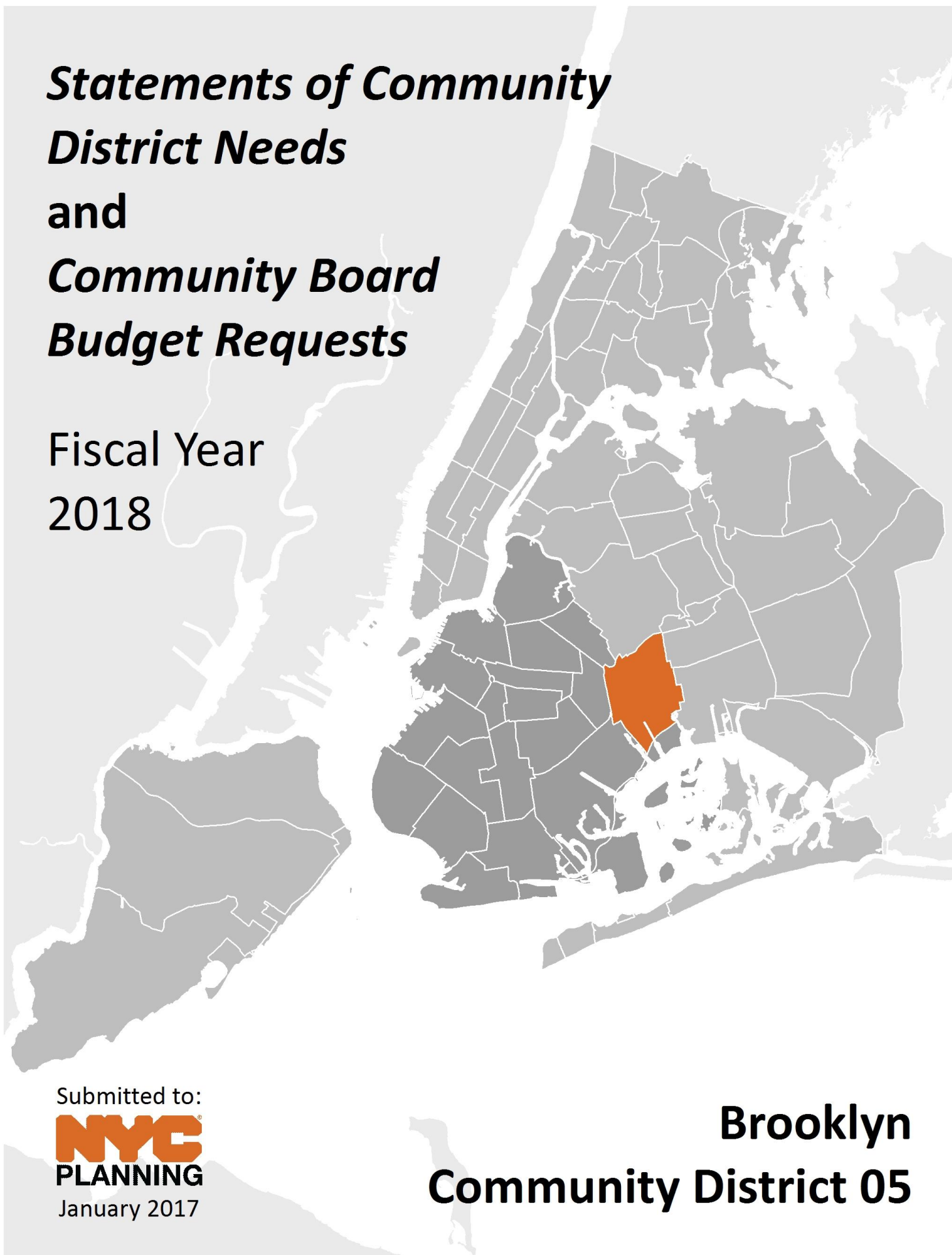


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Budget Requests***

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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 5'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**

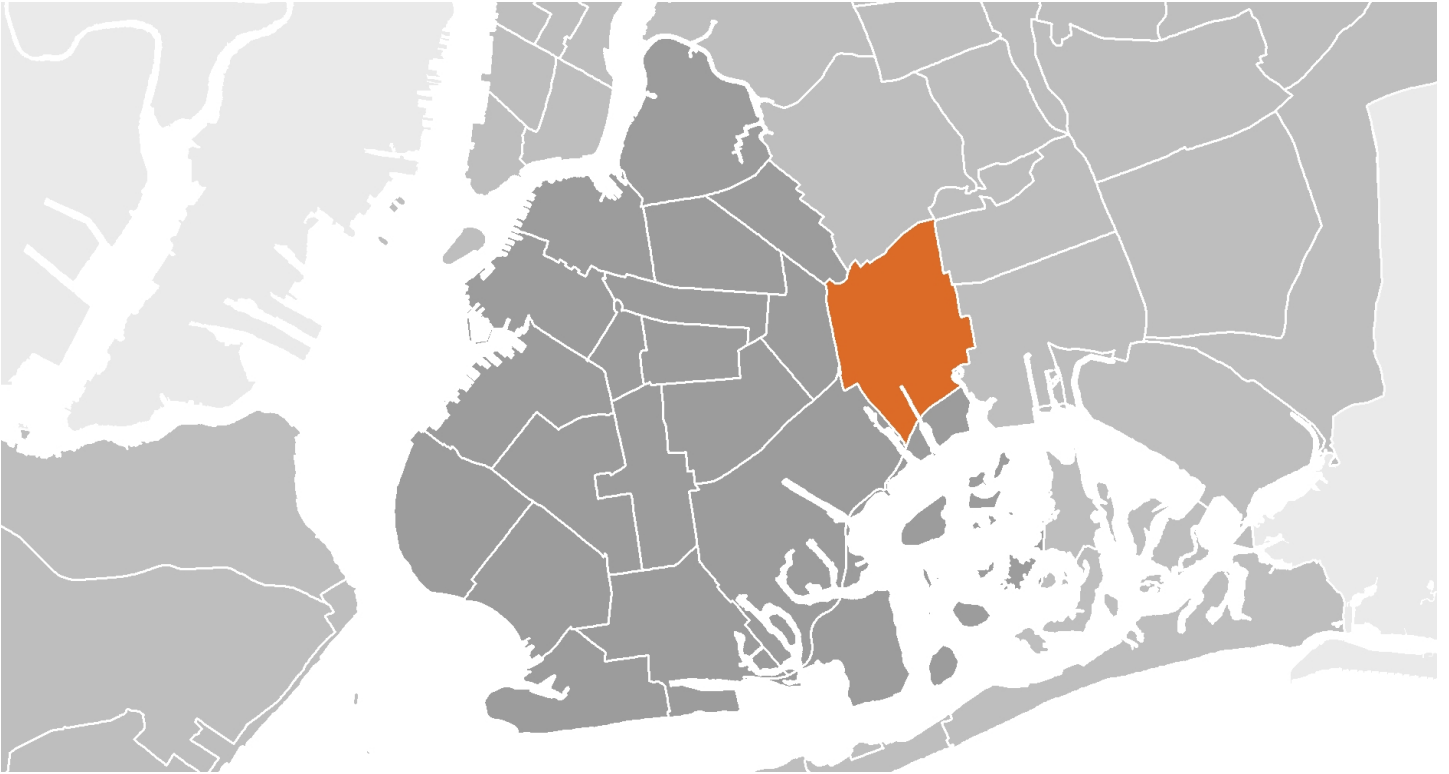
Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

### **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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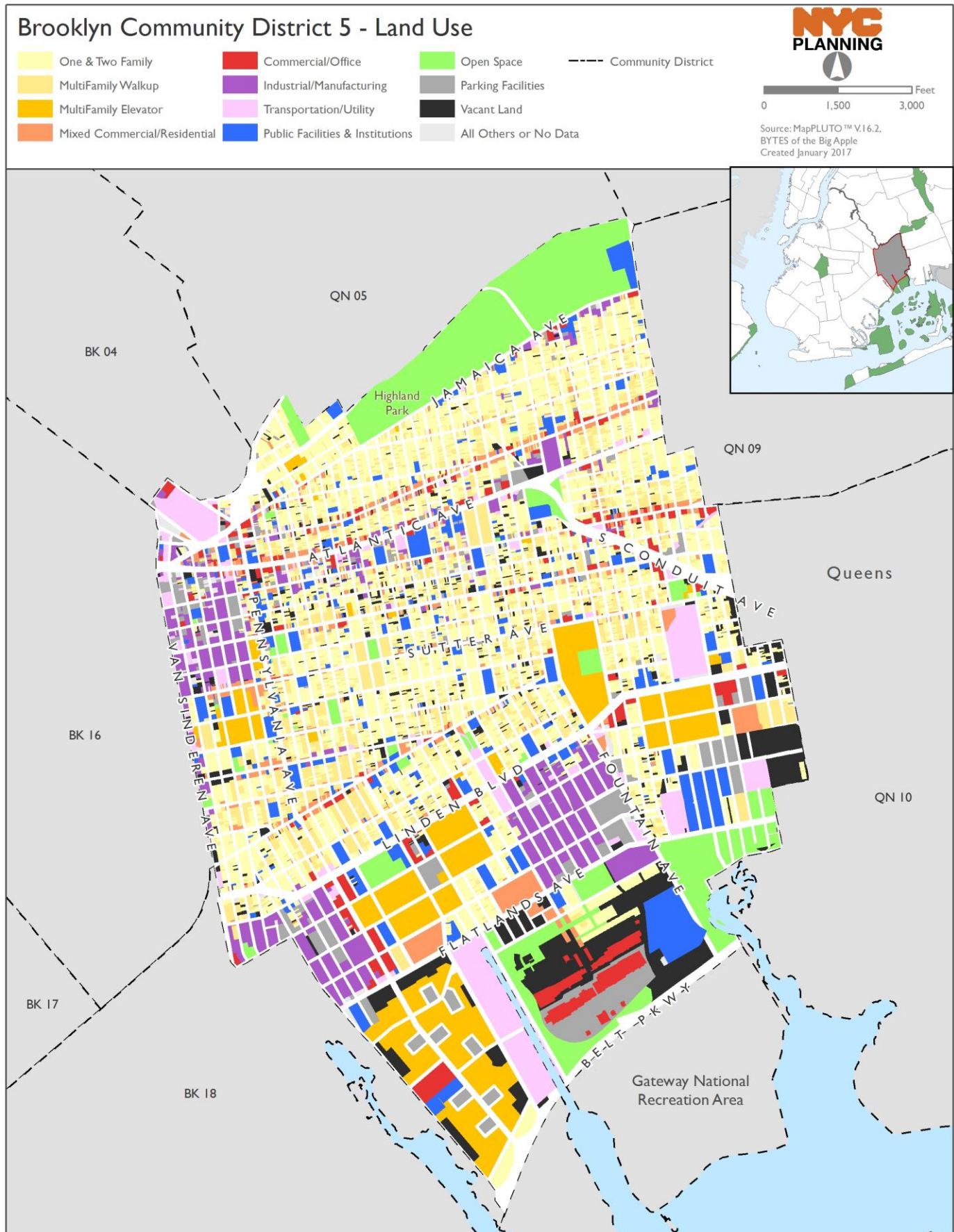
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## 2. Community District Land Use



### 3. Overview of Community District

Community District 5 in Brooklyn, services over 184,000 residents who live throughout the community of East New York and the neighborhoods of Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots and Spring Creek. This unique community is situated between Jamaica Avenue to the North and Jamaica Bay to the South; and is bordered to the west by Van Sinderen and Williams Avenues and to the east by Eldert Lane and 78th Street on the borderline of Queens.

East New York is not only a community rich and deeply rooted in its history, but it is also been identified as the premier community for New York City's vision for future development. It is home to one of the city's recognized African burial grounds, in the New Lots section (African Burial Ground Square), and also contains one of the largest retail expansions in New York City with the Gateway Center Mall, with Phase II (Gateway Center Phase II) covering over 600,000 sf, in the Spring Creek area. The community is home to twelve NYCHA developments; four Brooklyn Public Library branches, over 40 public schools from K through 12; beautifully constructed religious institutions of various faiths; thriving industrial business zones; delicious ethnic eateries; and community based organizations that provide services to thousands of children, families, and businesses across the city.

Community District 5, over the past decade, has one of the fastest growing populations in the city; with an increasing African American demographic. According to the 2015 Neighborhood Health Profile for Community District 5, the population is made up of 52% Black (non-Hispanic); 37% Hispanic; 6% Asian; 3% White; and 2% Other. Additionally, the district has become home to one of the largest Bangladeshi populations across the city, with a high percentage of the residents in the City Line neighborhood, migrating from Bangladesh.

The people of the district are just as unique as the neighborhoods in which they live; however there is an obvious common interest to address the very basic needs that provide true foundation for a community and allow for successful growth and development.

Community District 5 has an overwhelming need to effectively address “Quality of Life” issues such as - consistent maintenance and upgrades to our housing developments (both public and private); greater access to healthy and fresh food choices; district-wide education on preventive health care and healthy living methods; mixed use development projects that include long-term community wide benefits; living wage employment; dedicated funding for community facilities; quality and competitive education for our children; clean and well-maintained streets; and an infusion of financial support for small businesses and community based organizations.

The East New York Rezoning Plan, and all of the robust initiatives that are attached to it, is the major focus right now in Community District 5. Through the plan, East New York is slated to receive direct support for new and existing affordable housing; small business growth and development; roadway repairs and upgrades; new educational and community facilities, and much more. Here is an outline of some of the key components of the East New York Plan:

- 1200 units of new affordable housing
- Eviction prevention support through the Tenant Support Unit
- Homeowner Helpdesk which provides direct financial and legal counseling for homeowners
- Up to \$15,000 for first time homeowners with the Home First Down Payment Assistance Program
- Renovations and upgrades to public parks spaces
- Repairs and renovations to the historic PAL building which has served as the home base for Community Board 5 for over 30 years
- Activation of a Community NYC Retrofit program to encourage smaller housing buildings to participate in the Green Housing Preservation Program



### 3. Overview of Community District

- A Workforce 1 center to provide direct access to employment opportunities and training
- Support for commercial corridors and other small businesses throughout the district
- A new 1000 seat educational facility for elementary and middle school-aged children
- Technological and structural upgrades to East New York's Industrial Business Zones
- Wi-Fi access on many commercial corridors and within city buildings

These are some of the wonderfully creative strategies being implemented that will assuredly work together in making East New York an even greater community. However, we aggressively appeal to all of our City Agencies, Authorities, and Elected Officials – across the board – to PRIORITIZE the very basic needs, and long-time concerns around “Quality of Life” issues in Community District 5. These are the things that we, as a community, have been advocating and fighting for – so now is the time, under this new focus, to address those issues so that we can live, work, and thrive in this wonderful community.

#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 5 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Cultural facilities & programs*
- *Unemployment*

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** - East New York is home to some of the largest public and private affordable housing developments in the city; however the balance for affordable housing that meets the needs of all of the existing residents of the community is still a factor. The proposed future development through the ENY Rezoning Plan, has to present home ownership and rental opportunities that are created based on a formula that includes residents who are within the "neighborhood median income"; which is about \$36,000 annually, without excluding the smaller percentage of residents who are well above it. In addition, the current housing lottery system must increase the percentage for "preference for residents of Community Board 5". The existing public housing stock (NYCHA) in Community District 5 houses thousands of families and yet has fallen well below the adequate lines of "quality" living. NYCHA developments in the district are far too often not maintained; plagued with hazardous conditions; within the buildings and surrounding; subject to policing tactics that penalize the entire resident body; and overall quality of life issues that need to be addressed through a number of capital investments.

**UNEMPLOYMENT** - Unemployment remains one of the challenges of the community due to the lack of permanently funded training facilities that offer certifications in the industry fields that currently fuel our neighborhoods. Construction based certifications and trade school facilities must be a focus when we evaluate workforce centers in the district. Additionally, a lack of focus between middle school education and higher learning stifles the developmental ability for young adults of the community to connect their future to STEM related careers. This in turn creates pools of short-term employment in retail and restaurant industries as opposed to employment and career longevity.

**CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS** - School District 19 in Community Board 5 houses some of the most beautiful school buildings in the city, however the cultural arts and music programs in the schools are scarce, if they exist at all. The arts/music programs must be returned to allow for greater exposure to cultural education for our children. Permanent instruction with fully equipped music and art courses are a mandate to allow for our children to successfully compete on a national and international level. East New York also houses four Brooklyn Public Library branches, one being the New Lots branch, which was constructed on an African Burial Ground site. This library is historical and should be the prime focus of the Cultural Hub for the East New York community. Plans are underway for capital allocations to the adjacent park site through the Council Member - for Schenck Playground to reflect a cultural theme for the children of East New York.



## Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs*

According to the 2015 Neighborhood Health Profile for East New York, heart disease and cancer rank as the top two causes of death; with over 3,000 people fatally stricken from the diseases combined. These figures prove that a high percentage of our residents are living with illnesses that not only impact their physical abilities but also increases stress and discomfort for themselves and their immediate families. The result becomes the hardships that permeate every fraction of physical and mental health. With greater access to healthier food and lifestyle programs we can increase life span, encourage healthier eating habits and lifestyle habits and lessen the percentage of residents who suffer from chronic illnesses, mental health challenges, potential homelessness, and the need for additional assisted living options.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

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

The Senior population in the community must be prioritized in access to quality housing; fresh food and hot meals; activities that encourage longevity and happiness; and each Senior Center should be equipped with vehicles that provide shuttle services for events throughout the district and borough.

**Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

| Priority | Agency | Need                          | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| 2/21     | DFTA   | <i>Facilities for seniors</i> | <i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i> |          |

**Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

| Priority | Agency | Need                                | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 4/12     | DFTA   | <i>Senior center programs</i>       | <i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>  |          |
| 6/12     | DHS    | <i>Facilities for the homeless</i>  | <i>Other facilities for the homeless requests</i>   |          |
| 7/12     | DOHMH  | <i>Healthy life styles programs</i> | <i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i> |          |



## Youth, Education and Child Welfare

### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### *Educational attainment*

Community District 5 is home to the entire School District #19. The need for greater focus on those programs and initiatives that encourage learning and increase student activity have to be implemented in District 19 schools. Our schools need to have permanently funded arts and music programs with instructors and musical instruments in every music class. Arts and music are proven methods to increase student grades and productivity, however most of our art and music programs only exist through CASA initiatives which are not permanent and depend on annual allocations from council members; or they are programs that are a part of an afterschool initiative that does not fully address the need. Arts and Music should be a part of in-school time instruction. Additionally, District 19 Parent Associations need more support to aid in encouraging greater participation from parents. A parent who is deeply involved in their child's education, provides a greater support system for the child's learning. Physical Activity is also an issue - gymnasiums should be fully equipped with materials and equipment that allows for more interactive programs for the students. Childhood obesity is still at an all time high in the district with youth diabetes being one of the predominant results, along with youth depression - these are factors that deplete children's self esteem and increase the potential of early drop out. Consistent Physical Activity in the schools is a base-line necessity and should be taken very seriously. We need a survey to be conducted to assess the current PA programming in each school and follow up with direct and permanent funding to advance those efforts and save our children.

### Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

There is a great need to eliminate overcrowding in our schools. Any and all barriers that would prevent a child from learning must be eliminated. There is a great need for after school programs in all schools.

### Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Acquire sites throughout the district and construct parks for small children. Our district is growing and many young families are moving into the district and parks for small children are needed.

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

| Priority | Agency | Need                               | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1/12     | DOE    | <i>Educational programs</i>        | <i>Other educational programs requests</i>        |          |
| 2/12     | DOE    | <i>Runaway and homeless youth</i>  | <i>Other runaway and homeless youth requests</i>  |          |
| 10/12    | DYCD   | <i>Youth workforce development</i> | <i>Other youth workforce development requests</i> |          |



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

### Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### *Crime prevention programs*

Continued violence and acts of violence in our communities is a true health epidemic. A crime that is committed, not only has a direct impact on the person committing the crime and the victim of it; it impacts the entire community. It is a real health epidemic and the only way to effectively address it, is to implement preventive measures. Crime prevention programs are key to address the epidemic of violence that plagues our neighborhoods. Programs that include the following:

- Street outreach teams that identify at-risk and high-risk members of the community
- Initiatives that work to engage these populations and provide long-term counseling and life coaching
- Workforce development component that assessing individuals' employability and levels of education and offers job readiness and placement; and educational referrals.
- An assigned team of Trained and Certified Mentors who will maintain the relationship during and after completion of the program.

These are actions that can work to prevent crime in neighborhoods and address violent behavior at its core. Acts of violence are reactionary outburst that stem from a number of different issues; far too often in our neighborhoods violence is the result of concerns and issues that have been neglected and disregarded. Crime Prevention Programs are definitely a way to increase the quality of life for residents of this community and break the cycles of violence that currently exist.

### Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

**COMMUNITY POLICING:** Community District 5 in Brooklyn is patrolled by the 75th precinct; which is one of the largest precinct areas in the city. It is for that very reason that crime prevention in this community has to be a multi-prong approach. The idea that policing alone, even at its finest, can effectively and consistently reduce crime is unrealistic. There have to be many components working together to have the most powerful and positive outcome. "The magnitude of violence – in terms of the number of victims – makes it a serious health issue. But the effects of violence also ripple through a community, causing trauma to those who witness it or live in fear of it." Excerpt: Cure Violence <http://cureviolence.org/understand-violence/violence-as-a-health-issue/>

**POLICE PRESENCE:** Policing measures are more effective when community has a strong input and involvement on how those measures are enforced and where the most need for those enforcements have been identified. Through the Commercial District Needs Assessment efforts from local development corporations in East New York, it was recognized that most small businesses along commercial corridors in the district, want to increase the police presence on the commercial strip. Assessments were completed from four commercial corridors in East New York and strip identified that an increased police presence along their corridors would help to improve their businesses. When merchants were asked what changes they needed to occur to bring more customers into their businesses - %25 of the merchants responded, which was the highest ranking response, with a need for more safety. East New York Brooklyn Commercial District Needs Assessment - NYC Department of Small Business Services / Avenue NYC <http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/downloads/misc/cdna-eny/index.html>

### Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Community District 5 has an increase in population due to the construction of thousands of units of housing. With an increase of residents, there is of course an increase of potential fire hazards. Each new development should be required to work with the local FDNY stations to implement annual Fire Safety Education workshops for all of the residents. In addition residents should be offered the opportunity to become CPR certified or at minimum, any Resident Association, Building Captains, Resident Leadership, should be offered the CPR certification. This is a great way to keep all residents educated on fire safety methods and decrease potential fire related incidence.

### **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

| Priority | Agency | Need                              | Request                              | Location |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 11/12    | NYPD   | NYPD staff and training resources | Assign additional uniformed officers |          |



#### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### *Cleanliness/trash collection*

East New York is a beautiful community filled with well maintained and new homes, beautifully constructed private and public housing developments, active commercial corridors, dynamic school buildings, thriving gardens and so much more - However consistent trash removal in and around all of these spaces has been a issue for many years. In particular, in the public housing developments throughout the district, excessive amounts of bagged trash and bulk trash items are piled on side streets for days at a time. In most cases, trash pile ups are literally lined on street blocks that encompass housing developments. This is an immediate attack on the quality of life for residents of the developments as well as surrounding community members. The amount of garbage and the amount of time it takes to collect it, has a direct impact on the increase of rodent and pest infestations in the development which also causes an increase in asthma and other health matters that are already prevalent in this district. In addition, the aesthetic stimulates negative perception of and for the people of the community. Mountains of trash left on sidewalks where thousands of families live, work and play daily is a complete disrespect and outright disregard for the community as a whole. Businesses on some of the commercial corridors are also in dire need of an increased focus from the city on trash clean up. Instruction on how to discard trash and where to place it on the strip, has to be reiterated and enforced. Additionally, the schedule of trash removal has to be adjusted to increase pick up times.

#### Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

The Highland Park area of our community have low water pressure during the summer months.

#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Increase pick up schedules in NYCHA developments. In some cases, multiple NYCHA developments run along the same strip which literally transforms the strip (blvd/street/avenue) into a strip of garbage. A clear example is the fact that Louis H. Pink Houses, Cypress Houses, and Boulevard Houses all run along Linden Boulevard. If the trash is not removed within those three developments, it creates an environment of air pollution, rodent attraction, limited walkway on the sidewalks and an overall disregard for quality of life for thousands of community members. Increase trash pick-up schedules on commercial corridors in district:

- Sutter Avenue / between Van Sinderen and Pennsylvania Avenues
- Liberty Avenue / between Euclid Avenue and Forbell Street
- New Lots Avenue / between Van Sinderen Avenue and Elton Street
- Fulton Street / between



## 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

##### *Affordable housing programs*

With a focus on the East New York Rezoning Plan, it is imperative that housing that is slated for the community be truly affordable for the current members of the community, and all income levels that exist within the neighborhood. Also, housing should not just be about housing - more resources must be attached to housing addresses benefits on all levels of community development and economic growth.

#### Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

With East New York being the point of focus for the initial influx of development under the new MIH; it is necessary for development to include economic development as well as community development. New development that comes into the community should be mixed use with businesses as well as community space, as a "Mandatory Inclusion". With an every growing non-profit community the need for open community spaces throughout the district is a necessity and mixed use development affords the opportunity for further small business development as well as community based organizations to acquire one of the most vital assets to their success - space.

#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Economic empowerment in a community requires participation from small business owners, community based organizations, elected officials, and city agencies. The efforts in revitalizing the commercial corridors in East New York through the Department of Small Business Services, is a great start but it must be continued. Additionally, community based organizations need greater resources when they are tasked with engaging business owners; to increase the outcomes. Currently East New York is home to three Local Development Corporations, Cypress Hills; ENY Restoration; and LDC of East New York, along with Highland Park Community Development Corp. They each have participated in the commercial revitalization efforts through SBS. The results were printed in SBS's Avenue NYC report. Additionally resources have to be increased for those organizations that offer specific services that encourage entrepreneurship and small business development. ENY Restoration LDC provides the only small business incubator spaces for small businesses and LDC of East New York provides services for women in business as the only recognized Small Business Development Center in the community. These are services that strengthen the economic standing of the community and they need to be in receipt of increased focused funding to continue in those efforts.

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

| <b>Priority</b> | <b>Agency</b> | <b>Need</b>                                     | <b>Request</b>   | <b>Location</b>                                     |
|-----------------|---------------|---|--|---|
| 1/21            | HPD           | <i>Affordable housing programs</i>              | <i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>       |   |
| 3/21            | SBS           | <i>Workforce development</i>                    | <i>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</i> |   |
| 7/21            | NYCHA         | <i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>   | <i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>  | <i>Louis H. Pink Houses</i>                         |
| 8/21            | NYCHA         | <i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>   | <i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>  |   |
| 21/21           | HPD           | <i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i> | <i>Other housing oversight and emergency programs</i>          | <i>Elton Street<br/>Schenck Ave<br/>Schenck Ave</i> |

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



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

| Priority | Agency | Need                                      | Request  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 3/12     | EDC    | <i>Economic development programs</i>      | <i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i> |          |
| 5/12     | SBS    | <i>Commercial district revitalization</i> | <i>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</i> |          |
| 9/12     | SBS    | <i>Commercial district revitalization</i> | <i>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</i> |          |



## Transportation

### Main Issue Related to Transportation

#### *Roadway maintenance*

Currently, the district is undergoing various roadway maintenance and pedestrian safety projects through the Department of Transportation. With that said, there is still a need to do a community wide survey for necessary trench work, recurring sink hole spaces, need for speed hump installations around known speeding areas and around community schools, and further development of the pedestrian plazas in the community.

### Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Many of our streets need to be restricted. They have been our number 2 priority for many years. The last major street that was reconstructed was Liberty Avenue.

### Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Provide a free transfer at Livonia Avenue "L" train and the Junius stop on the "3".

### **Capital Requests Related to Transportation**

| Priority | Agency | Need                          | Request  | Location   |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 9/21     | DOT    | Traffic and traffic flow      | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | Drew Street<br>Loring Ave<br>Loring Ave                          |
| 10/21    | NYCTA  | Transit Service               | Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service                  |  |
| 11/21    | DOT    | Transit Infrastructure        | Other transit infrastructure requests                            | New Lots Ave Station "L" train<br>New Lots Ave & Van Sinderen St |
| 12/21    | NYCTA  | Transit Infrastructure        | Other transit infrastructure requests                            |  |
| 13/21    | DOT    | Traffic and traffic flow      | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | Loring Ave<br>Emerald St<br>Amber St                             |
| 14/21    | DOT    | Traffic and traffic flow      | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | Hegeman Ave<br>Shepherd St<br>Berriman St                        |
| 15/21    | NYCTA  | Transit Infrastructure        | Other transit infrastructure requests                            | Livonia Ave<br>Van Sinderen Ave<br>Van Sinderen Ave              |
| 16/21    | DOT    | Transportation infrastructure | Repair or provide new street lights                              | Cozine Ave<br>Ashford Street<br>Ashford Street                   |



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

##### *Park care and maintenance*

Community Board 5 is home to some of the most beautiful and well utilized park spaces in the borough of Brooklyn. We have Linden Park, which was renovated through the 42nd Council District and has become the main park space in the district for youth sports leagues like, Brooklyn Panthers; Brooklyn Chiefs, Brooklyn Warriors - and it is the "Community's Choice" park for early morning workouts, jogs, and walking. Then there is Spring Creek Park, which outlines the Gateway Center Mall - now the home of the East Brooklyn Outdoor Jazz and Movies and the East Brooklyn 5K. Also, Robert Venable Park which was once a broken down, desolate space that was crime ridden and avoided by neighborhood children - it was transformed into a beautiful and vibrant public space for families and children of all ages with a skating area, workout area, and even a small hill for reading or rolling. Of course, we have to mention one of the major highlights of not just the district, but the borough - the historic Highland Park; which offers hiking, barbecuing, snow boarding, nature sites and so much more. However, there is one park in the district that is in desperate need of immediate financial attention - Breukelen Ball Fields. This ball field is located in two Community Boards but is the home park for one of Community Board 5's veteran Little League teams - The Latin Souls Little League. This team has been in existence for over 40 years with the same coach who trains and plays with his team at the site. Unfortunately the park has been neglected for repairs and now the children from the league do not even have access to the comfort station. We implore the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to do a full assessment of the space and determine what can be done to immediately address the need for upgrades, renovations, and most importantly - repairs.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Community Board 5 is also slated to receive 3 small parks in the Spring Creek Area of the district. This was a part of the development of the Gateway Elton Street development, Spring Creek Nehemiah Homes Phase II / III and the Gateway Center Mall. We are asking that the plans for the 3 parks be expedited and that the community be kept involved in the process.

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

CB#5 needs a Cultural Center along with a Community Facility erected in our district that will be fully staffed.

#### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The New Lots Library in Community Board 5 is one of the cultural hubs of the community and has the support of the elected officials, block associations, and community based organizations for the renovation plans to develop the library and completely transform it into a research center and cultural library for the district.

#### Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Community Board 5 needs an increase in the budget to hire additional staff dedicated to research and analysis. This will increase the data that is used to effectively impact how we operate and service the board and community at large. Additionally, being one of the largest community districts in the borough, we are in need of two locations. Currently, the District Office is operating in a temporary shared space in a city agency building after being re-located from our former office, where we were for over 30 years. Although we will be returning to that location upon the completed renovations, it is imperative that we also have a satellite office in another part of the district.



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

| Priority | Agency | Need  | Request  | Location                                    |
|----------|--------|---|--|---|
| 4/21     | DPR    | <i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i> | <i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i> |   |
| 5/21     | DPR    | <i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i> | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>  | BREUKELLEN BALLFIELD                        |
| 6/21     | BPL    | <i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>        | <i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>                     | New Lots Branch Library<br>665 New Lots Ave |
| 17/21    | DPR    | <i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i> | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>  | Success Gardens Park                        |
| 18/21    | DPR    | <i>Park maintenance and safety</i>              | <i>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</i>              | George Walker Park                          |
| 19/21    | DPR    | <i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i> | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>  | Grace Park                                  |
| 20/21    | DPR    | <i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i> | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>  | Schenck Park                                |

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

| Priority | Agency | Need  | Request  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 8/12     | DPR    | <i>Park programming</i>                     | <i>Other park programming requests</i>                     |          |
| 12/12    | OMB    | <i>Community board facilities and staff</i> | <i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i> |          |

## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Brooklyn Community Board 5 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5 submitted 21 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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| Support (CS) | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location  | Supporters  |
|--------------|--------|--|--|---|---|
| 1/21         | HPD    | <i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>                                   | <i>Construct new homes and rental buildings to accommodate existing residents of East New York with annual income requirements that predominately cater to the Neighborhoods Median Income but also includes a small percentage of units for residents who have annual incomes that are well above it.</i>   |   |   |
| 2/21         | DFTA   | <i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>                            | <i>Construct additional Senior housing with financial and medical supportive services on site.</i>   |   |   |
| 3/21         | SBS    | <i>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</i>                             | <i>Creation of a vocational training facility (new construction or acquisition of existing community space) to provide hands on skill training in Solar Panel Installation /Green Job Initiatives; Scaffolding; General Construction; Maintenance; Plumbing; Carpentry and other vocational certifications that would increase employability and potential small business incentives.</i>  |   |   |
| 4/21         | DPR    | <i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i> | <i>Construct the East New York Recreational Center. A three-story state of the art community recreational facility with provisions to include dual gymnasiums; swimming pool; athletic complex / multi-purpose exercise room; small technology center with computer stations to accommodate a minimum of 8 stations; smaller program rooms to accommodate community programs, meetings, workshops; rooftop garden and science stations for green thumb and energy efficient programming.</i>   |   |   |
| 5/21         | DPR    | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>  | <i>Complete upgrade to Breukelen Ball Field with emphasis on new Comfort Station and repair of drainage issues. Renovation plans to be modeled after plans submitted to local elected officials to bring Ballfields to full upgrade and functionality for native youth league teams.</i>   | BREUKELEN<br>BALLFIELD                            | Council<br>Member Inez<br>Barron;<br>Assembly<br>Member<br>Charles Barron |
| 6/21         | BPL    | <i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>                     | <i>Construction of 2nd level for New Lots Library upon completion of roof repairs. Funding to complete cultural renovations on ground floor and lower level implement community archive for native residents; cultural statues; paintings; and complete installation of culture corner to reflect reading materials; visual graphics; and pre-recorded audio archives station. New Lots Library and Schenck Playground are bordered on/by New Lots Avenue, Schenck Avenue, Barbey Street, and Livonia Avenue now officially co-named African Burial Ground Square through the New York City Council 42nd Council Member (former) Charles Barron.</i> | New Lots<br>Branch Library<br>665 New Lots<br>Ave |   |



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| Support (CS) | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location   | Supporters  |
|--------------|--------|--|--|--|---|
| 7/21         | NYCHA  | Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades           | Install (affix) effective LED safety lighting to NYCHA buildings in place of existing NYPD stationed lighting.   | Louis H. Pink Houses   | Council Member Inez Barron;<br>Assembly Member Charles Barron |
| 8/21         | NYCHA  | Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades           | Security cameras installed within all district NYCHA developments that currently do not have CCTV system installations.  |  |   |
| 9/21         | DOT    | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | 4 Way Stop Sign implemented at Drew Street and Loring Avenue.  | Drew Street<br>Loring Ave<br>Loring Ave                                |   |
| 10/21        | NYCTA  | Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service                  | Reinstate the B12 Bus line along Liberty Avenue. The B12 provided much needed service for residents within the community to transfer to Broadway Junction trains as well as to repair and increase customer foot traffic that was lost for City Line commercial strip along Liberty Avenue |  |   |
| 11/21        | DOT    | Other transit infrastructure requests                            | Lighting increased on the underpass on the New Lots L line / Van Sinderen Avenue.  | New Lots Ave<br>Station "L" train<br>New Lots Ave &<br>Van Sinderen St | Council Member Inez Barron;<br>Assembly Member Charles Barron |
| 12/21        | NYCTA  | Other transit infrastructure requests                            | Elevated Train service at Broadway Junction and New Lots Avenue #3 Line and on the Crescent Street J line.   |  |   |
| 13/21        | DOT    | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | Speed Humps: Installed on Loring Avenue between Emerald and Amber Streets  | Loring Ave<br>Emerald St<br>Amber St                                   |   |
| 14/21        | DOT    | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | Speed Humps: Installed on Hegeman Avenue between Shepherd and Berriman Street  | Hegeman Ave<br>Shepherd St<br>Berriman St                              |   |
| 15/21        | NYCTA  | Other transit infrastructure requests                            | Expedite the completion of the Livonia Avenue transfer station project with free transfer option for L train to the 3 train.   | Livonia Ave<br>Van Sinderen Ave<br>Van Sinderen Ave                    |   |
| 16/21        | DOT    | Repair or provide new street lights                              | Install street lighting at Cozine Avenue and Ashford Street near Wortman School. Currently lighting is not consistent along avenue. Heavy pedestrian traffic exists due to Meadowood /Fairfield housing development and P.S.273 elementary school.   | Cozine Ave<br>Ashford Street<br>Ashford Street                         |   |

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| Support (CS) | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location                                   | Supporters |
|--------------|--------|--|---|--|------------|
| 17/21        | DPR    | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Renovation of Park adjacent to Success Gardens Park to deter unwanted parking. Currently the parks land is not being utilized for public park space for the community.          | Success Gardens Park                       |            |
| 18/21        | DPR    | Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting             | George Walker Park install flood lights within park and implement lighting on surrounding blocks to increase safety.  | George Walker Park                         |            |
| 19/21        | DPR    | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Renovation of Grace Park Handball Courts and upgrade to Basketball Courts with new fiberglass backboards.   | Grace Park                                 |            |
| 20/21        | DPR    | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Additional funding to complete cultural renovation of Schenck Park. Current allocations scheduled from 42nd Council Representative and 60th Assembly Representative.            | Schenck Park                               |            |
| 21/21        | HPD    | Other housing oversight and emergency programs                                     | Expedite the removal of the current road barrier on Elton Street to allow for direct access into Gateway Center Mall and decrease impact of traffic on Schenck Avenue entrance. | Elton Street<br>Schenck Ave<br>Schenck Ave |            |

## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Brooklyn Community Board 5 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5 submitted 12 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation  | Location | Supporters |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|------------|
| 1/12     | DOE    | <i>Other educational programs requests</i>  | <i>Provide permanent funding for arts/music programs in all middle schools in District 19. Music programs must be restored and/or implemented back into middle schools to prepare students for Performing Arts high schools. Funding should be focused on hiring of certified/trained instructors to maintain music programs during school hours.</i>  |          |            |
| 2/12     | DOE    | <i>Other runaway and homeless youth requests</i>  | <i>Fund school based initiative for homeless students in K through 5 with focused tutoring and mentorship programs for a minimum of three days a week. It is a published fact that the homeless student population has increased in our city which inevitably shapes the outcome of student progress in particular for early education.</i>  |          |            |
| 3/12     | EDC    | <i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i>                          | <i>Create focused funding to local development corporations that provide incubator resources for small businesses and cooperative business ventures</i>  |          |            |
| 4/12     | DFTA   | <i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>  | <i>Increased funding for Senior Programs in the district to include district-wide focus on daily interactive fitness activities; inter-generational programs with cornerstone partners; computer literacy and advanced instruction for centers with existing technology.</i>   |          |            |
| 5/12     | SBS    | <i>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</i>                          | <i>Provide direct funding to local non-profit organizations who currently maintain districts pedestrian plazas/triangles (successfully) or identify local non-profits with the capability and desire to maintain and further develop the triangles. Pedestrian plazas, when operated correctly, can provide greater open/green space to residents, increase foot traffic for commercial corridors and increase community pride through various events.</i> |          |            |
| 6/12     | DHS    | <i>Other facilities for the homeless requests</i>   | <i>Commission a task force to fully evaluate existing shelters in the district to ensure adequate living environment; quality of life basics; and active progressive transition initiatives, in particular for family shelters.</i>  |          |            |
| 7/12     | DOHMH  | <i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i> | <i>Targeted funding for community patrol initiatives including patrolling for crime prevention/violence intervention; senior housing developments; schools etc. Patrol teams would receive funding to be trained in emergency response care and CPR as well. The issue of violence is currently recognized as a health epidemic and should continue to be studied and funded as a health initiative.</i>   |          |            |

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|----------|--------|--|---|----------|------------|
| 8/12     | DPR    | <i>Other park programming requests</i>                                     | <i>Provide permanent funding streams for existing Green Thumb Gardens in the district. Funding should be focused on equipment and tools for maintenance of space as well as instructional certified training for site management teams. Garden spaces in the district provide education and healthy options for community residents. Green spaces provide healthy balance for areas where new construction is thriving.</i>   |          |            |
| 9/12     | SBS    | <i>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</i> | <i>Provide increased funding through DYCD/SBS to implement permanent employee positions in Fundraising and Research &amp; Development - for existing community based non-profit organizations with sustainable annual operating budgets. Organizations must be servicing a minimum of 80% district based constituency.</i>  |          |            |
| 10/12    | DYCD   | <i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>                          | <i>Increase funding to Cornerstone Initiative in NYCHA to identify permanent placement of youth programs, and open doorways for district-based organizations to participate in program operation. Currently cornerstone operates under a two-year contract with an ever increasing competitive proposal process which usually leaves community youth facing new administrations every two to three years. This increases the low attendance and consistency of programming and community building in vulnerable NYCHA developments throughout the district.</i>   |          |            |
| 11/12    | NYPD   | <i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>                                | <i>Increase police presence along commercial corridors within the district in particular during the holidays to deter and decrease crime and encourage foot traffic along corridors: City Line Liberty Avenue New Lots Avenue Fulton Street</i>   |          |            |
| 12/12    | OMB    | <i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>                 | <i>Increase funding to community boards across the city, in particular CD5 The population of Community Board 5 is rapidly increasing with an absolute need for greater resources and delivery of services. The need for larger staff to address constituency services, research and development, as well as field teams to assist board members with community district assessments is mandatory for effective analysis of the community and a greater impact on resource influx for. The need for permanent dual space in the community. The District Office of Community Board 5 requires larger staff as well as additional permanent office space to accommodate the increasing number of residents, businesses, and organizations that are to become part of the fabric of this community.</i> |          |            |