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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY

... **DISTRICT NEEDS** ...

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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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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:

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

Brooklyn

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	2,504,700	100.00	2,736,074	100.00	231,374	9.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	594,378	23.7	595,703	21.8	1,325	0.2	-1.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	2,504,700	100.0	2,736,074	100.0	231,374	9.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	496,285	19.8	516,426	18.9	20,141	4.1	-0.9
White non-Hispanic	893,306	35.7	968,427	35.4	75,121	8.4	-0.3
Black non-Hispanic	799,066	31.9	729,696	26.7	-69,370	-8.7	-5.2
Asian non-Hispanic	260,129	10.4	370,776	13.6	110,647	42.5	3.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	15,904	0.6	37,579	1.4	21,675	136.3	0.8
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	40,010	1.6	113,170	4.1	73,160	182.9	2.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	1,000,293	100.0	1,077,654	100.0	77,361	7.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	916,856	91.7	1,009,804	93.7	92,948	10.1	2.0
Vacant housing units	83,437	8.3	67,850	6.3	-15,587	-18.7	-2.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Brooklyn Community District 5

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	182,896	100.00	200,293	100.00	17,397	9.5	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	51,903	28.4	48,268	24.1	-3,635	-7.0	-4.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	182,896	100.0	200,293	100.0	17,397	9.5	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	67,090	36.7	73,681	36.8	6,591	9.8	0.1
White non-Hispanic	6,237	3.4	6,341	3.2	104	1.7	-0.2
Black non-Hispanic	94,316	51.6	92,108	46.0	-2,208	-2.3	-5.6
Asian non-Hispanic	8,970	4.9	14,772	7.4	5,802	64.7	2.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	3,378	1.8	4,469	2.2	1,091	32.3	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,905	1.6	8,922	4.5	6,017	207.1	2.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	65,612	100.0	72,381	100.0	6,769	10.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	60,390	92.0	68,174	94.2	7,784	12.9	2.2
Vacant housing units	5,222	8.0	4,207	5.8	-1,015	-19.4	-2.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 5 – Story of a Community in Transformation

The story of Brooklyn Community Board 5 is, at its heart, the story of a people who refused to be defined by disinvestment. It is the story of a community that endured decades of hardship—economic abandonment, insufficient services, environmental degradation—and still lifted itself with resilience, pride, and cultural strength. Today, as more than 190,000–201,000 residents call these neighborhoods home, the transformation of East New York, Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots, Spring Creek, Gateway, and Broadway Junction is unmistakable. Streets that once told stories of struggle now speak in the language of renewal, opportunity, and forward motion.

Once marked by boarded storefronts and deteriorated housing stock, the district is now the site of one of the largest affordable housing expansions in New York City. The Alafia development, rising on the New York State Vital Brooklyn campus, brings deeply affordable homes and supportive services to families who have long needed them. And on the Christian Cultural Center campus, the Innovative Urban Village is becoming one of the nation's most significant faith-based housing developments, blending deeply affordable rentals with homeownership opportunities that can build generational wealth. Together, these two transformative initiatives are delivering approximately 4,000 new units—an immense investment in the future of East New York and in the families who have shaped its character for generations.

Yet the arrival of new homes brings new responsibilities. More residents mean a greater need for schools that can support growing families, parks and recreational spaces where young people can thrive, transit systems that move people safely and efficiently, an expanded level of trash collection and recycling, and social infrastructure that nurtures health, education, and opportunity. The district's rapid growth is both a triumph and a challenge, reminding the city that progress must be matched with deep investment.

The revitalization of CB5 is not limited to housing. In the Industrial Business Zones of East New York and Fairfield/Flatlands, a different kind of rebuilding has taken place—one focused on restoring the district's economic backbone. These corridors, once plagued by illegal dumping, inadequate lighting, and deteriorating streets, have been reimagined through multimillion-dollar investments shaped by a newly created IBZ Taskforce led by City Council Member Sandy Nurse. Working alongside other city and state electeds, Community Board 5, the Local Development Corporation of East New York, the 75th Police Precinct, DOT, DSNY, DHS, SBS, Breaking Ground, EDC, and others, the district has strengthened its industrial environment and will continue to work collectively to ensure the IBZs are protected and revitalized.

But perhaps the most meaningful transformation is the one that connects the district's future to a significant portion of its history. In the heart of New Lots lies a sacred space known as African Burial Ground Square. For generations, the significance of this land was obscured—until the archaeological discovery of enslaved African remains, initially discovered through the New Lots Plaza development - under former NYC Council Member Barron, brought long-forgotten history back into the light. Today, that land is being honored through the reconstruction of Sankofa Playground, a \$4.9million investment, collectively funded by city and state officials - rooted in dignity and remembrance. Its redesign will reintern African ancestors with respect and tell a story that is essential not only to East New York but to the history of this nation.

Beside this historic ground, the New Lots Library is undergoing a nearly \$33 million transformation supported by former Mayor Bill de Blasio, former Assembly Member Charles Barron, and many elected officials who recognized the importance of cultural preservation. When the library reopens, it will stand as a testament to resilience, learning, and legacy—linking the stories of the past to the

dreams of the future. Additional neighborhood libraries in Arlington, Cypress Hills, and Spring Creek remain essential spaces for youth, families, and lifelong learners, and they too require sustained investment to keep pace with community needs.

East New York's open spaces tell a story of environmental justice and renewal. Shirley Chisholm State Park—once a landfill—now stretches across the shoreline as a thriving haven for recreation, ecological education, and wellness. Thousands of residents walk its trails, ride its bikes, and kayak its waters every month, experiencing a level of access to nature that previous generations could scarcely imagine. Highland Park and the Ridgewood Reservoir continue to be restored and revitalized, offering the community spaces of beauty, biodiversity, and reflection.

At Broadway Junction, the future is rising. Long one of the city's busiest yet most neglected transit centers, the Junction is finally receiving the major overhaul it deserves. With millions invested by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in ADA-accessible entrances, new escalators, platform expansions, and safety improvements—and simultaneous streetscape redesign by the Department of Transportation—the station is becoming a true gateway for the people of East New York. This is alongside of proposed multi-use development and senior housing slated for the Broadway Junction area.

Even with these achievements, the district carries urgent needs. Health disparities remain profound, with adults in East New York experiencing some of the highest rates of diabetes and obesity in the city—approximately 18 percent and 31 percent respectively. In zip codes 11207 and 11208, many residents rely heavily on bodegas and fast-food outlets. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene identifies parts of the district as food deserts and food swamps, reinforcing the need for better access to healthy, affordable food. Programs such as Shop Healthy NYC, community gardens, and seasonal farmers markets have brought progress, but the crisis is larger than these interventions can solve alone. A full-scale, districtwide assessment of food infrastructure and a long-term plan for food equity are critical. This also leads to the extreme need for a district-based hospital to support the continuous increase in population.

The district also struggles with an oversaturation of shelter sites and an increasing number of supportive housing placements, many without the adequate long-term services required for stability. Vulnerable residents need consistent, high-quality mental health care, case management, and community integration support. Without these services, housing alone cannot provide true security.

As the population grows and new families move into the district, one need has become impossible to ignore: CB5 requires a full-scale, multi-use recreational center - an East New York Recreational Center (ENYRC). A place where young people can participate in athletics and arts, where elders can gather and socialize, where families can access technology and community programming, and where residents of all ages can build health and wellness. Such a center is vital to the district's future and fundamental to its equitable development.

Across East New York, Cypress Hills, Highland Park, New Lots, Spring Creek, Gateway, City Line, and Broadway Junction, the story of CB5 is still being written. It is a story of renewal forged through collaboration among residents, elected officials, City and State agencies, developers, and community organizations. It is a story rooted in history but oriented toward opportunity. And above all, it is a story of people who believe—not just in surviving change, but in shaping it.

CB5 stands committed to ensuring that the future of these neighborhoods is one in which families can thrive, heritage is honored, and every resident is supported with the resources necessary to live with dignity, health, and opportunity.

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/east-new-york/east-new-york-1.page> African Burial Ground Square - <https://bklyner.com/sankofa-park-and-african-burial-ground-square-in-east-new-york-to-get-a-fresh-look/> Shirley Chisholm State Park -

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/200/details.aspx> New 1000 seat school - PS 938

<https://insideschools.org/school/19K938>

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/7277>

<https://www.bklynlibrary.org/locations/new-lots/reconstruct>

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 5

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Other - Write In (Required)

Brooklyn Community Board 5 has increasingly become the focal point for temporary housing, substance abuse, and mental health programs. Developers have started incorporating these programs, services, and designated units in projects within CB5 under the label of supportive housing. This trend has led to the district becoming oversaturated with supportive housing units concentrated in specific areas.

For instance, within a one-mile radius, there are several large multi-family developments that have a portion of their units designated as supportive housing units for developmentally disabled residents:

Gateway Elton

Fountain Seaview

Nehemiah

Alafia

While creating opportunities for individuals transitioning to independent living is necessary, concentrating these units in one area of any district is detrimental. Quality, affordable housing should be inclusive for all New Yorkers and fairly distributed across the city.

Potential Solution:

With the influx of temporary housing and various substance abuse sites in CB5, we request that the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC Department of Homeless Services, and NYC Housing Preservation Department collectively support the expansion of supportive housing categories to include other disadvantaged individuals. This expansion would continue to offer incentives for developers who incorporate these new categories of supportive housing into their projects.

We propose a study on the construction of supportive housing and the use of hotels for shelter in Brooklyn Community Board 5 (from 2010 through 2022) to identify and substantiate the issue of oversaturation. This study should outline long-term solutions to mitigate the adverse effects of oversaturation and address non-compliance with the Fair Share Act. Proposed solutions include:

Increased investment in overall affordable housing

Accessible resources and financial support for long-term homeownership

Gradual cessation of city agency contracts with commercial hotels for temporary shelter/housing

Incentives for converting existing hotel sites to permanent ownership housing

Permanent laws or policies with clear penalties for implementing temporary shelters in areas that result in oversaturation or breach the Fair Share Act

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working together to ensure a balanced and fair distribution of supportive housing units throughout the city.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Bulk trash collection and illegal dumping in specific areas of Brooklyn Community Board 5 have long been issues. However, with budget constraints and decreased services, this has become a major concern.

In addition to basic trash collection problems in key sites like our NYCHA developments, there are now "trash hot-spots" in the district. These areas, where illegal dumping and bulk trash have become overwhelming, include gardens, vacant land sites, and poorly lit areas. Furthermore, the lack of service and monitoring in the Industrial Business Zones and BID areas has created environments that invite illegal activity on top of the dumping.

While many community members, civic groups, and associations have undertaken clean-up efforts, these selfless acts are temporary solutions to the accumulation of trash under COVID-19 conditions and do not address the overall issue.

Potential Solution:

The issue of trash and its consequences, such as fostering the development of rats and rodents with high reproduction rates, require us to deploy all of the City's resources. Specifically, the high-need mixed-use areas of Fulton St, Pitkin Ave, Pennsylvania Ave, New Lots Ave, and Livonia Ave, as well as the Industrial Business Zones and areas like the intersection of the Conduit and Atlantic Ave, need a comprehensive three-pronged approach:

Sustained educational outreach to nearby residents

Strengthened enforcement

Enhanced public street infrastructure (such as containerized waste products that do not add financial burdens on residents)

Educational outreach will provide residents and neighborhood actors with explicit information on preventing rodent and rat infestations and can include programs like the Rat Academy.

Additionally, with the district's population increase due to the expansion of two and three-bedroom housing and the development of one and two-family homes, we need to be designated as a Tri-Day Pick-Up zone.

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) could also use special enforcement cameras and collaborate with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to install additional lighting to identify illegal dumping activity and support greater enforcement. This will also serve as a deterrent further dumping in hot-spots.

Other - Write In (Required)

Public Health Impact in Brooklyn Community Board 5

Brooklyn Community Board 5 faces critical public health challenges that profoundly impact the overall well-being of our residents. These concerns were starkly highlighted during the pandemic, exposing immense disparities in resources and programming. A significant issue is the lack of access to affordable, healthy foods and lifestyle programming.

CB5 remains identified as a food desert or food swamp, as noted in the NYC Department of Health's EpiData Brief titled "Access to Healthy and Affordable Food in ENY." This report reveals that in zip codes 11207 and 11208—among the largest populated neighborhoods in our district—bodegas and fast-food chains account for nearly 80% of the direct food sources for residents, underscoring profound inequality and food injustice.

Specifically, residents in these areas are surrounded by 135 bodegas and 71 fast food chains. Along Pennsylvania Avenue, a key corridor connecting the Jackie Robinson Parkway to the Belt Parkway, you will find an array of major fast-food outlets including McDonald's, Burger King, Popeyes, White Castle, Checkers, and Wendy's, all within a five-minute walk.

This concentration of unhealthy food options within a mile of three NYCHA developments housing over 3,500 families, two senior centers, four youth community centers, and three schools, is a deliberate and concerning placement targeting the district's most vulnerable populations. NYCHA developments and senior centers report the highest rates of diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, while local schools struggle with alarming rates of youth obesity, undiagnosed developmental disabilities, and the common burdens of poverty and rent stress.

Potential Solutions:

Monthly Inspections: We request that the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene conduct monthly inspections of all food establishments in the district, with an emphasis on bodega stores.

Shop Healthy Program: We urge the re-ignition of the Shop Healthy program to complete surveys in the 11239 portion of the district and revisit bodegas in 11207 and 11208 to assess improvements in healthy food options.

Targeted Study: We propose a study focused on Pennsylvania Avenue (south of Linden Blvd) to evaluate the public health consequences of the high concentration of fast-food chains. This study should provide long-term solutions, such as transitioning to fresh food availability through a purchase and transfer model by the city (eminent domain). This model can potentially lead to the development of residential housing, a need that far outweighs the current single-layer commercial usage.

In summary, lack of access to healthy food can lead to serious health problems. Access to fresh foods is directly related to obesity and other risk factors, such as hypertension and diabetes, which have significant implications for cardiovascular disease, some cancers, and even transmissible diseases like COVID-19. Addressing these disparities is crucial for the health and longevity of our community.

Sources:

New York City's Biggest Food Swamps

Why Food Deserts Persist in Low-Income NYC Neighborhoods

An Overabundance of Fast Food: Food Swamps are the New Food Deserts

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

In this new fiscal year, we still have a real need to address one of the most important factors in the lives of residents in CB5 and that is health and wellness. Unfortunately, there has not been enough budgetary focus and continuous movement toward making East New York a healthier and more health conscious community, outside of the attention on our public gardens. Under COVID, this was highlighted even further. We still have a lack of access to quality and healthy foods. 1. We are requesting that the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, working in conjunction with the Brooklyn Borough President and the NYC Council, allocate the funding that can provide greater incentive programs for local businesses to invest in fresh produce and high quality healthy foods. 2. NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conduct quarterly inspections in those food establishments, specifically bodegas and local supermarkets, to ensure that quality food and food products are being sold to the residents of the district. 3. Further the Shop Healthy Brooklyn study to include the food establishments in the 11239 section of the district. We have a growing population in the neighborhood of Spring Creek and there are food establishments that should be educated on how they can better serve the district. 4. Support the connection between our local gardens and farmer's markets with local supermarkets and grocery stores. Since more than half of the food establishments are bodegas and a high percentage are grocery stores - local gardens and the two farmer's markets that exist in CB5 should have a direct line to providing them with fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and breads. This ensures that our residents are conveniently connected to healthy food options, at their local corner stores and supermarkets.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

According to the 2018 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 hardship for the entire family. The direct results are 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. Additionally, the medical facilities that exist in the district must be infused with the expense and capital funding that allows for greater outreach efforts and updated facilities. CB5 has a variety of health facilities both under HHC and privately funded. and medical centers in the district that are utilized by residents, when they become ill or to address specific health issues - however there is not enough general outreach conducted to encourage preventative measures, consistent health/wellness visits, and overall community health as a lifestyle. Moreover, there is only one hospital, based in Brooklyn, Community Board 16, that services three community boards, and the zone hospital for residents in CB5. Brookdale hospital was severely impacted, as most facilities, throughout the pandemic, which had a direct impact on the quality and frequency of services to the residents. COVID-19 exposed the vulnerabilities in our community facilities and

there is a serious need to ensure that adequate funding be allocated to improve services, healthy living and disease control programming, patient relations training for hospital and medical facility personnel, and most importantly, a financial focus on programs that bridge the gap between patients and healthy living practices. Another major health concern in CB5 is violence and its impact on the community. Homicide is amongst the top five causes of pre-mature death in the district. One incident of violence, in particular gun violence, has the capacity to spread like a contagion. The victim, the person committing the crime, their direct family members, and anyone who lives within that immediate area, feel the effects of the violence committed. The impacts of gun shots or any violent act in a community, creates an environment of fear, anxiety, and shock that has a negative health impact on the mind and body and an eventual breakdown on overall health. We are requesting a study to be conducted to identify the neighborhood clusters, and recognized factors of the top five causes of pre-mature death in CB5. - which are in rank, Cancer; Heart Disease; Drug use/abuse; Diabetes; and Homicide. We would like to understand classifications most prevalent in our district and which areas of the district they are frequently stemming from

Needs for Older NYs

The Senior population in the community must be prioritized and provided with access to quality housing, fresh food and hot meals. Additionally an increase in funding for activities that encourage longevity, flexibility and overall happiness are essential to the quality of life that is so very important to our elders-older adults. Also, each Senior Center or Older Adult Center - should be equipped with vehicles that provide shuttle services for events throughout the district and borough. Far too often, there are programs, services, and events specific to our older adult populations, that are happening in other parts of the district or throughout the city but seniors are not made aware and in some cases do not have the mobility and access to transportation. Additionally, our elder population has the right to affordable and quality housing which can be accommodated in some of the newer developments in the district. However, far too often developers choose to include "supportive housing" units to increase their opportunities for incentives in the overall cost for the project. We are encouraging HPD and other housing agencies to increase the attraction of including senior specific units by providing greater incentives for senior housing in new construction projects.

Needs for Homeless

Community Board 5 acknowledges the vital role that homeless shelters and services play in supporting families, single women, and men within our community. While the community has clearly expressed opposition to new temporary shelter facilities, we recognize the necessity of equipping existing facilities with adequate services, programming, and support to facilitate successful transitions into permanent housing.

Unfortunately, the lack of resources and programming in these facilities often leads to loitering and quality of life complaints from neighboring businesses, organizations, libraries, and residents. To address these issues, it is imperative to secure funding for high-quality services and programming, including financial literacy, training and educational opportunities, housing assistance, and other essential resources.

We advocate for quarterly surveys and evaluations of all DHS/DSS temporary housing facilities in CB5 to ensure they meet these standards. Furthermore, it is crucial for the community to have a voice in selecting the organizations that provide services to shelter residents. Currently, agencies are chosen and contracted without community input, only introducing Community Advisory Boards after the fact.

Decisions to change the service designation of facilities, such as converting them into behavioral development sites, must involve the community board. These changes significantly impact surrounding neighbors and businesses and require complete transparency and community inclusion to mitigate any negative effects

Needs for Low Income NYs

We have a mixed-income population, and all types of services are need. We need training programs that will make our low-income population work ready.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HHC	1 / 1	Provide a new or expanded health care facility

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 2	Other senior center program requests
DFTA	2 / 2	Increase transportation services capacity
DOHMH	1 / 2	Other programs to address public health issues requests
DOHMH	2 / 2	Expand Mental Health Programs

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other - Write In (Required)

The neighborhoods within Brooklyn Community Board 5 (CB5)—including East New York, Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots, Spring Creek/Starrett City, and Gateway—are experiencing unprecedented residential growth, driven by several large-scale development projects that include significant numbers of two-, three-, and four-bedroom units. These new family-sized homes have contributed to one of the fastest population increases in Brooklyn, with CB5 now home to more than 190,000–201,000 residents, including thousands of new children and multi-generational households.

Yet despite this rapid expansion, CB5 continues to suffer from a profound shortage of community, cultural, youth, and recreational spaces. This deficit has only grown as the district's population has increased. New families are moving into East New York at rates unmatched elsewhere in the borough, but the community infrastructure needed to support them—especially accessible indoor recreational space—has not kept pace.

This inequity was made more severe by the unfulfilled commitment to deliver a Boys Club facility as part of the Livonia Avenue Corridor redevelopment. The promise of a fully equipped, youth-serving community center was a major element of the RFP submitted by Dunn Development, and it was a central reason the community embraced the project. HPD publicly highlighted the Boys Club component as a cornerstone of its vision for Livonia Avenue, positioning it as a critical amenity for the hundreds of new families expected to move into the corridor.

However, once construction moved forward, the community was informed that the Boys Club was no longer part of the design. This withdrawal of a key public benefit—after broad community support had already been secured—represents a significant breach of trust and leaves East New York without the essential youth and community services the project was intended to provide. Today, CB5 continues to insist that this site be reserved and designated for a viable, fully accessible cultural and community space, and that any associated development be sole-sourced to community-based organizations to ensure direct benefit to residents and alignment with local needs.

The absence of adequate community and recreational facilities in CB5 stands in stark contrast to neighboring communities that have long benefited from such infrastructure. The Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC)—located just west of CB5—serves as a powerful example of how a full-service recreational facility can transform a neighborhood. The BRC offers an indoor pool, fitness programming, dance studios, arts and cultural workshops, youth employment programs, sports leagues, senior services, and year-round community events. It has historically functioned as a lifeline for families, providing safe, supervised, multi-generational programming that promotes wellness, academic support, physical health, and community cohesion.

Brownsville's investment demonstrates what is possible when City agencies prioritize equity: increased youth engagement, reductions in unstructured after-school hours that correlate with higher-risk behavior, improved public health outcomes, and greater access to cultural, athletic, and educational opportunities for lower-income families. These benefits are not luxuries—they are essential public goods. Yet despite similar levels of need, CB5 has no equivalent facility.

This absence is particularly alarming given CB5's documented public health disparities. According to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), adults in East New York experience diabetes rates of approximately 18% and obesity rates near 31%, among the highest in

New York City. Many families do not have access to safe, affordable indoor recreation, despite research showing that community recreation centers significantly improve health outcomes across all age groups.

For years, CB5 has advocated for the creation of a full-scale East New York Recreation Center, yet this request has remained unanswered. Such a facility is no longer simply desirable; it is a critical necessity. The residents of CB5 need and deserve a center that provides:

Health and wellness spaces

A modern fitness center

A regulation gymnasium

An indoor swimming pool

Dedicated arts, music, and cultural rooms

Technology and learning labs

Youth, adult, and senior programs

Community meeting and event space

Year-round recreational opportunities

A facility of this scope—similar to the Brownsville Recreation Center to match CB5's growing population—would address decades of infrastructure inequity while providing a central hub for family well-being, public health, child and youth development, arts and culture, and intergenerational connection.

East New York has seen unprecedented residential development, yet the public amenities needed to sustain and stabilize that growth have not followed. CB5 is home to thousands of young people, hundreds of new families arriving through major housing developments, and a long-established community that has fought for every resource it has received. Investing in an East New York Recreation Center is a matter of equity, justice, and long-overdue fulfillment of City commitments.

Brooklyn Community Board 5 stands united in demanding the immediate prioritization, funding, and development of this vital facility. The City must match the scale of private and public housing investment with equally robust investment in the health, stability, and well-being of the families who call CB5 home.

An East New York Recreation Center would not merely serve as a building—it would become the community anchor that residents have been promised, have advocated for, and ultimately deserve

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Educational needs within Brooklyn Community Board 5 remain at critically high levels, and the district requires targeted, sustained investment from the NYC Department of Education to ensure that all students—across School District 19 (SD19)—receive a rigorous, culturally affirming, arts-rich education supported by modern facilities, trauma-informed services, and equitable access to opportunity. CB5 urgently calls for a strengthened commitment in both DOE capital and expense budgets to expand permanent cultural curricula, arts and music education, and STEAM programming, and to ensure these resources are fully embedded within every SD19 school.

SD19 serves more than 20,000 students, the majority of whom are Black and Hispanic, and more than 85% are economically disadvantaged. District 19 consistently ranks among the highest-need school districts in New York City, with persistent gaps in academic achievement. On recent state assessments, only approximately 38% of SD19 students met English Language Arts standards and about 31% met Math standards—significantly below the citywide average. Chronic absenteeism remains a major barrier, with rates exceeding 40% in several SD19 schools, particularly those serving high concentrations of students in temporary housing.

Despite these barriers, research consistently demonstrates that arts, music, and STEAM exposure dramatically improves student outcomes, particularly for high-need populations. Studies from the Brookings Institution, Americans for the Arts, and the NYC Center for Arts Education show that students with consistent access to arts and music programming:

- Score higher on standardized tests

- Attend school more regularly

- Are 5 times more likely to graduate on time

- Demonstrate significant gains in executive functioning, self-confidence, and emotional regulation

- Show reductions in disciplinary incidents and improved social engagement

- Are more likely to pursue college and career pathways in STEM and STEAM fields

In New York City Public Schools, students in arts-rich schools have been shown to achieve 10–15% higher proficiency rates in both Math and ELA compared to students in arts-poor schools. Yet many schools in SD19 continue to experience limited or inconsistent arts access, outdated creative spaces, and insufficient staffing for visual arts, instrumental music, dance, theater, and culturally affirming programming.

CB5 welcomes the leadership of the newly appointed K–8 Superintendent for School District 19, whose community-centered approach and devotion to civic engagement and youth empowerment aligns deeply with the Board's long-standing advocacy. Building on this momentum, CB5 remains unwavering in its commitment to advancing qualitative and culturally relevant education, ensuring safe and well-resourced academic environments, and securing capital investments that deliver:

- State-of-the-art classroom technology

- Premier arts, music, dance, and STEAM instructional spaces

- Safe, trauma-informed learning environments

- Modernized school buildings that meet 21st-century educational standards

These investments are not aspirational—they are essential to reversing decades of structural inequity and to ensuring that SD19 students can compete academically with peers across New York City.

Additionally, SD19 serves one of the largest populations of students living in temporary housing (STH) in the borough. More than one in ten SD19 students is identified as living in shelter or temporary accommodations (NYC DOE Students in Temporary Housing Report). With two new family shelters opening within CB5 and continued increases in the number of households experiencing homelessness, schools are confronting rising needs without adequate resources.

Students in temporary housing face significantly greater barriers to academic success, including:

- Chronic absenteeism rates up to 30% higher than their housed peers

Frequent school transfers and disruptions

Limited access to after-school and enrichment programs

High levels of trauma and social-emotional need

Lower proficiency rates in ELA and Math across all grade levels

To effectively serve this vulnerable population, school administrators, teachers, and support staff require specialized professional development, resources, and staffing capacity. CB5 therefore calls for DOE to prioritize:

Training in trauma-informed instruction

Administrative and academic "open-arms" intake models

On-site social workers and mental health services

Family resource coordination

Supports for transportation, attendance, and continuity when families are relocated

Dedicated funding for after-school arts, music, and STEAM programs for students living in shelters

Every SD19 student living in temporary housing must be welcomed with intentionality, compassion, and opportunity—not simply enrolled. This requires DOE support, policy alignment, and sustained investment.

As Brooklyn Community Board 5 continues to advocate for a comprehensive, culturally rooted, and equitable educational ecosystem, we emphasize that high-quality instruction paired with robust arts, music, STEAM, and cultural curricula is not optional—it is foundational to student success. Evidence is unequivocal: children who participate in arts and STEAM programs are more likely to read at grade level, graduate high school, attend college, and pursue meaningful employment. These programs are powerful tools for academic recovery, social-emotional development, and community empowerment.

CB5 remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing these priorities for every family served by School District 19. The students of East New York, Cypress Hills, City Line, Highland Park, New Lots, Gateway, and Spring Creek deserve an education system that recognizes their brilliance, nurtures their talents, and provides the full spectrum of opportunities that have historically been denied. We will continue to advocate until these needs are fully met in both capital and expense allocations and permanently embedded across the curriculum.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

We request a full, transparent list of all ACS day care sites operating under lease within Community Board 5, including building ownership and the length and terms of each lease. All future leases for child care facilities must include the City's right of first refusal to prevent displacement when properties are sold. Standardized, long-term lease terms are essential to protect early childhood services and ensure continuity for families.

We further call for expanded funding for after-school and out-of-school time programs. DYCD-funded programs must be strengthened and enriched with culturally relevant curricula to support holistic youth development.

Additionally, CB5 urges a formal biannual assessment of all NYCHA Cornerstone youth centers to evaluate infrastructure conditions, identify needed repairs, and ensure facilities meet modern safety and programming standards. Cornerstone sites must receive dedicated capital investment to remain safe, reliable, and fully equipped community anchors for young people.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

Public safety in Brooklyn Community Board 5 remains an urgent public health priority. Violence is not an isolated act—it reverberates across families, schools, and entire neighborhoods. Homicide remains among the top five causes of premature death in CB5, underscoring that violence is a health epidemic requiring sustained, preventive, community-centered intervention rather than reactive measures alone.

For more than a decade, New York City's Crisis Management System (CMS) has demonstrated measurable success in reducing gun violence through its evidence-based, public-health model. Independent evaluations of the CMS indicate that neighborhoods with active CMS programs have experienced double-digit reductions in shootings, strengthened community-police relations, and increased youth engagement. The model's combination of violence interruption, credible messenger mentorship, trauma-informed counseling, family support, and workforce development has proven to be among the most effective strategies in the city's anti-violence portfolio.

Within CB5, Man Up! Incorporated stands as the anchor CMS provider and a nationally recognized leader in urban violence reduction. Their work has contributed to multi-year declines in shootings and homicides within the 75th Precinct, achieved through consistent street outreach, conflict mediation, crisis response, and deep community trust. Man Up!'s integration of mentoring, life coaching, employment preparation, and youth development programs has helped stabilize countless families while addressing the root causes of violence. Their presence has significantly improved neighborhood conditions and increased the safety and well-being of some of our highest-risk youth.

However, sustaining and expanding these gains requires continued, reliable investment. The need for increased funding for CMS providers, community-based anti-violence programs, and trauma-informed services is critical. These organizations save lives, yet they continue to operate with funding instability that threatens long-term impact.

CB5 also emphasizes the urgent need for a comprehensive street lighting assessment across the district. Many historically under-lit corridors remain vulnerable to crime due to poor visibility. We urge the New York City Department of Transportation to prioritize and fund the CB5 "Lighting the Way to Public Safety" Initiative, beginning with a full audit of lighting conditions and a capital plan for equitable installation and modernization of lighting infrastructure.

A safe community is one in which violence is prevented before it happens and root causes are addressed, where youth have consistent access to credible mentors and opportunities, and where environmental conditions support—not undermine—public safety. Brooklyn Community Board 5 calls for sustained investment, expanded CMS capacity, strengthened partnerships, and infrastructure improvements that will protect lives, heal communities, and continue the progress we are making toward a safer, healthier East New York.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Brooklyn Community District 5 is served by the 75th Precinct—one of the largest and most heavily burdened precincts in New York City. As our population continues to grow, it is increasingly clear that effective public safety cannot rely on policing alone. A true reduction in crime requires a

coordinated, multi-pronged strategy rooted in prevention, community partnership, and public-health principles.

Community-informed policing is essential. Local commercial districts have consistently voiced the need for greater police presence along key corridors. According to the East New York Commercial District Needs Assessment, 25% of surveyed merchants identified increased safety as the most important factor for improving business activity, demonstrating that stronger public safety measures are directly tied to economic vitality.

Given CB5's growth, workload demands, and geographic size, we also call for a comprehensive assessment of whether an expanded or additional precinct facility is necessary to ensure timely response, adequate coverage, and improved community engagement.

Public safety in CB5 must be built on partnership, prevention, and the resources required to meet the scale of our community.

Needs for Emergency Services

Fire safety is a critical concern in Brooklyn Community Board 5, and the past year underscores the importance of proactive, community-centered prevention and preparedness. Across New York City, the FDNY reports that in 2024, overall fire-related fatalities dropped by 25 percent from the previous year, and deaths related to lithium-ion battery fires fell by 67 percent.

Yet, the number of serious emergencies remains high — with over 2,100 serious fires citywide in 2025, and many likely affecting dense, multi-family housing neighborhoods such as ours.

Given this context, Brooklyn CB5 calls for urgent investment in family-centered fire prevention education, community-based emergency planning, and neighborhood fire-preparedness outreach. We urge DOE-funded community schools, NYCHA developments, and local community centers to collaborate with FDNY and other relevant agencies to offer regular training sessions on smoke and carbon monoxide detector installation, fire escape planning, and safe practices around lithium-ion devices and building electrics. In particular, we recommend targeted outreach and drills in older buildings, high-density residential blocks, and among historically underserved populations — so that every family knows how to respond in an emergency and can protect their lives and homes.

These neighborhood-based efforts can dramatically enhance readiness, reinforce community trust, and help prevent avoidable tragedies.

Finally, Brooklyn Community Board 5 reaffirms the importance of supporting FDNY in its life-saving mission. We call on residents to help by never parking in front of fire hydrants—blocking hydrants can delay or prevent firefighters from reaching a blaze and can turn a manageable fire into a fatal disaster.

A safe, resilient community is one that prepares before disaster strikes, invests in education and outreach, and supports the institutions that protect us all.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 3	NYPD Community Center
NYPD	2 / 3	Additional Precinct
NYPD	3 / 3	CCTV/Cameras near Public Community Gardens

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers
NYPD	1 / 1	Other NYPD staff resources requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

East New York and the broader Brooklyn Community Board 5 are home to many beautifully maintained public and private housing developments, active commercial corridors, thriving gardens, and vital public amenities. Yet persistent illegal dumping, bulk trash pile-ups, and strained trash removal efforts, continue to undermine the quality of life for thousands of families. Last fiscal year, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) noted a surge in illegal-dumping enforcement: illegal dumping summonses rose more than 20 percent, with 872 issued and 417 vehicles impounded — a clear sign that enforcement alone isn't resolving the problem.

While CB5 has seen historic levels of new housing development—nearly 4,000 units in major projects alone—its foundational infrastructure has not expanded at the same pace. This mismatch manifests most critically in:

1. Sanitation Capacity & Waste Management

CB5 experiences:

Persistent illegal dumping, with citywide illegal dumping complaints and enforcement rising year over year.

Trash accumulation around NYCHA developments, where bulk waste sits for days due to insufficient pickups.

Rodent infestations linked to waste pile-ups, contributing to asthma and other health burdens in zip codes 11207 and 11208.

A clear need for tri-day pickup, additional sanitation staff, and targeted bulk-waste strategies.

This is the most visible and health-impacting infrastructure deficit residents face daily.

2. Streets & Public Realm Conditions

CB5 has the largest precinct geography in Brooklyn, some of the busiest bus corridors, heavily trafficked truck routes, and growing commercial strips — yet:

Street lighting is inadequate in several corridors, especially near industrial zones.

Sidewalks and curbs in residential and commercial areas experience heavy deterioration.

Pedestrian safety infrastructure lags behind population growth and vehicle volume.

3. Transit Infrastructure Strain

Although Broadway Junction improvements are underway, the district as a whole still faces:

Overburdened bus routes

Limited ADA-accessible transit

High pedestrian injury rates on major corridors such as Atlantic, Pennsylvania, and Linden

These vulnerabilities point to structural underinvestment over decades—made more acute by CB5's current growth.

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Capital Projects in the district are not being prioritized within DEP. There are areas in the district that have capital projects pending for over 10 years and due to delays residents have been forced to endure flooding, standing water, and other measures that directly impact their quality of life. Additionally, routine maintenance and upgrade work should be scheduled for all water mains, roadways, catch basins, and water supply systems in the district. Too many areas in the district receive emergency repair work on systems that are over due for maintenance and necessary upgrades. Frequent updates on the 26th Ward Water Treatment Plant.

Needs for 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

Large development is on the rise in CB5, and with that development comes an increase in families, which results in a larger amount of trash and recyclables that are put curbside for pick up. Areas of the district that were never developed on, now have multi-level homes, and buildings that have over 500 units of housing. The study for a tri-day pick up in CB5 needs to be conducted. For reference, please research the following summarized list of new developments (completed or nearing completion) in the district within the last 5-10 years:

- a. Gateway/Spring Creek Area which now encompasses: Spring Creek Nehemiah homes phases III & IV; Gateway Elton apartments with 9 buildings and 659 units - with new ground level commercial spaces
- b. Livonia Avenue bet. Pennsylvania Avenue & Van Sinderen which now encompasses: Livonia Commons apartments and new ground level commercial spaces ,4 buildings with 288 units
- c. Pitkin Berriman apartments - 6story building with 47 units
- d. Redwood Senior - 81 units built on former NYCHA parking lot (Linden Houses)
- e. Stanley Commons - 6 buildings with 240 units built on former NYCHA parking lot (Linden Houses)
- f. Linden Boulevard and Emerald Street Apartments - new development which encompasses 4 buildings and 521 units.
- g. Dinsmore Chestnut site - new development with over 200 units

h. Corretta Scott King Senior - 50 units

i. Belmont Gardens / Conduit Blvd & Eldert Lane - 67 units

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 1	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Eldert Lane & Drew Street - Air Quality Concerns
DSNY	1 / 1	Other enforcement requests

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Neighborhood preservation

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) remains the largest public housing provider in the nation, serving residents across all five boroughs. Within Brooklyn, Community Board 5 is home to 13 public housing developments that provide critical affordable housing for thousands of families and seniors. Despite their importance, conditions in these developments remain far below acceptable standards. Many buildings have been under renovation for years, with scaffolding lingering on exteriors while promised repairs progress slowly or stall entirely. Residents continue to endure flooding, chronic moisture, mold, plumbing failures, and inconsistent access to heat and hot water—conditions that exacerbate respiratory illnesses and asthma, which are disproportionately high in CB5's NYCHA population. These substandard living conditions pose immediate threats to health, dignity, and safety.

As development accelerates in our district, it is imperative that supportive housing expansions be balanced with the creation of senior housing to ensure aging residents have safe, accessible, and stable homes within their communities. Concurrently, we call for focused City budgeting to provide homeowners with education, technical assistance, and financial supports under the City of Yes (COY) framework to prevent displacement and preserve generational wealth. Expanded workshops for small business owners are also necessary to ensure equitable access to financial tools that sustain long-term economic vitality.

Brooklyn CB5 also urges the City to abolish tax lien sales, which threaten residents' only source of generational wealth, and to expand Cease & Desist Zones to protect neighborhoods from predatory real estate practices. Finally, as new developments emerge, HPD must reassess term sheets to prioritize livable unit sizes, appropriate unit mix, and essential parking provisions, while upholding Neighborhood Median Income (NMI) affordability standards. Thoughtful planning, combined with strategic investment in housing quality and senior accommodations, is essential to ensure that Brooklyn CB5 residents can thrive safely, equitably, and with dignity.

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for Land Use

Designate future land use to the development of senior housing, and housing for returning citizens.

Needs for Housing

As East New York experiences the initial wave of development under the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program, it is imperative that new projects prioritize both economic and community development. Housing developments must be mixed-use, incorporating commercial spaces and accessible community facilities as a mandatory inclusion, ensuring that residents benefit from recreation, arts, and educational resources alongside affordable housing. The City must also prioritize investments in affordable homeownership, modeled after successful projects such as the Innovative Urban Village, to foster long-term community stability.

The need for open community space is urgent. The Livonia Avenue corridor illustrates a missed opportunity: a lot initially dedicated to the Boys Club of New York remains vacant, despite hundreds of families moving into 278 units of the Livonia Commons. While some commercial spaces offer limited family resources, they cannot replace a fully equipped community center offering athletics, recreation, and educational programming. Going forward, open community space must be

mandated, incentivized, and tied to all large-scale development projects. Additionally, community boards must be formally included in all RFPs and RFQs, ensuring that neighborhood voices inform planning from the outset.

Affordable housing must also address diverse community needs: incentives are needed to include senior housing, support returning citizens, and prioritize local small businesses and healthy retail options in commercial spaces. Current vacancies in ground-floor commercial units reflect prohibitive rents, limiting access to fresh food markets and other community-enhancing businesses. Finally, NYCHA developments in CB5 require increased maintenance staff to ensure proper interior cleaning, groundskeeping, and overall resident safety and quality of life. Comprehensive planning and targeted investments are essential to build thriving, inclusive communities in Brooklyn CB5.

Needs for Economic Development

Economic empowerment in a community requires active participation from small business owners, community-based organizations, elected officials, and city agencies. The efforts to revitalize commercial corridors in East New York through the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) have provided an important foundation, but sustained investment and support are critical. East New York is home to three Local Development Corporations—Cypress Hills LDC, ENY Restoration LDC, and LDC of East New York—along with Highland Park Community Development Corporation. Each organization has contributed to corridor revitalization, yet they require enhanced resources to maximize outcomes. ENY Restoration LDC operates the only small business incubator in the district, while LDC of East New York serves as the only recognized Small Business Development Center for women entrepreneurs in CB5. Increased funding, locally-based MWBE certification courses, financial literacy programs, and support for entrepreneurial initiatives are essential to strengthen the economic foundation of the community.

The City missed a critical opportunity with the Office Anchor Strategy at Broadway Junction by investing in a new HRA facility rather than a CUNY campus. This decision creates few new employment opportunities and perpetuates the stigma that East New York and Brownsville residents are primarily in need of HRA services rather than access to higher education and sustainable career pathways. The community strongly advocates for a dedicated educational and training hub that includes long-term funding for non-traditional career pathways such as certified training in Central Sterilization, HVAC systems, solar panel installation, and green infrastructure. Additionally, a funded Trade School is essential to introduce residents to skilled trades and provide pathways for those not pursuing traditional higher education. Broadway Junction, as a central transportation hub, is ideally positioned to host such a facility, fostering career readiness, economic mobility, and long-term community empowerment

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 1	Other capital budget request for EDC

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 2	Other expense budget request for EDC
EDC	2 / 2	Other expense budget request for EDC
HPD	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for HPD
SBS	1 / 1	Other business regulatory assistance requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other - Write In (Required)

Brooklyn Community Board 5 is a rapidly growing district, with increased residential density, mixed-use developments, and active commercial corridors. While these developments reflect the vibrancy of our community, they have placed significant stress on our transportation and mobility infrastructure, creating serious safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike. Over the past year, 311 complaint data shows a marked increase in reports of speeding, unsafe intersections, blocked sidewalks, and traffic-related hazards. Residents consistently request the installation of speed humps and enhanced traffic-calming measures, particularly on streets surrounding schools, playgrounds, and senior housing.

We call on the New York City Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive, district-wide assessment of all streets in CB5, with a priority focus on School District 19, to ensure every school is equipped with appropriate speed humps, school-zone signage, and other traffic-calming infrastructure.

Additionally, the implementation of bike lanes and protected bike lanes must be preceded by early, meaningful, and sufficient community input to ensure that proposed designs meet the needs of all residents while avoiding unintended safety or accessibility issues. Residents must be fully engaged in planning to guarantee that transportation improvements enhance safety, support mobility, and reflect the community's priorities.

According to the 2025 release of the NYC 311 Monitoring Tool, 311 calls citywide reached over 3.4 million in 2024—an increase of 7% from the year before—and illegal parking complaints alone soared by 155% since 2019, topping half a million last year.

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In our own communities such as East New York and Cypress Hills, 311 reports of abandoned and illegally parked vehicles reportedly surged by more than 1,770%, rising from 553 in 2019 to over 10,000 in 2024, overwhelming the street-maintenance and enforcement systems.

These failures manifest daily as blocked sidewalks, obstructed fire hydrants, crowded streets, littered curbs, and impaired access for emergency vehicles—conditions that endanger pedestrians, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. West Harlem's recent experience shows how rapid closure of 311 complaints without actual resolution can allow illegal parking to persist.

Given these alarming trends, CB5 calls for a comprehensive district-wide assessment by the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT), New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to evaluate street-condition issues, parking enforcement gaps, abandoned vehicles, and lighting deficiencies. We demand the installation of improved street lighting, sidewalk repairs, timely removal of abandoned and illegally parked vehicles, and consistent enforcement of parking laws—especially near schools, senior housing, commercial strips, and busy pedestrian corridors.

Without proactive traffic-calming measures, enhanced pedestrian safety infrastructure, and transparent community engagement, CB5 will continue to face elevated risks for student injuries, pedestrian accidents, and general traffic-related hazards. Prioritizing these investments is critical to ensuring safe, equitable streets for all residents.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation needs in the district vary depending on the section of the community in question. However, there is a need to conduct surveys to determine the feasibility of speed humps specifically near schools, day care facilities, and playgrounds. Additionally, safety improvements must include greater community feedback and input. Surveys should be comprehensive and provide residents with an opportunity to give input on paper as well as on-line. Conduct additional surveys at Loring Avenue, Drew, Emerald, and Fountain Avenue - to review the safety measures that were implemented and how they have negatively or positively impacted the flow of traffic for businesses and residents. (a.) New Bike Lanes on Loring Avenue between Eldert Lane and Emerald Street are counterproductive to successful traffic flow. They should be removed on that strip. (b.) Signage on Drew Street between Loring Avenue and Linden Boulevard to address the commercial (large trailers vehicles) trucks parking for extended periods of time. It obstructs vision and creates unsafe walkways, and takes away from potential residential parking (c) Safety measures and bike lanes implemented on Fountain Avenue and Loring Avenues have had a reverse effect on traffic flow. Traffic congestion has increased due to the implementation of the bike lanes. Additionally the recent implementation of the ENY Safety Plan under the NYC Department of Transportation which installed three miles of protected bike lanes on Cozine and Wortman Avenues have caused more concern and removed more residential parking than any other project in the district. The ENY Safety Improvement plan was implemented after the tragic vehicular deaths of two children in the district - one on Pennsylvania Ave and Dumont and the other near Wortman Avenue. However, the protected bike lanes on Cozine and Wortman were completed before the necessary speed humps near our district schools. We need DOT to reassess this area to determine how we can address the new concerns and also to provide a full report on all speed humps installed following the studies conducted during the data collection of the ENY Safety Plan.

<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/east-new-york-safety-improvements-jul2022.pdf>

Needs for Transit Services

As the community continues to grow in population, transit services must be assessed to ensure that public transportation methods meet the demand of an increasing community. We are requesting that NYC Transit Authority assess the reactivation of the B12 lines in CB5 to accommodate that area of the district. Additionally, the Gateway-Spring Creek area of East New York will house thousands of new residents with the Alafia project, the EBC Senior development, last phase of Nehemiah Spring Creek rentals, and the existing developments that have been completed over the last 10 years - in that regard there is an obvious need for additional bus service lines to connect residents to nearby subway systems for commuting and greater access to Gateway Center Mall. Currently the bus lines do not adequately provide the frequency of service needed, so the increase in population over the next five years will only widen that gap.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 2	Stop Sign Request
DOT	2 / 2	Stanley Avenue & Crescent Street - Traffic Light
NYCTA	1 / 2	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
NYCTA	2 / 2	New Lots Avenue L Station Renovation & Upgrades

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 8	Add street signage or wayfinding elements
DOT	2 / 8	Address traffic congestion
DOT	3 / 8	Improve parking operations
DOT	4 / 8	One Way Conversion Request
DOT	5 / 8	One Way Conversion Request
DOT	6 / 8	Traffic Signal Study
DOT	7 / 8	Traffic Calming Request
DOT	8 / 8	Street Lighting - Chestnut Street & Atlantic Ave.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Community facility access and programming

As Brooklyn Community Board 5 continues to grow, fueled by new affordable housing developments with larger 2- and 3-bedroom units, the need for comprehensive, accessible community resources has never been more urgent. Families moving into the district require spaces that provide health, wellness, recreational, and cultural programming for all ages—a critical gap that must be addressed.

We strongly advocate for the construction of a fully equipped East New York Recreation Center (ENYRC), modeled after the historic Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC). For decades, the BRC has been a cornerstone of the community, offering youth athletics, indoor swimming, arts and cultural programming, senior activities, and family-centered services. Data from the BRC demonstrates that such facilities significantly improve community outcomes, including increased youth engagement in structured programs, lower rates of juvenile delinquency, improved physical and mental health, and higher levels of civic participation.

The ENYRC would replicate these benefits in CB5, providing residents with safe, structured environments that foster academic success, social development, and healthier lifestyles. A potential site at the Sutter Ball Fields, currently Parks Department land, has been identified. We request a comprehensive feasibility study evaluating programming, construction timelines, and funding requirements.

Investing in the ENYRC is not merely an amenity—it is an essential public infrastructure project that ensures equitable access to recreational and cultural opportunities, strengthens community cohesion, and supports the long-term well-being of thousands of families in CB5.

Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Needs for Parks

Brooklyn Community Board 5 is deeply proud of the investments made in our parks and green spaces, which serve as essential hubs for recreation, culture, and community engagement. A landmark achievement in our district is the historic groundbreaking for Sankofa Playground, one of the most significant park transformations on the historic site of the East New York African Burial Ground Square. The discovery and respectful retrieval of remains of African ancestry, honoring enslaved Africans, was accomplished through the dedicated efforts of the Brooklyn Parks Department under Commissioner Martin Maher, in partnership with Council Member Charles Barron and Assembly Member Inez Barron. Formerly Schenck Playground, Sankofa Playground has received over \$4.8 million in capital investment from the Barrons, with planned highlights including a full reinternment ceremony and a site commemorating African American history and culture.

The renovation of Sankofa Playground, alongside the projected improvements to the New Lots Library, will establish one of CB5's newest cultural and recreational hubs. Council Member and Assembly Member Barron have collectively dedicated over \$102 million in capital allocations to parks and playgrounds throughout the 42nd Council District, a substantial portion of which has directly benefited CB5.

We urge the Parks Department to collaborate with CB5 to promote the "Friends of the Parks" initiative through Partnership for Parks, fostering increased community involvement in park upkeep and programming. Additionally, we request that the Parks Department conduct a district-wide study

of park usage, which will provide critical data to prioritize repairs and determine where comfort stations are most needed. While we recognize that not every park can be equipped with a comfort station, this information will allow for targeted, data-driven advocacy.

Recent investments in park sites—from the 42nd and 37th Council District representatives (CM Banks & CM Nurse) underscore the city's commitment to healthy living and community vitality. However, some projects, such as Lion's Pride Park and Success Gardens Playground, still lack essential facilities, including comfort stations, despite serving large existing communities and future residents from incoming development. We call on the Parks Department to ensure that all park projects are comprehensive, inclusive, and responsive to the evolving needs of our growing district.

Needs for Cultural Services

CB5 is in need of cultural institutions or activation of existing spaces to incorporate programming and educational experiences that expose our children to ongoing opportunities that promote cultural inclusion and community connection. These services can be activated in our local community centers and libraries. Additionally, the construction of the ENY Recreation Center would be a perfect opportunity to have a dedicated central location to host ongoing cultural programming and services for all families across the district.

Needs for Library Services

CB5 is proud of all of our BPL branches in the district. Spring Creek, New Lots, Cypress, and Arlington Spring Creek Library is one of the libraries in the district that is situated in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods. It is surrounded by Starrett City, Council Towers, Meadow Wood Gardens, Gateway Elton apartments and nearby NYCHA developments Penn Wortman, Linden Houses, and Boulevard Houses. However, the amount of book rotation and usage of the space is at bare minimum. We need to create incentives to bring more neighboring residents into the Spring Creek branch. An outreach plan must be implemented and a promotion to attract more visitation to this branch. CB5 has been prioritized as it relates to funding on one of our library sites - New Lots Library. This BPL branch is slated for complete renovations totaling over \$20million with combined allocations from former Mayor deBlasio and former NYC Council Member Inez Barron. Through Council Member Barron's allocation, there will be dedicated areas created to highlight cultures and literature for people of african descent. This provides our district with a location to house cultural programming and additonal services that promote cultural inclusion and educational experiences for community families. We would like to advocate for funding to ensure those programs exist through permanent funding streams. SEE DETAILS ON NEW LOTS LIBRARY RENOVATIONS & VIDEO BELOW: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/locations/new-lots/reconstruct#:~:text=Construction%20is%20anticipated%20to%20begin,accommodate%20library%20staff%20and%20patron>

Needs for Community Boards

Brooklyn, Community Board has been housed in the historic 127 Pennsylvania Avenue site in the 37th Council Distirct. Following the ENY Rezone, the building received major renovations through a \$9.4million capital allocation through the office of former NYC Council Member Espinal. Funding was activated through the management of the NYC Police Department and houses their Youth Strategies, School Safety, and Community Affairs divisions. Moreover, Brooklyn Community Board 5 also returned to the building, which was home to the District Office for over 40 years. https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/east-new-york/east_new_york_progress_highlights_12-2021.pdf The much needed renovations restored the building's beautiful interiors and helped in creating new spaces for youth programming, older adult services, a gym, dance room, and much more. The 127 Pennsylvania Avenue Police Community Center now services children and families on a daily basis with programming being provided till 10pm. However, there are still structural issues that must be addressed in the building. Unfortunately, there are still leaks in the ceilings and some construction matters that are still pending. Although the site is now filled with programming and CB5 is back in the building - the ADA

lift has been a cause for consistent concern for residents who require those accommodations. We are in need of a building assessment and capital investment to address roof issues and other structural matters that are still pending.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 4	Other capital budget request for DPR
DPR	2 / 4	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	3 / 4	Lower Highland Park - Soccer Field Lighting
DPR	4 / 4	Ridgewood Reservoir

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
BPL	1 / 1	Extend Library Hours
DCLA	1 / 1	Provide more public art
DPR	1 / 3	Other expense budget request for DPR
DPR	2 / 3	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
DPR	3 / 3	Comfort Station Study
OMB	1 / 1	Provide more community board staff

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOITT	1 / 1	Other capital request

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
MOCJ	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for MOCJ

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 1	Other capital request Other capital request	DOITT
Location: Pennsylvania Avenue - Fulton Street & Flatlands Avenue Budget Request for OTI - expand LinkNYC kiosks along Pennsylvania Avenue. The investment in the initial Link kiosks were implemented through funding from the ENY Rezone. However, there is a need to expand the kiosks in areas of the district where there is greater pedestrian traffic. Most residents of the district don't know that we have some installations of Link, therefore they are not serving their purpose of connectivity and information access.		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. This is not a funding request. LinkNYC kiosks are built pursuant to a franchise agreement at no cost to the City. OTI can separately follow up on request.</i>
1 of 2	Stop Sign Request Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Location: Loring Avenue - Amber Street & Emerald Street Stop sign installation on Loring Avenue & Amber Street • 4-Way Stop Sign on Loring & Emerald Street		<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. This request should be entered via 311 here: https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01064</i>
2 of 2	Stanley Avenue & Crescent Street - Traffic Light Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Location: Stanley Avenue & Crescent Street Request for implementation of traffic light and other traffic calming tools at Stanley Avenue & Crescent Street - due to youth fatality. This is also near Hale A. Woodruff Elementary School (P.S. 224). The area should be designated as a school zone.		<i>Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. 2025: This is not a budget request. This request should be entered via 311 here: https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01064</i>
1 of 4	Other capital budget request for DPR Other capital budget request for DPR	DPR
Secure funding to Construct the East New York Recreation Center (ENYRC) Explanation: The district is still in need of a stand alone, full-service community center, that provides state-of-the art amenities, youth, family, and senior programming, and swimming pool. The existing model for this facility is the Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC) in CB16. CB5 RESPONSE TO THE AGENCY: The Community Board is in communication with Parks Department to understand potential capital allocation estimates, site viability.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for a new recreation center but we do not have capital funding available.</i>

2 of 4 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Secure funding for construction of Public Restroom at Lion's Pride Playground - EXPLANATION: Funding has been allocated to renovate the upgrade the playground and adjacent site but a Public Restroom is still not included in the renovation. CB5 RESPONSE TO AGENCY: The recent renovations at Lion's Pride Playground can be complimented with the install of a comfort station. We are requesting that a study be conducted to see if the Public Restroom can be implemented through funding under Local Law 114/2022 for our district.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request to construct a new restroom at Lion's Pride Playground but do not have capital funding available.

3 of 4 Lower Highland Park - Soccer Field Lighting**DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

Please install lighting at the Soccer Field in Lower Highland Park

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Highland Park is under the jurisdiction of Parks' Queens Borough Office. We would be glad to connect the Community Board with our Queens Borough Commissioner's Office to discuss potential improvements to Highland Park, if desired.

4 of 4 Ridgewood Reservoir**DPR**

Improve access to a building in a park

Request capital funding to have stairway access to middle basin of Ridgewood Reservoir and Boardwalk for outer basins.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Highland Park is under the jurisdiction of Parks' Queens Borough Office. We would be glad to connect the Community Board with our Queens Borough Commissioner's Office to discuss potential improvements to Highland Park, if desired.

1 of 1 Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment**DSNY**

Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

Secure an additional haulster to accommodate the 20+ miles of narrow streets in the district. This is the only way we can successfully ensure that those residents will receive the same quality service that our garage provides throughout the district. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Thank you for your consideration. We are re-submitting this request in anticipation of the need for this addition to our BK5 Garage equipment stock, to support the great work and dedication of the teams that execute the trash removal throughout our district.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time.

1 of 1 Other capital budget request for EDC**EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

Secure funding for the construction or utilization of existing available space within the Industrial Business Zone, for a Green Initiative / Trade & Labor Training Facility. CB5 RESPONSE TO THE AGENCY: The recent opening of the "ENY Industrial Building", which is based in CB16, is a great resource and will be utilized for cooperative spaces for small business owners and entrepreneurs. However, the emphasis on a dedicated site for trade school programming and non-tradition employment training/certification opportunities. We are requesting that additional studies be conducted to help identify space or shared space to implement such services.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. The Industrial Building is currently fully tenanted

1 of 1 Provide a new or expanded health care facility**HHC**

Provide a new or expanded health care facility

Due to the ongoing expansion of large housing developments in the district, the population and increase in family size is evident. We are in need of a new hospital based in the district to provide the necessary medical needs of existing and new residents. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: CB5 is resubmitting this request to emphasize the obvious need to conduct a study to assess the need based on existing & historic health concerns and time frame since a public hospital has existed in the district.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. NYC Health + Hospitals is currently in the process of modernizing its infrastructure, increasing its capacity and expanding the range of services it offers to better respond to the community's growing healthcare needs. In order to create a new health care facility, H+H needs to closely coordinate with the State and conduct a community needs assessments to determine its viability. If the results of the assessment are positive, NYC Health + Hospitals will need to create a master plan and seek capital funding. Please note that the cost and effort required to construct a new facility is significant and NYC Health + Hospitals is currently unable to undertake a project of this magnitude due to lack of funding.

1 of 2 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Exterior upgrades and lighting at the New Lots Avenue "L" station underpass. This line is a major feed between Brooklyn Community Boards 5 and 16 and provides ridership for thousands of customers daily. However, the underpass has extremely poor lighting, leaks, and consistent trash scattered about. The station is in need of an overhaul and a collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs to bring public art installations to the exterior of the station.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2 of 2 New Lots Avenue L Station Renovation & Upgrades**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Request to fund overall upgrades, street-scape improvements, and beautification of the station and surrounding area of New Lots Avenue "L" line.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1 of 3 NYPD Community Center**NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Brooklyn Community Board 5 respectfully requests urgent capital funding to address critical infrastructure needs at the NYPD Community Center and CB5 District Office located at 127 Pennsylvania Avenue. Although the building was renovated and reopened in 2019, ongoing structural deficiencies, including ceiling leaks and related water damage, pose significant safety hazards to staff and the public. The facility serves as a full-service community center, hosting children, youth, adults, and seniors daily, as well as accommodating the full District Office of Brooklyn Community Board 5 and NYPD personnel from Youth Strategies, Community Affairs, and School Safety. The current ADA lift is frequently out of service, impeding access for individuals with disabilities. Replacement with a modern, fully compliant ADA lift is urgently required to ensure equitable access for all visitors. We request the allocation of capital funding to remediate structural issues, prevent further damage, and upgrade critical accessibility infrastructure. Timely intervention will preserve the safety, functionality, and full operational capacity of this essential community and law enforcement hub.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. ADA Lift capacity upgrade completed in 2025, further information is needed on the other issues.

2 of 3 Additional Precinct**NYPD**

Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct

Request for an extension of existing precinct - 75th pct. or new precinct to accommodate growing population in the district.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. New precincts are based on evaluation of crime, call volume and other operational metrics. Any determination for the need for a new stationhouse would require new funding to cover all associated costs.

3 of 3 CCTV/Cameras near Public Community Gardens**NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Request to have cameras near the public community gardens to alleviate illegal dumping, vandalism, theft, and other public safety matters that can cause damage to the sites and impede the necessary resources that our community gardens provide.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**1 of 1 Extend Library Hours****BPL**

Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

Please increase personnel budget to invest in hiring additional staff to accommodate extended library hours for all BPL branches in Brooklyn, Community Board 5 - Spring Creek, New Lots, Cypress Hills, and Arlington.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports increased operational funding to equitably expand branch hours and branch programming.

1 of 1 Provide more public art**DCLA**

Provide more public art

Coordinate with MTA to provide more public art installations on the exterior of transit stations and transit hubs. These are the spaces that are frequented most by residents through daily commuting. Spaces need to be activated with cultural artwork from local artists in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs. This provides community enhancement and results in greater neighborhood pride.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The Program Services Unit of the Department of Cultural Affairs is charged with the administration of the Cultural Development Fund, an annual grant-making process for New York City's nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. Through the CDF process, the agency awards support for a vast array of programs provided by many of the City's largest cultural organizations as well as neighborhood-based groups that represent New York's extraordinary cultural breadth. CDF Applications are submitted online each year through the agency's website.

1 of 1 Eldert Lane & Drew Street - Air Quality Concerns**DEP**

Investigate air quality complaints at specific location

Location: Emerald Street - Linden Boulevard & Drew Street
Please conduct air quality assessments at the intersection of Eldert Lane and Drew Street in CB5. This intersection houses an empty lot that houses diesel trucks and other large vehicles that are now driving in and out of the site. There was no public notification and residents are concerned with the amount of exhaust and smells from fumes resulting in the presence of the vehicles.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1 of 2 Other senior center program requests**DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

Provide additional funding for mental wellness programming in existing senior centers and social day care facilities.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Need additional funding to meet this request.

2 of 2 Increase transportation services capacity**DFTA**

Increase transportation services capacity

Identify funding to return the DFTA MY Ride pilot program. Many older adults in CB5 participated in the DFTA My Ride initiative and viewed the program as a much needed resource to provide transportation access.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Need additional funding to meet this request.

1 of 2 Other programs to address public health issues requests**DOHMH**

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Funding to further the SHOP Healthy Brooklyn (NYC) program in CB5, to include zip code 11239. The original study completed in CB5 only included zip code 11207 and 11208. The results of the program outlined the great need for healthy food options in local groceries and bodegas. The Epi Data Brief generated from the initiative also showed that bodegas make up 51% of the food establishments in the 11207 areas of the district. Additionally, the brief exposed that for every grocery store, there were 5 fast food restaurants and 10 bodegas. In addition, during the Shop Health initiative, grocery store and bodega owners were given free marketing tools that promoted healthy food and beverage purchases, as well as free containers/baskets for fruit & vegetable displays. RESUBMISSION

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. We agree that additional funding is needed to but there are no available resources as this time

2 of 2 Expand Mental Health Programs**DOHMH**

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

Invest in expanding and enhancing mental health programming and Mental Health First Aid Training in Brooklyn, Community Board 5.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. DOHMH looks forward to discussing further ways we can partner with communities to address mental health concerns

1 of 8 Add street signage or wayfinding elements**DOT**

Add street signage or wayfinding elements

Location: Emerald Street - Sapphire Street & Sapphire Street
Replace Stop sign at the intersection of Emerald Street and Sapphire Street and install approaching stop sign signal/indicator on Emerald. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget submissions, has there been any funding identified to address this need?

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. 2025: This is not a budget request. This request should be entered via 311 here: <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01064>

2 of 8 Address traffic congestion**DOT**

Address traffic congestion

Location: Fountain Avenue - Sutter Avenue & Linden Boulevard
Address traffic congestion on Fountain Avenue between Sutter Avenue and Linden Boulevard. It has become a congested area of the district due to the Fountain Avenue bike lanes that were implemented. We are requesting that DOT conduct a study to revisit the Fountain Avenue stretch to assess traffic flow and determine how it can be addressed. It is an important avenue that feeds into Linden Boulevard and also connects to the newly installed Shirley Chisholm State park, however the congestion caused by the bike lane is not conducive to pedestrian safety and ease of traffic.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. We are committed to improving and expanding the bicycle network to accommodate the increasing number of cyclists and therefore have no plans to removing the bicycle lanes at this location. DOT supports the community process and works diligently to develop a proposal based on feasibility and community direction. These efforts typically lead to a positive outcome because the project is developed based on a balance of community direction and feasibility. As always, we welcome community feedback and we continue to monitor projects as part of our post-implementation evaluation.

3 of 8 Improve parking operations**DOT**

Improve parking operations

Location: Cozine Avenue - Fountain Avenue & Louisiana Avenue
Assess the traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety conditions of the installed protected bike lanes on Cozine Avenue and Wortman Avenue. Since the installation of the protected bike lanes, the longest protected bike lane project in ENY, there have been a number of complaints from neighboring residents. Not only did the neighborhood lose 200 parking spaces, but it has caused accidents for residents who realize that implemented signage goes against traffic and pedestrian flow in some intersections of the protected lanes.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. We are committed to improving and expanding the bicycle network to accommodate the increasing number of cyclists and therefore have no plans to removing the bicycle lanes at this location. DOT supports the community process and works diligently to develop a proposal based on feasibility and community direction. These efforts typically lead to a positive outcome because the project is developed based on a balance of community direction and feasibility. As always, we welcome community feedback and we continue to monitor projects as part of our post-implementation evaluation.

4 of 8 One Way Conversion Request**DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Malta Street - Linden Boulevard & Stanley Avenue
Please conduct a study to determine the feasibility of converting Malta Street between Linden Boulevard and Stanley Avenue to a one-way street, going South. There has been an increased amount of speeding violations due to traffic calming methods implemented on surrounding blocks, so drivers are speeding through Malta to avoid speed control.

Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. As we stated last year, please formally request this in separate letter and we can have our TEP unit study.

5 of 8 One Way Conversion Request**DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Malta Street - Linden Boulevard & Stanley Avenue
Please conduct a study to determine the feasibility of converting Malta Street between Linden Boulevard and Stanley Avenue to a one-way street, going South. Due to traffic calming measures implemented on surrounding blocks, drivers are increasingly speeding through Malta to avoid controls.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is a duplicate of Request 205202716E.

6 of 8 Traffic Signal Study**DOT**

Other traffic improvement requests

Location: Jamaica Avenue - Arlington Avenue
Please conduct a traffic study to determine the feasibility of a traffic signal at the intersection of Jamaica Avenue and Arlington Avenue.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. Please enter a request here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>*

7 of 8 Traffic Calming Request**DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Atlantic Avenue - N. Conduit Boulevard & Logan Street
Please conduct a traffic study to determine safety improvements at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and N. Conduit Boulevard. Currently the traffic pattern merges Atlantic Avenue and N. Conduit Boulevard and they meet at the intersection of Logan Street which also encompasses turning signals. There is a need to implement signage or an additional traffic light to calm merging vehicles.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This location is under review for our larger study of Conduit Avenue. We will provide an update once we have more information.

8 of 8 Street Lighting - Chestnut Street & Atlantic Ave.**DOT**

Other expense budget request for DOT

Location: Chestnut Street - Atlantic Avenue
Lighting on Chestnut Street & Atlantic Avenue. This is a newly developed area - with the Chestnut Commons housing development and the new Cypress Hills/ENY Community Center. It is now flooded with hundreds of families, older adults, and children and lighting is essential for the safety & well being of the new residents in this area.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This is not a budget request. Please enter a street lighting request here:
<https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-02491>*

1 of 3 Other expense budget request for DPR**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Based on Agency Response: Is the allowance for an increase in headcount something that OMB will be doing to accommodate this request? Please increase personnel budget to include more park rangers for our district. CB5 has over 50 parks/playgrounds and the need for care and consistent maintenance and management of these spaces are vital. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget, has there been any funding identified to address this need?

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for more maintenance staff for parks but expense funding is not available. Please note that the Urban Park Rangers are a separate category of personnel who provide education programming, not regular park maintenance.

2 of 3 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Increase tree pruning cycles to accommodate growing community and newly developed areas of Brooklyn, Community Board 5 - i.e. Spring Creek / Gateway section which includes the Spring Creek Nehemiah Homes/Gateway Elton, etc. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget submissions - has there been any funding identified to address the need to increase personnel for the Forestry Division to address borough-wide pruning needs?

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding for our block pruning program was restored following the pandemic, and our 7-year street tree pruning cycle matches industry standards. If individual trees need pruning for public safety, we encourage anyone to submit a service request by locating the tree on the NYC Tree Map (and clicking on the "report a problem" tab), calling 311, or using our online tree service request system. Our inspectors will visit the tree and determine the appropriate action in accordance with our Tree Risk Management program. More details can be found on the Parks website: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/services/forestry/risk-management>. NYC Parks' Climber & Pruner Training Program is an in-house training program that connects current entry-level Parks employees with the training to become Climber & Pruners. With this program, Parks expects to add 15-20 new Climber & Pruners to the workforce every 15 months to help mitigate recruitment and hiring challenges. We agree with the need for more funding to increase staff, but that funding cannot be determined at this time.

3 of 3 Comfort Station Study**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Please conduct a study to determine the feasibility of installing a comfort station at parks/playgrounds in Brooklyn, Community Board 5. The study should include total amount of parks currently outfitted with comfort stations, criteria for installment, and cost for outfitting qualifying park sites, with new comfort stations. This study will support CB5's ongoing advocacy to ensure our park sites are fully equipped for maximum use.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request to assess the feasibility of constructing new public restrooms in parks (we no longer refer to them as "comfort stations") but funding for a study is not available. The Vital Parks Explorer is a helpful tool that can be used to view the percentage of parks in each Community Board with public restrooms and other features: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/vital-parks/explorer>

1 of 1 Other enforcement requests**DSNY**

Other enforcement requests

Location: Danforth Street - Hemlock Street & Hemlock Street
Increase frequency of street inspection to remove abandoned vehicles and illegally parked vehicles. There are some locations that are targeted more than others, specifically in auto body/repair shops. - EXPLANATION: CB5 has the highest rate of 311 complaints for illegally parked and abandoned vehicles. We need a collaborated agency approach to address the issue.
RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Please see re-submission of this item to appeal for allocation of any funding that has become available to address the need.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DSNY coordinates with agencies like the NYPD to address these concerns. If additional funding is made available for this function DSNY can accommodate this request.

1 of 2 Other expense budget request for EDC**EDC**

Other expense budget request for EDC

Create a report from community input/feedback for the Broadway Junction site plans. The report should include feedback from the original Broadway Junction Working Group as well as more recent communication from community members and any capital/expense funding that has been secured to date. Report details should also include initial community requests for capital investments in street infrastructure upgrades; lighting; street calming methods; CUNY Institution; Trade School; and more.
RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Please inform CB5 if you have progressed with findings or reports from existing studies. We are emphasizing the need to still incorporate a City University within the Broadway Junction area to provide direct access to higher education and greater opportunity to increase median incomes.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. A report for Broadway Junction was developed in collaboration with CB5

2 of 2 Other expense budget request for EDC**EDC**

Other expense budget request for EDC

Create greater incentives for developers to incorporate cooperative work spaces within mixed used development and other initiatives that would assist with securing local business tenants. CB5 has large mixed-use development that was created to encourage revitalized and walkable commercial areas but rents are too high for local businesses to take advantage of the new spaces. Therefore commercial spaces are left vacant for unnecessary lengths of time with no activity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. EDC will look into this

1 of 1 Provide more firefighters or EMS workers**FDNY**

Provide more firefighters or EMS workers

Implement additional funding to increase Firefighter personnel and EMS personnel. We need greater incentives and promotional campaigns to increase awareness of open positions within the Fire Department, with an emphasis on promotion in communities of color and high schools seniors.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. FDNY is planning to maximize Firefighter and EMT hiring in FY27.

1 of 1 Other expense budget request for HPD**HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

Conduct comprehensive study of the results of the East New York Basement Legalization Pilot initiative. What were the results and how did it impact the homeowners who participated in the pilot? If results favored homeowners and provided greater opportunities for rental incomes, how can we continue the funding to implement the initiative as permanent program within HPD?

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOB and HPD are working to issue rules that will govern a basement temporary residency program that the City Council authorized last year to create a pathway to legalize some basement apartments in NYC. HPD's PlusOne ADU program may be available to with financing for eligibility homeowners.

1 of 1 Other expense budget request for MOCJ**MOCJ**

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Increase and extend budget for Cure Violence programming and the NYC Crisis Management System. Although we have had a decline in gun violence and gun-related incidents in varying neighborhoods in our city - it was proven through COVID, these numbers have the potential of increasing with a vengeance given the climate. We must continue to invest in the men and women who make a difference in preventative measures. Violence is a serious health epidemic and in CB5, homicide is amongst the top five causes of premature death. Therefore we have to expand on funding that focuses on prevention and intervention.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1 of 1 Other NYPD staff resources requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Please provide update - has there been any movement within the last and/or current administration to accommodate this request? CB5 has the highest incidences of illegally parked vehicles and abandoned vehicles in the city. Our numbers have risen due to the amount of local auto shops and garages that park their junk or for-sale vehicles on public streets; and other abandoned vehicles that are randomly left on public streets for years. We need a very specific focus on this issue and an increase in the officers that search for these incidences in the district. RESPONSE TO AGENCY: Following the previous fiscal year's budget submissions - has there been any funding identified/allocated towards this need?

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Each Patrol Borough enforces traffic laws as needed as a result of traffic conditions and community complaints.

1 of 1 Provide more community board staff**OMB**

Provide more community board staff

Increase community board personnel budget to allow for experienced, skilled staff hires to assist in data preparation, district assessments, research, procurement document processing, and other community-centered supports.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. As of the FY 2027 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.

RESUBMISSION - Request that SBS implement a mandate policy to inform Community Board offices of any and all new lease holders or business owners in IBZ. Business updated reports should come from the contracted non-profit organization that manages the BIDs and the IBZ sites. Our understanding is that SBS is the agency that oversees the IBZ sites through a contractual relationship with a non-profit (for CB5 - that is BOC Network)

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. SBS does not get notified of property-ownership transactions in IBZ itself and is not able to share with community boards. We do maintain a database of the number of storefront businesses currently operating in IBZ and can share insights regarding business composition. Please contact us at intergov@sbs.nyc.gov to request such information.