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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and the Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter requirements and an integral part of the City's budget process. When developed through informed planning and careful consideration, CD Needs Statements and Budget Requests can play an important role in consultations of community boards with agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. These tools also provide a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and are used by a wide audience seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

This year, for the first time, community boards electronically submitted a CD Needs Statement combined with their Budget Requests. The goal of these improvements is to simplify preparation of both documents for the community boards and to make the information community boards provide more easily accessible for City agencies and other stakeholders. Simplified and more efficient processes will allow all parties involved in the budget process to consider budget decisions more thoroughly, with better results for all New Yorkers.

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 15's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board which is displayed in italics.

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 them into a browser.

1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 15 provided the following overview of their 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 a Gerritsen Beach, Plumb Beach 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 2013, calculate the overall population of Community Board 15 (Brooklyn) has decreased by 5% to 151,177. 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%).

3. MAIN ISSUES

As part of this year's process, community boards were asked to select from a list the three most pressing issues facing their district. Brooklyn Community Board 15 identified the following three issues:

- Parks
- Street flooding
- Traffic

Brooklyn Community Board 15 provided the following explanation for their choices:

FLOODING/PONDING ISSUES: Flooding and Ponding exist in places such as Gerritsen Beach and Emmons Avenue. Both areas lack proper sewer drainage. Infrastructure upgrades are needed to alleviate the flooding and ponding problems that exist. This is a two-fold approach DEP for infrastructure upgrades and DOT for the reconstruction of the streets. TRAFFIC: Everyone of our Commercial areas Kings Highway, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U and Avenue P 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. PARKS: We have a very low percentage of green space in the District and the space that we do have is well used, but most are in need of upgrades and the addition of Comfort Stations. Many of our Parks cater to young children and seniors and the need for working Comfort Stations is imperative.

4. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS

Community Boards were asked to identify their district's needs related to the following seven policy areas:

- Health Care and Human Services;
- Youth, Education and Child Welfare;
- Public Safety;
- Core Infrastructure and City Services;
- Land Use, Housing and Economic Development;
- Transportation; and
- Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities.

Based on the needs identified, community boards then had the opportunity to make budget requests to address these needs.

The following sections describe the specific needs and budget requests of Brooklyn Community Board 15 for FY 2017.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Services to reduce homelessness

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community Board 15 has seen a huge rise in homelessness throughout the District. Whether under our overpasses, in our parks and school yards homeless individuals are taking up residency. We have homeless people creating make shift shanty towns, begging on our streets and posing serious safety issues as people exit our train stations, blocking exits and aggressively panhandling.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Coney Island Hospital is the closest Health Care Facility in the District. Due to its proximity to the Belt Parkway and its central location it is the go to place for immediate treatment in Southern Brooklyn. Community Board 15 has advocated for years to establish a Level 1 Trauma Center at Coney Island Hospital. Due to the devastation from Super Storm Sandy, Coney Island Hospital is about to embark on the construction of a new flood resistant tower, this would be the perfect time to fund any needed projects such as a Trauma Center for the Hospital.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Health Care Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Priority 08	Agency HHC	Need Health care facilities	Request Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Request Explanation 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.	Location Coney Island Hospital 2601 Ocean Parkway	Supporters
10	HHC	Health care facilities	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 2601 Ocean Parkway	

Expense Requests related to Health Care Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
11	DOHMH			Increase the amount of health inspectors to		
		inspections	inspections, e.g. for restaurants	shorten the process of receiving a restaurant grade.		

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Increased Computer Education Programs for Seniors in our Senior Centers. Computers are increasingly intrinsic to communication both in business and our personal lives. Helping Seniors maintain open lines of communication reinforces both competency and confidence. With families spread across the country, Seniors are able to stay in contact with family through SKYPE, Email and Social Media.

At this time, the Community Board does not have any budget requests for this need category.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
10	DHS	Services for the homeless	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.		

4.1.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

The NYCHA Houses in our district Sheepshead/Nostrand Houses need to be better maintained. Whether it's maintaining the grounds or responding to simple maintenance requests, these projects need to be streamlined and not take months to resolve, we need to get them expedited and in a timely fashion.

At this time, the Community Board does not have any budget requests for this need category.

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

Main Issue

After school programs

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

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 and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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 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 as efforts as tickets subsidies to schools.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
11	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide new, expand, or upgrade other school facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries, or athletic fields, technology	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	

4.2.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Fire Safety

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

In Community Board 15, we have a large immigrant community who often do not realize the safety hazards of an illegal conversion. Within the district, many one or two family homes have been converted into six family homes, with occupants residing in the basement and attics posing serious safety hazards. Illegal conversions and Illegal apartments are the leading cause of fatalities due to fires in our District. The need for working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors must be made apparent and information should be provided in multiple languages.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
06	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	The 61st Precinct at 2575 Coney Island Avenue, is in desperate need of new windows, their windows do not shut properly, causing air conditioning to seep out and be lost in the summer and heat in the winter. In addition, the parking lot adjacent to the precinct is in desperate need of resurfacing, the lot holds impounded vehicles, as well as provides parking for staff.	61st Precinct, Brooklyn NY 2575 Coney Island Avenue Block 7371, Lot 52	

Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
01	NYPD	NYPD staff	Assign	We need crossing guards desperately at		
		and training	additional	almost all of the schools in our district,		
		resources	crossing guards	some schools either have just one or none.		

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

4.3.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Emergency Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Emergency Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
12	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	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 Repairs to waste line in basement that backs up on days of heavy rainfall 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		

Expense Requests related to Emergency Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority Agency Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
12 FDNY FDNY programs and staffing	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Brush Fire Unit #6 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, NY needs additional manpower during brush fire season.		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Sewer capacity

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community Board 15's District has a long 311 complaint list of sewer back-ups. Many of the sewers in our District are too small for the capacity needed. Major system upgrades are needed throughout the District, especially in areas such as Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
Priority 03	DEP	Need Sewage and flooding	Request Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Request Explanation In Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn 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. In addition, Sheepshead Bay the sewer lines are not large enough to handle the capacity needed, so upgrades should be made, specifically along Emmons Avenue to upgrade the system.	Gerritsen Beach -An area heavily hit by Super Storm Sandy has terrible flooding and ponding issues every court in the old section of Gerritsen Beach is in need of a proper storm sewers. In particular, the old section streets south of Gotham Avenue. In Sheepshead Bay, sewer upgrades are needed from Knapp Street to Sheepshead Bay Road, along Emmons	Supporters
					Avenue.	

Expense Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
02	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Other sewer maintenance requests	Community Board 15 is requesting the installation of back-flow preventors throughout the district. This community experiences many sewer back up issues after Sandy and these preventors would help with the back-ups.	Throughout the district.	
03	DEP	Water supply system	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.	Sheephead Bay lies between Knapp Street and Shore Boulevard. Gerritsen Creek lies between Marine Park to the Belt Parkway.	
04	DEP	Water supply system	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.	Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach and Manhattan Beach	
08	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Clean catch basins	Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed.	All areas of the district.	

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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, Avenue U and Sheepshead Bay Road. 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. We request a specialized sanitation team assigned to police and clean the underpasses and other locations 311 frequent requests have been made to address.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
01	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	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.	We would like to see Sanitation 15, Brooklyn have a permanent location in our Community.	

Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)
Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
13	DSNY	Snow removal	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		
16	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	There are several commercials areas in our District that require seven day basket truck service. These commercial strip such as Avenue U and Sheepshead Bay Road are teeming with over stuffed baskets for days on end.	Sheepshead Bay Road from Avenue Z to Emmons Avenue, Avenue U from 86th Street to Bedford	

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Zoning review and enforcement, and code enforcement

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community Board 15 has seen an extraordinary surge in multi-family dwellings. Where a one or two family house once stood, a condominium is being developed. With the onset of these large developments, our infrastructure has not been updated to catch up with the rising needs. The Department of City Planning needs to address these issues and make sure these developers also invest money in improving the infrastructure in the immediate areas of these new constructions to accommodate the new needs they create.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Our community is in need of on street parking. 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.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
14	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	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.		
15	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	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.		

4.5.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Housing Needs and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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.

At this time, the Community Board does not have any budget requests for this need category.

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Traffic enforcement

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

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 heading delivery restrictions. Lack of enforcement leads to chaos on our streets and is a safety issue for our residents.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
05	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	In Community Board 15, broken curb complaints are numerous, we haven't had a curb contract in many years and these curbs remain broken, deteriorating further each year.		
07	DOT	Transportation infrastructure		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.	Gerristen Beach "Old Section" South of Gotham Avenue	
09	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new seawalls or bulkheads	We would like to request new bulk heads along Manhattan Beach Park's Sea Wall.	Manhattan Beach Park Oriental Boulevard	

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority 06	Agency DOT	Need <i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	Request Other traffic improvements requests	Request Explanation 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. This was a successful deterrent on Ocean Avenue and Avenue Y, where a Staples store is located.	Location Coney Island Avenue Avenue Z Avenue P	Supporters
09	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	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 and see the installations of left turning signal installed there to alleviate the traffic on this heavily traveled commercial strip.		

4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transit Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
07	NYCTA	Transit Service	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.		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

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 and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
02	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Millet Park and Kelly Park 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.	Millet Park Located at Avenue V and Homecrest Avenue Kelly Park located at Avenue S and East 16th Street Homecrest Park located at East 12th Street between Avenue Z and Shore Parkway.	
04	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded parks facility, e.g. recreation center	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.	Brigham Park (Under Construction Shortly) Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street	

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
05	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree	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		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Priority Ager	cy Need	I Request maintenance	Request Explanation 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.	Location	Supporters
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4.7.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.7.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Library Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.7.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Community Boards

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

5. SUMMARY TABLES OF ALL PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

5.1. Table of All Capital Requests (Prioritized)

Budget Requests are listed for informational purposes only. OMB maintains the definitive list that may have more updated information on request for agencies, published in its Register.

Priority No. / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Core Infrastructure and City Services
02	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
03	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Core Infrastructure and City Services
04	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded parks facility, e.g. recreation center	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
05	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Transportation
06	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Public Safety
07	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Transportation
08	ННС	Health care facilities	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Health Care and Human Services
09	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new seawalls or bulkheads	Transportation
10	ННС	Health care facilities	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Health Care and Human Services
11	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide new, expand, or upgrade other school facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries, or athletic fields, technology	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
12	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Public Safety

5.2. Table of All Expense Requests (Prioritized)

Budget Requests are listed for informational purposes only. OMB maintains the definitive list that may have more updated information on request for agencies, published in its Register.

Priority No.	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional crossing guards	Public Safety
02	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Other sewer maintenance requests	Core Infrastructure and City Services
03	DEP	Water supply system	Other water supply system maintenance requests	Core Infrastructure and City Services
04	DEP	Water supply system	Monitor and address water quality issues	Core Infrastructure and City Services
05	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
06	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	Transportation
07	NYCTA	Transit Service	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	Transportation
08	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Clean catch basins	Core Infrastructure and City Services
09	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Transportation
10	DHS	Services for the homeless	Expand street outreach	Health Care and Human Services
11	DOHMH	Health inspections	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	Health Care and Human Services
12	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Public Safety
13	DSNY	Snow removal	Improve snow removal	Core Infrastructure and City Services
14	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
15	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
16	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Core Infrastructure and City Services