

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 9'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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1. Community Board Information

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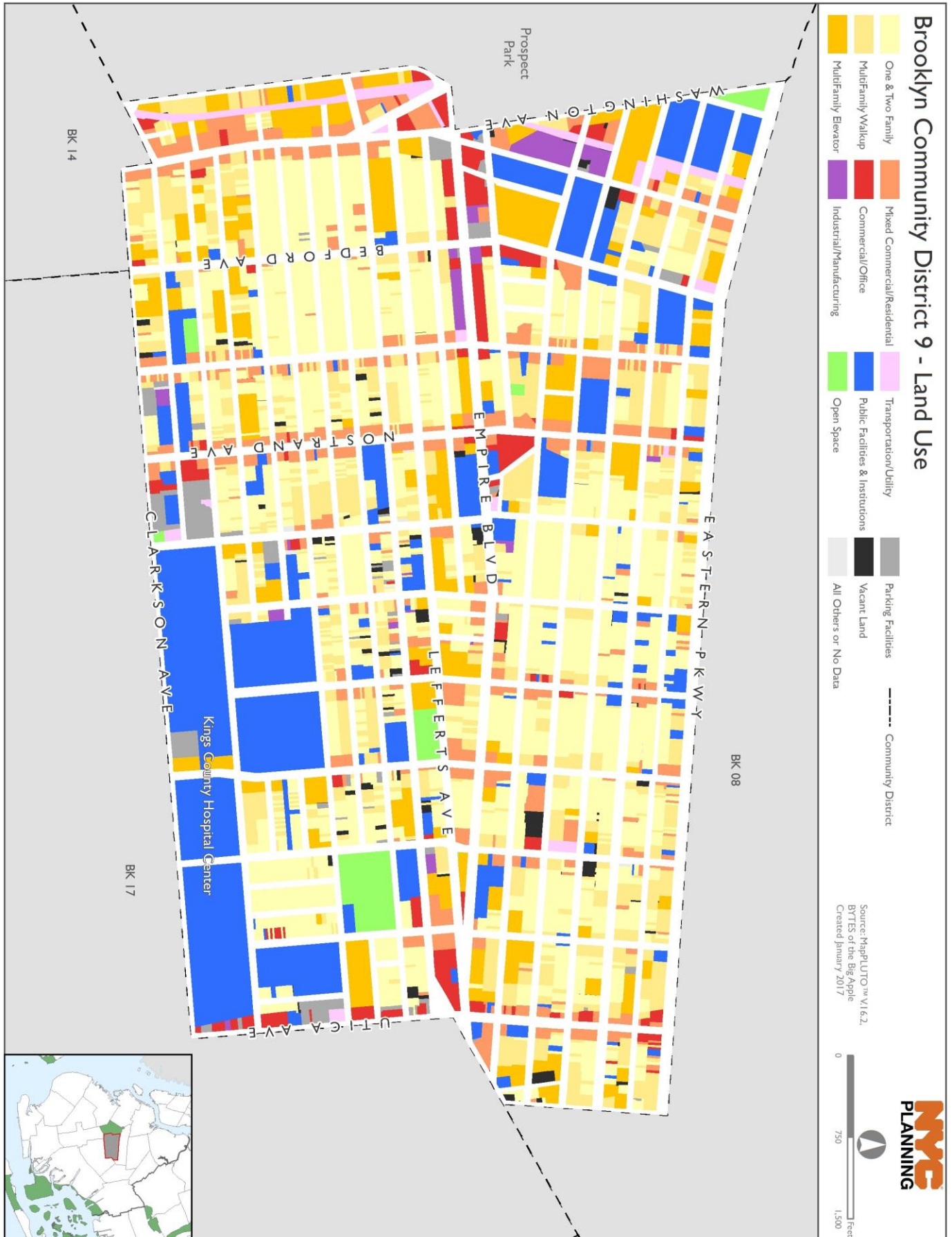
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Brooklyn's Community District 9 encompasses a total land area of 1.6 sq. miles, and is one of New York's first humanly inhabited areas. The area was once the home of the Mareckkawicks (or Brooklyn Indians,) a branch of the Canarsie tribal community, which occupied Kings County and parts of Jamaica. The area was colonized by Dutch farmers from the Netherlands (Holland) in the early 17th century. Lefferts Homestead was relocated to Prospect Park from its original location on Midwood Street and Flatbush Avenue, and is a living reminder of this agricultural community which flourished in our district until the early 20th century.

Also of historic significance is Clove Road, snugly located in the middle of Montgomery Street/Empire Blvd/Nostrand Ave/New York Avenue, within Community District 9. A Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study of Clove Road, conducted by the RBA Group in 2002, found that Clove Road "... is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A based upon its association with the establishment of Kings County's 19th Century public institutions, the Alms House, Hospital, Asylum, and Penitentiary, an event that significantly contributed to the broad pattern of New York's urban history."

Present day Community District 9 includes a portion of the neighborhoods known as Crown Heights, Flatbush, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, and Wingate. Bordered by Prospect Park (Ocean/Flatbush), Eastern Parkway, Lincoln Terrace Park (Rochester/Utica), and Clarkson Avenue, the district includes such prestigious cultural institutions as the Brooklyn Museum; the Brooklyn Botanic Garden; the Brooklyn Public Library; and the Jewish Children's Museum.

Other notable institutions in the district include Kings County Hospital Center; one of the largest hospital complexes in the world, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn; Kingsboro Psychiatric Center; Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; the SUNY Downstate Advanced Biotechnology Incubator and the SUNY Parkside Dialysis Center. Collectively, these institutions form the southern-most boundary of the district.

Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York; four high schools; four intermediate schools; eleven elementary schools (including new small schools and charter schools) make up the District's public educational system. A significant number of private and parochial schools complete the educational picture.

Only minutes by car or public transportation from downtown Brooklyn, Community District 9 is home to numerous small and medium-sized businesses and the 98,429 residents (2010 census) who live along our tree lined residential streets. Our many religious institutions include a number of large Catholic churches, a number of the oldest Protestant churches in the borough, and the World Headquarters of the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Movement.

Families and institutions have thrived in Community District 9 for generations. Over the past five decades, this largely middle class community has undergone extensive demographic changes, creating a unique blend of people of American, Caribbean, European, Asian and Hispanic descent.

More recently, the district is seeing an emergent growth of a younger demographic: young families, as well as young single adults, have come to call this community home, due in large part to its affordability, character, and close proximity to cultural institutions, parks and public transportation.

Stimulated by an upturn in the economy and zoning that accommodates this type of construction, the district is seeing a feverish growth in new apartment building construction. While there is a very great need for housing in the district, the resulting availability of "affordable apartments" do not realistically address the needs of the district's population, 38% of whom are dependent on Federal income support.

Seeing the writing on the wall, the Community Board sought for the community to have a say in addressing the impact this type of growth would have on the district, by requesting a planning study, in an effort to achieve a more balanced growth/transformation of the district, and the need for realistically "affordable" housing. This study has not moved beyond the request stage.

Community Board 9 is acutely aware that this growth brings with it a concomitant escalation in the need for vital

3. Overview of Community District

municipal services. Taking a critical look at our district's needs, the Board has embarked upon the formulation of a 197- a plan which sets out our vision for a better future for this community, the objectives of which are to improve the quality of life for residents through the following:

- The promotion of community safety and the reduction of crime;
- The promotion of new low-density/contextual residential development to provide both a humanly sealed built form and increased opportunity for neighborly social interaction;
- Social and cultural development;
- Improved health and social services;
- Support for the preservation, expansion and physical integration of the public parks system and educational institutions;
- Improved environment-neighborhood beautification and development of new open space resources;
- Promotion of employment and business opportunities through - The strengthening and expansion of existing retail commercial areas; - The improvement of local businesses and economic development; - A local hospital jobs program.
- The guiding of future physical and human development programs to enhance the lives of the residents.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 9 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Crime*
- *Schools*

Schools The schools in the district are not meeting the needs of the children. There is major overcrowding in all the schools, the buildings are in very poor condition and do not provide the type of environment that is conducive to learning. The school buildings are in critical need of rewiring to bring them up to code and to enable the use of state of the art computer technology. The need for classroom space, gymnasiums, auditorium space (none exist in many of the district's schools, including high schools), library space, air conditioning and heating plants is overwhelmingly critical.

Crime Although crime is said to be on the decline, the reality is that for all intents and purposes, gun violence causing death and serious bodily harm, appears to be at epidemic proportions. Illegal guns in the hands of criminals appears to be unchecked and the district has seen the casualties of this unchecked proliferation of guns on our streets. Innocent bystanders are often the victims. Guns and illegal drugs go hand in hand and are also a major concern in the district.

Affordable Housing There is a critical need for real "affordable" housing. People are being forced out of their apartments due to rising rents. The income guidelines for "affordable" housing is not a realistic measure for affordable. Right now many renters struggle with decisions that pit being able to afford to pay rent, to whether or not they can afford groceries, or to pay their utility bills. That is a serious concern in this community. Community Board 9 supports the need for more realistic income guidelines that will allow constituents in the low and moderate income group to be able to afford to rent an apartment.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

There is a critical need for funding for tenant support programs in Community District 9. Longtime community residents are falling prey to predatory landlords who often withhold repairs and basic services from low rent paying tenants as a means to force them out of the apartments so they can rent to higher rent paying tenants. Other tenants are being offered cheap buy-outs to move, often leading to homelessness because these tenants oftentimes cannot find affordable apartments elsewhere and, once the one-time payouts run out, they cannot continue to pay the new higher rents. Lack of tenants' rights education has also led to illegal evictions. Therefore, funding for homelessness prevention programs for households at-risk such as free legal services, financial assistance, and case management are a must for our district.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

The hospitals, health centers, long-term care facilities, nursing homes in Community District 9 need the necessary resources to be able to provide much needed preventive and managed care for chronic diseases. According to the Kings County Hospital 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment, diabetes, hypertension/high blood pressure, mental illness, heart disease, high cholesterol, stroke, and cancer are the most significant community health needs. In order for our health care facilities to expand their special outreach to low-income residents, the uninsured and underinsured, and those facing other barriers, for free screening, testing, intervention, resource education, preventive and managed care, they must be provided with the proper funding.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[Kings County Stats](#)

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

The senior citizens population in Community District 9 are in dire need of subsidized senior citizens housing

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/25	DFTA	<i>Facilities for seniors</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>Christopher Blenman Senior Ctr. 720 East New York Avenue</i>
23/25	DFTA	<i>Facilities for seniors</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>Shalom Senior Center 483 Albany Avenue</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/36	DOHMH	Healthy life styles programs	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	
16/36	DHS	Services for the homeless	Improve safety at homeless shelters	Kingsboro Men's Shelter 681 Clarkson Avenue
22/36	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Reduce rat populations	
24/36	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	
25/36	HRA	Homelessness prevention programs	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	
27/36	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase home delivered meals capacity	
30/36	HRA	Homelessness prevention programs	Other homelessness prevention program request	
33/36	HRA	Homelessness prevention programs	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	
34/36	DFTA	Senior center programs	Enhance educational and recreational programs	
35/36	DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Community District 9 has an approximate 30% of it's population under the age of 25 with less than 2% of the district dedicated to open space. As a result, constructive activities for our youth are limited. An increase in the number of after school and out of school time programs is greatly needed to fill the void created by lack of open space. After school programs should also be extended to later hours to reduce the number of hours that youth are left to their own devices. Most youth-related crime occurs between the hours of 3PM and 8PM. Not only are recreation related programs needed but academic related programs also, such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) enrichment.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

School buildings in Community District 9 are in dire need of reconstruction and upgrading in the following areas: Electrical and computer wiring Expanded classroom space Libraries Bathroom Facilities Gymnasiums Auditoriums Air Conditioning

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/25	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>PS 161 - The Crown 330 Crown Street</i>
4/25	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>M.S. 61 400 Empire Boulevard</i>
15/25	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a high school</i>	<i>Medgar Evers Preparatory School 1186 Carroll Street</i>

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/36	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	
2/36	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs</i>	
3/36	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	
4/36	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for 18 to 21 year olds who have aged out or been discharged from foster care services</i>	
21/36	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Assign more teaching staff</i>	
29/36	DYCD	<i>Runaway and homeless youth</i>	<i>Other runaway and homeless youth requests</i>	
32/36	ACS	<i>Juvenile justice programs and preventive services</i>	<i>Provide additional juvenile justice programs</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

This issue is important because all crime, whether it be burglary, robbery, drug dealing, gun violence, domestic violence, all impact upon our community and the families that live here. Incidences of gun violence appear to be on the rise, and have cost innocent lives in the district. This is one of the important areas negatively impacting our district and that we would like to see more focus on.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
11/25	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	71st Precinct 421 Empire Boulevard
13/25	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Add NYPD parking facilities	71st Precinct 421 Empire Boulevard
14/25	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide surveillance cameras	
17/25	DOT	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide traffic enforcement cameras	
18/25	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/36	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	
11/36	NYPD	NYPD programs	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	
12/36	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional crossing guards	
15/36	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	
17/36	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	
28/36	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	
31/36	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	

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Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

The sewer system throughout Community District 9 lacks proper maintenance resulting in poor drainage and flooding conditions when it rains and after heavy snowstorms.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

The population in Community District 9 is increasing due to the conversions of one and two-family homes into new 10 plus units apartment dwellings. The sewer system is therefore being overtaxed due to increased waste and water volumes.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/25	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Bk09 Sanitation Garage 356 Winthrop Street
9/25	DEP	Water supply system	Replace or upgrade water mains	
24/25	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/36	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Clean catch basins	
6/36	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	
20/36	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	
23/36	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Other enforcement requests	
36/36	DEP	Water supply system	Other water supply system maintenance requests	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

Many residential blocks in Community District 9 lack proper zoning. As a result, the current zoning allows for one and two-family homes to be demolished and replaced with large apartment dwellings that are changing the character of many of these affected residential blocks.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

There is a great need for the preservation of the existing rent stabilized units within Community District 9 and the creation of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families and the senior population.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Community Board 9 has four major commercial strips: Utica Avenue, Kingston Avenue, Nostrand Avenue and Flatbush Avenue. The revitalization of these strips to transform them into more attractive places for customers and attract viable businesses will help create jobs and economic growth.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
16/25	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>Kingsboro Psychiatric Center 681 Clarkson Avenue</i>
21/25	SBS	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/36	NYCHA	<i>Public housing maintenance, staffing and management</i>	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</i>	<i>William Reid Apartments 718 East New York Avenue</i>
9/36	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	
13/36	SBS	<i>Economic development programs</i>	<i>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</i>	
18/36	DCP	<i>Zoning and land use</i>	<i>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</i>	
19/36	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Other housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

The elimination of traffic lanes, the 7AM to 7PM Buses Only lanes, and changes in traffic patterns have resulted in severe traffic congestion throughout Community District 9 as motor vehicles usage has not decreased but appears to increase due to population growth in the district.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/25	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
5/25	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	
6/25	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	
8/25	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
10/25	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/36	NYCTA	Transit Service	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
12/25	BPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Eastern Parkway Branch Library 1044 Eastern Parkway</i>
19/25	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Mark and Jason's Playground Sterling St/Empire Blvd/NY Ave</i>
20/25	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Wingate Park Brooklyn Avenue & Rutland Road</i>
22/25	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	
25/25	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Mount Prospect Park Eastern Parkway</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
26/36	OMB	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 9 Capital Requests

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/25	DOE	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Public School 161 is a school without a gymnasium; an auditorium that is in need of renovation; the installation of additional bathroom stalls to meet the needs of the large student body. The entire school needs rewiring to not only be up to code, but to also enable the use of state of the art computer technology; as well as heating and air conditioning.</i>	<i>PS 161 - The Crown 330 Crown</i>	<i>Hon. Laurie Cumbo; PS 161 Parent Teachers Association</i>
2/25	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the street by all. Community Board 9 has requested that the Department of Transportation do a traffic calming study of the district but, to date, DOT has not agreed to begin one. In the meantime the installation of speed humps on random streets has not really given us a sense of "calmed traffic".</i>		<i>Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy</i>
3/25	DFTA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>The Christopher Blenman Senior Center is in need of upgrade and renovation to provide a more comfortable environment for the seniors and staff members. Handicap accessibility lift is in dire need of repair or replacement. Paint is peeling off walls.</i>	<i>Christopher Blenman Senior Ctr. 720 East New York Avenue</i>	<i>Hon. Darlene Mealy</i>
4/25	DOE	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>MS 61 is in dire need of renovation. The auditorium needs new seats. Electrical wiring upgrade throughout the school. Pest control due to rats running rampant through the auditorium and outside the school rummaging in garbage bags placed outside the school for garbage collection.</i>	<i>M.S. 61 400 Empire Boulevard</i>	<i>Council Member Laurie Cumbo; Council Member Mathieu Eugene</i>
5/25	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>There are several locations within the district where curbs are either broken or completely missing. These curb must be repaired to make them safe.</i>		<i>Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo</i>
6/25	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Many streets in Community District 9 are in need of resurfacing resulting from damage caused by winter salting and general wear and tear. Community District 9 would like to see an increase in the district's asphalt allocation and the number of streets that are resurfaced.</i>		<i>Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy</i>

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7/25	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	There are major problems with Community District 9's existing sanitation garage. Not only is it in an unsuitable location at 356 Winthrop Street (close proximity to Kings County Hospital, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; SUNY Dialysis Center; SUNY Biotech Facility) but it is also too small. The results being the parking of garbage filled sanitation trucks on the district's streets in close proximity to residences, as well as imposing unsafe conditions for pedestrians. This district has endured these problems for many years. We would like to see the allocation of funding to renovate and expand this facility to provide a much needed state of art facility to address the district's needs and eliminate the existing conditions which impact negatively on the community.	Bk09 Sanitation Garage 356 Winthrop Street	Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
8/25	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The streets of the city continue to be dangerous for pedestrians and motorists alike. Community Board 9 feels that the installation of traffic enforcement cameras will help to reduce the incidences of drivers running red lights, not stopping for a stopped school bus, not giving pedestrians the right of way in crosswalks, and numerous other violations. Being aware that a camera is recording the violation will, we think, force drivers to comply.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
9/25	DEP	Replace or upgrade water mains	The agency should employ a more proactive approach to the aging water main system in order to avoid the devastating impact on businesses and homes from broken water mains, flooding and destroying inventory and displacing families whose residences are impacted.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy
10/25	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	The subway stations in Community District 9 are in need of repair and upgrade to correct leaks, and make stairs and platforms safe, as well as improve lighting, replace missing wall tiles, etc.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy
11/25	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	The 71st Precinct is in need of renovation and upgrading. There is need for a general renovation of the building itself to upgrade office space, locker rooms and other facilities, as well as the heating, plumbing, electrical and computer related wiring. Expand the garden area in front of the precinct. The garden is a memorial for 71st Precinct officers killed in the line of duty.	71st Precinct 421 Empire Boulevard	Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy

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12/25	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Upgrade and expand the Eastern Parkway Branch Library to improve and expand upon the services offered there	Eastern Parkway Branch Library 1044 Eastern Parkway	Hon. Darlene Mealy, Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
13/25	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Without question, the acquisition of space for garaging police vehicles is a critical need in the district. Currently, because of the lack of parking facilities, vehicles are parked on city streets, illegally parked on sidewalks outside the precinct making it unsafe for pedestrians. The agency must acquire the necessary space to remedy this situation	71st Precinct 421 Empire Boulevard	Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Darlene Mealy
14/25	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Additional surveillance cameras in Community District 9 will help to deter criminal activities, thus lower crime in the community.		
15/25	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Medgar Evers Prep School is in dire need of a gymnasium as well as an auditorium. This is a high school, and Physical Education is required for graduation. The students are being denied the opportunity to participate in a proper physical education class. To fulfill these requirements, children often do "jumping jacks" in the hallways; that is not acceptable.	Medgar Evers Preparatory School 1186 Carroll Street	Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Mathieu Eugene
16/25	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	There is a critical need for housing for low and moderate income individuals and families. In addition, there is also a critical need for senior citizen housing. There is presently city owned property on the grounds of Kingsboro Psychiatric Center that can be used for the provision of new homes for this segment of our population. The site is currently unused and begging for development. Community Board 9 would much prefer that this property be used to address the desperate need for housing that is truly affordable to our constituents.	Kingsboro Psychiatric Center 681 Clarkson Avenue	Council Members Darlene Mealy and Mathieu Eugene; Council Member Laurie Cumbo
17/25	DOT	Provide traffic enforcement cameras	Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.		
18/25	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Increase the number of Fire Marshalls, Community Affairs staffing, and provide additional vehicles in order reduce the amount of time that it takes to complete fire investigations, and to expand outreach efforts.		

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Brooklyn Community Board 9 Capital Requests

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
19/25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	The comfort station at the Mark and Jason's Playground is in need of reconstruction/renovation. The ground at the entrance on Sterling Street needs leveling as there is currently a ponding condition when it rains. This is a health hazard as ponding attracts mosquitoes.	Mark and Jason's Playground Sterling St/Empire Blvd/NY Ave	
20/25	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Acquire property at Brooklyn Avenue to expand Wingate Park	Wingate Park Brooklyn Avenue & Rutland Road	Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
21/25	SBS	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Community District 9 is a growing community; improved streetscapes would encourage our residents to shop locally and improve the business environment in the district.		Council Member Mathieu Eugene; Council Members Laurie Cumbo and Darlene Mealy
22/25	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide badly needed recreational space for the youth in the community.		Hon Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
23/25	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Shalom Senior Center is in need of approximately 2000 sq. ft. of new floor covering to replace worn out one.	Shalom Senior Center 483 Albany Avenue	Council Member Darlene Mealy
24/25	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	The population in Community District 9 is increasing due to the conversions of one and two-family homes into new 10 plus units apartment dwellings. The sewer system is therefore in need of expansion.		
25/25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Mount Prospect Park is in need of reconstruction to provide amenities and open access to the park by the community.	Mount Prospect Park Eastern Parkway	Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/36	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	Providing all the resources for a well-balanced education is important. The need is not only there for academic instruction, but the support services of health (a nurse on the premises), guidance counselors, mediation counselors, etc., are also paramount.		
2/36	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	Community Board 9 cannot over-emphasize the glaring need for Day Care and Head Start Programs. There has been and continues to be a major need for additional daycare slots and head start programs to meet the needs of this growing segment of our population. Many qualified families are unable to receive vouchers so their children can attend daycare. There are also long waiting lists for daycare/head start slots.		
3/36	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	The Beacon Program at MS 2 in Community District 9 is not reaching/addressing the vast need in the district. This program is in critical need of enhancement to ensure the stated outcomes it was set up to accomplish.		
4/36	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for 18 to 21 year olds who have aged out or been discharged from foster care services	The provision and expansion of funding for this program is so critical to bridging the gap between the foster care system and being out on one's own. A major move that will help to prevent homelessness and exploitation for this segment of the population		
5/36	DEP	Clean catch basins	Increase the frequency with which catch basins are cleaned; this will help to prevent flooding concerns which arise after heavy rainfall or snow fall.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy
6/36	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Additional basket trucks are needed to address the constant overflow of litter baskets in the district		Hon. Darlene Mealy, Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
7/36	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	The agency has a responsibility to repair and renovate the thousands of apartments that are in absolutely disgusting and deplorable conditions under which families with children and senior citizens currently live. This is unacceptable. Adequate funding must be provided to address and correct theses deplorable conditions.	William Reid Apartments 718 East New York Avenue	Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo

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8/36	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Diabetes, hypertension/highblood pressure, heart disease, high cholesterol and obesity are problems facing our population - expanded education and awareness programs will assist in the fight to combat these illnesses with proper nutrition and exercise.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy, Hon. Laurie Cumbo
9/36	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase the number of inspectors who would be able to more effectively enforce building code violations.		Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Mathieu Eugene
10/36	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	The residents of Community District 9 would like to see more uniformed officers patrolling the district's streets. We would like to see the enhancement of community policing in the district, hopefully leading to better relations between the officers and the general public		
11/36	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	Enhancing and expanding the Explorers Program, the PAL, as well as other youth crime prevention programs would greatly bolster efforts to prevent/reduce youth crime in the community.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
12/36	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	There are not enough crossing guards to be assigned to the schools in the district. For years and years, there have been shortages of school crossing guards. This is such a critical job! Surely the agency must have a very good idea why this shortage persists year after year. As such actions must be taken to correct the problems associated with filling and keeping school crossing guards. Our children's very lives depend on them.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy
13/36	SBS	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	Expanding programs that support local businesses and entrepreneurs would encourage more individuals to invest in their local communities.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy
14/36	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
15/36	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	Community Board 9 would like to see the expansion of Community Policing with the necessary training provided to police officers as they seek to carry out their duties.		Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy

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16/36	DHS	Improve safety at homeless shelters	<i>This homeless shelter is in Community District 9 on the border with Community District 17. It is the source of numerous complaints from residents and homeowners, especially in CD 17, regarding homeless men, including sex offenders, who wander onto private property, congregate on corners, litter, urinate, and generally impact negatively on the environment. The clients at this shelter need to be provided with alternatives to this behavior, including job training, substance abuse counseling, etc., to avoid these problems being experienced by the community.</i>	Kingsboro Men's Shelter 681 Clarkson Avenue	Hon. Darlene Mealy
17/36	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>The speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph but no one would know it. It is not being honored by drivers and not being enforced by police. Traffic enforcement needs more officers to adequately address this problem, so that our streets can be safer</i>		Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
18/36	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>Zoning is supposed to organize the way land is used, determine the sizes and building uses; however, the current zoning in Community District 9 is a hodge podge of different zoning, which we have seen create numerous concerns for residents and home-owners in the district. Community Board 9 would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a study of our district to better utilize land in our district to address the need for housing (to include height and setback controls), open space, commercial revitalization, upgraded/new schools, job creation, transportation access, improved utility services and infrastructure to support an expected population growth</i>		Hon. Laurie Cumbo, Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy
19/36	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	<i>Additional Housing Code Enforcement inspectors to adequately address and resolve the number of outstanding code violations, emergency housing for persons displaced by fire or vacate orders, as well as tenant protection programs are all critically needed to help renters to afford to stay in their apartments.</i>		Hon. Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon Laurie Cumbo
20/36	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Numerous schools and busy commercial strips in the district see more pedestrian traffic. Adding more on-street trash cans and recycling containers will help to improve littering and also to reduce overflowing on-street trash cans.</i>		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy
21/36	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>An adequate number of teaching staff is a must! Not only to provide instruction, but consideration must be given to teachers who are often times overwhelmed by the huge number of students in their class. In addition, smaller classrooms mean that children will be provided with an atmosphere that is conducive to learning with teachers who are able to focus on them and can more efficiently manage their classrooms.</i>		

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22/36	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	There is increased building and construction work going on in the district which has helped to disturb the rat population. Rats can be seen in the street and in the subways.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo
23/36	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Community Board 9 would like to see the enforcement of all of the DSNY Codes. Enforcement in the areas of ASP regulations; illegal dumping, dirty sidewalks, failure to recycle, failing to pick up after your dog, illegal posting. All of these violations impact negatively upon the cleanliness of the district. We would like the agency to provide the funding necessary to provide more effective enforcement of the sanitation codes.		Hon. Darlene Mealy, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Mathieu Eugene
24/36	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	An expansion in the provision of job training programs is necessary to meet the need of our constituency who are in need of skills training leading to job opportunities. Job training programs should be in the areas where there is a demand for workers, for example, in the environmental field, construction industry, technology, culinary, etc. Job search and placement support should be enhanced to recruit well trained persons in jobs that really exist.		
25/36	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	Too many tenants are being victimized by predatory landlords who are offering preferential leases, withholding repairs and essential services, harassing low-rent tenants into taking cheap buy outs so they can rent to higher rent paying. Therefore, there is a great need for anti-eviction legal services in Community District 9.		
26/36	OMB	Provide more community board staff	Increase funding to Community Boards to hire additional staff; particularly, a city planner to address the district's zoning, land use and overall planning needs. This is something that would be beneficial to all community boards.		Hon Mathieu Eugene, Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Darlene Mealy
27/36	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Community District 9's senior population is growing but their income is fixed, which creates an increase need for home delivered meals.		Hon. Laurie Cumbo; Hon. Mathieu Eugene and Hon. Darlene Mealy
28/36	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	The district has seen multiple fires which has not only destroyed property but lives over the past several years. Fire Safety and fire prevention education and outreach is critically important in making people aware how they can prevent fires and protect their families and property. Increase funding for the Get Alarmed NYC program to expand the program.		Hon. Mathieu Eugene; Hon. Darlene Mealy; Hon. Laurie Cumbo

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29/36	DYCD	<i>Other runaway and homeless youth requests</i>	<i>Hundreds of 16 and 17 year olds in our community face homelessness each year with no available respite shelter. Adult homeless shelters cannot admit 16 and 17 year olds without a parent or guardian. Homelessness forces young people into exploitive and dangerous situations each and every day. Adolescent shelter spaces in Manhattan turned away 5000 young people in 2014. There are absolutely NO adolescent shelter spaces in Brooklyn. The need is critical for shelter and services for homeless youth.</i>		
30/36	HRA	<i>Other homelessness prevention program request</i>	<i>Aside from providing rental vouchers, there has to be additional housing services in the form of apartment search resources. HRA/DSS, along with HPD, should have a more coordinated effort to provide up-to-date available apartment listings. The 90-day timeframe allotted individuals to find apartments oftentimes requires that the vouchers be extended due to unavailable housing options.</i>		
31/36	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Increase the number of FDNY uniformed workforce to adequately service each community throughout the City of New York.</i>		
32/36	ACS	<i>Provide additional juvenile justice programs</i>	<i>Funding for job training programs for youth who had encounters with the law and have a criminal background. It is necessary for these youth offenders to have job options so that they do not revert back to a life of crime</i>		
33/36	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs</i>	<i>According to a report by the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, Inc. (2016, How is Affordable Housing Threatened in Your Neighborhood?), there are 1,214 LIHTC units eligible to expire within 5 years in Community District 9, and currently 697 at-risk Mitchell Lama units, therefore, expanded rental assistance programs are a must to prevent homelessness.</i>		<i>Council Member Mathieu Eugene; Council Members Laurie Cumbo and Darlene Mealy</i>
34/36	DFTA	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>The four senior citizens center in CD 9 are in need of laptop computers with software and cases for their seniors' educational program. A passenger van to transport seniors to/from center and to recreational outings. A fold-up Ping-Pong table and exercise activity equipment for the seniors' recreational activities.</i>		
35/36	DFTA	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	<i>The four senior centers in CD 9 are in need of 100 padded banquet chairs with armrest; five 4-section steam table; one tabletop copy machine; and 1 commercial 2-door double stacked side-by-side freezer; in order to better service the seniors.</i>		<i>Council Member Darlene Mealy</i>
36/36	DEP	<i>Other water supply system maintenance requests</i>	<i>There should be regular inspections of fire hydrants throughout the City to ensure that water pressure adequately meets FDNY's needs during fires.</i>		

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services



Kings County Stats

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=FAF57F78-A539-4E68-AFF5-D7181BD0434F>