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Driggs Avenue from Lorimer Street to Division Avenue. Explanation: Driggs Avenue is a very heavily traveled street in the District. This stretch was not worked on in several years and is in poor condition. This road carries traffic that goes to the Williamsburg Bridge and is often used as a detour route.</i>	Driggs Avenue Lorimer Street Division Avenue
16/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Maspeth Avenue, from Vandervoort Avenue to Newtown Creek. Explanation: This section of Maspeth Avenue is in the industrial area and carries both truck and vehicular traffic. The roadway is in deplorable condition and requires reconstruction.</i>	Maspeth Avenue Vandervoort Avenue Newtown Creek
17/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Lorimer Street from Broadway to Nassau Avenue. Explanation: This heavily utilized street, which serves as a bus route, has experienced extensive deterioration and now requires comprehensive reconstruction.</i>	Lorimer Street Broadway Nassau
18/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Frost Street and the sidewalks from Debevoise Avenue to Morgan Avenue. Explanation: This roadway is in a state of disrepair and requires reconstruction.</i>	Frost Street Broadway Nassau

19/29	DOT	<b>Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Replace sidewalks around Williams Plaza (aka Jonathan Williams Development/NCHA) from Division Avenue, South 9th Street, Broadway, Marcy Avenue, Roebling Street, Havemeyer Street. These sidewalks are in disrepair around the development.</i>	Division Avenue, South 9th Street/Broadway/Marcy Avenue
25/29	NYCTA	<b>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</b>	<i>NYCT - Continuation of the Station upgrading program (G,L,J,M lines). Identify/fund subway train stations in CB#1 that will be upgraded with elevator access. The committee also requested that the Hewes train, J/M lines station improve lighting. There has been an increase in crime at this train station.</i>	219 West Street

### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 1**

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

##### **Park care and maintenance**

(Excerpt from Statement of District Needs) PARKS & RECREATION INCREASE STAFFING The over 110 acres of parkland in Community Board No. 1 represent a precious resource, the potential of which remains to be realized due to the continued erosion of Park Department staff. Maintenance workers cannot begin to supply even minimal coverage of our heavily utilized parks and underscore the need to provide for the proper maintenance of these facilities. We have observed a steady increase in the number of children enrolled in public and private schools (kindergarten – 8th grade) within the district. As a result, it is necessary to assign supervisory staff positions and maintenance staff to the following facilities:: McCarren Park, Cooper Park, Sternberg Park (Lindsay Park), Sgt. Dougherty (to be reconstructed with the Kosciuszko Bridge Project), P.S. 84 Playground, Martinez Playground, La Guardia Playground, Bushwick Houses Pool. Also, adequate recreation staffing should be assigned to Metropolitan Pool and such major facilities as McCarren, McGolrick and Sternberg Parks. We request a firm commitment to secure adequate, year-round recreation, security, and medical first aid staffing at McCarren Pool. Finally, some parks require restorations and upgrades of playground equipment and restrooms.

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

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

PARKS & RECREATION RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF PARKLAND As the pertinent City Planning Department studies indicate, Community District No. 1 is one of the most under-served area with regard to park and recreation services. Thus, we would strongly oppose the elimination of any currently mapped parkland in our district or usage/renting of same for other than parkland/recreation unless as per current City policy, equivalent space is developed as parkland in the immediate vicinity. We also strongly support the establishment of additional parks and playgrounds within our borders. Community Board No. 1 continues its support for the development of appropriate small parks on triangles. The Southside and South Williamsburg have few local parks, and the triangles, such as where Heyward. Wallabout and Wythe Avenue come together, should be implemented. We have requested for many years that the concrete triangle at Meeker Avenue, Morgan Avenue and Driggs Avenue to be greened. We were pleased that the site finally received this treatment, but it has now been destroyed with construction signage from the Kosciuszko Bridge project. We are delighted to see that the Administration proposes the expansion of the Waterfront Park to the Bushwick Inlet and its initial phase has moved forward. This expansion proposal provides much needed recreational space for our residents and insures some greening of the waterfront (the former Sanitation Garage at 50 Kent Avenue was demolished and annexed as parkland/open space). The proposal also suggests the inclusion of a Waterfront Access Plan (WAP). While we support this concept, we most certainly want to be directly involved in the design process. The Administration should commence the condemnation procedures to demonstrate a good faith gesture to our community while carefully retaining jobs and relocating existing businesses.

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

No comments

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

PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Community Board No. 1 contains four public libraries (Greenpoint, Bushwick, Leonard and Marcy Avenue branches) which provide a variety of services for the community. We support their needs for enhanced equipment, computer linkages, increased book budgets and physical improvements. The Leonard Branch has its elevator installed and is still seeking to construct a ramp as well as other sorely needed improvements for this aging Carnegie branch. We support their efforts to have the facility wheelchair accessible. Greenpoint Branch is an existing facility that can no longer accommodate the growing needs of the community in terms of function and programming and the construction of a new facility, on its current footprint, is being sought. We have learned that

the work will commence on this project at the end of June. We urge that all efforts be made to accommodate the community with auxiliary service while the branch is closed. It is most encouraging to see that these facilities are being highly used by both young and older residents alike. CB #1 strongly opposes cuts to the budgets for our libraries.

### **Needs for Community Boards**

COMMUNITY BOARDS Community Board No. 1 still lacks adequate funding. The meager budget provided for our board does not keep pace with inflation and any increased operating costs. The cost for acquiring much needed newer technology, computer software, upgraded hardware as well as internet/web access capabilities is expensive. Community Board No. 1 is always facing yet another round of budget cuts in the budget process. While restorations were made this fiscal year, we remain guarded about projected cuts for upcoming fiscal years. Community Boards have not really seen an increase in our budget in over 20 years. The increase this fiscal year was a temporary increase only. Our internal budget is not sufficient enough to meet the ever escalating costs of necessary office operations and staffing. The rapid changes in communications, media and computers, plus the costly upgrading of various programs and equipment would inhibit a Board's daily operations whose insufficient budget covers a small staffing of only three persons (3 full-time ) and miniscule operating (OTPS) cost of \$ 10,476. Our office carries out a myriad of services. CB #1 is the mini City Hall for our constituents. We handle complaints, provide comments on projects, land use and develop capital/expense budget lines for the district as well as conduct public hearings and Review of NYS SLA and Cannabis applications. We have 19 established committees that comprehensively tackle matters of concern and service delivery. Our staff also supports the board members in preparing reports, minutes, scheduling of meetings and setting up the space for the meetings. Matters from the public are handled as well, these often range from simple point of information inquiries, "freedom of information (FOIL)", to major investigations requiring constant follow up! In addition, we have other operating tasks that are for specifically needed to administer the CB #1's internal operations. These include recordkeeping, timekeeping, budget preparation, monitoring & payment of expenditures, voucher preparation, inventory and auditing. SUSTAINABILITY OF COMMUNITY BOARDS Community boards provide a vital function for the districts they are designated to serve and consequently stand as valuable assets to the City as well. There is urgent need for increased funding as moneys were lost in previous budget crunches and were projected to be further reduced in the upcoming fiscal years. Community Board budgets should not be at the sole whim of the Administration. The NYC Charter's language regarding community boards must be strongly re-written to ensure that community boards are fiscally protected and legislatively promulgated – the budgets must be held harmless from political climates. (CONTINUED IN THE DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT)

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>WNYC Transmitter Park is a very well-used open space on our waterfront. A comfort station is greatly needed on the site to accommodate the many users, including children, their families, parks department gardeners and maintenance staff. Friends of NYC Transmitter Park Steering committee supports this request, as they work with NYC Parks to plan a phased revitalization of the historic WPA (Work Progress Administration 1935). In addition to the priority of the installation of a community comfort station, they are working to secure maintenance and operational funds for the upkeep of this facility. They make reference to NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's report, Discomfort Stations, The Conditions and Availability of NYC Parks Bathrooms, confirming the need for comfort stations for all parks.</i>	B385 Greenpoint Avenue
4/29	DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Funding for the further development of Bushwick Inlet Park (including construction/expansion of the park itself; and the remediation of the Bayside Fuel Oil site and the CitiStorage site). This park was promised to the community when the rezoning occurred on the waterfront. The acquisition of the parcels have moved forward and mayoral funding was secured in the fall of 2021 for the demolition of the building and future park development. The remediation of the Bayside site to happen in the future is the next step needed in making the park a true reality.</i>	86 Kent Avenue
6/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Provide Funding for the restoration of restrooms for the following parks. Martinez Park: the address is 195 Graham Avenue, 11206 and De Hostos Park: the address is 133 Harrison Avenue, 11206</i>	195 Graham Avenue and 133 Harrison Avenue
7/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of playground equipment for the Justice Ramirez Playground. Explanation: This playground needs complete reconstruction with all new play equipment, a safety surface, fixed drainage issues, spray showers, seating areas horticulture and maximum playability.</i>	McKibbin Street, White Street, Bogart Street

8/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of the McCarren Park Asphalt Field Explanation: Repair and restore the asphalt field to address the huge demand for active use, including soccer, pickleball, tennis, as well as a new dog run for McCarren Park.</i>	Bedford Avenue North 12th Street
9/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of playground equipment for the Frost Playground. Explanation: Redesign and reconstruct the play equipment with diversity of interactive and accessible play features.</i>	Frost Street and Debevoise Avenue
10/29	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of Playground equipment for the following parks. 1. American Playground 2. Roebling Playground 3. Bushwick Pool Playground 4. Vincent Abate Playground</i>	
21/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Renovation of McCarren Park Handball Courts; The community frequently enjoy using the handball courts in McCarren Park. Handball Courts games have been a large part of the culture for those who grew up in Brooklyn and remain so today. There have been public speaks and emails advocating for this district needs request that has been on the District Needs Statement for over four years.</i>	
22/29	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Construct new Pickleball Courts Explanation: Parks and Recreation will identify available space to construct pickleball courts to meet the increasing demand form the community for the sport.</i>	
23/29	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Restore and fund redevelopment of Sand Park, under the Williamsburg Bridge. This park was basically abandoned over the years and subject to storage by work contracted on the Williamsburg Bridge.</i>	under the Williamsburg Bridge
24/29	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Improvement for the concrete triangle at Williamsburg Street &amp; Rodney Street. Agency Responsible: Department of Parks &amp; Recreation and NYC DOT. Explanation: Request funds to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians to walk and include the installation of much needed lighting.</i>	



28/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Continue Support for the improvement of McGolrick Park's Grounds Infrastructure and Play Areas. Explanation; The Community Board supports this program which has provided renovation funding and staffing assignments for parks and playgrounds. We urge that this project continues and expands in the FY 2025. We request the following. 1. The exercise equipment in the parks need to be upgraded for Seniors. b. Water fountain upgrade: A more hygienic water bottle filling station.</i>
29/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Request: Expand Neighborhood Park and Playground Restoration Program. Explanation: The Board strongly supports this positive program which will provide both renovation funding and staffing assignments for parks and playgrounds targeted to be upgraded. We urge that this project continues and expands in FY2025 and hope that the specific facilities recommended by the Board in our priorities will be favorably acted upon. Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</i>

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>We Strongly Recommend that Boards' Budgets be Increased. The 59 CBs Citywide Still Woefully Lack Adequate Funding. They Need to be Able to Hire Planners and Other Skilled Professionals to Evaluate Development Projects Explanation: Charter mandated Community Boards are vital cogs in the City's operating process. Community Boards play a formal role in decisions on land use, have input on capital &amp; expense budgets, &amp; monitoring of service deliver-essentially serving as little "City Halls" for their communities. They are responsible sounding boards for the local elected officials and act in consultation with them. They provide constituents an opportunity to have their voices heard on numerous issues.</i>	435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

4/23	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Increase significantly park maintenance funds and increase operations/recreation staffing at specific CB #1 parks and playgrounds (including support equipment). Include additional hours for women's swim time at Metropolitan Pool.</i>
11/23	BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)</b>	<i>Expand Funding for Library Operations - Brooklyn Public Library Branches with CD#1; (Fund Extended Days/Hours; Fund Computer Catalogue and Increase Book Budget). We are aware that the Brooklyn Public Library has, in the past, been underfunded relative to the other NYC library systems. We urge that this inequality be completely eliminated and that a fair proportion of the system's funds be allocated to CD1's four local branches. Public Libraries are for all age groups. For some people in the community it is the only computer they can use. For children it offers a free selection of a variety of books, and also a quiet space to do their homework and study.</i>
13/23	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Request: Expand Park Enforcement Patrol Project to Include McCarren Park (Including Park Rangers). Explanation: In our view, McCarren Park is a heavily utilized regional facility that should receive an allotment of this patrol force to provide increased security and supplement the efforts of the overworked departmental staff.</i>
19/23	DPR	<b>Other park programming requests</b>	<i>Request: Increase Funding for the Green Streets Program for Projects in CB#1, Including the Much Needed Improvements and Fencing of Park Triangles. Explanation: These improvements made under the green streets programs have benefited the community and provided additional greening for the area that has been lost due to the beetle (Asian Long Horn Beetle) infestation. This program should include areas that need improvements and fencing such as the park triangles: Badame Sessa, Father Giorgio, and the Memorial Gore at Maspeth Avenue, Bushwick Ave./Metropolitan Avenue.</i>



## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	FDNY	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<i>Request: Creation of a New Firehouse in the North side Area. Explanation: The Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities are growing significantly in population and new businesses. With the increased waterfront development, there is a tremendous increased need for enhanced public safety. There is no firehouse to serve the North side community and the waterfront area. A new state-of-the-art facility that can house proper modern equipment (such as ladders for high-rise buildings) should be created to better service the community.</i>	
2/29	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Request: Fund Constructions and Rehabilitation of Subsidized/Affordable Housing, Including Waterfront and Upland Areas, in the Community District #1 Area. Explanation: The neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB #1. It is essential that adequate subsidies be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.</i>	
3/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>WNYC Transmitter Park is a very well-used open space on our waterfront. A comfort station is greatly needed on the site to accommodate the many users, including children, their families, parks department gardeners and maintenance staff. Friends of NYC Transmitter Park Steering committee supports this request, as they work with NYC Parks to plan a phased revitalization of the historic WPA (Work Progress Administration 1935). In addition to the priority of the installation of a community comfort station, they are working to secure maintenance and operational funds for the upkeep of this facility. They make reference to NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's report, Discomfort Stations, The Conditions and Availability of NYC Parks Bathrooms, confirming the need for comfort stations for all parks.</i>	B385 Greenpoint Avenue

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5/29	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint – Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration’s Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.</i>	
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9/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of playground equipment for the Frost Playground. Explanation: Redesign and reconstruct the play equipment with diversity of interactive and accessible play features.</i>	Frost Street and Debevoise Avenue
10/29	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovation of Playground equipment for the following parks. 1. American Playground 2. Roebling Playground 3. Bushwick Pool Playground 4. Vincent Abate Playground</i>	

11/29	NYCHA	<b>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</b>	<i>Redevelop NYCHA Playground on Roebling Street and South 9th Street. This park is well-used by the community. The playground is aged, and in need of upgraded equipment and infrastructure.</i>	
12/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request for Trench Restoration/Reconstruction for Withers Street between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road. Explanation: The roadway on Withers Street between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road is severely deteriorated and sunken making it unsafe for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.</i>	Withers Street Humboldt Street Woodpoint Road
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17/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Lorimer Street from Broadway to Nassau Avenue. Explanation: This heavily utilized street, which serves as a bus route, has experienced extensive deterioration and now requires comprehensive reconstruction.</i>	Lorimer Street Broadway Nassau

18/29	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Frost Street and the sidewalks from Debevoise Avenue to Morgan Avenue Explanation: This roadway is in a state of disrepair and requires reconstruction.</i>	Frost Street Broadway Nassau
19/29	DOT	<b>Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Replace sidewalks around Williams Plaza (aka Jonathan Williams Development/NCHA) from Division Avenue, South 9th Street, Broadway, Marcy Avenue, Roebling Street, Havemeyer Street. These sidewalks are in disrepair around the development.</i>	Division Avenue, South 9th Street/Broadway/Marcy Avenue
20/29	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>The Department of Education Program is scheduled to upgrade schools in SD-14 to start or complete this year . Renovations to include Automotive Trades HS. Many of the schools in the district are very old and require modernization, upgrading of their physical structure and/or replacements of heating/cooling systems.</i>	850 Grand Street Campus
21/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Renovation of McCarren Park Handball Courts; The community frequently enjoy using the handball courts in McCarren Park. Handball Courts games have been a large part of the culture for those who grew up in Brooklyn and remain so today. There have been public speaks and emails advocating for this district needs request that has been on the District Needs Statement for over four years.</i>	
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23/29	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Restore and fund redevelopment of Sand Park, under the Williamsburg Bridge. This park was basically abandoned over the years and subject to storage by work contracted on the Williamsburg Bridge.</i>	under the Williamsburg Bridge
24/29	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Improvement for the concrete triangle at Williamsburg Street &amp; Rodney Street. Agency Responsible: Department of Parks &amp; Recreation and NYC DOT. Explanation: Request funds to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians to walk and include the installation of much needed lighting.</i>	

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28/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Continue Support for the improvement of McGolrick Park's Grounds Infrastructure and Play Areas. Explanation; The Community Board supports this program which has provided renovation funding and staffing assignments for parks and playgrounds. We urge that this project continues and expands in the FY 2025. We request the following. 1. The exercise equipment in the parks need to be upgraded for Seniors. b. Water fountain upgrade: A more hygienic water bottle filling station.</i>	
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## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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2/23	FDNY	<b>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</b>	<i>Request: Fund the Operations of a Newly Created Firehouse (FDNY) in the North side. Explanation: The closure of the firehouse at 136 Wythe Avenue serving the mixed-use north community leaves this expanding residential neighborhood without adequate fire protection. Loft conversion and future development planned for the waterfront will greatly increase the population and businesses in the area requiring fire protection.</i>	
3/23	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint – Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.</i>	
4/23	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Increase significantly park maintenance funds and increase operations/recreation staffing at specific CB #1 parks and playgrounds (including support equipment). Include additional hours for women's swim time at Metropolitan Pool.</i>	

5/23	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Request: Increase the staffing of outreach programs that handle education, testing and counseling for addictions, (ie.drug abuse, nicotine cessation, smoking/vaping.) Also outreach programs are needed for Corvid-19 and other infectious diseases (TB/AIDS/ZIKA). Explanation: There is a Mental Health Crisis in the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community due to the overuse and abuse of drugs that has led to homelessness, domestic violence and increase in crime rates. Also, because of the Corvid-19 pandemic, those who have not left their homes, especially Seniors, have become severely depressed. They need outreach and counseling.</i>
6/23	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Request: Increase Significantly the Department of Youth and Community Development Agency's Community Board Fair Share, After School, and Summer Recreation Funding Allocation for CD #1. Explanation: Over 32% of CD1's population is 18 years of age or younger, and many of these individuals require education, recreation and counseling programs to enable them to escape from an environment of crime and poverty. The inadequate levels of Youth Bureau funding available to CD1 severely undermines the ability of these programs to effectively serve this population. The significant expansion of all Youth Bureau allocations should be implemented as promptly as possible.</i>
7/23	HPD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs</b>	<i>Request: Increase Funding to Support Subsidies to Lower Rents for Senior Citizens to Reduce the Increase in Homelessness. Explanation: Increase funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens to reduce the increase in homelessness.</i>
8/23	DFTA	<b>Increase home delivered meals capacity</b>	<i>Increase Homecare Services and Homebound Meals funding, especially providing these services for the frail and elderly following the Covid-19 Pandemic. The elderly have relied on their local senior citizen centers for daily social interaction, meals, counseling, and easy access to programs to combat depression and social isolation.</i>



9/23	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<p><i>Request: Create a New Fund for the Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) Created Under the Administration's Points of Agreement Regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Waterfront Rezoning.</i></p> <p><i>Explanation: A new fund is requested. The Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) was created under the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning. Proceeds from this fund will only be available to development parcels that make use of the waterfront inclusionary housing program referenced in the agreement, and that participate in the esplanade transfer program (as noted in the agreement's Open Space section). Funds will be used to partially offset site-specific infrastructure costs.</i></p>	
10/23	NYPD	<b>Hire additional crossing guards</b>	<p><i>Provide Safe Street Crossing (NYPD Crossing Guard Post) at Jackson Street &amp; Kingsland Avenue for Children Attending Various Local Schools and Programs/after school programs. (St. Francis Developmental School, PS 132, St. Nicholas/Rosary Academy, IS 49 Campus, Grand Street Campus/Beacon Program, IS 126/Beacon Program, School Settlement House Association).</i></p> <p><i>All police personnel need to have protective gear and measures to thwart the COVID-19 virus.</i></p>	NYPD Crossing Guard Jackson Street Kingsland Avenue
11/23	BPL	<b>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)</b>	<p><i>Expand Funding for Library Operations - Brooklyn Public Library Branches with CD#1; (Fund Extended Days/Hours; Fund Computer Catalogue and Increase Book Budget). We are aware that the Brooklyn Public Library has, in the past, been underfunded relative to the other NYC library systems. We urge that this inequality be completely eliminated and that a fair proportion of the system's funds be allocated to CD1's four local branches. Public Libraries are for all age groups. For some people in the community it is the only computer they can use. For children it offers a free selection of a variety of books, and also a quiet space to do their homework and study.</i></p>	

12/23	DOE	<b>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</b>	<i>Request: Fund New Science Labs for Schools (including middle schools)(District 14/Region 8) Located Within the Confines of Community Board No. 1 District. Explanation: New science labs are needed in the various schools in our District. The labs would provide new facilities or replace outdated ones and utilize modern equipment for instruction</i>	
13/23	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Request: Expand Park Enforcement Patrol Project to Include McCarren Park (Including Park Rangers). Explanation: In our view, McCarren Park is a heavily utilized regional facility that should receive an allotment of this patrol force to provide increased security and supplement the efforts of the overworked departmental staff.</i>	
14/23	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Request: Fund Comprehensive Study of Environmental Health Hazards, Including Air Quality and Asthma, to Learn Cumulative Effects on CB #1; Study Should Include the DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant. Explanation: Community Board No. 1 has been impacted by many adverse environmental factors (i.e., Mobile Oil spill, toxic waste, transfer stations, air pollution, etc.). A comprehensive study is needed to assess these impacts and develop resolutions, such as anti-asthma initiatives, to be implemented. The Study should include the DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant. Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. We remain concerned about the many public safety needs for the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>	
15/23	DFTA	<b>Funding for a new senior center program</b>	<i>Request: Establish a Senior Center to Serve South West Area of Williamsburg, Central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street/Continued Funding. Explanation: At the present time, accessible senior center services do not exist for the expanding senior citizen population of the west area of Williamsburg. Although we are aware of the current funding constraints regarding senior center services, the existing needs compel us to support the establishment of such a facility in the area central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street.</i>	Clymer Street and Division Avenue

16/23	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>Request: Expand Refuse Collection Program for NYCHA and Other Large Housing Developments to Schools &amp; Senior Centers. Explanation: Implementation of this request will provide relief to the residents of Community Board No. 1's eight public housing developments (6,506 units); Lindsay Park Mitchell-Lama housing (2,800 units), who suffer from chronically inadequate refuse collection services</i>	NYCHA
17/23	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>Provide more litter baskets and bins to maintain street cleanliness, especially in the commercial corridor. Also, include surveillance cameras and Sanitation Police Officer headcount in known illegal dumping areas.</i>	
18/23	DOB	<b>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</b>	<i>The number of building inspectors should increase in proportion to the increase in the huge building development the is now impacting our community. We will also need an increase in training programs to train inspectors to be skilled to do the job.</i>	
19/23	DPR	<b>Other park programming requests</b>	<i>Request: Increase Funding for the Green Streets Program for Projects in CB#1, Including the Much Needed Improvements and Fencing of Park Triangles. Explanation: These improvements made under the green streets programs have benefited the community and provided additional greening for the area that has been lost due to the beetle (Asian Long Horn Beetle) infestation. This program should include areas that need improvements and fencing such as the park triangles: Badame Sessa, Father Giorgio, and the Memorial Gore at Maspeth Avenue, Bushwick Ave./Metropolitan Avenue.</i>	
20/23	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Increase allocation for rehabilitation loan programs. The neighborhood of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB#1. Adequate subsidies must be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.</i>	

21/23	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Catch basin cleaning should be maintained and increased to eliminate and prevent debris build-up from maximizing water drainage from streets during downpours and other rain sessions. Climate change has brought much heavier storms, flooding, and even flash flooding to NYC. Recent storms have illustrated the dangers of clogged catch basins.</i>
22/23	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Fund a comprehensive study of stormwater management measures to help mitigate the increasing onslaught of cloudburst events that chronically cause severe flooding in homes and businesses on the street. Our district, to a large extent, is a waterfront community. There needs to be a deep investment in climate change mitigation measures. Harmful effects of climate change, for example, include flooding and a rise in groundwater from cloud burst events and sea levels.</i>
23/23	DSNY	<b>Provide or expand community composting programs</b>	<i>Our community supports the composting program. We request school educational composting programs and outreach educational resources for residents. Regular curbside organics collection will help reduce garbage hauling costs and contribute to reduced greenhouse emissions by keeping organics and food scraps out of landfills.</i>

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

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/29	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Request: Creation of a New Firehouse in the North side Area. Explanation: The Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities are growing significantly in population and new businesses. With the increased waterfront development, there is a tremendous increased need for enhanced public safety. There is no firehouse to serve the North side community and the waterfront area. A new state-of-the-art facility that can house proper modern equipment (such as ladders for high-rise buildings) should be created to better service the community.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
02/29	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Request: Fund Constructions and Rehabilitation of Subsidized/Affordable Housing, Including Waterfront and Upland Areas, in the Community District #1 Area. Explanation: The neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB #1. It is essential that adequate subsidies be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
03/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>WNYC Transmitter Park is a very well-used open space on our waterfront. A comfort station is greatly needed on the site to accommodate the many users, including children, their families, parks department gardeners and maintenance staff. Friends of NYC Transmitter Park Steering committee supports this request, as they work with NYC Parks to plan a phased revitalization of the historic WPA (Work Progress Administration 1935). In addition to the priority of the installation of a community comfort station, they are working to secure maintenance and operational funds for the upkeep of this facility. They make reference to NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's report, Discomfort Stations, The Conditions and Availability of NYC Parks Bathrooms, confirming the need for comfort stations for all parks.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
04/29	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Funding for the further development of Bushwick Inlet Park (including construction/expansion of the park itself; and the remediation of the Bayside Fuel Oil site and the CitiStorage site). This park was promised to the community when the rezoning occurred on the waterfront. The acquisition of the parcels have moved forward and mayoral funding was secured in the fall of 2021 for the demolition of the building and future park development. The remediation of the Bayside site to happen in the future is the next step needed in making the park a true reality.</i>	This request is partially funded. Contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for specifics.

05/29	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint ? Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration?s Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.</i>	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.
06/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Provide Funding for the restoration of restrooms for the following parks. Martinez Park: the address is 195 Graham Avenue, 11206 and De Hostos Park: the address is 133 Harrison Avenue, 11206</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
07/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovation of playground equipment for the Justice Ramirez Playground.Explanation: This playground needs complete reconstruction with all new play equipment, a safety surface, fixed drainage issues, spray showers, seating areas horticulture and maximum playability.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
08/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovation of the McCarren Park Asphalt Field Explanation: Repair and restore the asphalt field to address the huge demand for active use, including soccer, pickleball, tennis, as well as a new dog run for McCarren Park.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
09/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovation of playground equipment for the Frost Playground.Explanation: Redesign and reconstruct the play equipment with diversity of interactive and accessible play features.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
10/29	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovation of Playground equipment for the following parks. 1. American Playground2. Roebling Playground3. Bushwick Pool Playground4. Vincent Abate Playground</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
11/29	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	<i>Redevelop NYCHA Playground on Roebling Street and South 9th Street. This park is well-used by the community. The playground is aged, and in need of upgraded equipment and infrastructure.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
12/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request for Trench Restoration/Reconstruction for Withers Street between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road. Explanation: The roadway on Withers Street between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road is severely deteriorated and sunken making it unsafe for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Metropolitan Avenue from Varick Avenue to River Street. Explanation: This roadway receives much traffic and is a truck route. The street needs reconstruction to correct several poor conditions that exist.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.



14/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Reconstruct Grand Street, from Grand Street Bridge to River Street. Explanation: This piece of roadway receives much traffic and is a truck route. The street needs reconstruction to correct several poor conditions that exist.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
15/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Reconstruct Driggs Avenue from Lorimer Street to Division Avenue. Explanation: Driggs Avenue is a very heavily traveled street in the District. This stretch was not worked on in several years and is in poor condition. This road carries traffic that goes to the Williamsburg Bridge and is often used as a detour route.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
16/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Reconstruct Maspeth Avenue, from Vandervoort Avenue to Newtown Creek. Explanation: This section of Maspeth Avenue is in the industrial area and carries both truck and vehicular traffic. The roadway is in deplorable condition and requires reconstruction.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
17/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Reconstruct Lorimer Street from Broadway to Nassau Avenue. Explanation: This heavily utilized street, which serves as a bus route, has experienced extensive deterioration and now requires comprehensive reconstruction.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
18/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Reconstruct Frost Street and the sidewalks from Debevoise Avenue to Morgan Avenue Explanation: This roadway is in a state of disrepair and requires reconstruction.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
19/29	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Replace sidewalks around Williams Plaza (aka Jonathan Williams Development/NCHA) from Division Avenue, South 9th Street, Broadway, Marcy Avenue, Roebling Street, Havemeyer Street. These sidewalks are in disrepair around the development.</i>	Please reach out to NYCHA regarding this request.
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23/29	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Restore and fund redevelopment of Sand Park, under the Williamsburg Bridge. This park was basically abandoned over the years and subject to storage by work contracted on the Williamsburg Bridge.</i>	Area underneath the Williamsburg Bridge is controlled by the DOT.
24/29	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Improvement for the concrete triangle at Williamsburg Street &amp; Rodney Street. Agency Responsible: Department of Parks &amp; Recreation and NYC DOT. Explanation: Request funds to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians to walk and include the installation of much needed lighting.</i>	The Department of Parks and Recreation does not maintain this facility.
25/29	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>NYCT - Continuation of the Station upgrading program (G,L,J,M lines). Identify/fund subway train stations in CB#1 that will be upgraded with elevator access. The committee also requested that the Hewes train, J/M lines station improve lighting. There has been an increase in crime at this train station.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
26/29	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Request: Install Surveillance Cameras for the Williamsburg Bridge (Roadways, Walkway and Bikeway). Explanation: The Williamsburg Bridge is heavily used by both vehicular traffic on its roadways, and by pedestrians/bike riders on the walkways. Enhanced security by the use of surveillance cameras would increase the public's safety.</i>	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.
27/29	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>The principal of this school has lobbied for this request. The plans for the school signs were approved, but the principal was told they did not have the funds. The signs and security cameras will improve communication with parents and students and act as a security system that will be a deterrent and provide the school with another layer of security.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
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01/23	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>We Strongly Recommend that Boards' Budgets be Increased. The 59 CBs Citywide Still Woefully Lack Adequate Funding. They Need to be Able to Hire Planners and Other Skilled Professionals to Evaluate Development Projects Explanation: Charter mandated Community Boards are vital cogs in the City's operating process. Community Boards play a formal role in decisions on land use, have input on capital &amp; expense budgets, &amp; monitoring of service deliver-essentially servings as little "City Halls" for their communities. They are responsible sounding boards for the local elected officials and act in consultation with them. They provide constituents an opportunity to have their voices heard on numerous issues.</i>	As of the FY 2025 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.
02/23	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Request: Fund the Operations of a Newly Created Firehouse (FDNY) in the North side. Explanation: The closure of the firehouse at 136 Wythe Avenue serving the mixed-use north community leaves this expanding residential neighborhood without adequate fire protection. Loft conversion and future development planned for the waterfront will greatly increase the population and businesses in the area requiring fire protection.</i>	In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/ equipment funds are increased in FY 2024. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after adoption.
03/23	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint ? Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration?s Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.</i>	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.
04/23	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase significantly park maintenance funds and increase operations/recreation staffing at specific CB #1 parks and playgrounds (including support equipment). Include additional hours for women?s swim time at Metropolitan Pool.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
05/23	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Request: Increase the staffing of outreach programs that handle education, testing and counseling for addictions, (ie.drug abuse, nicotine cessation, smoking/vaping.) Also outreach programs are needed for Corvid-19 and other infectious diseases (TB/AIDS/ZIKA). Explanation: There is a Mental Health Crisis in the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community due to the overuse and abuse of drugs that has led to homelessness, domestic violence and increase in crime rates. Also, because of the Corvid-19 pandemic, those who have not left their homes, especially Seniors, have become severely depressed. They need outreach and counseling.</i>	This request is too broad to address. Please contact the DOHMH with more specific details.

06/23	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Request: Increase Significantly the Department of Youth and Community Development Agency's Community Board Fair Share, After School, and Summer Recreation Funding Allocation for CD #1. Explanation: Over 32% of CD1's population is 18 years of age or younger, and many of these individuals require education, recreation and counseling programs to enable them to escape from an environment of crime and poverty. The inadequate levels of Youth Bureau funding available to CD1 severely undermines the ability of these programs to effectively serve this population. The significant expansion of all Youth Bureau allocations should be implemented as promptly as possible.</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
07/23	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>Request: Increase Funding to Support Subsidies to Lower Rents for Senior Citizens to Reduce the Increase in Homelessness. Explanation: Increase funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens to reduce the increase in homelessness.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
08/23	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Increase Homecare Services and Homebound Meals funding, especially providing these services for the frail and elderly following the Covid-19 Pandemic. The elderly have relied on their local senior citizen centers for daily social interaction, meals, counseling, and easy access to programs to combat depression and social isolation.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
09/23	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Request: Create a New Fund for the Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) Created Under the Administration's Points of Agreement Regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Waterfront Rezoning. Explanation: A new fund is requested. The Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) was created under the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint- Williamsburg waterfront rezoning. Proceeds from this fund will only be available to development parcels that make use of the waterfront inclusionary housing program referenced in the agreement, and that participate in the esplanade transfer program (as noted in the agreement's Open Space section). Funds will be used to partially offset site-specific infrastructure costs.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
10/23	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Provide Safe Street Crossing (NYPD Crossing Guard Post) at Jackson Street &amp; Kingsland Avenue for Children Attending Various Local Schools and Programs/after school programs. (St. Francis Developmental School, PS 132, St. Nicholas/Rosary Academy, IS 49 Campus, Grand Street Campus/Beacon Program, IS 126/Beacon Program, School Settlement House Association). All police personnel need to have protective gear and measures to thwart the COVID-19 virus.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.

11/23	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	<i>Expand Funding for Library Operations - Brooklyn Public Library Branches with CD#1; (Fund Extended Days/Hours; Fund Computer Catalogue and Increase Book Budget). We are aware that the Brooklyn Public Library has, in the past, been underfunded relative to the other NYC library systems. We urge that this inequality be completely eliminated and that a fair proportion of the system's funds be allocated to CD1's four local branches. Public Libraries are for all age groups. For some people in the community it is the only computer they can use. For children it offers a free selection of a variety of books, and also a quiet space to do their homework and study.</i>	BPL supports restored and/or increased library funding to allow for additional hours and days of service and increased budgets for material collections, programming and building maintenance.
12/23	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Request: Fund New Science Labs for Schools (including middle schools)(District 14/Region 8) Located Within the Confines of Community Board No. 1 District. Explanation: New science labs are needed in the various schools in our District. The labs would provide new facilities or replace outdated ones and utilize modern equipment for instruction</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
13/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Request: Expand Park Enforcement Patrol Project to Include McCarren Park (Including Park Rangers). Explanation: In our view, McCarren Park is a heavily utilized regional facility that should receive an allotment of this patrol force to provide increased security and supplement the efforts of the overworked departmental staff.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
14/23	DEP	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Request: Fund Comprehensive Study of Environmental Health Hazards, Including Air Quality and Asthma, to Learn Cumulative Effects on CB #1; Study Should Include the DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant. Explanation: Community Board No. 1 has been impacted by many adverse environmental factors (i.e., Mobile Oil spill, toxic waste, transfer stations, air pollution, etc.). A comprehensive study is needed to assess these impacts and develop resolutions, such as anti-asthma initiatives, to be implemented. The Study should include the DEP Waste Water Treatment Plant. Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. We remain concerned about the many public safety needs for the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

15/23	DFTA	Funding for a new senior center program	<i>Request: Establish a Senior Center to Serve South West Area of Williamsburg, Central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street/Continued Funding. Explanation: At the present time, accessible senior center services do not exist for the expanding senior citizen population of the west area of Williamsburg. Although we are aware of the current funding constraints regarding senior center services, the existing needs compel us to support the establishment of such a facility in the area central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
16/23	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>Request: Expand Refuse Collection Program for NYCHA and Other Large Housing Developments to Schools &amp; Senior Centers. Explanation: Implementation of this request will provide relief to the residents of Community Board No. 1's eight public housing developments (6,506 units); Lindsay Park Mitchell-Lama housing (2,800 units), who suffer from chronically inadequate refuse collection services</i>	Implementation of this request would be dependent upon DSNY receiving additional funding from NYCHA.
17/23	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Provide more litter baskets and bins to maintain street cleanliness, especially in the commercial corridor. Also, include surveillance cameras and Sanitation Police Officer headcount in known illegal dumping areas.</i>	High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc.
18/23	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>The number of building inspectors should increase in proportion to the increase in the huge building development the is now impacting our community. We will also need an increase in training programs to train inspectors to be skilled to do the job.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
19/23	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Request: Increase Funding for the Green Streets Program for Projects in CB#1, Including the Much Needed Improvements and Fencing of Park Triangles. Explanation: These improvements made under the green streets programs have benefited the community and provided additional greening for the area that has been lost due to the beetle (Asian Long Horn Beetle) infestation. This program should include areas that need improvements and fencing such as the park triangles: Badame Sessa, Father Giorgio, and the Memorial Gore at Maspeth Avenue, Bushwick Ave./Metropolitan Avenue.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
20/23	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Increase allocation for rehabilitation loan programs. The neighborhood of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB#1. Adequate subsidies must be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

21/23	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Catch basin cleaning should be maintained and increased to eliminate and prevent debris build-up from maximizing water drainage from streets during downpours and other rain sessions. Climate change has brought much heavier storms, flooding, and even flash flooding to NYC. Recent storms have illustrated the dangers of clogged catch basins.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
22/23	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Fund a comprehensive study of stormwater management measures to help mitigate the increasing onslaught of cloudburst events that chronically cause severe flooding in homes and businesses on the street. Our district, to a large extent, is a waterfront community. There needs to be a deep investment in climate change mitigation measures. Harmful effects of climate change, for example, include flooding and a rise in groundwater from cloud burst events and sea levels.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
23/23	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Our community supports the composting program. We request school educational composting programs and outreach educational resources for residents. Regular curbside organics collection will help reduce garbage hauling costs and contribute to reduced greenhouse emissions by keeping organics and food scraps out of landfills.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.