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Brooklyn
Community District 15

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 15's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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 FY18 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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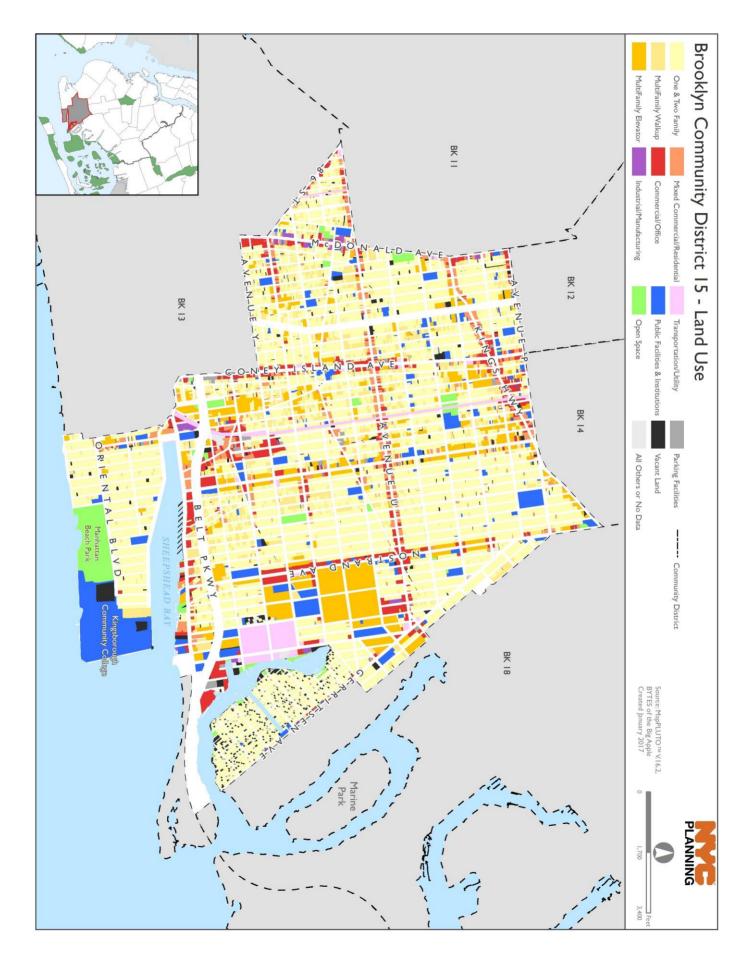
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3. Overview of Community District

District Overview

Community Board 15 is a vibrant mixed-use community. The District is bordered to the North by the large commercial strip of Kings Highway, to the West by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the South by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the East by the year round recreational community of Gerritsen Beach, other residential areas include Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach.

The District is still recovering from the effects of Superstorm Sandy with many areas such as Gerritsen Beach, Plumb Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Manhattan Beach rebuilding with current resiliency measures.

It is the policy of Community Board 15 to see to the needs of the local residents it serves and ensure the delivery of services to the District. Open communication between residents and the Community Board is an essential part of maintaining public safety, development and prosperity for all.

POPULATION

According to current statistics supplied by the City Of New York the most recent studies conducted in 2014, calculate the overall population of Community Board 15 (Brooklyn) as 137,815. According to the 2012 Department of City Planning vital statistics, the birth rate increased since 2005, at 13.7 %. The death-rate dropped 8.0%, and infant mortality rate increased from 1.6% to 2.6%. Statistics from 2014 show that the largest percentage change occurred in the District Income Support with 34.4% of the population 54,860 people up from 43,339 receiving income support either by Social Security or Medicaid.

The District is ethnically diverse including but not limited to: African, Chinese, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, Israeli, Japanese, Korean, Pakistani, Russian and Turkish.

LAND USE

According to the Department of City Planning (2014), the total land area of Community Board 15 is 4.7 square miles. The District includes: one and two-family residential units (50.6%), multi-family residential units (17.8%) and mixed residential-commercial units (3.6%). Non-residential land use in the District includes: commercial-and-office units (6.3%), industrial regions (0.4%), transportation/facility (2.6%), institutions (8.2%), open-space recreation (2.6%), parking facilities (0.9%) and vacant land (6.5%).

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 15 are:

- Neighborhood preservation (development trends)
- Traffic
- Trash removal & cleanliness

Neighborhood Preservation: Community Board 15 is in the midst of a development boom. Where once stood a one or two family home, now stands a multiple family dwelling. Some complete with a "community facility". More density will wreak havoc on our already aging infrastructure. With the overdevelopment in our community, we are losing the character of our waterfront towns. These seaside communities were summer destinations at the turn of the century and never built to take on the demands of year round modern housing. Our landscape and access to our waterfront has been deeply diminished. We also have real concerns on what is being done to assure our utilities can handle the additional load of more dwellings. Is our sewer systems capable of managing more usage? Can our increased sanitation needs be met? Traffic: Every single one of our Commercial areas Kings Highway - from Ocean Avenue to Ocean Parkway, Sheepshead Bay Road - from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from Gerritsen Avenue to McDonald Avenue are congested with double parking, truck deliveries and illegal parking. Most of these Avenues are also major transit hubs causing illegal TLC parking. We need better Traffic Enforcement, improved policing and DOT input on how to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Trash: Our bustling commercial corridors don't have the basket pick-ups or sanitation maintenance they require to keep the areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents. Sheepshead Bay Road, from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from Ocean Avenue to Ocean Parkway, Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P on any given day will have baskets overflowing, trash strewn along the streets. Our office is inundated with calls on a daily basis complaining how filthy and uninviting these shopping corridors are. We also have a problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B & Q train lines on East 16th Street and F train line on McDonald Avenue, as well as our service road Shore Parkway which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway.

Health Care and Human Services



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

State of health facilities

Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn is the closest hospital to our community. Its proximity to the Belt Parkway makes it the most suitable location to establish a Level 1 Trauma Center. With the pending construction of the Hospital's new tower this would be the perfect time to implement a Level 1 Trauma Center. Currently Coney Island Hospital does not have the equipment necessary and is unable to provide this vital service to our community. Patients must be transported to either Lutheran Hospital or Kings County Hospital losing critical lifesaving time in transport.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Coney Island Hospital, after Super Storm Sandy, has come back to its previous state. But, funding has been allocated by FEMA to construct a new tower which would be flood resistant. During Hurricane Irene, Coney Island Hospital was evacuated putting many lives in danger. During the height of Sandy, patients were being moved from the flooding main tower to an alternate location. This new tower would make Coney Island Hospital a state of the art health care facility. That is the reason to implement the Level 1 Trauma Center at this time. Valuable time is wasted transporting patients to other trauma centers when we could have one in our community now. Planning this at this time is imperative.

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

With people living longer, thanks to modern medical breakthroughs, Community Board 15 is concerned about its growing aging population. Senior residents who may be home bound and on limited fixed incomes, especially during the winter months, must have access to the nutrition they need. The Meals on Wheels program is a much beneficial resource seeing to that growing need and should be properly funded.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community Board 15 believes there should be more outreach from the Department of Homeless Services, to actively seek to permanently shelter the displaced and bring them the social programs they need, such as drug rehabilitation, mental illness counseling and job skills training with placement. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street (right next to the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/19	ННС	Health care facilities	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Coney Island Hospital
13/19	ННС	Health care facilities	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Coney Island Hospital

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location	
12/39	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase home delivered meals capacity		
18/39	DHS	Services for the homeless	Expand street outreach		
32/39	DOHMH	Health inspections	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurant	ts .	

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

With both parents working in today's economy, many children of Elementary and Junior High School age in our community return to empty homes after school. It is imperative that we offer our young people interesting after school programming, that not only monitors our children and keeps them safe and off our streets, but provides them with the educational tools they will need to be successful in life.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Blvd. Brooklyn NY 11235 Marina Reconstruction- \$1 million This project will reconstruct the college's marina that was destroyed by Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The main pier and service connections, including water, electric and telecommunications, will be replaced. ADA-compliant access to the dock from the shore will be installed. The boat travel-lift will be relocated further west, where it will be better protected from future storms and will not silt up from future storms and wave action. A new wave-attenuator will be constructed at the eastern end of the marina to help reduce the force of wave action on the marina. This facility is pivotal to the college's academic mission since it provides hands-on training space to students in the Maritime Technology program and houses the vessels that are used for training and teaching on the water. On Stage at Kingsborough- \$15,000 On Stage at Kingsborough, KCC's performing arts program, brings artistically and culturally diverse multi-disciplinary professional performances (dance, theater, film and family programs) from around the country and abroad. These funds would enable us to continue diversifying our audience through such efforts as ticket subsidies to schools.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

With both parents working most children come home to empty apartments and houses. We feel it is important to keep children safe, off the streets and provide them with the tools they will need to go on to live successful lives. Afterschool programs offer our children, homework help, interesting and stimulating programming, social engagement and a well rounded education in a safe and secure environment. We need to fund these programs to assure that our future generations have the learning aptitude and the ability to succeed.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/19	CUNY	School upgrades	Pool upgrade	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/39	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	PS 153 1970 Homecrest Avenue
15/39	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	Bay Academy I.S. 98 1401 Emmons Avenue

Public Safety and Emergency Services



Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

This office is inundated with calls regarding vehicles parking for months at a time due to the fact alternate side does not exist on many of our streets, or they simply ignore the parking regulations. Many people in our community use our public streets to run their used auto sales businesses usurping our valuable curbside parking. We are requesting additional NYPD funding to allow 24/7 row-tow capabilities throughout the district. We currently have one officer assigned, with a list that is mounting on a daily basis, so waiting times to remove this nuisance vehicles are extremely long.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

With the District being almost 6 square miles in size there is an immediate need for additional Police Officers to adequately patrol the District. The 61st Precinct is under staffed and at times many of our Officers are reassigned to work the beach patrol, at the 60th Precinct, or larger events throughout the City. Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints from residents on how low-priority crimes, such as car break-ins or traffic accidents are taking hours for a police response.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

All Firehouses in the District must be outfitted with emergency back-up generators in the event of a power outage. The Firehouses that are in need in our district are as follows: 901 Avenue U, 2165 Gerritsen Avenue, and 2732 East 11th.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/19	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue
6/19	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	
11/19	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide surveillance cameras	
17/19	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue



Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/39	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	61st Precint 2575 Coney Island Avenue
5/39	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	
7/39	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	
8/39	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional crossing guards	
9/39	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	
33/39	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Other NYPD staff resources requests	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue
39/39	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

Community Board 15's District as a Waterfront Community has two major waterways that have been severally impacted by run-off from the Coney Island Treatment Plant located at 2591 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. The system has had some major breakdowns this year, releasing a horrible stench into the air which lingered for weeks. Our main concern is how the runoff from this plant is negatively impacting on our waters in both Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay. After Superstorm Sandy when the electricity was cut off stopping any safeguards that were in place, the amount of toxins released from our overflowing sewage system has never been fully addressed. We are still feeling its affects. Many of our storm drains are heavily impacted with sludge or are backed up with debris having never been properly cleaned and don't flow the way they should causing major flooding on our roadways. The stench of both Gerritsen Creek (located on Knapp Street across from the plant) and Sheepshead Bay Outfall on Ocean Avenue and Emmons Avenue, during high tides is unbearable. An environmental impact study should be conducted on these bodies of water and work should be done to restore these once thriving waterways back to the people of the community to safely enjoy for recreation.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

After Super Storm Sandy many of the roadbeds in our community which were undermined are not being addressed properly for repairs. Sinkholes are prevalent throughout the district. One example can be found in Gerritsen Beach at Plumb 1st and Avenue W.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Community Board 15 has heavily trafficked Commercial Districts with major train hubs in desperate need of more corner basket pick-ups. These locations are: Kings Highway East 16th Street, Avenue U From Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue and Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Emmons Avenue from Nostrand Avenue to East 14th Street.. Also our corner baskets are being used for household waste, causing overflowing conditions in our major intersections, we need more Sanitation Enforcement. We have a chronic illegal dumping problem, especially under our underpasses that are dimly lit. These underpasses are located at East 16th Street and run along, Avenue R, Avenue S, Avenue U, Avenue V, Avenue Y and Avenue Z. We request a specialized sanitation team assigned to police and clean the underpasses and other locations 311 frequent requests have been made to address.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/19 12/19	DEP DSNY	Water supply system Snow removal	Monitor and address water quality issues Improve snow removal	
CS	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Bartlett Avenue Gerritsen Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue
CS	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	





Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/39	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Other sewer maintenance requests	
11/39	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Clean catch basins	
16/39	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	
17/39	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	
20/39	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Increase vacant lot cleaning	1610 Avenue S
25/39	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	
26/39	DEP	Water supply system	Other water supply system maintenance requests	
27/39	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	
31/39	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	
34/39	DEP	Environmental protection	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	
35/39	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Other cleaning requests	
37/39	DSNY	Snow removal	Improve snow removal	

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Small Business services/support

Community Board 15 has seen a decline in our commercial districts, Sheepshead Bay Road a once thriving shopping area has most of its stores lying empty. Avenue U and East 8th, which once had a supermarket is now a large condominium. Kings Highway is attracting big box stores, but it's hurting small businesses and mom and pop stores that once dotted the highway are no longer able to compete. We are seeing an utter decline of our commercial strips.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Throughout Community Board 15 there are many stop work orders that are being violated. Many homes are being converted illegally from 1-2 family dwellings to multi-family dwellings without the proper permits. It is our hope that with additional inspectors, inspections can be done in a more timely fashion. Many of the violations we have reported have been backlogged for months.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken ovens, other broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

We have a large number of small commercial areas in our district, Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road, Avenue X with rents escalating to ludicrous heights, these storefronts either turn over rapidly, or sit vacant not enticing or attracting anyone to invest in opening a new business. Empty store fronts don't entice consumers. The City needs to offer Small Business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer store owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/39	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	
10/39	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	
21/39	SBS	Commercial district revitalization	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue
22/39	NYCHA	Public housing maintenance, staffing and management	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses 3004 Avenue V

Transportation



Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic enforcement

Community Board 15 is plagued with double parked cars, illegally parked cars and cars who don't follow road restrictions. Traffic comes to a halt on busy streets when traffic offenses are allowed to exist because of lack of enforcement. We have numerous treacherous intersections with cars that do not yield to pedestrians. Commercial districts clogged with livery cabs that don't allow buses to pass. Trucks off loading supplies day and night on our commercial districts without heeding delivery restrictions. Lack of enforcement leads to chaos on our streets and is a safety issue for our residents.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The Coney Island Avenue Bridge, located on Coney Island Avenue between Avenue Z and Guider Avenue is in bad need of repaving. The potholes are treacherous and it is a heavily trafficked bridge.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Due to Community Board 15's large senior population we would like to see an elevator constructed at the Sheepshead Bay Station. Sheepshead Bay station is a large transit hub and seniors find navigating the large amount of steps to reach the elevated train line very difficult.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/19	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Sheepshead Bay Train Station Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15
7/19	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve parking operations	
8/19	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	
10/19	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	Coney Island Avenue Avenue Z Guider Avenue
18/19	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
19/19	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new seawalls or bulkheads	Shore Boulevard Kensington Street Langham Street



Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/39	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	
13/39	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Coney Island Avenue Avenue P Avenue Z
19/39	NYCTA	Transit Service	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	
23/39	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	
28/39	NYPD	Transit Service	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	
30/39	NYCTA	Transit Service	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

The length of time for pruning, planting and stump removal is ridiculous. We have people waiting 5 years for trees. Something has to be done to expedite the process.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The Parks in Community Board 15 are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. Parks needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs these parks require on a daily basis. Whether, its trimming the weeds, trimming the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, bathrooms need to be made a priority, not an after thought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court bet. E. 12 St. and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well utilized park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be addressed. In the planning of Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, a rather remote area, a comfort station should be included. Lastly Bill Brown Park on Bedford Avenue by Avenue X to Avenue Y has its park building upgrade in limbo for several years, due to the contractor defaulting. However, its the residents who suffer and calls to our office to complain they need the comfort station replaced and as soon as possible.

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

Our community is vibrant and alive yet we are lacking in the arts. Our children need to travel to other communities to enjoy the fine arts. We need traveling art shows to enhance the waterfront of Emmons Avenue. We need our area parks to host science fairs and allow our young to experience hands on projects.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Our community (BPL) has seen an increase in library use whether for reading or for the many programs these libraries offer. Many children attend the after school programs offered and seniors avail themselves to the many senior programs available. In recent times library access has become more important than ever before.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

We are in desperate need to have better internet. Our office is housed at Kingsborough Community College and the lines have been poor since Super Storm Sandy. It would be most efficient to have Fios installed to stop our internet from going in and out on a daily basis.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/19	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Emmons Avenue Brigham Street
5/19	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
15/19	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Manhattan Beach Bathhouse Oriental Blvd.
16/19	DCAS	Community board facilities and staff	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	



Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/39	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
24/39	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Plant new street trees	
29/39	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Homecrest Library Coney Island Avenue
36/39	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Other street trees and forestry services requests	
38/39	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/19	CUNY	School upgrades	Pool upgrade	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard

Brooklyn Community Board 15 Capital Requests

Priority /
Continued

Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/19	ННС	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Coney Island Hospital located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is the closest Hospital to our district, it is near every major road artery in the community, the Belt Parkway and Ocean Parkway. Severely affected by Super Storm Sandy, the hospital is currently under renovations and is in the process of constructing a new flood-proof tower. With the new tower underway, Coney Island Hospital should be given the additional funding it needs to become a Level 1 Trauma Center, they currently don't have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to achieve this trauma care designation.	Coney Island Hospital	
2/19	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	We are in need of an elevator at the Sheepshead Bay Station which services the Q and B lines. Many elderly or disabled are forced to travel to either Stillwell Avenue or Kings Highway to access a train station. Sheepshead Bay is a heavily traveled station and in dire need of an elevator.	Sheepshead Bay Train Station Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15	
3/19	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Brigham Park, a new park being constructed in the next year, located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given it's remote location, for seniors and children in our community a comfort station would be a necessity.	Emmons Avenue Brigham Street	
4/19	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	The 61st Precinct located at 2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn has an auxiliary parking lot adjacent to its Precinct building which houses impounded/seized vehicles. The lot is in extreme disrepair and needs repaving. The gate that secures this lot has fallen into ruin and is in need of being replaced. The Precinct house itself is showing signs of aging and needs to be renovated.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	
5/19	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Mellet Park, located at Avenue V between East 13th Street & East 14th Street and Kelly Park on Avenue S between East 14th and East 15th Street are in desperate need of upgrades. The play equipment needs to be upgraded in both parks. Homecrest Park is in need of a comfort station, it serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard.		

Brooklyn Community Board 15 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15 submitted 19 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
6/19	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Engine 276/Ladder 156/Battalion 33: 1635 East 14th Street 2 New Commercial Dishwashers Washing Machine Clothes Dryer Engine 254/Ladder 153 901 Avenue U New Intercom system in firehouse Back-up Generator 1 inch yellow forestry hose to help at brush fire operations Engine 321: 2165 Gerritsen Avenue Back-up Generator New Apparatus (Truck Room) Floor Dishwasher Engine 246/Ladder 169 2731 East 11th Street New Windows Urgently Needed Electrical Upgrades to Firehouse including Back-up Generator New Refrigerator Commercial range hood for outdoor grill		
7/19	DOT	Improve parking operations	Our community is in need of on street parking. We are in desperate need of additional municipal lots or to expand on the ones we have. With so much construction increasing our population density we are in need of parking. This community has households with up to 3 or 4 cars and we are in desperate need of parking. We have 2 municipal lots in Sheepshead Bay, Voorhies Avenue and East 15th Street and East 17th Street and Avenue Z, which would benefit greatly by building more levels.		
8/19	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	The time to repair sidewalks and curbs is years. DOT must have an in house repair crew to address these safety issues caused by cracked and broken sidewalks and missing and broken curbs in a timely fashion.		
9/19	DEP	Monitor and address water quality issues	Community Board 15 would like DEP to be able to purchase an additional Skimmer Boat to be able to properly clean Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach and Manhattan Beach.		
10/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	The Coney Island Avenue Bridge which spans approximately from Avenue Z to Guider Avenue is in need of some major roadway repairs. It is a heavily trafficked bridge and the roadway is in need of a total resurfacing as opposed to the patch work it has been receiving for many years.	Coney Island Avenue Avenue Z Guider Avenue	
11/19	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Cameras placed at potential target areas such as schools and religious institutions would be a deterrent to possible incidents.		
12/19	DSNY	Improve snow removal	Community Board 15 is requesting smaller sanitation snow removal equipment for bus stops and cross walk clean-ups after a snow event. The current equipment is not suitable and too large to handle these areas.		

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13/19	ННС	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Coney Island Hospital, located at 2601 Ocean Parkway is in need of upgrading its existing equipment. To be specific: An Electrophysiological Lab, for \$2,300,000, a replacement for their Bronchoscope \$97, 576.00 and lastly a Holmium Laser for GU at a cost of \$126, 985.00.	Coney Island Hospital	
14/19	CUNY	Pool upgrade	Community Board 15 would like to make a CUNY request for Kingsborough Community College: Facility Pool needs to be upgraded. The campus stands along the Ocean and due to severe sea erosion some of the older buildings on campus are in need of an upgrade.	Kingsborough Community College 2001 Oriental Boulevard	
15/19	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	The Manhattan Beach Bath House could easily house cultural events. Families visiting the beach could frequent this facility.	Manhattan Beach Bathhouse Oriental Blvd.	
16/19	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	We would like to have a fios internet line installed to assure a more efficient internet connection to better serve our community at large.		
17/19	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	We are requesting that the 61st Precinct be made ADA compliant. They are in need of a new men's room and a unisex restroom and elevator.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	
18/19	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	The waiting list to put in a requested and approved speed hump is very excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the time of installation and save lives.		
19/19	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Many of our Parks are dimly lit and require additional lighting. Perhaps solar lighting is something that can be funded to efficiently and inexpensively light our parks.		
CS	DOT	Upgrade or create new seawalls or bulkheads	We would like to request a repair of the bulk heads in Manhattan Beach along Shore Blvd, from Kensington Street to Langham Street.	Shore Boulevard Kensington Street Langham Street	

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CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	In Gerritsen Beach, a new sewer system is needed. The streets in Gerritsen do not have proper storm drainage. They are on an antiquated system that no longer works for this community. It was a seasonal bungalow community that has grown over the decades into a larger yearly occupied neighborhood. The infrastructure never followed suit, particularly south of Bartlett Avenue to the dead end. In addition, the neighborhood of Sheepshead Bay is also in need of upgraded sewer lines. The current lines are not large enough to handle the capacity needed, where one family home once stood, a mutli-family building with a community facility now stands. With more capacity and density upgrades are needed and should be made, specifically along Emmons Avenue from East 15th Street to Knapp Street.	Bartlett Avenue Gerritsen Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue	
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent location to house Sanitation 15, Brooklyn.		
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Gerritsen Beach was a heavily damaged area during Super Storm Sandy. Flooding and Ponding have been an issue in the old section of Gerristen, (South of Gotham Avenue), for many years, during the aftermath of Sandy it is critical these upgrades be made. We are requesting a new sewer system to be installed and in doing so it is imperative that DOT works hand in hand with DEP to reconstruct the streets of this community with each installation of a new sewer system.	Gerritsen Avenue Bartlett Avenue Plumb Beach Avenue	

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1/39	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Community Board 15 is in need of additional police officers at our 61st Precinct, located at 2575 Coney Island Avenue. Although our crime rates are low, issues such as minor traffic accidents, car break ins and mischief in our school yards and parks can go hours before an officer is able to respond because the department is currently spread too thin handling more urgent calls.	61st Precint 2575 Coney Island Avenue	
2/39	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Many properties in our district have been illegally converted, turning one or two family homes into 6 family homes, with people residing in basements and attics causing hazardous living conditions. Department of Buildings need the necessary man power and take a proactive role in stopping these conversions from taking place and once in place violating the property owners before something tragic occurs.		
3/39	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventors throughout the district. This community experienced many sewer back up issues after Sandy and these preventors would help with the back-ups. The neighborhoods of Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach are the areas most affected. On Avenue Y from Mcdonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue going south the area was inundated with sewer back-ups and back-flow preventers would prevent that from happening again.		
4/39	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community, waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time to have a tree planted and tree pruning can take 7 - 10 years, allowing it to become a hazard. We need to expedite this procedure, so adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would help to streamline this too long a process.		

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5/39	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Currently Kingsborough Community College at 2001 Oriental Blvd, during the Summer Months from May through October houses an FDNY fireboat. This fireboat is currently not manned 24/7 and we believe it would be in the best interest of the community if it could be. With a dry season, brush fires seem to have been more prevalent this year. Being a beach and boating community, rescues on the water are another challenge that a 24/7 fireboat would be well equipped to assist in. Pulling a boat from further away can be critical when time is of the essence. Being that this is a strategic location, we feel keeping it staffed and accessible 24/7 during the summer months would be a true asset to saving our residents and visitors lives.		
6/39	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Many commercial facilities on Coney Island Avenue have parking lots that empty into Coney Island Avenue, a consumer exiting an establishment enters Coney Island Avenue and often attempts to make an illegal U-Turn. We are requesting flexible delineators to deter consumers along Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P from making illegal U-turns. The main areas where offenses occur are at the 7-11 Store located at 2800 Coney Island Avenue, Burger King -2425 Coney Island Avenue and McDonalds 2410 Coney Island Avenue. We are requesting these 3 locations, since delineators proved a successful deterrent on Ocean Avenue and Avenue Y, where a Staples store is located.		
7/39	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	All of our commercial corridors are backed up with traffic due to illegal double parking. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue from Avenue P to Avenue Z, on Avenue U from McDonald Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, on Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue and on Kings Highway from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue.		
8/39	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	All the schools in the District are in need of additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around schools at dismissal, crossing guards are imperative. Currently when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work.		
9/39	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.		
10/39	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Department of Buildings needs money to allocate additional inspectors to hasten the inspection process especially when stop work orders are violated. We need to have more inspections during evenings and weekends, when a lot of these violations occur.		

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11/39	DEP	Clean catch basins	Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Blvd., between Pembroke and West End Avenue. Oriental Avenue between Oxford and West End Avenue. On Gerritsen Avenue from Channel Avenue to Seba Avenue.		
12/39	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Additional funding needs to be allocated to DFTA to provide more Meals on Wheels services to homebound seniors on fixed incomes. With an aging population the demand for healthy meals has also increased and we want to make sure that no one in our community is left hungry. The Meals on Wheels program, not only provides food but also acts as a safeguard for Seniors alerting the property authorities if a senior is not responding or allowing them access. It is a vital lifesaving program on many levels and needs to be appropriately funded to carry on its good work.		
13/39	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	On Ocean Parkway several years ago a Traffic Study was conducted and left turning signals were installed successfully alleviating traffic problems. Community Board 15 would like to see a study conducted of Coney Island Avenue from Avenue Z to Avenue P and see the installations of left turning signal installed there to alleviate the traffic on this heavily traveled commercial strip.	Coney Island Avenue Avenue P Avenue Z	
14/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K- 5)	After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.	PS 153 1970 Homecrest Avenue	
15/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6- 8)	After school programs provide a safe, social and educational experience for our children giving them the ability to learn and grow into successful adults.	Bay Academy I.S. 98 1401 Emmons Avenue	
16/39	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	There are several commercials areas in our District that require seven day basket truck service. These commercial strips such as Avenue U from Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue and Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, Emmons Avenue from East 14th Street to Nostrand Avenue, are teeming with over stuffed baskets for days on end.		
17/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on every upright structure. Signs for moving men and lately "Cash for Cars" signs have appeared everywhere. There must be severe penalties for such acts. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.		

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18/39	DHS	Expand street outreach	Community Board 15 has seen a major increase of homeless people on our streets, underpasses, parks and train stations. We would like to see more money allocated to do community outreach and get these people the help and services they need and return these public areas back to the community. We have a concentration of people under the train station at Sheepshead Bay Road and East 15th Street, Voorhies Avenue and East 16th Street -(Near the Municipal Parking Lot), Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway under the overpass of the Belt Parkway.		
19/39	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	Transit should have a designated maintenance crew responsible for cleaning the exterior entrances of all transit stations. Our underpass at Sheepshead Bay is a chronic mess, as is Avenue U and Kings Highway. Avenue X and McDonald Avenue is extremely filthy.		
20/39	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	Several empty lots in the district are becoming havens for west nile and now maybe zika. Examples: the corner of Avenue V and Ocean Avenue, 1882 East 12th Street, 1610 Avenue S to name a few. These are lots have been neglected for years and are filled with debris and becoming breeding grounds for vermin and disease.	1610 Avenue S	
21/39	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving commercial district took a large hit after super storm Sandy and never truly recovered. Many of the stores are lying vacant and are still in ruins.	Sheepshead Bay Road East 14th Street Emmons Avenue	
22/39	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	We have been receiving an influx of calls emanating from The Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses located in our district because of long waits for repairs, from broken front doors, broken appliances, plumbing issues and unsanitary living conditions. One particular resident from 3004 Avenue V has been waiting over a month to be able to use her refrigerator. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable and perhaps additional maintenance crews need to be added to expedite the warrant of habitability.	Sheepshead / Nostrand Houses 3004 Avenue V	
23/39	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Traffic studies must be performed along our commercial strips such as Kings Highway from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue, Avenue U from McDonald Avenue to Nostrand Avenue and Coney Island Avenue from Guider Avenue to Avenue P to figure a way to alleviate the traffic snarls.		
24/39	DPR	Plant new street trees	After Super Storm Sandy many trees in the district died and were removed. The new tree planting is taking too long. Tree requests are not being addressed in our community.		

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25/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch them in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street from Avenues U thru Z, contain, tires, furniture, ewaste, construction materials and household trash strewn about each week by illegal dumpers. We need to stop this.		
26/39	DEP	Other water supply system maintenance requests	In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove all floatables in the Bay and in the Creek. This pollution is a severe health hazard, as well as making these heavily visited locations undesirable and unsightly for the community to fully enjoy.		
27/39	DSNY	Provide more on- street trash cans and recycling containers	Along Avenue U from Ocean Parkway to Ocean Avenue, on Sheepshead Bay Road from East 14th Street to Emmons Avenue, on Emmons Avenue from Sheepshead Bay Road to Knapp Street, on Coney Island Avenue fro Avenue P to Avenue Z there needs to be more trash receptacles. Garbage is filling the streets and curbs due to the lack of trash cans on the corners.		
28/39	NYPD	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	The stations along the B and Q train lines are inundated with illegal merchants outside the train stations. Whether Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U or Kings Highway, illegal vendors block the station entrances causing safety issues as well as sanitation problems.		
29/39	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	The library offers programs for both young and old but, the hours of operation must support the community. The branches must be open when it is convenient to the community. The Homecrest branch needs to service a religious community that needs Sunday hours while the Gravesend branch needs later hours for all the working families in the area.	Homecrest Library Coney Island Avenue	
30/39	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	When the SBS B-44 was added, the local service diminished. Local service south of Avenue U has increased causing severe delays in travel time. There needs to be more frequent local service along the B-44 line.		
31/39	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Whether elderly or disabled, bringing e-waste to a recycling center is a major inconvenience. The DSNY must help these individuals find easier ways to recycle e-waste either with a pick-up or more convenient drop off site.		
32/39	DOHMH	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	Increase the amount of health inspectors to shorten the process of receiving a restaurant grade.		
33/39	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	We are requesting that an allowance be allocated to help the 61st Pct Auxiliary Patrol Officers get the uniforms they require to do their job. Including bullet proof vests.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	

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34/39	DEP	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	We are requesting more inspectors to address the onslaught of complaints pertaining to noise and air complaints we have been receiving. More inspectors will cut down on response times.		
35/39	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	To keep up with the demands of our district, like many we need more manpower.		
36/39	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	We have many sidewalk flags in our community in need of major repairs due to city trees uprooting them. The current funding is not adequate enough to get to all the sidewalks in need of repair, we are requesting additional funding to combat this growing sidewalk hazard.		
37/39	DSNY	Improve snow removal	Requesting funding to hire additional temporary hourly workers during snow events to help clean out bus stops, bridges and crosswalks.		
38/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.		
39/39	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 61st Precinct has a shortage of marked patrol cars and we are requesting additional cars be allocated.	61st Precinct 2575 Coney Island Avenue	