

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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**Brooklyn
Community District
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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 7's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. 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 2018.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. Community Board Information

Brooklyn Community Board 7

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2. Community District Profile

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

Brooklyn Community District 7



Neighborhoods¹: Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
120,063	126,230	+5%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		151,258
Square Miles		3.7
Population Density		34,116/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 7 in 2018:

1. Affordable housing
2. Schools
3. Other (see Statement of Community District Needs)

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 7's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

Website:

www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyn7/index.page

Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	6,415	16%
Multifamily Walk-up	3,710	11%
Multifamily Elevator	76	1%
Mixed Use	1,545	5%
Commercial	236	3%
Industrial	625	13%
Transportation/Utility	77	16%
Public/Institutional	166	4%
Open Space	36	28%
Parking	228	1%
Vacant	194	1%
Other	49	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 7

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	42
Public Libraries	2
Hospitals and Clinics	21
Parks	16
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
52%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 7	Citywide Target
87%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
43	42 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
48%	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
8.7	11.3
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

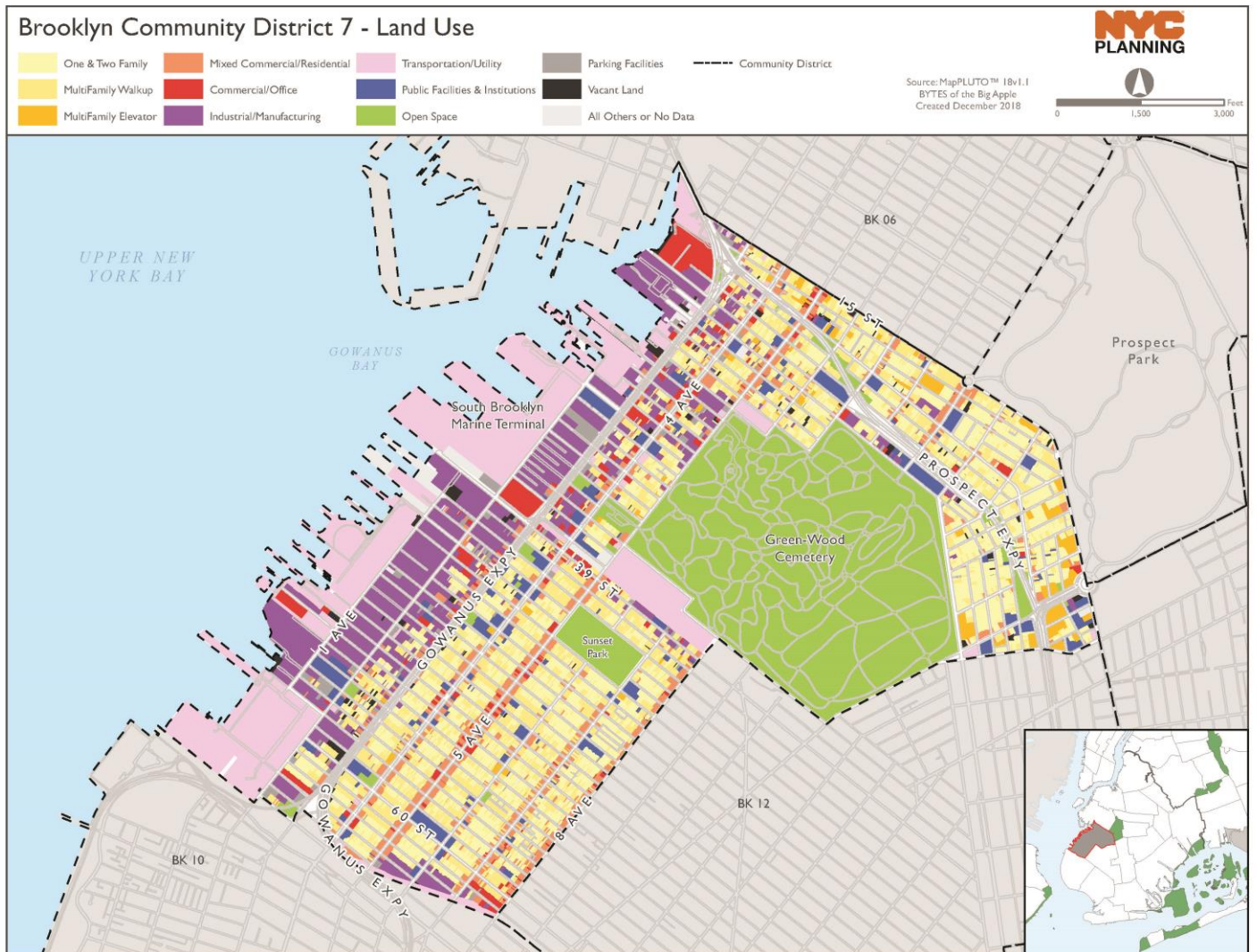
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
26%	34%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
5.1%	5.7%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 7	Brooklyn
29%	22%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community District 7 is a mixed residential, industrial and commercial community. Home to a diverse and integrated population, the District is comprised of two main communities: Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace. Other community identities have gained popularity and become more established recently, including Greenwood Heights and South Park Slope.

Sunset Park consists of a strong residential community, two viable commercial strips, 5th and 8th Avenues and a large industrial area, mainly along the waterfront. It is bifurcated by the Gowanus Expressway and is bordered to the south by the Long Island Rail Road cut. The 23-acre facility, Sunset Park, has an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a recreation center and a large open space with spectacular views of the harbor.

Windsor Terrace and the northern part of the district consist of a smaller residential community with three commercial strips on 5th and 7th Avenues and Prospect Park West. Windsor Terrace is surrounded by the natural boundaries of Prospect Park and Green-Wood Cemetery. The Gothic Brownstone “gatehouse” at the cemetery’s entrance is a New York City landmark and the most widely known symbol of the community.

The District has been home to generations of immigrants, Irish and Italian and Scandinavian in the early 20th century and before. Mid-century saw an influx from Puerto Rico, then immigrants from the Dominican Republic and from central and South America. The 1980s saw a large increase in residents from China and the 90s began an influx from Mexico, more rural areas of China and, to a lesser extent, the Middle East. Our community is extremely diverse and yet our populations live mostly in peace, making for a family-friendly neighborhood.

The residents have learned to organize to fight for resources and demand change and our collective action has produced positive results. We defeated a floating power plant in 2004 that would have been taller than any building in the area and longer than the Titanic. We rezoned most of our residential community in 2005 and 2009. After a 40-year effort, we finally built a local high school in 2009 and followed that up with four additional schools and five more in progress. We finished our 197-a Plan, which calls for the enhancement of our industrial waterfront, improved environmental performance and additional recreation opportunities on our waterfront and it was passed by the City. New businesses are bringing investment and jobs to our waterfront. The Community Board, along with six community organizations, negotiated a reduction in emissions from two of our local power plants. We are home to a bio-technology center, enormous economic development investments at Industry City, Liberty View Plaza, the Brooklyn Army Terminal, Bush Terminal and the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal and we have the capacity to continue to grow our industrial sector with good-paying jobs for local residents. We have led the local effort to improve pedestrian safety and redesign our streets for safety and mobility improvements. Clearly, positive changes and investments are being made in our community, but more needs to be done for a community that had been left behind in the past. Our Board has been forward-looking and aggressive in our pursuit of investments and infrastructure improvements that will enhance the lives and livelihoods of our residents, workers and business owners.

However, there continue to be sections of our community that have not received sufficient investments and improvements and this continues to leave some of our residents behind. Our community has overcrowded schools, an insufficient amount of parkland, second oldest housing stock in NYC according to NYU, and not nearly enough affordable and senior housing units. Our waterfront access is extremely limited. There are concerns that the investments being made may not have a positive impact on the local residents and may exacerbate economic pressures and displacement. Many of our streets remain dangerous to cross and have crumbling infrastructure. Public transportation does not extend far enough and is in need of upgrades. We do not have fiber-optic cable and more than 20% of households in Sunset Park do not have internet service, according to a recent survey. The Gowanus Expressway is under constant construction and continues to bring 50 million emission-spewing vehicles through our community every year.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 7 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Schools*
- *Other/Economic Development and Job Creation*

Education and Early Childhood Development

Despite the construction of new schools since 2009 and new construction on six new sites, CB 7 still lacks an adequate number of seats and facilities, particularly for pre-k students, students with developmental disabilities and students whose native language is not English. The district lacks space of appropriate size for additional school development and we must think creatively to find new spaces.

Sunset Park has a birthrate that is nearly double that of New York City's. The high birthrate of our community creates the need for vital support services;

initiatives to support parents, promote child health and safety, and improve access to high-quality childcare can help the district in five key ways: Positive experiences between birth and school entry boost a child's healthy development and future prospects. Research clearly demonstrates that the "hard wiring" of a child's brain occurs during these early years. Children who get off to a good start are less likely to be held back or to get into trouble in school. Studies have even shown that early childhood success can lead to higher college graduation rates, lower crime rates, and reduced need for emergency services many years later. Families are more stable when the needs of their young children are met. When children are healthy and in reliable care, their parents are more likely to maintain steady employment and are typically more productive workers. When children enter school ready to learn, schools are better able to meet high standards and student needs. Successful schools benefit all students, improve a city's livability, and help develop a strong future workforce. Strong early childhood programs are a valuable asset for local economic development. In the short term, these programs can help attract better workers and support working parents. In the longer term, a city that has made the necessary investments to maintain a quality workforce over time is likely to be more appealing to businesses looking for a stable location. Early childhood initiatives that expand access to quality services help "level the playing field." Economic, racial, and ethnic disparities are too often perpetuated from one generation to the next unless children from disadvantaged households have the kinds of early childhood opportunities that are commonplace among their more advantaged peers.

Far too many cases have been reported in Sunset Park about children bused to school facilities far away from the district, in one extreme case a set of autistic twin kindergarteners commute over an hour to get to a school with the facilities to that can attend to their needs. Nowhere is the challenge for fulfilling the promise of academic achievement greater than in the work with diverse learners (aka students with learning disabilities). All students deserve an education that prepares them for postsecondary success and a lifetime of unlimited opportunity. Related services include Occupational Therapy (fine motor skill focus), Physical Therapy (gross motor skill focus, Speech Therapy, Language Therapy. In addition to the services, school buildings should be equipped with relevant facilities like sensory gyms and other technologies such as assistive technologies.

Full Funding of the IDEA is necessary to provide early identification and early intervention services. Increased and enhanced early childhood programs. Reduced class size and caseloads. Incentives to attract and retain qualified personnel, including teachers, related services personnel, special education administrators, and paraprofessionals. Parent training. Alternative placements for children with behavior disorders and school-wide positive behavioral support programs. After-school, extended-day, and extended-year programs. School- and community-based life skills and vocational training. Technology, both computer-aided instruction and assistive technology devices. School repair, renovation, and construction.

Affordable Housing With increasing income inequality and a tightening market for affordable housing, long-time residents of Community Board 7 Brooklyn are being displaced and or forced to live in severely overcrowded conditions.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

Few units of affordable housing are being built and existing affordable housing is being lost through landlords opting-out, speculative development and tenant harassment. There are a range of new insights into the relationship between affordable housing and life outcomes for children and families.

Development and Job Creation

With recent development and proposed development projects along the district's waterfront many opportunities and challenges present themselves. Some of the opportunities include community-led SMART growth strategies; in the other words the planning of community development that is sustainable, compact, transit-oriented, walkable, bicycle-friendly land use, including neighborhood schools, complete streets, and mixed-use development with a range of housing choices. Billions of dollars in public and private development is being invested in the Sunset Park waterfront, potential creating thousands of new jobs with good wages. CB 7 has long sought to protect its industrial community because of the economic benefits that can come. However, there are negatives associated with proximity to industry, including heavy truck traffic and emissions. We believe the residents who must endure these hardships should be prioritized when it comes to reaping the benefits of these investments.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Services to reduce or prevent homelessness*

DHS's failure to communicate with the local residents or even elected officials and government agencies about new and existing shelters makes the local community believe the City is hiding something, such as placing pedophiles in the community. This lack of trust is a terrible disservice to the client the agency serves. Ours is a welcoming community and embraces people of all backgrounds and economic status, but the City's failure to disclose builds distrust for the City and the vulnerable population they are trying to serve.

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

Under the FY20 Capital Priorities for the Board, our members call for an increase in programmatic funding for existing senior centers in the district. Our members are concerned about the proliferation of for-profit adult day services around the city and believe the city's senior centers provide a much higher level of service and more opportunities for seniors. Unfortunately, the city centers are not eligible for the Medicaid funding and therefore are not playing on an even field. CB 7 believes the city should provide additional funds to allow for the centers to increase the number of seniors they serve.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/28	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Increase funding for adult ESOL, adult literacy and adult education programs in CD 7.	Community Wide
19/28	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.	Community Wide
23/28	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	CB 7 believes city senior centers are now in competition with for-profit facilities that have access to federal reimbursement. Programs at city facilities should be enhanced in order to compete.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Five new schools have opened in our community since 2009, with more under construction, and still our schools are extremely overcrowded. The lack of space is exacerbated by few development parcels of appropriate size in the community and an influx of additional students through universal Pre-K. CB 7 approved one site for a new school at an acknowledged dangerous intersection, but we have few choices for new sites, even when we have a budget for new schools.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

CB 7 has worked recently collecting sites for future school construction. Recent school construction belies the fact that our schools are overcrowded for lack of appropriate planning in the past as our community's population has grown 50% in 20 years. Our lack of seats in public schools and the closure over the past decade of private schools at OLPH, St. Michael's and Bishop Ford, put additional pressures on our existing facilities but also creates opportunities for our not-for-profits. The overcrowding makes the search for additional school sites even more urgent and we believe some of the smaller sites we have identified may be appropriate for Pre-K programs and perhaps even charter schools, which can alleviate the overburden on existing facilities. We recognize the importance of early childhood education and this deficit of seats leaves our children, who are mostly poor and/or from immigrant families, at a terrible disadvantage. New seats also sometimes have negative consequences, as well. The new PS 516 opened in the building that previously held the Sunset Park Head Start program, which had to move and whose 400 student population was cut in half. With the ever-growing and diverse immigrant populations within our community, there is an immediate need for augmented bilingual/ESL education for our Latino, Asian, Middle Eastern and Eastern European populations. Additionally, English proficiency programs, perhaps through our schools using the very students who are mastering language skills, for older residents would serve a great need for our community. Work skills and experience programs, such as SYEP and internships, must be expanded to prepare our students for the job market. We are very pleased that our high school's curriculum embraces such learning outside the classroom and that two AmeriCorps programs serve our community through the Red Hook Community Justice Center and NYU Family Health Care.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

The population of the District has a large percentage of young people (30% under age 19) and programs for youth are greatly needed. Since our District has a minimum of public recreation space our children must rely on afterschool and other community-based programs for arts, entertainment, sports and academic help. Many of our residents fall beneath the poverty line and parents often have to work more than one job to support their families. These programs are vitally important to the life, learning and social skills of our youngest residents. The City must do more to support our children and our community-based organizations by providing additional funds. We must consider the need for afterschool and vacation care for children whose parents work. Additional funds must be available to support organizations that provide these services to create more day care slots for the local community and facilities. This could have an added benefit of creating jobs. Our local SYEP program is run through a program located at our high school and the school has an aggressive internship program for upperclassmen, but these options are not enough for a community with such a large youth population. The approximately 1600 SYEP slots are the same amount we had a decade ago, when our population was smaller. When the economy turned bad, there was increased competition from older workers for precious few jobs, increasing youth unemployment. These programs provide some of the few opportunities our young people have to gain work experience. CB7 held two gang awareness forums for youth and parents to make people aware of the local gangs in the community and alternatives. NYPD and former gang members provided dozens of people with stark information. Awareness, avoidance and alternatives are keys to combating this problem in our community.



Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/40	SCA	Renovate interior building component	Make all schools and facilities within schools 100% accessible to all student populations, in new and rehabilitated schools	Community Wide
2/40	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	Make all schools and facilities within schools 100% accessible to all student populations in new and rehabilitated schools	Community Wide
5/40	SCA	Renovate other site component	Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5, As such, the playground equipment is inadequate for the older children.	PS 971 6214 4 Avenue
23/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.	Community Wide
35/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.	Community Wide
36/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/28	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services slots	Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.	Community Wide
11/28	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Ensure all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (NEST, ESL, ASD, G&T, OTPT, etc.) in the district receive such programs and services	Community Wide
12/28	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.	Community Wide
16/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	Allocate funds for after school music and arts programs districtwide	Community Wide
17/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	Allocated funding for after school music and arts programs districtwide	Community Wide
27/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Additional SYEP slots are needed in our community because of our very large youth population and many of the slots are used by students who live outside of CD7.	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

CB 7 is a relatively low crime community, with 7.4/1000 residents for serious crimes. However, high profile events in the past, including some that have taken place outside of our community and even city, have reopened a rift between some parts of the community and the 72nd Precinct. We acknowledge that the precinct and Brooklyn South has worked diligently to overcome this divergence. We believe community relations have been enhanced with the implementation of the Neighborhood Coordination Officers. We are strong believer that a positive relations between our precinct and our residents will lead to even better results in reducing crimes and particularly quality-of-life complaints.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

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



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.	Community Wide
4/28	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers specifically serving in schools with District 75 students	Community Wide
7/28	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.	Community Wide
28/28	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Increase patrolman service at 72nd Precinct. We commonly hear from constituents that there are only two or three cars patrolling, particularly on weekends. A smaller police force, special assignments and borough-wide agencies have contributed to a steep decline of local officers in the past decade.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

All of the above choices are of great concern, however street cleanliness has always been a big issue for our community. Recent efforts made by the DSNY, including enhanced cleaning and additional basket pick up along with resources provided by the Councilman have helped improve our ratings by 7% in the past year, the greatest improvement in the City. Concerns remain, however, in the cleanliness of our commercial strips, near transit hubs, our industrial area, beneath the Gowanus Expressway and alongside the MTA properties.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

The sewers, watermains and catch basins in this community are among the oldest in Brooklyn. There are a number of sewer collapses and undermined roadways reported to the Board each year. Several street reconstruction projects have been on our roster of Capital Budget requests for more than twenty years. The heavy volume of traffic, particularly on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and Caton Avenues, major thoroughfares and truck routes, causes severe wear and erosion on these streets and off-route trucks put an additional heavy burden on our side streets, which were not meant to accommodate such heavy vehicles. Our old streets and infrastructure are crumbling and additional contracts and resources must be made available for trenching activities. While the City occasionally paves streets, we are fearful that the underlying causes of the street degradation are not being addressed and repaving merely covers over the problems. We believe that DOT and DEP must address these concerns much sooner and more comprehensively, otherwise it may simply be a waste of funds as streets keep sinking despite new asphalt. Three years ago, a pipe thirty feet below 43rd Street broke leaving residents and businesses on the block without water, sewer and other city services, months of construction and a lack of access, as well as other hardships, on the block. Two years ago, a street collapse on 64th Street prevented travel on the heavily-used Fifth Avenue, including the rerouting of the bus for several days, causing hardships and loss of revenue for residents and businesses alike. It took over a year to repair. We believe that if the sewer and water pipes were replaced in 1988, as they were scheduled to be, this expensive, year-long plus infrastructure problem would not have occurred. We still are waiting on this work, nearly thirty years later.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Community District 7 continues to host more than its fair share of sanitation facilities. In addition to numerous private carters and recyclers, we are also home to the SIMS Municipal Recycling Facility, which will take most of NYC's metal and plastic recyclables; the garage for BK-7 and BK-10 (which serves CB10); the Hamilton Avenue Marine Transfer Station. IESI, a private company that takes 1000 tons of city residential trash. We will soon be home to an industrial grease recycling facility, as well. All these facilities require additional trucks in our community and, unfortunately, sometimes we are taken advantage of. Many of the private municipal waste truck drivers take liberties by parking beneath the Gowanus Expressway, along 3rd Avenue or next to Green-Wood Cemetery.



Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/40	DEP	Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.	5 Avenue 34 Street 64 Street
4/40	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.	1 Avenue 39 Street 58 Street
27/40	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure to 33rd and 34th Streets between 4th and 5th Avenues. Additional sewer replacement projects at priorities #2 and 3.	33rd and 34th Sts bet 4 & 5 Aves
34/40	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Acquire site to relocate and construct a new BK-7 garage. CB 7 strongly believes the sanitation garage should not be located on a waterfront property. Additionally, BK-10's garage, currently housed in the same building as BK - 7, should be located in its home district.	Community Wide
37/40	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Purchase and place "big belly" garbage pails at intersections with heavy pedestrian use	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/28	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.	Community Wide
13/28	DEP	Clean catch basins	Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.	Community Wide
14/28	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 17th Street and Caton Avenue	Kermit Place East 7th Street East 8th Street
20/28	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	Restore 5 day-a-week pick up at all schools district-wide. Most schools do not have appropriate facilities to store garbage for several days and often end up storing curbside 7 days a week.	Community Wide
22/28	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 on commercial streets.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing new creation

There is a rising concern that new housing development is not affordable for local residents, as the median income in CB 7 is approximately \$43,000/year, while the standard for affordability includes the median income from more affluent communities. Additionally, affordable units that are mandatory within a project that includes developer incentives need to include family-sized units and not just studio and one-bedroom units. Finally, unlike DCP's characterization at a presentation on the Mayor's affordability plan, our experience is poor people do own cars and the plan should reflect that reality.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

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

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.	Bush Terminal Park
10/40	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons as well as a properly designed bus turn around and speed humps for the pier	58 Street Pier

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/28	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.	Community Wide
24/28	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	Allocate funds for security in off-peak hours in order to maintain public access at BAT Pier 4	Pier 4



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Freight movement (loading zones, freight related traffic, etc.)

This issue includes many of the other issues listed, including the bicycle network, pedestrian ramps, truck routes, enforcement, access, traffic, street lighting and public transportation. Pedestrian safety is multifaceted and not just physical changes and capital outlays. It also includes NYSDOT (and other agencies) as the Gowanus and Prospect Expressways have a significant impact on safety issues.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation issues are amongst our most pressing. This is because we are home to two major highways, a large industrial area that requires trucks and because transportation issues have a strong impact on public safety and the quality-of-life in our community. State DOT also plays a crucial role in how trucks access our community as most come via the Gowanus and Prospect Expressways. Unfortunately, constant repair of the Gowanus and terrible traffic on both highways encourages drivers to get off the highways and travel local streets. In addition, a lack of appropriate highway entrances and exits, coupled with our large industrial area, mean that we constantly have problems with off-route trucks looking for ways to get around traffic. These additional trucks on our streets, with more coming due to welcomed economic development along our waterfront, mean additional conflicts with and dangers for pedestrians. City DOT, however, has recognized these conflicts and has worked with the Community Board and others to develop a traffic and pedestrian safety plan for 4th Avenue that has reduced the number of traffic lanes from three to two (north and south), widened the pedestrian medians and vehicle turning lanes, added high visibility paint and plastic bollards. Additional improvements are expected, including sheltered bike lanes and planted medians. However, because the City failed to keep up with these infrastructure needs for decades, many of the projects are happening at the same time, as the City rushes to support our economic growth in the industrial area, including simultaneous lane closures on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues, daily work on the Gowanus Expressway structure, and side street closures in the 40s and 50s. This leads us to worry that agencies are not properly communicating and coordinating on projects, producing extra burdens on our residents and businesses.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

While we are happy that MTA is finally adding an elevator to the 59th Street station, it is not nearly enough. All station rehabilitations should include elevator and/or ramps. We are very happy the 53rd Street and Prospect Avenue stations have recently been rehabilitated, we feel accessibility is much more important than cell phone charging. More frequent bus service is necessary on Eighth and particularly on 5th Avenue, especially when school is in session. MTA failed to provide traffic agents along 4th Avenue, as promised creating a safety hazard for all traverse the boulevard.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/40	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue	3 Avenue 15 Street 65 Street
9/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Establish a design and reconstruction contract for the 20th Street - McDonald Avenue truck route between 4th Avenue and Caton Avenue to make the entire corridor safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars/trucks	20th Street/McDonald Avenue 4th Avenue Caton Avenue
11/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons	Community Wide
12/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Rehabilitate 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets and remove unused rail. EDC was supposed to have done this in a 2005 project but removed it without community notice.	2 Avenue 29 Street 42 Street
13/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Add security cameras inside all subways stations in CD 7.	Community Wide
15/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Rehabilitate sinking trench on 17th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues	17th Street 5th Avenue 6th Avenue
21/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Rehabilitate 41st Street between 3rd and 5th Avenues	41 Street 3 Avenue 5 Avenue
24/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible	36th Street subway station
25/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators and make 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line handicap accessible	15th Street station



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Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Add new benches to all subway stations in CD 7	Community Wide
29/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Western Terminus	39th Street 2nd Avenue bulkhead line
30/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection	3rd Avenue 17th Street 65th Street
38/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7	Community Wide
40/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators to the 59th Street subway station for handicap accessibility	59th Street Subway Station 59 Street and 4 Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/28	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service	Community Wide
9/28	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several school inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.	Community Wide
25/28	DOT	Improve parking operations	Allocate funds to study the lack of parking throughout CD 7 and examine options for increasing parking availability district-wide	Community Wide
26/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Increase funds for pothole repair in CD 7	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

While some of our parks have undergone rehabilitation recently, many remain in need of upgrades, including: • Rainbow playground • Martin Luther Playground • John Allen Payne Park (half rehabilitated) • D'Emic Park • Pena-Herrera Park • Sunset Park Recreation Center Bush Terminal Park opened in 2014, but we still only have half the park the community was promised. Its been 4 years and the park still doesn't even have lighting. In a community that has less than half of the city's standard for parkland per capita and where nearly 25% of our population is more than ¼ mile from a park, it should stand to reason that the few facilities we have should be kept in top condition.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

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



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/40	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate Community Board 7 office, meeting room, rest rooms, lobby and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant.	4201 4 Avenue
7/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct Rainbow Playground.	Rainbow Playground 5523 6 Avenue
14/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Replace all windows in the Sunset Park Recreation Center.	Sunset Park Recreation Center 4200 7 Avenue
16/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.	D'Emic Park
17/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.	Martin Luther Playground
19/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park.	Pena-Herrera Park 4601 3 Avenue
20/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park.	Greenwood Playground
22/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Sherman Street Park at Ocean Parkway.	Sherman Street Park 318 Sherman Street



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Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Improve access and add trees and amenities including a spotlight on the monument around the center of Bartel Pritchard Square	Bartel Pritchard Square
31/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues	Community Wide
39/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated	John Allen Payne Park

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/28	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers	Sunset Park Recreation Center 4200 7th Ave
15/28	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Maximize library hours in CD 7	Community Wide
21/28	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding for tree planting and pruning district-wide in order to expedite schedule	Community Wide

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Brooklyn Community Board 7 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 7 submitted 40 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/40	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.	Bush Terminal Park	
2/40	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	Make all schools and facilities within schools 100% accessible to all student populations in new and rehabilitated schools	Community Wide	
2/40	SCA	Renovate interior building component	Make all schools and facilities within schools 100% accessible to all student populations, in new and rehabilitated schools	Community Wide	
3/40	DEP	Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.	5 Avenue 34 Street 64 Street	
4/40	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Replace sewer pipes in 1st Avenue from 39th to 58th Streets which was cut out of the 2005 street rehabilitation. Green infrastructure should be included wherever feasible.	1 Avenue 39 Street 58 Street	
5/40	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate Community Board 7 office, meeting room, rest rooms, lobby and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant.	4201 4 Avenue	
5/40	SCA	Renovate other site component	Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5. As such, the playground equipment is inadequate for the older children.	PS 971 6214 4 Avenue	

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8/40	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue	3 Avenue 15 Street 65 Street	
9/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Establish a design and reconstruction contract for the 20th Street - McDonald Avenue truck route between 4th Avenue and Caton Avenue to make the entire corridor safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars/trucks	20th Street/McDonald Avenue 4th Avenue Caton Avenue	
10/40	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons as well as a properly designed bus turn around and speed humps for the pier	58 Street Pier	
11/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons	Community Wide	
12/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Rehabilitate 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets and remove unused rail. EDC was supposed to have done this in a 2005 project but removed it without community notice.	2 Avenue 29 Street 42 Street	
13/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Add security cameras inside all subways stations in CD 7.	Community Wide	
14/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Replace all windows in the Sunset Park Recreation Center.	Sunset Park Recreation Center 4200 7 Avenue	
15/40	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Rehabilitate sinking trench on 17th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues	17th Street 5th Avenue 6th Avenue	

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16/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground.	D'Emic Park	
17/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground.	Martin Luther Playground	
19/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park.	Pena-Herrera Park 4601 3 Avenue	
20/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park.	Greenwood Playground	
21/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Rehabilitate 41st Street between 3rd and 5th Avenues	41 Street 3 Avenue 5 Avenue	
22/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Sherman Street Park at Ocean Parkway.	Sherman Street Park 318 Sherman Street	
23/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.	Community Wide	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
24/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible	36th Street subway station	
25/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators and make 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line handicap accessible	15th Street station	
26/40	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Add new benches to all subway stations in CD 7	Community Wide	
27/40	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Rehabilitate the sewer pipe and add green infrastructure to 33rd and 34th Streets between 4th and 5th Avenues. Additional sewer replacement projects at priorities #2 and 3.	33rd and 34th Sts bet 4 & 5 Aves	
28/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Improve access and add trees and amenities including a spotlight on the monument around the center of Bartel Pritchard Square	Bartel Pritchard Square	
29/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Western Terminus	39th Street 2nd Avenue bulkhead line	
30/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection	3rd Avenue 17th Street 65th Street	
31/40	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues	Community Wide	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
32/40	DPR	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the foot bridge over the Prospect Expressway. The adjacent property owner in NYC.	Ft. Hamilton Parkway East 5th Street Prospect Expressway	
33/40	DPR	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden. The adjacent property owner in NYC.	East 4th Street Ft. Hamilton Parkway Caton Avenue	
34/40	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Acquire site to relocate and construct a new BK-7 garage. CB 7 strongly believes the sanitation garage should not be located on a waterfront property. Additionally, BK-10's garage, currently housed in the same building as BK - 7, should be located in its home district.	Community Wide	
35/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.	Community Wide	
36/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.	Community Wide	
37/40	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Purchase and place "big belly" garbage pails at intersections with heavy pedestrian use	Community Wide	
38/40	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Add shelters and benches to all bus stops on 3rd Avenue in CD 7	Community Wide	
39/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been rehabilitated	John Allen Payne Park	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
40/40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators to the 59th Street subway station for handicap accessibility	59th Street Subway Station 59 Street and 4 Avenue	

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Brooklyn Community Board 7 Expense Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/28	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.	Community Wide	Councilman Brad Lander
2/28	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	Increase ACS funded day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increase significantly, but we have lost seats to do competition for space. Sunset Park Head Start had to move for the new PS 516, but lost half of its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space was reused for Pre-K seats.	Community Wide	
3/28	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance child welfare preventive services slots	Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.	Community Wide	
4/28	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources	Allocate funds for additional training of school safety officers specifically serving in schools with District 75 students	Community Wide	
5/28	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.	Community Wide	
6/28	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase Parks personnel budget for additional maintenance workers and Recreation Center workers	Sunset Park Recreation Center 4200 7th Ave	
7/28	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.	Community Wide	
8/28	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service	Community Wide	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/28	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Increase service on the B63 bus and ensure much more frequent service, particularly during school rush hours. The B63 serves several school inside and outside the district and service levels have not been frequent enough to handle the volume of children. We have received numerous complaints about children being late due to overcrowded buses bypassing stops.	Community Wide	
10/28	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Increase funding for adult ESOL, adult literacy and adult education programs in CD 7.	Community Wide	
11/28	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Ensure all children who are eligible for specialized and related programs (NEST, ESL, ASD, G&T, OTPT, etc.) in the district receive such programs and services	Community Wide	
12/28	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.	Community Wide	
13/28	DEP	Clean catch basins	Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.	Community Wide	
14/28	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 17th Street and Caton Avenue	Kermit Place East 7th Street East 8th Street	
15/28	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Maximize library hours in CD 7	Community Wide	
16/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	Allocate funds for after school music and arts programs districtwide	Community Wide	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
17/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	Allocated funding for after school music and arts programs districtwide	Community Wide	
18/28	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	Provide vocational training, day habilitation and placement services for adults with disabilities.	Community Wide	
19/28	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.	Community Wide	
20/28	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	Restore 5 day-a-week pick up at all schools district-wide. Most schools do not have appropriate facilities to store garbage for several days and often end up storing curbside 7 days a week.	Community Wide	
21/28	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding for tree planting and pruning district-wide in order to expedite schedule	Community Wide	
22/28	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 on commercial streets.	Community Wide	
23/28	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	CB 7 believes city senior centers are now in competition with for-profit facilities that have access to federal reimbursement. Programs at city facilities should be enhanced in order to compete.	Community Wide	
24/28	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	Allocate funds for security in off-peak hours in order to maintain public access at BAT Pier 4	Pier 4	
25/28	DOT	Improve parking operations	Allocate funds to study the lack of parking throughout CD 7 and examine options for increasing parking availability district-wide	Community Wide	
26/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Increase funds for pothole repair in CD 7	Community Wide	
27/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Additional SYEP slots are needed in our community because of our very large youth population and many of the slots are used by students who live outside of CD7.	Community Wide	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
28/28	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Increase patrolman service at 72nd Precinct. We commonly hear from constituents that there are only two or three cars patrolling, particularly on weekends. A smaller police force, special assignments and borough-wide agencies have contributed to a steep decline of local officers in the past decade.	Community Wide	