

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

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 16'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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### DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 2800 -d(1) of the New York City Charter, Community Board #16 hereby submits its Annual Statement of Community District Needs and Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018.

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## 1. Community Board Information

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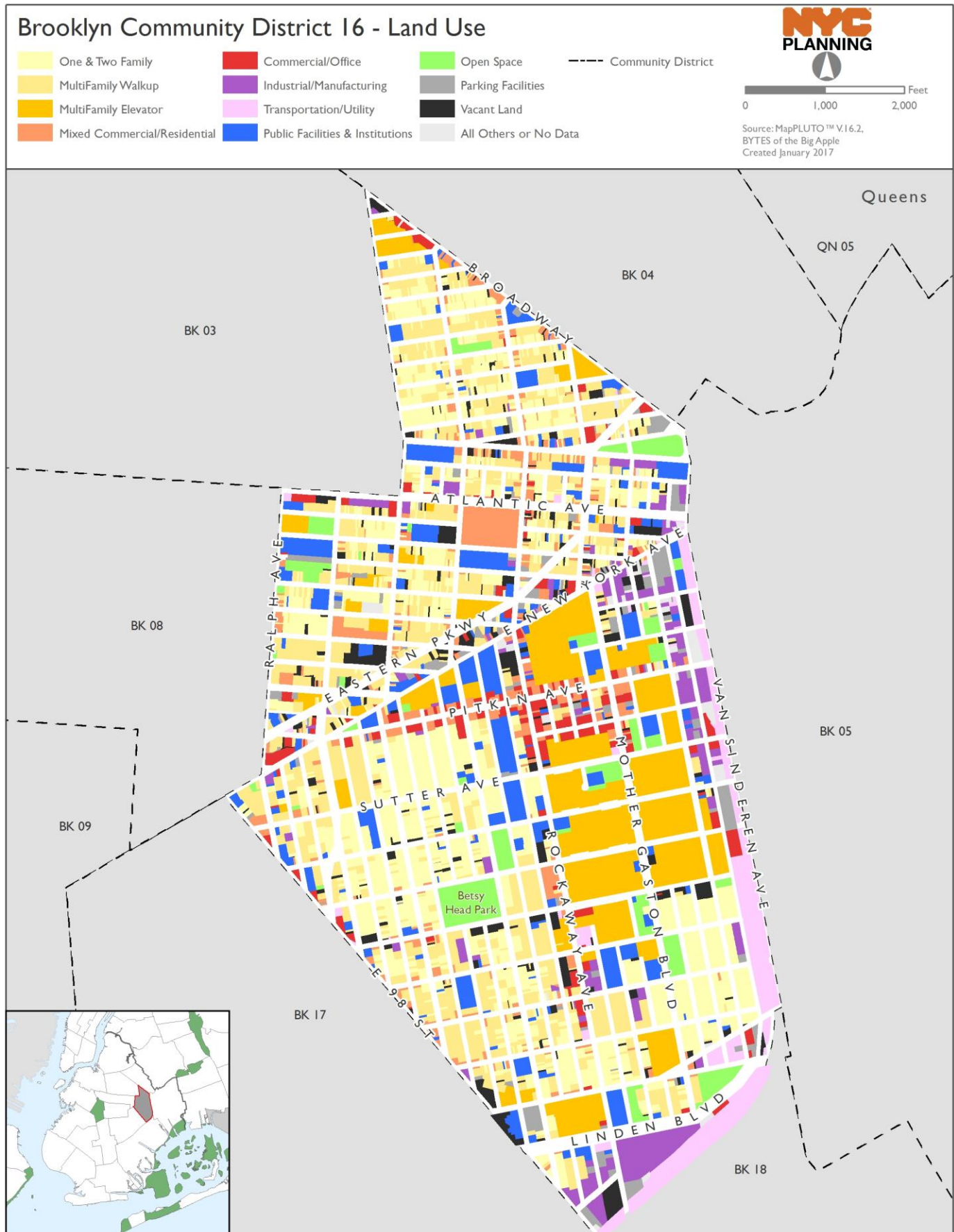
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## 2. Community District Land Use



### 3. Overview of Community District

Bordered on the north by Broadway, on the east by Van Sinderen Avenue, on the south by L.I.R.R. and on the west by East 98th Street, East New York Avenue, Ralph Avenue, Atlantic Avenue and Saratoga Avenue, Community District #16 is located in East Brooklyn and encompasses the neighborhoods of Ocean Hill and Brownsville.

According to the American Community Survey, Ocean Hill-Brownsville has a population of 126,302 which is an increase from the 2010 census that recorded the population at 90,235. Approximately 80% of the population is Black/African American, 17% of Hispanic Origin, 2% White and 1% Asian.

There are 45.2% of households with children under 18 years old, and 8.6% of the population is age 65 years and older.

Many of our residents are disadvantaged from an early age, due to a lack of support and resources in our local schools. Our students have some of the lowest attendance rates in the City and the overwhelming majority are not proficient in reading and math. This translates into low graduation rates, leaving many residents in our community unprepared for the job market. More than half of the population receives income support.

Unemployment is an acute problem in our community. The issue is severely impacting our young people, with unemployment rates for 20 to 24 years old at 28 percent, compared with 20 percent for Brooklyn. Males are experiencing higher unemployment rates in the district than females, with rates of 19 and 11 percent respectively. Job training and placement programs are needed to combat this problem.

High poverty creates a host of other issues related to affordable housing, health, childcare and crime.

As we move forward to address the issue of homelessness, permanent housing is needed, not homeless shelters. The housing must be affordable to residents of the community where the median household income is \$28,139.

According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, residents of Ocean Hill-Brownsville experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor.

Many of our residents are not eating healthy meals because they lack the income and access to healthy foods. Heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, asthma, HIV and AIDS are prevalent in our community.

Gun violence involving young adults is an increasing problem in our community. Unreported crimes and injuries from street justice continue to negatively impact on our district.

Many of the obstacles our community face are interrelated and cannot be solved in isolation.

We need collaboration of both the public and private sectors to address the many issues our community residents have.



#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 16 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Crime*
- *Health care services*

Our three most important issues are affordable housing, health care services, and crime. Permanent and affordable housing, not homeless shelters, are needed to meet the increasing needs of our senior citizens, families, and single adults with minimum wage jobs. We also need permanent and affordable housing for young adults whose income is below or above a certain income threshold - too much for subsidized housing but not enough for market rate housing. The price of a house is still unaffordable to many of our residents. Even with government subsidies, many of our hardworking families find it difficult to attain the American dream of owning their own home because their income has not advanced with the cost of living. Rental housing costs are also skyrocketing, thus making it difficult for families and single adults to maintain permanent housing. Ocean Hill-Brownsville is part of the Central Brooklyn community where, according to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its residents experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor. We need the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue its partnership with the various community-based agencies to stem the tide of maladies that are consuming our community and expand obstetric, pediatric, geriatric, mental health, HIV and AIDS services. According to CompStat data from the New York City Police Department, crimes in the 7 major categories have been declining in the community. However, gun violence continues to take its toll on our young adult population. Many lives are being cut short due to street justice. We continue to need police officers to patrol our streets, New York City Housing Authority buildings, and the subways.





#### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### *Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers*

Poverty is a severe issue facing our community that impacts health and a host of other quality of life measures. About a third of the families in the district are facing poverty, 60 percent higher than Brooklyn as a whole. (Source: 2013 ACS) Poverty rates in Community District #16 are particularly severe among families with children where 37 percent are living in poverty. These rates rise even further for single mothers with children where poverty rates are 45 percent. It is important to note that this family type accounts for nearly 60 percent of the families within the district. (Source: 2013 ACS). It is imperative that these families receive the much needed income support services such as cash assistance, medicaid and SNAP benefits; as well as job training and job placement.

#### Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Ocean Hill-Brownsville is part of the Central Brooklyn community where, according to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its residents experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor. We need the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue its partnership with the various community-based organizations to expand obstetric, pediatric, geriatric, mental health, HIV and AIDS services. Many of our residents are uninsured or underinsured. We need health insurance companies to continue their outreach in the community to enroll individuals and families in health plans. We need assistance for adults who are experiencing financial hardship due to escalating costs of prescription medication. Our senior citizens, in particular, are finding it most difficult to pay out-of-pocket costs for prescriptions. A healthy diet is paramount to the well-being of an individual. We need nutrition education outreach in the community to identify and assist persons who are not eating properly and are at-risk of becoming obese and developing circulatory and respiratory conditions. Asthma and diabetes are on the rise in our community and we need services to combat these health challenges. Teenage pregnancy continues to be a major concern to us. We need programs to outreach to our adolescents and educate them about the consequences of engaging in premarital sex. We also need resources to identify and assist those in need of prenatal care. Infant mortality is one of the leading causes of death in our community.

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

According to the American Community Survey, approximately 12% of our population is over the age of 62. A large number of our seniors are low-income, live alone, and reside in public housing for the elderly. For older persons at risk of losing self-sufficiency, senior centers are an entry point to an array of services that will assist them as they age in place. We need continued funding of our senior centers to enable them to offer a wide range of health, education, recreation, volunteer and other social interaction opportunities for their participants that enhance dignity, support independence, and encourage community involvement. Most importantly, the centers provide a social environment conducive to the development of a social support system reducing loneliness and depression. Expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels Program is needed for many of our seniors who live alone and whose income is insufficient to purchase ingredients for nutritional meals. Many of our elderly and infirm adults who live alone need escort services to accompany them to medical appointments and grocery shopping. They also need assistance with personal care, housekeeping, and financial management as they strive to live independently in their own homes.



### Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community District #16 is over saturated with homeless housing. There are 12 homeless shelters funded by the Department of Homeless Services, several shelters for victims of domestic violence, and a number of three quarter houses. In addition, rooms are being rented in 3 hotels in the district to temporarily house homeless individuals and families. Families and individuals become homeless due to a variety of circumstances, including loss of job, instances of substance abuse, domestic violence, eviction, or unsafe building conditions. Because the shelter system should never be considered a home, programs such as LINC and CITYFEPS are needed to assist this population to move into permanent housing. Homeless prevention programs such as Homebase are also needed to assist those at risk of losing affordable permanent housing by providing monetary assistance and linking them to needed resources such as job training, childcare, and substance abuse programs. Community-based social service agencies must receive sufficient funding to give individuals and families the long term support that they need.

### Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

According to our district profile published by the Department of City Planning, 50.5% of our population requires income support - 11,694 receive cash assistance, 8,321 receive SSI, and 23,680 receive Medicaid. Our low-income and vulnerable residents have less assets and often face major challenges meeting daily living expenses for housing, food, clothing, and health care. It is imperative that resources be provided to this group to enhance their quality of life. Low-income families experience severe hardships whether they rely on cash assistance, work or a combination of both. These families need institutional support in the form of education, job training, child care, higher minimum wage, and health care.

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

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/25	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	
9/25	DOHMH	Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	
11/25	DOHMH	Healthy life styles programs	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	
15/25	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase transportation services capacity	
16/25	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Enhance home care services	
17/25	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Enhance cash assistance programs	
18/25	HRA	Homelessness prevention programs	Expand homelessness prevention programs	
19/25	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase home delivered meals capacity	
24/25	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Reduce rat populations	



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

##### *Youth workforce development and summer youth employment*

Workforce development and Summer Youth Employment programs are important to the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community where poverty is prevalent. Workforce development programs help to build knowledge, skills, and attitudes that our youth need to obtain and participate in productive work. By developing good work habits and skills at an early age, our youth are more likely to continue this trend. Summer Youth Employment Programs are early introductions to the world of work and help to build skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment. It places them in an environment where they can obtain a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to mature into responsible adults.

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

School District #23 has the third lowest attendance record in the city at 87 percent. We are requesting that the Department of Education provide additional resources to address this truancy problem. The Department of Education should work with community members to determine the root causes of truancy in the district and develop innovative solutions that serve our students before they become truant. Due to implementation of significantly harder ELA and math tests in 2010, scores dropped precipitously. The 2012 math test revealed an unacceptable passing rate for our students. Across the grades, less than 40 percent of students achieved a level 3 or 4 on the math test, which means that more than half of our students are not performing at grade level in math. Nearly 60 percent of Brooklyn students overall achieve a level 3 or 4 on the test, 50 percent more than in District #23. On average, less than one in ten of our students reach a level 4 on the math test (The borough average is nearly three times this figure), leaving very few of our students academically competitive enough to be accepted into the city's best public high schools. Just over 30 percent of District #23 students achieved a level 3 or 4 on the 2012 ELA test, compared with nearly 47 percent at the borough level. As with the district's math scores, we see that as a whole, Brooklyn students are achieving scores at or above grade level at a rate 50 percent greater than District #23. Nearly a third of the district's young people (18 to 24 years old) lack a high school diploma or equivalency, 50 percent more than Brooklyn as a whole. Another third have obtained a high school diploma or GED. Only five percent have completed a four year college degree. As New York City's economy becomes increasingly specialized, it is crucial for our residents to be prepared to compete for quality jobs. We are requesting that the Department of Education further its investment in college readiness programs. Our schools will require additional guidance counselors and curriculums that place students on a college bound educational path. The Department of Education must also increase its efforts to ensure that students graduate high school (Source: 2012 ACS).

#### Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Approximately 16 percent of the district's population are children. Day care and headstart programs play a crucial role in supporting young children's development, learning and preparation for both school and life success. Early care and education programs foster children's healthy and positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional development. Early childhood education programs are also critical to parental employment stability. A number of grandparents and other relatives find themselves serving as parents for children whose own parents are unable to care for them because of substance abuse or incarceration. Many of these relatives need financial support to provide food, shelter and clothing to these children. Poverty, parental alcoholism, family instability, overcrowding and abusive conditions in the home, incarceration of a parent, or death of a parent render many of our children at-risk of juvenile delinquency. Juvenile justice programs and preventive services are needed to address this growing community concern.

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



### Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

If it weren't for afterschool programs, many of our children would go home to an empty house and many others would hang out on the streets until their parents return home from work. Children left unsupervised after school often fall prey to deviant behavior that is harmful to them, to their school and to the community. Afterschool programs provide a safe place for our children, academic support for help with homework, exploring new ways to learn and enhance motivation for learning and tutoring to help "catch up". For our youth, afterschool programs provide a rich array of opportunities for social contacts and enrichment activities, especially related to sports, arts and student directed projects. For families, afterschool programs provide low or no cost care for children and youth. They also provide enrichment opportunities for families who might not be able to afford them otherwise. For the community, afterschool programs provide opportunities to integrate community resources and programs with the school during non peak hours when space and students are more accessible. They also provide safe and supervised recreation and enrichment opportunities to reduce juvenile crime and victimization of unsupervised children and youth.

#### Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/29	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Mott Hall Bridges Academy 210 Chester Street</i>
8/29	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Kappa V 985 Rockaway Avenue</i>

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

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/25	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs</i>	
3/25	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	
6/25	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Assign more teaching staff</i>	
7/25	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	
8/25	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide technology upgrade</i>	<i>2021 Bergen Street</i>
10/25	ACS	<i>Juvenile justice programs and preventive services</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	
12/25	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Expand options for kinship foster care services</i>	



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*Youth crime*

Youth violence is a growing concern in our community where poverty, family instability and unemployment provide fertile ground for its growth. Gangs are perpetuating youth on youth violence that result in injury and death. Far too many young lives are lost from street justice. Collateral damage inflicted by gun violence impacts the victim's family, friends and community.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Even though reported crimes are decreasing in the 73rd Precinct, we continue to need police presence in our community. According to the most recent data from the New York City Police Department's CompStat Report (10/17/16 to 10/23/16), crimes in the 7 major categories in Ocean Hill-Brownsville decreased by 42.50 percent over the same period in 2015. Unreported crimes and injuries from street justice continue to negatively impact on our community. We need police presence on our streets, in subways, and in our New York City Housing Authority buildings to combat crimes. Oftentimes, law-abiding citizens are reluctant to report crimes because they are distrustful of the police and their ability to reduce crimes. This tension between community residents and police is fueled by police misconduct or incidents where police actions are called into question. Stop and Frisk continues to be an issue in our community. It is imperative that the Police Department connect with the community and build relationships. Community policing has been proven to be very effective at reducing crime and improving the relationships between police and low income communities.

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

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
13/25	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	
14/25	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional housing police officers	



### Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

##### *Cleanliness/trash collection*

Ongoing housing construction is bringing new families to the community. We need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets. Because of limited onsite storage, garbage from several of our schools and New York City Housing Authority buildings is placed on the sidewalks daily. We need daily pick up of this garbage which is unsightly and attracts rodents. Community District #16 continues to remain at the bottom for recycling. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

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

During heavy rainfall, flooding and ponding conditions are common at a number of heavily trafficked locations throughout the district. We need regular maintenance of our catch basins to remove obstructions and insure that water continues to flow freely and not create ponding conditions. There's ongoing housing construction throughout the district. Like so many neighborhoods in the City, Community District #16 has very old sewer pipes that break and result in backups. Funds are needed to make timely repairs.

#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

As new housing construction bring new families to the community, we need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets. The most recent scorecard ratings state that our streets are 84% acceptably clean. However, areas in the vicinity of New York City Housing Authority buildings and schools continue to be problematic because garbage is placed on the sidewalks on a daily basis after the collection truck makes its regular pick up. When this occurs, litter is strewn about the sidewalk and streets. Illegal dumping in vacant lots and on sidewalks in front of vacant buildings create unsightly, unhealthy and hazardous conditions. We need regular Sanitation patrol of chronic dumping locations to apprehend violators. According to the Department of Sanitation, recycling of metal, glass and plastic was at 4.3% and 4.7% for paper during Fiscal Year 2015 in Community District #16. This was the lowest in Brooklyn. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

#### **Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
22/25	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	
23/25	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Clean catch basins	



#### Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

##### *Affordable housing programs*

Households that pay more than 30% of their income for housing, including utilities are considered cost burdened because they may have difficulty paying non-housing needs such as food, clothing, transportation, child care and medical care. Decent housing that is affordable to working and low income families and seniors is in short supply in our community. As the cost of housing continues to soar and income remains stagnant, residents are being pushed out of their homes and onto the streets. We need affordable housing to provide stability for this vulnerable population.

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

Permanent and affordable housing, not homeless shelters, continues to be a high priority for our community to meet the increasing needs of senior citizens, families, and single adults with minimum wage jobs. We also need permanent and affordable housing for young adults whose income is below or above certain thresholds - too much for subsidized housing but not enough for market rate housing. The price of a house is still unaffordable for many of our residents. Even with government subsidies, many of our hardworking families find it difficult to attain the American dream of owning their own home because their income has not increased with the cost of living. Rental housing costs are also skyrocketing, thus making it difficult for families and single adults to maintain permanent housing. We appeal to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development to continue with plans to build affordable and permanent housing on the remaining City-owned vacant lots in Community District #16 and provide subsidies to truly make the units affordable to our residents.

#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Belmont Avenue, a once thriving four block commercial strip between Rockaway Avenue and Mother Gaston Boulevard, has a number of vacant stores. We appeal to the owners of these properties to market them at a reasonable rate to encourage entrepreneurs to come and provide goods and services to our community. We also need the owners of these vacant properties to maintain the facades and sidewalks so that they will not be eyesores and hazardous to pedestrians. There are several undeveloped properties along the following commercial strips: - Rockaway Avenue between East New York Avenue and Newport Street. - Broadway between Saratoga Avenue and Eastern Parkway. - Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and East 98th Street. - Atlantic Avenue between Howard Avenue and Eastern Parkway. - Fulton Street between Saratoga Avenue and Van Sinderen Avenue. - Saratoga Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway. - Mother Gaston Boulevard between Pitkin and Sutter Avenues. We appeal to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the New York City Economic Development Corporation to market City-owned parcels and work with private owners who are in need of financial assistance to develop their properties. Unemployment is an acute problem facing Community District #16, with unemployment rates across all demographics. The issue is severely impacting our young people, with unemployment rates for 20-24 years old at 28 percent, compared with 20 percent for Brooklyn. Males within the district are experiencing higher unemployment rates in the district than females, with rates at 19 and 11 percent respectively. The City must implement and expand job training and placement programs in order to combat high unemployment rates. Making improvement to the district's schools will also help to address this problem by insuring that our young people are prepared for the job market (Source: 2013 ACS).



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

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



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

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/29	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	
2/29	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide more housing for medium income households	
3/29	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	
4/29	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Howard Houses
29/29	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	

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

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/25	EDC	Economic development programs	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	
5/25	SBS	Workforce development	Other workforce development requests	
20/25	SBS	Commercial district revitalization	Support storefront / facade improvements	Pitkin Avenue Howard Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard
21/25	SBS	Commercial district revitalization	Support storefront / facade improvements	Belmont Avenue Rockaway Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard



### Transportation

#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Traffic safety*

We need safer streets, especially in the area bounded by Livonia Avenue, Junius Street, East New York Avenue and Rockaway Avenue where there is a large concentration of New York City Housing Authority buildings that house thousands of residents, schools, day cares, and senior citizen centers. The streets are unsafe for pedestrians, especially for our senior citizens and children. Our streets are becoming virtual speedways for cars, delivery trucks, and motorcycles. We need speed humps, traffic lights, all-way stop signs and other traffic calming devices to slow traffic.

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

Potholes and depressions continue to imperil traffic in Community District #16. The Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection need to jointly inspect locations that frequently depress and eventually cave-in to identify the origin of the roadway condition and repair them in a timely fashion. A number of our streets are dimly lit and create an atmosphere conducive to criminal activities. The intensity of street lights need upgrading, especially underneath the elevated train lines along Broadway and Livonia Avenue, and along the bus routes. Truck traffic is increasing throughout the district. Residential blocks, instead of designated truck routes, are being used by 18-wheelers which are destroying our streets and creating congestion. More designated truck route signs are needed. With new housing construction, the volume of traffic is increasing. It is imperative that the Department of Transportation conduct a districtwide survey to determine locations for new traffic lights and stop signs.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

There are no accessible subway stations for persons with physical disabilities in the district. The Broadway Junction station on the "IND" line, the Sutter Avenue, Livonia Avenue, and New Lots Avenue stations on the "L" line, and the Sutter Avenue-Rutland Road, Saratoga Avenue, Rockaway Avenue, and Junius Street stations on the "IRT" line are elevated structures and are not accessible to the physically challenged. We call upon the Metropolitan Transit Authority to appropriate needed funds to construct a connecting passageway between the "L" line and the "IRT" line at Junius Street and Livonia Avenue to enable commuters to freely transfer between stations. The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of traffic because of its connections to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of steps that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We urge the Transit Authority to make the station handicap accessible. The East New York Avenue station on the Long Island Railroad is in need of updating. Cameras are in place on the platforms and should also be placed in the tunnel connecting the stairwells leading to the service roads of Atlantic Avenue. Presently, there is no wheelchair access on the westbound platform. We are requesting that a permanent ramp be installed to provide access for wheelchair bound passengers who now must travel to the Atlantic Avenue terminal to disembark.



## Transportation

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/29	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	
11/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Rockaway Avenue station
12/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Sutter-Rutland Road station
13/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Saratoga Avenue station
14/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Sutter Avenue Station
15/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	New Lots Avenue station
16/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Livonia Avenue Station
17/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Junius Street station
18/29	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	Livonia Avenue Junius Street East 98th Street
19/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Broadway Junction station
20/29	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Atlantic Avenue station
24/29	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Install streetscape improvements	Pitkin Avenue Howard Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard
25/29	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Pitkin Avenue Howard Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

#### *Park care and maintenance*

Our playgrounds and parks provide the only recreation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and are unable to travel outside of the community. Several of these parks are located adjacent to public schools where hundreds of children use them on a daily basis during school hours. We need regular maintenance to keep them clean and prevent their deterioration from normal wear and tear. The Brownsville Recreation Center is an indoor facility that is used on a daily basis by hundreds of patrons. Additional maintenance staff is needed to keep the facility clean.

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

Our playgrounds and parks provide the only recreation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and lack the resources to travel outside of the community to recreation facilities. When people have access to parks, they exercise more. Regular physical activity has been shown to increase health and reduce the risk of a wide range of diseases, including heart disease, hypertension and diabetes which are prevalent in our community. Parks also produce important social and community development benefits. They make inner city neighborhoods like Ocean Hill-Brownsville more livable, they offer recreation opportunities for at-risk youths, low-income children and families. Access to public parks and recreation facilities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and in particular to reduce juvenile delinquency. Our parks and playgrounds are used by hundreds of children and adults on a daily basis, therefore we need regular maintenance to keep them clean and make repairs to prevent their deterioration from normal wear and tear. Playground Assistants are needed during the summer months to provide structured activities in our parks. The Brownsville Recreation Center is heavily used and is in need of additional recreation and maintenance staff.

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

The Brownsville Public Library Branch is in need of a facelift. A complete facelift is needed to include interior wall painting, new floor tiles, tables, chairs, storage area for equipment, additional computers for use by children and adults, and renovation of the bathrooms.

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

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Need</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Location</b>
5/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Powell Street Playground</i>
6/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Newport Playground</i>
10/29	BPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Brownsville Library Branch</i>
21/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Betsy Head Park</i>
22/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Brownsville Recreation Center</i>
23/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Chester Playground</i>
26/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Nehemiah Park</i>
27/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Ocean Hill Playground</i>
28/29	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Floyd Paterson Field</i>



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
25/25	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	

## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Brooklyn Community Board 16 Capital Requests

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/29	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	The supply of decent affordable housing for extremely low and low income households is decreasing. As a result, many reside in substandard housing that impacts their health. Others are forced into homeless shelters.		
2/29	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	Maintaining permanent housing is becoming more difficult for low wage working individuals and families. Medium income housing will enable them to become less rent burden and remain in the community		
3/29	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	Many of our multi family housing stock are in need of roof replacement, heating and electrical upgrades. Financing programs such as the Participation Loan Program and Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program are needed to facilitate the physical and financial sustainability and affordability of privately-owned multifamily buildings.		
4/29	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Residents of Howard Houses have reported that crimes in the buildings and on the grounds have been increasing in recent years. Installation of CCTV cameras will help to deter crime and enhance the quality of life for its residents.	Howard Houses	
5/29	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	A comfort station is needed at Powell Street Playground. Construction of a comfort station will also service users of Houston Playground which is located across the street.	Powell Street Playground	
6/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Newport Playground is located adjacent to PS 41 and three housing developments where hundreds of children live. Resurfacing of the basketball court and reconstruction of the multi purpose play area will remove hazardous conditions and provide a more user friendly environment.	Newport Playground	
7/29	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Air circulation in the auditorium at Mott Hall Bridges Academy is poor and it is extremely uncomfortable during warm weather. Installation of an air condition unit in the auditorium is much needed to improve air circulation.	Mott Hall Bridges Academy 210 Chester Street	
8/29	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Upgrade student bathrooms, library and auditorium (curtains, sound system and air condition) to provide a safe and health environment for students and staff at Kappa V.	Kappa V 985 Rockaway Avenue	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/29	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Due to heavy traffic, salting of our roadways, and ongoing excavations to repair our infrastructure and install utility lines, numerous potholes and cave-ins result which creates hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Ongoing repairs are needed on streets throughout the district.</i>		
10/29	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>The Brownsville Branch Public Library is in need of a facelift to include interior wall painting, new floor tiles, tables, chairs, storage area for equipment, and additional computers to use by children and adults. The bathrooms also need renovation.</i>	Brownsville Library Branch	
11/29	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Rockaway Avenue station	
12/29	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Sutter-Rutland Road station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Sutter-Rutland Road station	
13/29	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Saratoga Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Saratoga Avenue station	
14/29	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Sutter Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Sutter Avenue Station	
15/29	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The New Lots Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i>	New Lots Avenue station	
16/29	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Livonia Avenue Station	



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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
17/29	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	The Junius Street station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station. We're also requesting the construction of a passageway between the "Junius Street" station on the IRT-3 and the "Livonia Avenue" station on the IND-L to enable commuters to transfer between stations without descending to the street to re-enter the transit system.	Junius Street station	
18/29	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	The IRT subway line runs along Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and East 98th Street. Additional lights are needed along Livonia Avenue to brighten the street and make it less conducive to criminal activities.	Livonia Avenue Junius Street East 98th Street	
19/29	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of pedestrian traffic because of its connection to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of stairs that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We are requesting that the station be made handicap accessible.	Broadway Junction station	
20/29	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	The Atlantic Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.	Atlantic Avenue station	
21/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Years of use without adequate maintenance has taken its toll on this major recreation facility. The running track is badly deteriorated and is subject to trip hazards. The ball field is more sand than grass. The handball courts and basketball courts need resurfacing. The comfort station also needs renovation.	Betsy Head Park	
22/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	The Brownsville Recreation Center needs a new roof. Leaks in the roof of the Brownsville Recreation Center are causing structural damage to the building and making much needed recreation space unusable.	Brownsville Recreation Center	
23/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Chester Playground is located adjacent to PS/IS 327. Rehabilitation of the playground equipment and basketball courts are needed.	Chester Playground	

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24/29	DOT	<i>Install streetscape improvements</i>	<i>Broken sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair, as well as pedestrian ramps.</i>	<i>Pitkin Avenue Howard Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard</i>	<i>Pitkin Avenue Management Association</i>
25/29	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along our commercial strip.</i>	<i>Pitkin Avenue Howard Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard</i>	
26/29	DPR	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field are located diagonally from each other. Construction of a comfort station at Nehemiah Park will service both Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field which are heavily used by residents of neighboring housing developments.</i>	<i>Nehemiah Park</i>	
27/29	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Skateboarding is becoming a very popular sport in our community. Construction of a skateboard ramp at Ocean Hill Playground will provide a safe environment for skaters.</i>	<i>Ocean Hill Playground</i>	
28/29	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Reconstruction of Floyd Paterson Field with synthetic turf for multi purpose use such as baseball, football, soccer, and cricket will improve the condition of the field and make it more conducive for recreational activities for all ages.</i>	<i>Floyd Paterson Field</i>	
29/29	NYCHA	<i>Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments</i>	<i>NYCHA developments in Community District #16 generate a large volume of recyclables. However, these developments are not properly recycling their waste. We request that NYCHA install recycling facilities on their properties and educate their tenants on the benefits of recycling.</i>		

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### Brooklyn Community Board 16 Expense Requests

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1/25	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	MWBE resources and technical assistance are needed within the district for small business owners who are struggling to compete with more established businesses in the City of New York.		
2/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	Early care and education programs provided by day care and headstart centers are important to working parents and parents attending school and job training programs. These programs foster children's healthy and positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional development.		
3/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	For various reasons, not every student is prepared to attend college. Therefore, they should have the option to learn a skilled trade while in high school that will equip them to compete in the job market. Career and Technical Education Programs will prepare our high school students for entry level employment in a specific occupation and is aligned with business/industry standards.		
4/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	In zip code 11212, the number of persons 25 years of age and older is 51,370. Of this number, 24.8% do not have a high school diploma or GED (Source: ACS 2013). Educational programs are needed for residents who do not have a high school diploma or GED		
5/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	A comprehensive one stop career center is needed to provide job search, career counseling, case management, re-employment services, job placement, training referrals, labor market information, and business services to unemployed and underemployed residents.		
6/25	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	Many of our schools are in need of additional teaching staff to reduce classroom sizes and provide instruction in subjects such as math and science.		
7/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Many of our impoverished families lack financial resources to provide structured activities for their children. We need continued funding of our Cornerstone and Beacon programs which provide a range of free educational, cultural and recreational resources to our children and youth.		
8/25	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	To bridge the digital divide and provide current and relevant resources to the students at Brooklyn Collegiate High School, we request funding to outfit their library and classrooms with computers, equipment and books. Many students do not have computer accessibility at home and library books are often limited in quantity, outdated or not relevant to the lives of the students.	2021 Bergen Street	

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9/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Gun violence is very prevalent in our community. When gun violence ends a life, it also impacts the lives of survivors (families and friends) who struggle to cope with the lose of a loved one. Preventive and treatment programs are needed for all ages.		
10/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	Many of our households are in need of preventive services such as counseling, parenting skills training, and substance abuse treatment to ensure that children remain safe in the home and to prevent children from entering foster care.		
11/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Eating well is important for good health. A healthy diet helps prevent many chronic diseases and conditions, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, some cancers, and heart disease. Expansion of outreach and educational programs such as Healthy Living is needed to improve nutrition and physical activity for all ages. In addition, programs such as Shop Healthy NYC are needed to increase access to healthy foods in the neighborhood retailers. Outreach programs such as the Newborn Visiting Program provides vital resources to the community and needs expansion.		
12/25	ACS	Expand options for kinship foster care services	Many grandparents and other relatives who are caring for children at risk of entering the foster care system need financial support and other resources for these children.		
13/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	According to the most recent Compstat data, crimes in 7 major categories are declining. To continue this trend, we need more uniform officers to patrol our streets. The presence of uniform officers help to deter crime and gives the community a sense of security.		
14/25	NYPD	Assign additional housing police officers	Ocean Hill-Brownsville has a high concentration of public housing where most violent crimes occur. We are requesting additional police officers to regularly patrol the interior and exterior of the buildings.		
15/25	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	Many of our elderly and homebound residents live alone. Without this service, they would not be able to get to their medical appointments and shop for groceries.		
16/25	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Many of our seniors live alone and are in need of assistance to perform activities of daily living in their home such as bathing, feeding, and or housekeeping.		
17/25	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	Unforeseen circumstances such as illness and temporary unemployment impact greatly upon a low income family's ability to meet daily living expenses such as housing. When this occurs, families may need rental assistance to prevent eviction.		

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18/25	HRA	Expand homelessness prevention programs	According to the American Community Survey, about a third of families in Community District #16 are facing poverty. Many of these families are at risk of losing affordable housing for a variety of reasons, such as minimum wage jobs, temporary unemployed due to illness, and lost of job. Programs such as Homebase are needed to provide families with monetary assistance and resources to remain in permanent housing.		
19/25	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Many of our low-income elderly residents who live alone do not have sufficient income to shop for groceries and prepare daily nutritional meals. An expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels program will enable this population to eat more healthy and frequently.		
20/25	SBS	Support storefront / facade improvements	There are a number of stores that need facade improvement and property owners are in need of financial assistance.	Pitkin Avenue Howard Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard	Pitkin Avenue Management Association.
21/25	SBS	Support storefront / facade improvements	There are a number of vacant storefronts along our commercial corridors where property owners need financial support to renovate.	Belmont Avenue Rockaway Avenue Mother Gaston Boulevard	
22/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	Garbage at our public schools and New York City Housing Authority buildings are placed on the sidewalk daily. We need frequent garbage and recycling pick up at these locations.		
23/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	When litter and debris clog our catch basins, flooding and ponding occur during heavy rainfall at heavily trafficked locations which makes it difficult and unsafe for pedestrian crossing. Periodic cleaning of our catch basins is required.		
24/25	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Illegal dumping on vacant lots and ongoing housing construction are causing an increase in the rat population. Adequate funding is needed for ongoing extermination in Community District #16.		
25/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Street trees throughout the district are in need of pruning. Tree limbs are covering streetlights and creating a condition conducive to criminal activities.		