

A map of Brooklyn, New York, showing its various community districts. The map is rendered in shades of gray, with the district boundaries clearly outlined. One district, located in the southern part of the borough, is highlighted in a bright yellow color. This highlighted district is Brooklyn Community District 15, which includes areas like Sunset Park and Midwood. The map also shows the surrounding water bodies and the Manhattan skyline to the west.

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2027

**Brooklyn Community
District
15**

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Greetings,

Community Boards give local residents an opportunity to participate in the important decisions which affect the quality of life of their neighborhood. Participation in the budget process and making our Community Needs known is a key element in insuring our Community gets the resources it so rightfully deserves.

Each meeting of the Community Board provides a forum where individual members of the public can request time to speak about ideas, concerns, and, if necessary, voice complaints relating to important things taking place in their neighborhoods. We listen, advocate and work to resolve these issues. We also make note of these needs to see how through this budget procedure we can make the best impact for our Community.

We encourage participation in this most worthwhile endeavor. Our Community rises or falls on our ability to unite behind issues like crime prevention, cleaner and safer streets, inviting parks, timely building inspections, education and well-staffed and fully equipped first responders.

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us, to participate, and to be part of a process which contributes to the general well-being of our Community.

Sincerely,

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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.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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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 15

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	159,650	100.00	169,632	100.00	9,982	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	33,531	21	36,851	21.7	3,320	9.9	0.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	159,650	100.0	169,632	100.0	9,982	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	13,029	8.2	15,688	9.2	2,659	20.4	1.0
White non-Hispanic	114,721	71.9	105,734	62.3	-8,987	-7.8	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	5,298	3.3	6,649	3.9	1,351	25.5	0.6
Asian non-Hispanic	24,107	15.1	34,358	20.3	10,251	42.5	5.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	428	0.3	1,296	0.8	868	202.8	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,067	1.3	5,907	3.5	3,840	185.8	2.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	70,595	100.0	67,322	100.0	-3,273	-4.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,760	87.5	63,097	93.7	1,337	2.2	6.2
Vacant housing units	8,835	12.5	4,225	6.3	-4,610	-52.2	-6.2

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 15 (CB15) is a vibrant mixed-use community. The community district is bordered to the north by the Kings Highway commercial corridor, to the west by the industrial area of McDonald Avenue, to the south by the beachfront community of Manhattan Beach and to the east by the coastal community of Gerritsen Beach. Other residential areas include the neighborhoods of Gravesend, Homecrest, Madison, Midwood and Plumb Beach. It is the policy of CB15 to attend to the needs of our local residents and ensure they are given not only a voice, but also receive timely, quality and efficient delivery of municipal services. Ongoing dialogue between our residents and the Community Board is an essential part of maintaining public safety and encouraging development and prosperity for all. According to NYU's Furman Center the total land area of CB15 is 4.7 square miles. Population statistics supplied by the NYU Furman Center report that the overall population of CB15 is 153,388 of which, (27%) are under the age of 18. Racially, the community district breaks down as follows: Hispanic (9.3%), White, (64.7%), Black, (4.3%), and Asian, (14.8%). Median Household Income in 2023 was \$71,520, about 10% less than citywide median household (\$79,480). The poverty rate was 14.4% in 2023 compared to 18.2% citywide. Real median gross rent increased from \$1,340 in 2006 to \$1,780 in 2023. This represents a 32.8% increase over the same period. Overall, the rental vacancy rate was 4.0% in 2023. In 2023, the homeownership rate was 40.7%, which is higher than the citywide share of 32.5%. The homeownership rate in the community has decreased by 5.8% since 2010. Between 2010 and 2024, 2,173 units in 4+ unit buildings were built, 93% were market rate, compared to 1% that were income targeted. The Department of Buildings issued new building permits to 223 residential units in new buildings in 2024, 104 more than the number of units in 2023.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 15

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and Public Safety

Staffing levels at our local precinct are down and are of a great concern to our community. We attribute the shortage to a few significant factors, their inability to fill positions trickled down from an attrition of those retiring from the force, and the department's struggle to attract qualified candidates to pursue careers in law enforcement. It is critically important to our community that patrol strength be restored. Resources are needed for recruitment, updated vehicles and capital funding to modernize precincts and make them fully ADA compliant to better serve everyone. Quality of Life issues, such as illegally parked vehicles, abandoned vehicles and fender benders have delayed response times because of limited personnel or vehicles available to address these issues.

Traffic

Traffic: All of our commercial corridors, including Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and Avenue U (between Gerritsen Avenue and McDonald Avenue), are congested from double parking, truck deliveries, illegal parking and the never-ending search for parking spaces. Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Guider Avenue) is inundated with double parked cars, people making illegal U-turns and auto-intensive commercial uses which encroach on the roadway. Most of these avenues are also major transit hubs attracting more and more TLC vehicles which usurp parking spaces. Dedicated bus lanes have been implemented, but drivers do not seem to pay much attention to such changes, so they are not working as intended. We need effective Traffic Enforcement, enhanced Police attention and an active and ongoing dialogue with DOT to develop strategies to keep the traffic flowing through these congested areas. Because parking is at a premium, the most frequent 311 reports in our community district include complaints of illegal parking and blocked driveways of constituents who are desperate to park. Response times are lengthy because these complaints are not emergencies. We could use a dedicated unit to focus on these traffic infractions affecting the community's quality of life. Lastly, there is an issue throughout the community with people illegally selling cars on our streets. In Sheepshead Bay (around Jerome Avenue and Avenue Z), and in Gravesend (along McDonald Avenue between Avenue V and Avenue X) these pop-up car dealerships on our streets are illegally usurping much-needed parking spaces.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Trash: The Department of Sanitation needs more personnel, particularly in Sanitation Enforcement. This additional manpower is essential to assure that collections and enforcement divisions have sufficient resources to properly service our district. Our bustling commercial corridors no longer have the maintenance resources or enforcement presence they require to keep our shopping areas thriving, vital, clean and healthy for our constituents and visitors to the district. On any given day, Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue), Avenue U (between Ocean Avenue and Ocean Parkway), and Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue Z and Avenue P) have overflowing litter baskets from improper uses such as household trash, illegal commercial waste and the illegal dumping of construction materials, as well as trash and loose litter strewn along the streets. Our district office is inundated with complaints about filthy and uninviting conditions on our commercial corridors. We continue to have a serious problem with illegal dumping under the underpasses of our elevated B/Q train lines along East 16th Street and F train line along McDonald Avenue, as well as our Shore Parkway service road which runs parallel to the Belt Parkway between Knapp Street and Coney Island Avenue. Community Board 15 believes that providing the public with more specialized events, that offer convenient drop-off locations for specific recyclable

materials and dedicated curbside collections for e-waste, hazardous household waste, paper shredding, leaf/yard waste, food scraps, etc. will increase the likelihood of discarded waste being properly disposed of. Community Board 15 would like to see our Sanitation Department receive size appropriate vehicles and equipment which are needed to service the Gerritsen Beach neighborhood in our district which is characterized by narrower streets. Sadly, for well over a decade BK15 still lacks a proper district garage, our personnel continue to report to inadequate temporary trailers on borrowed DEP property. These trailers offer substandard work conditions, and we believe negatively impact worker's morale and productivity will suffer.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Animal and pest control services

Conditions necessitating pest control services are at an all-time high. The changing landscape of our post-pandemic city has left us with an abundance of outdoor eating establishments which provide shelter and food to rodents and other vectors. With the city intent on maintaining outdoor eating as a new standard, more resources and attention must be paid to their maintenance and ongoing use including preventive and reactive pest control services. New construction in the district, which is generally above average for the borough, has also led to the disruption of rodents en masse forcing them to search for new places to nest. Between the new construction generating more household waste for collection and the increase in nightlife and street activity, the availability of garbage placed out for collection on our sidewalks has provided a veritable feast for rodents which show no sign of subsiding anytime soon. In addition, the new rules for the collection of compostable trash have us concerned.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Valuable time is wasted transporting critical patients to other distant trauma centers when we could be planning one for our community right now. Planning a new Level 1 Trauma Center for South Brooklyn Health Hospital at this time is imperative.

Needs for Older NYs

Many of our seniors, live in isolation with family members living out of state. They have come to rely more than ever on home delivered meals. Having that brief interaction can be a life saver. Meal providers are trained to check up on seniors and when they are not responding critical steps are taken to assure our older New Yorkers are doing well. Capacity for meals along with new replacement fleet vehicles should be expanded at this time.

Needs for Homeless

New York City is facing a homeless epidemic. With affordable housing becoming more of a rarity in the city many are priced out of their homes. Community Board 15 has seen an influx of homeless in the community and believes there should be more outreach from the Department of Homeless Services to actively seek to permanently shelter the displaced and bring them the social programs they need, such as drug rehabilitation, mental illness counseling and job skills training with placement. We have concentrations of people living under the Sheepshead Bay subway station (at East 15th Street), adjacent to the municipal parking lot at 1602 Voorhies Avenue (at East 16th Street), in Holocaust Park (at Shore Boulevard), at the Ocean Avenue & Shore Parkway underpass, at the municipal parking lot at 2602 East 17th Street (at Avenue Z), and at the Corporal Wiltshire Square triangle park (at Kings Highway and Ocean Avenue). It should be noted that some of these locations are seasonal in nature.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Living in New York has become a costly affair. Rents are rising each year and the cost of living increases exponentially. Salaries don't appear to keep up with the rent demands. Our seniors and disabled are on fixed incomes and struggle to pay rent. We need a way to keep our lower income

residents safely in their homes and off the streets with some sort of voucher system to aide them. Hotels and shelters aren't permanent housing, they often prove to be a temporary fix and in the long run are not cost efficient. The existing rental assistance programs, such as Section 8, which need better policing are over-saturated and closed.

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	CS	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Maintenance)

We need to return school play areas back to the students to utilize as they were intended and stop using them as parking facilities for faculty and staff.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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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 15

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Our community has been plagued with increased variety of quality-of-life incidents ranging from illegal parking, illegal fireworks and excessive noise. We need increased police presence through a combination of increasing patrol strength and enhancing police visibility.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the community district being nearly five square miles in area there is an immediate need for additional police officers to provide sufficient patrol coverage. The 61st Precinct is understaffed and many of our officers are pulled away and reassigned to work the seasonal tour at the 60th Precinct or larger events throughout the city. Brooklyn Community Board 15 has received numerous complaints on how response times to low priority events, such as car break-ins or non-fatal traffic crashes, have suffered. We attribute this to diminished staffing levels. Another example of a frustrating low priority event are complaints from homeowners about blocked driveways from drivers losing patience hunting for legal on-street parking. We also have vehicles that are not moved for alternate side street cleaning and vehicles that are either abandoned or being sold on our streets usurping valuable parking real estate. The Police Department's Rotational Towing (Row Tow) capabilities are limited in that they have insufficient space to store vehicles. There is only one Tow Pound located across the borough in Northern Brooklyn and the time it takes to tow across the borough limits how many vehicles they can capture in a work shift. Something needs to change. Either fines need to be increased on an escalating scale as a more effective deterrent, or the capacity at the existing Tow Pound needs to be expanding with the addition of car lifts (stackers), or an entirely new tow pound facility be created in Southern Brooklyn to expand the department's holding capacity and reduce the turnaround time for Row Tow operators.

Needs for Emergency Services

Currently, our EMS starting salaries are barely adequate to be competitive enough to attract potential candidates to this field of work. We need adequate funding to launch recruitment campaigns and attractive starting salaries to entice and maintain good staff for this critical city unit.

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PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	FDNY GATOR VEHICLES
NYPD	1 / 5	61st Precinct New Cars
NYPD	2 / 5	Argus Cameras for NYPD
NYPD	3 / 5	Portable Radios
NYPD	4 / 5	61st Precinct ADA Compliance
NYPD	5 / 5	Add NYPD parking facilities

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 7	Hire additional uniformed officers
NYPD	2 / 7	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents
NYPD	3 / 7	Hire additional crossing guards
NYPD	4 / 7	Larger Uniform & Equipment Allowances
NYPD	5 / 7	Smart Phones For Traffic Agents
NYPD	6 / 7	Other NYPD programs requests
NYPD	7 / 7	Metal / Mesh Barriers

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

We need to make sure our Sanitation Department is fully funded. We are seeing an influx of complaints in our district office from residents regarding filthy sidewalks, illegal dumping, overflowing litter baskets and unsanitary conditions. DSNY is doing all they can do with the manpower and equipment they have, but it's impossible to keep up with the increasing demands. We need to provide them with the manpower they require, the vehicles and tools needed to see that our community remain clean, viable places to live, shop, work and visit. Above all, we need a new garage for BK15.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3002 Knapp Street is in need of an increase in overall plant budget for on-going maintenance of the water treatment plant. We need funding for force main repair and additional funding for odor control equipment for repairs and improvements. We would also like a dedicated skimmer vessel for Sheepshead Bay to address floatables due to two CSO outfalls located in Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Our main concern is that our Department of Sanitation's Brooklyn 15 garage has been operating out of a temporary location on Knapp Street in trailers for over a decade. Recently, we have learned that the secondary lot used by Sanitation for equipment storage has been reclaimed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Our Sanitation forces and equipment need a permanent home in our community district. Brooklyn Community Board 15 is also advocating for additional funding for our Sanitation Department. We need more manpower, more frequent litter basket service, cleaning services to address illegal drop-off and dump out conditions, vacant lot cleaning and curbside e-waste collection.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	CS	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Clean catch basins
DEP	2 / 2	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments
DSNY	1 / 9	Other garbage collection and recycling requests
DSNY	2 / 9	Other cleaning requests
DSNY	3 / 9	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
DSNY	4 / 9	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
DSNY	5 / 9	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
DSNY	6 / 9	Avenue P corridor garbage pickup
DSNY	7 / 9	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
DSNY	8 / 9	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal
DSNY	9 / 9	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Affordable housing preservation

Our community is a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) with many of our seniors aging in place. With fixed incomes and insufficient cost of living increases to their social security, aging in place has become increasingly challenging in Brooklyn with the rising costs of rent and other living expenses. We need programs which provide assistance to our seniors, especially those who helped build our communities and want to remain in their homes. If rental assistance is not possible then tax relief to landlords to allow seniors to spend their years with peace of mind securely with a roof over their head.

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

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Needs for Land Use

We are seeing a surge in construction, now that the pandemic is over. We need proper inspections to make sure properties are following suit with their approved plans. We would like to see more inspectors trained and hired to keep up with the influx.

Needs for Housing

We have been receiving an influx of calls from NYCHA's Sheepshead-Nostrand Houses located in our district because of unreasonably long waits for repairs--including broken front doors, broken ovens and other appliances, plumbing issues and generally unsanitary living conditions. The maintenance system in public housing is broken, the prolonged waits are unacceptable. Additional on-site maintenance crews are needed to expedite the warrant of habitability.

Needs for Economic Development

We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed. Small businesses have been shown to be the backbone of a local community's economy. They are worthy of our support.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOB	1 / 1	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)
SBS	1 / 1	Other commercial district revitalization requests

Brooklyn Community Board 15

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and with the amount of new construction, parking has not kept up with the development or demand. Where one house stood, now several apartments stand with families owning several cars. Because of the lack of parking, people are increasingly parking illegally, they double park and cause congestion throughout the community especially near our commercial districts, such as Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue U, Kings Highway and Coney Island Avenue. Every school is inundated with parents waiting to pick up their children at dismissal causing congestion throughout the community. We need to develop traffic plans to alleviate the congestion and address the increasing demand for more parking.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Gerritsen Beach is plagued with flooding, even after a minor rainfall event. The neighborhood received some funding to address the older area, but not Gerritsen Beach in its entirety. Gerritsen Avenue from Bartlett Avenue to the Dead End also needs to be studied and upgraded. Streets must be resurfaced and proper drainage provided. Also throughout our community, the Department of Transportation must assign an additional roadway construction crew to expedite the backlog of approved speed humps which must be installed within a matter of months not years. Trench restorations have emerged as a significant consideration given the ongoing dispute over responsibility between the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection. While agencies point fingers at each other, roadways are collapsing. Additional HIQA inspectors are needed to keep up with the growing demand for structural integrity and maintenance inspections related to the new class of outdoor eating facilities that were constructed during the pandemic.

Needs for Transit Services

Our stations are filthy! They smell like urinals, the staircases are lined with debris and graffiti is everywhere both inside and outside the stations. Illegal vendors can be found outside each of our large commercial shopping districts along the B/Q lines, Sheepshead Bay, Avenue U, and Kings Highway, blocking access to the station and leaving their garbage strewn about.

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
NYCTA	1 / 1	Other transit infrastructure requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 2	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
DOT	2 / 2	Address traffic congestion

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 15

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

Our parks serve as an oasis for both our young and senior residents to enjoy, but many are in dire need of upgrades. Throughout the district we need more inviting spaces with even pavement, ample seating, good lighting and more modern play equipment to serve all ages and all needs.

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Needs for Parks

Brooklyn Community Board 15's parks are in desperate need of maintenance and upgrades. The Department of Parks & Recreation needs to hire additional staff to meet the maintenance needs our parks require on a daily basis, whether it is trimming the weeds, pruning the trees, collecting garbage or making sure play equipment is safe and functioning. In addition, when planning a park or making upgrades to an existing park, comfort stations need to be made a priority, not an afterthought. Homecrest Park located at Williams Court between East 12th Street and Homecrest Avenue desperately needs a comfort station. It's a well-utilized popular park for both the very young and old and bathroom facilities need to be provided. Brigham Park, located on Emmons Avenue by Brigham Street and Knapp Street, is in a rather remote area. A comfort station must be included.

Needs for Library Services

Our libraries are the heartbeats of our community providing invaluable tools and resources to our young and older residents. It's important we properly fund these institutions to keep them current with the times, safe and accessible to all our residents who heavily rely on them as an important community resource.

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
BPL	1 / 4	Gravesend Library
BPL	2 / 4	Kings Highway Library
BPL	3 / 4	Gerritsen Library
BPL	4 / 4	Kings Bay Library
DPR	1 / 12	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	2 / 12	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	3 / 12	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
DPR	4 / 12	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	5 / 12	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
DPR	6 / 12	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	7 / 12	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	8 / 12	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
DPR	9 / 12	Homecrest Playground
DPR	10 / 12	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
DPR	11 / 12	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	12 / 12	Kelly Playground Phase 2 and Phase 3
DPR	CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
BPL	1 / 1	Library Special Programming and Outreach
DPR	1 / 4	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
DPR	2 / 4	Other street trees and forestry services requests
DPR	3 / 4	Provide better park maintenance
DPR	4 / 4	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

Agency	Priority	Title
DOHMH	1 / 1	Rat Abatement

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 4 **Gravesend Library**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BPL

\$3 million needed for a new roof Approximately \$9.5 million for heating & cooling, fire safety, building management, systems, interior renovations, safety and security enhancements.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports this request and has identified these capital improvements as an unfunded need.

2 of 4 **Kings Highway Library**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BPL

\$4 million for new heating and cooling systems. Approximately \$9.5 million for multiple building systems and infrastructure repairs.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports this request and has identified these capital improvements as an unfunded need.

3 of 4 **Gerritsen Library**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BPL

\$3.4 million long-term for heating, cooling and other building systems.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports this request. While some of this request will be addressed through currently funded work; additional capital funding would further support these improvements.

4 of 4 **Kings Bay Library**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

BPL

\$3.7 million long-term needs not included in the upcoming renovation: plumbing, facade work, energy improvements and safety & security enhancements.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports this request. While some of this request will be addressed through currently planned work; additional capital funding would further support these improvements.

1 of 12 **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

DPR

Location: Oriental Boulevard - Ocean Avenue & Mackenzie Street
Manhattan Beach Park's Baseball Field need \$6 Million to reconstruct natural turf baseball field on Oriental Blvd., including all new fencing, horticulture, seating areas, spray mister, backstop, fix drainage issues, and provide filter for water bottles.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for improvements to the ballfield at Manhattan Beach Park but do not have capital funding available.

2 of 12 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Pat Parlato playground is in poor condition and in need of a total upgrade in recreational equipment.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for improvements to Pat Parlato Playground but do not have capital funding available.

3 of 12 Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park**DPR**

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

Location: Brigham Park - Brigham Street & Emmons Avenue
Brigham Park, a newly constructed park located on Emmons Avenue and Brigham Street, does not have adequate funding to provide a comfort station. Given its remote location, for the seniors and children of our community, the inclusion of a comfort station would be a necessity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request to construct a new public restroom at Lew Fidler Park on Brigham Street (we no longer refer to them as "comfort stations") but do not have capital funding available.

4 of 12 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: Bedford Avenue - Avenue V
Funding in the amount of \$6.5 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Galapo Playground to completely reconstruct the playground with equipment for older and younger children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and drainage systems.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for improvements to Galapo Playground but do not have capital funding available.

5 of 12 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements**DPR**

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

We need funding to replace the sidewalk adjacent to Holocaust Park on the Sheepshead Bay side. The sidewalk is broken up, a trip hazard and appears to be sinking in certain spots. Our main concern is that it's over water, so we need to locate the source of the sidewalk failure and correct and restore it as soon as possible.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for repairs to the perimeter sidewalks at Holocaust Memorial Park but do not have capital funding available.

6 of 12 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Funding in the total amount of \$7 Million is requested for the Reconstruction of Bill Brown Playground for Phase 2 to completely reconstruct the playground with play equipment for children of all abilities, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscaping, water and draining systems. Phase 3 requires \$1 million to repave perimeter sidewalks, which are all in poor condition.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for phase 2 and 3 improvements to Bill Brown Playground but do not have capital funding available.

7 of 12 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: Williams Court

Homecrest Park is in need of a playground expansion for Phase 2 with handball courts for 1 million, because 2 million is already funded for a total of 3 million. Phase 3 requires 4.5 million is needed to convert existing basketball courts to small synthetic turf play area with walking track, benches and water service, Phase 4 - 2 million for Asphalt Field and \$6 million for synthetic turf. Homecrest Park is also in need of a comfort station for approximately 6 million. It serves a large community of both children and seniors, and public urination at that park has become a health hazard and quality of life condition.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We have \$2 million of funding in place out of the \$3 million in total needed for phase 2 improvements to Homecrest Playground and do not have capital funding available for subsequent phases of improvements. We support the request for a new public restroom (we no longer refer to them as "comfort stations") but do not have capital funding available.

8 of 12 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements**DPR**

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Location: Shore Boulevard Promenade - West End Avenue & Pembroke Street

Shore Boulevard Promenade is in need of a make-over. It needs repaving, new benches, landscaping and new refuse/garbage cans.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for improvements to the Shore Boulevard Promenade but do not have capital funding available.

9 of 12 Homecrest Playground**DPR**

New equipment for maintenance

Location: Homecrest Avenue - East 12th Street & Williams Court

Sections of Homecrest Playground are in need of an upgrades: Phase 2 - \$3 Million for Handball Courts and Playground Expansion Phase 3 - \$4.5 Million to convert basketball courts to small synthetic turf play area with a walking track, benches and water service. Phase 4 - \$2 Million for Asphalt Field; and \$6 Million for Synthetic Turf

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We have \$2 million of funding in place out of the \$3 million in total needed for phase 2 improvements to Homecrest Playground and do not have capital funding available for subsequent phases of improvements.

10 of 12 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements**DPR**

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Location: Corbin Place btw BBA & Ortl Blvd

Pritchard Mall Green Space located on Corbin Place (between Brighton Beach Avenue and Oriental Boulevard) has become a broken up, hazardous looking eyesore. Crumbling cement can be seen in certain areas and needs to be restored. It could be repurposed as a sitting area.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for improvements to the Pritchard Mall Greenstreet but do not have capital funding available.

11 of 12 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Total needed to upgrade \$9 million dollars. Phase 1 - \$5 million is needed to completely reconstruct the playground with all new play equipment, safety surfaces, spray shower, benches, fencing, lighting, landscape, water and drainage systems. Phase 2 requires \$4 million dollars to reconstruct asphalt multipurpose play area to synthetic turf play area, reconstruct handball and basketball courts.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for improvements to Playground 286 but do not have capital funding available.

12 of 12 Kelly Playground Phase 2 and Phase 3**DPR**

New equipment for maintenance

Location: Avenue S - East 17th Street
Phase 2 - \$6 million needed to convert asphalt (or natural) field into synthetic turf for a multipurpose field, including, drainage, water service, accessible drinking fountains, mister, goals, (recreational lighting), benches, fences, bleachers and landscaping. Phase 3 \$3 million dollars to renovate basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add adult fitness area

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for phase 2 and 3 improvements to Kelly Playground but do not have capital funding available.

1 of 1 FDNY GATOR VEHICLES**FDNY**

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

Community Board 15 is a shorefront community, we have Manhattan Beach, Gerritsen Beach and Bungalow areas along Sheepshead Bay. We believe that providing gators to the firehouses in southern Brooklyn that service these areas would be a most helpful and welcome tool. The current cost is approximately \$50,000 a piece.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. FDNY will seek to accommodate within existing resources, although this will depend on availability of funding and overall agency prioritization. The Community Board should continue work with their relevant elected officials to allocate Council/BP capital funding at Budget Adoption.

1 of 1 Other transit infrastructure requests**NYCTA**

Other transit infrastructure requests

Sufficient funds are requested for the upgrading and installation of wrought-iron fencing along the transit berms and properties adjacent to the B/Q subway lines including properties (1) across from 2750 Homecrest Avenue to 2735 E 13th Street; and (2) along East 15th Street between Avenue Z and Avenue Y.

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

1 of 5 61st Precinct New Cars**NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

The 61st Precinct, operates 24/7, 7 days a week and because of the wear and tear on these vehicles and the constant need for servicing, we would like to see new cars purchased for the precinct. We want to make sure their fleet is at a sufficient amount, so that lower priority calls are answered in a timely manner.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The NYPD is working with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget in order to secure additional funds to maintain lifecycle replacement of its current fleet. Supplemental funding would be needed if there was a desire to increase this count even further.

2 of 5 Argus Cameras for NYPD**NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Argus Cameras would be advantages for areas where the police cannot patrol 24/7. These cameras would aid the department in solving crimes quicker,

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.

3 of 5 Portable Radios**NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

We would like to see that all UMOS have the best radio equipment available as they are our first responders.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. More specific information is needed for this request.

4 of 5 61st Precinct ADA Compliance**NYPD**

Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses

The 61st Precinct needs an upgrade to their facility, currently the facility is antiquated and not ADA compliant.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Capital project for ADA accessibility upgrades is in pre-design, part of citywide ADA improvement effort.

5 of 5 Add NYPD parking facilities**NYPD**

Add NYPD parking facilities

Currently, Brooklyn has only one police Tow Pound in Northern Brooklyn and it's often at full capacity. This is a growing problem for our community. Additional car lifts (stackers) at the existing Tow Pound would increase holding capacity and permit more vehicles to be stored as an immediate interim measure. The current pound being located across the borough results in long travel times. It limits the turnaround time resulting in diminished productivity per work shift for Row Tow operators serving Southern Brooklyn. Ideally, we would like the short-term addition of car lifts at the existing Tow Pound until a new pound can be sited and constructed in Southern Brooklyn to expedite Row Tow operations enhancing their capacity and increasing their productivity.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The NYPD is working with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget in order to secure additional towing facilities.

CS Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

We need a total of \$6 million for Kelly Playground for Phase 2 to convert cracked asphalt field to synthetic turf for a multi-purpose field, including drainage, water service, accessible drinking fountains, mister, goals (recreational lighting) benches, fences, bleachers and landscaping. Phase 3 requires \$3 million dollars to renovate the basketball courts and realign fewer handball courts and add an adult fitness area.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for phase 2 and 3 improvements to Kelly Playground but do not have capital funding available.

CS	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	DSNY
Brooklyn Community Board 15's Sanitation garage is a temporary structure of trailers located on Knapp Street. We are requesting a permanent home for our Sanitation garage and encourage more aggressive siting actions by the department.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DSNY will continue this search; site acquisition and build-out will be dependent on funding not currently available.</i>

CS	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	HHC
South Brooklyn Health Hospital (at 2601 Ocean Parkway) is the closest hospital to our community district, located on Ocean Parkway and near the Belt Parkway. South Brooklyn Health Hospital needs additional funding to become a Level 1 Trauma Center. They currently do not have the equipment needed to designate them as such. Brooklyn Community Board 15 would like to see them properly funded to be eligible for this important trauma care designation.		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. While the cost associated with a Level I Trauma Center is prohibitive at this time due to the requirement of 24/7 trauma surgery and anesthesia coverage, South Brooklyn Health is able to care for hundreds of traumatically injured patients per year in its fully prepared resuscitation rooms. The hospital has a trauma response team on standby for any incoming codes and performs multiple drills to be ready for patients that are brought in for care. In addition, the hospital recently appointed an EMS and Disaster Fellowship trained Director for Trauma and Prehospital Medicine to ensure preparedness and quality. The new 11-story tower building includes a new elevated Emergency Department, state of the art operating rooms including robotic surgery, single bedded inpatient beds, a number of modern specialty care endoscopy and interventional radiology and cardiology services, new entrances from Ocean Parkway, a new flood wall, improved parking for patients and staff, and much more. The redevelopment is part of a major \$922.7 million hospital campus renovation funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to demolish, replace and repair flood damaged buildings from Superstorm Sandy.</i>

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 1	Library Special Programming and Outreach Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	BPL
We would like to see funding to expand our libraries special programming for all ages and their outreach capabilities throughout our community.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Brooklyn Public Library supports increased operational funding to equitably expand branch hours, programming, resources, and collections.</i>

1 of 2 Clean catch basins

Clean catch basins

DEP

Location: Shore Boulevard - Pembroke Street & West End Avenue
Brooklyn Community Board 15 is prone to flooding during rain events. Periodical cleaning of our storm sewers is desperately needed. Specifically Shore Boulevard (between Pembroke and West End Avenue), Oriental Avenue (between Oxford and West End Avenue) and on Gerritsen Avenue (between Channel Avenue and Seba Avenue).

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

2 of 2 Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments

Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments

DEP

In both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek we are asking for periodic maintenance to remove floatables. This preventable pollution source (CSO outfalls) are a health and environmental hazard, as well as making these popular locations undesirable and unsightly for the community and its visitors to fully enjoy. We need a better plan to address these outfalls.

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

1 of 1 Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

DOB

Response times have improved but complaints deemed non-hazardous and assigned a C priority by the department still takes months to evaluate. We would like to see all complaints across the board be investigated in a timely manner.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Question isn't clear.

1 of 1 Rat Abatement

Other expense request for DOHMH

DOHMH

Location: Shore Parkway - Sheepshead Bay Road & Knapp Street
We have seen an influx in rat infestations throughout the community and more needs to be done to eradicate this problem. Sheepshead Bay in the municipal lots and behind the restaurants on Shore Parkway the service road of the Belt Parkway are hot spots.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. DOHMH is happy to discuss ways to partner on reducing rodent populations, including hosting Rat Academies for property owners and proper garbage disposal

1 of 2 Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

DOT

The waiting list to install an approved speed hump is excessive. With the hiring of additional crews to perform this necessary task we can expedite the installation time and reduce crashes and speeding violations.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. There are multiple questions in this request. Studies and installation of different elements depends on the nature of the specific location and other factors. Please reach out to our office to discuss further.

2 of 2 Address traffic congestion**DOT**

Address traffic congestion

Location: Sheepshead Bay Road - Emmons Avenue & East 14th Street
We need to take another look at Sheepshead Bay Road and develop a plan that will alleviate the heavy flow of traffic compounded by illegally parked cars and trucks. The area suffers from extreme congestion and mobility challenges. NYC Transit buses can barely navigate the tightness of Sheepshead Bay Road. Our commercial area doesn't flow correctly.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. This request requires further study.

1 of 4 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Brooklyn Community Board 15 receives numerous complaints about trees not being pruned, maintained or planted in a timely fashion. More money needs to be allocated to provide better forestry services to our community. New trees should be planted within two-three planting cycles; waiting 4 or 5 years is a ridiculously long time. Tree pruning can take 7-10 years, allowing overgrown and dead branches to become a public safety hazard. We need to expedite this process. Adequately funding this division with additional trained staff and equipment would streamline this vital function.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. While our forestry contract funding has been restored to pre-pandemic levels, we agree that additional funding would increase the capacity of our Forestry Division and reduce the existing backlog of tree work. NYC Parks has made strides to increase its in-house tree work capacity through the Climber & Pruner Training Program, 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.

2 of 4 Other street trees and forestry services requests**DPR**

Other street trees and forestry services requests

We have many defective sidewalk flags causing serious trip hazards in our community district in need of repair due to City trees uprooting them. Current funding levels is inadequate. We are requesting additional funding to address this growing sidewalk hazard.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Due to limited resources, the Trees & Sidewalks Program is only able to repair the most severely damaged sites across all five boroughs. We agree that additional funding would increase the capacity of this program, but additional funding cannot be accommodated with current staffing levels.

3 of 4 Provide better park maintenance**DPR**

Provide better park maintenance

Our parks need more personnel to maintain them on a daily basis.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for additional park maintenance staff but do not have expense funding available.

4 of 4 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)**DPR**

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Manhattan Beach Park is a remote location in a quiet residential area often trespassed upon after hours by young people who can be mischievous. We have had fires, illegal fireworks, loud music and noise complaints about the park late at night and would like to see more regular patrols of this area to discourage these behaviors.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We support the request for additional Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers to help enforce park rules at Manhattan Beach Park but do not have expense funding available. As PEP shifts do not continue later into the night, please request assistance from NYPD for late night enforcement.

1 of 9 Other garbage collection and recycling requests**DSNY**

Other garbage collection and recycling requests

Our community district is inundated with calls about derelict vehicles being abandoned on our streets. We support the expansion of the Derelict Vehicle Unit which requires additional manpower to decrease response times, improve response rates and enhance productivity for removing these vehicles.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DSNY appreciates the support and will continue these operations as frequently as possible using existing resources if additional funding is not available.

2 of 9 Other cleaning requests**DSNY**

Other cleaning requests

Location: Emmons Avenue - Ocean Avenue & Knapp Street
Additional Manual Litter Patrols (MLP) is needed to keep up with the demands of our district. The traffic medians along Emmons Avenue are constantly collecting debris.

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

3 of 9 Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up**DSNY**

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Location: Avenue U - Coney Is Avenue & Bedford Avenue
Our litter baskets throughout our commercial corridors are overflowing with household waste and illegal dumping creating health hazards and eyesores throughout the area. More frequent basket pickup should be properly funded. Including but not limited to Avenue U (between Coney Island Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), Kings Highway (between Ocean Parkway and Ocean Avenue) and Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue).

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

4 of 9 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Location: Avenue U - Ocean Parkway & Bedford Avenue
We need more officers along Avenue U to enforce these commercial businesses to keep the areas in front of their businesses clean. Overgrown tree pits, illegal dumping, excessive litter and filthy sidewalks exist perpetually along this corridor.

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

5 of 9 Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

Location: Sheepshead Bay Road - East 14th Street & Emmons Avenue
Sheepshead Bay Road, a once thriving retail corridor, has become a neighborhood eyesore and a blight on the community. Very few merchants sufficiently maintain their storefront frontages. We receive numerous complaints from people who live, work and visit the area.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DSNY will try to accommodate using existing resources. Funding for additional headcount, however, is not available at this time.

6 of 9 Avenue P corridor garbage pickup**DSNY**

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Location: Avenue P - McDonald Avenue & Ocean Avenue
Avenue P from McDonald Avenue to Ocean Avenue is always unkempt and in need of more Sanitation services.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DSNY will attempt to accommodate this request using existing resources. Funding for additional headcount, however, is not currently available.

7 of 9 Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

Location: East 16th Street - Avenue R & Avenue Z
Our underpasses which are dimly lit attract chronic illegal dumpers. If cameras could be placed at these locations to catch dumpers in the act, we would deter this illegal activity from occurring. East 16th Street (between Avenues R and Z), contains tires, furniture, e-waste, construction materials and household trash strewn about regularly by illegal dumpers. More effective enforcement strategies are needed.

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

8 of 9 Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal**DSNY**

Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

Sufficient funds are requested for dedicated curbside e-waste collection days included with recycling schedules to assist our technologically growing community to properly dispose of e-waste and ensure it does not end up on our streets and in our landfills.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. While funding for curbside e-waste collection is not available, DSNY operates a special waste drop off location for Brooklyn in Greenpoint. It is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed legal holidays and during severe weather). It is located at 459 North Henry Street (drop-off site near 530 Kingsland Avenue) with the facility entrance off Kingsland Avenue, north of Greenpoint Avenue. Additional information can be found on DSNY's website: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>

9 of 9 Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws

Our community is inundated with illegal advertising on all street hardware and public structures. Advertising signage for moving men, and lately "Cash for Cars" signs, have appeared everywhere. There must be more effective deterrents for these acts of vandalism, such as escalating fines for repeat violators, etc. These illegal postings are defacing our entire community.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DSNY will try to accommodate using existing resources.

1 of 7 Hire additional uniformed officers**NYPD**

Hire additional uniformed officers

Staffing levels are low. We are losing seasoned officers to retirement and promotions. We are seeking funding to entice people into police service. We need more money for recruitment and perhaps financial incentives or better starting salaries.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYPD police officers' salaries are determined by collective bargaining agreements established between the City and police unions.

2 of 7 Hire additional traffic enforcement agents**NYPD**

Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

All of our commercial corridors are severely congested. Additional traffic enforcement is needed along Coney Island Avenue (between Avenue P and Avenue Z), on Avenue U (between McDonald Avenue and Nostrand Avenue), on Sheepshead Bay Road (between East 14th Street and Emmons Avenue) and on Kings Highway (between McDonald Avenue and Ocean Avenue).

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.

3 of 7 Hire additional crossing guards**NYPD**

Hire additional crossing guards

All of the schools in our community district would benefit from additional crossing guards. With the severe traffic around many of our schools particularly at dismissal times, crossing guards provide an essential service to ensure the safety of our students and community members as they navigate these congested and often chaotic public spaces. Currently, when a crossing guard is out sick, a uniformed officer is pulled away to take their place, taking an officer away from other critical policing work. Having additional crossing guards available would provide enhanced coverage at schools without having to draw from our uniformed forces when replacements are needed.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.

4 of 7 Larger Uniform & Equipment Allowances**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Police Officers are given a yearly stipend to purchase uniforms and personal equipment which falls short of their actual needs. Flashlights, handcuffs, gloves and boots, aside from their uniforms can cost more than what they are allotted. The city should be properly supplementing their work equipment needs.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. More specific information is needed for this request.

5 of 7 Smart Phones For Traffic Agents**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

We believe it would be beneficial to provide traffic enforcement agents with smart phones to access and finalize 311 assignments in real time. Traffic agents currently call the precinct to finalize jobs, which can sometimes cause improper reporting and does negatively impact response times.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.

6 of 7 Other NYPD programs requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD programs requests

Currently, Explorers must pay a fee of \$24 a year to participate in this worthwhile Police program. Ideally, we would like to see that fee paid for or waived by the City of New York to encourage greater participation in the program. We would like to also see the expense of their uniforms covered. We would like to see PAL and other youth programs offered by the NYPD fully funded to get our children off the streets and into safe, learning and nurturing environments. They are our future. We need to get them on the right path.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.

7 of 7 Metal / Mesh Barriers**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Brooklyn South could use more of the metal/mesh barricades for the large-scale events that occur in our communities.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/ equipment funds are maintained in FY 2027. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after budget adoption.

1 of 1 Other commercial district revitalization requests**SBS**

Other commercial district revitalization requests

We have a large number of small commercial corridors in our district (i.e.; Avenue U, Sheepshead Bay Road, Avenue P, Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue X) with rents sky-rocketing to ludicrous heights. These storefronts either turnover rapidly, or sit vacant warehoused without attracting new businesses or new investment in the community. Empty storefronts don't entice consumers. They reduce foot traffic to the corridors. Things have gone from bad to worse. The City needs to offer independent small business owners more incentives and assistance in creating businesses, or offer property owners some incentives to attract and retain businesses. Outrageous rents are keeping many of our small commercial areas bleak and depressed.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. SBS has made investments in commercial corridors in the district through a variety of grants. SBS has supported local commercial revitalization through the Kings Highway BID, which received Small BID Grants this Fiscal Year and in FY24 and a Commercial District Lighting grant in FY24. This Fiscal Year, SBS also provided the Brooklyn Alliance, who previously deployed select interventions along the commercial corridors in the district through an Avenue NYC grant SBS provided, a Merchant Organizing grant to support commercial districts and merchant organizing in the community. SBS will continue to promote grant programs when available and encourage the community boards to share information about our grant programs with local non-profits. While commercial rents are set by private commercial property-owners and the city does not have an ability to regulate commercial rents, SBS is proud to deliver up to 40 hours of pro-bono Commercial Lease Assistance Program. This service provides businesses legal representation as they negotiate commercial leases and rents with landlords either at the point of signing a new lease, renewing a lease, or supporting pre-litigation issues.