

FY 2017-18 CITYWIDE STATEMENT OF NEEDS FOR CITY FACILITIES

BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND COMMUNITY BOARD COMMENTS



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INTRODUCTION

This document contains comments received by the Department of City Planning (DCP) on the FY 2017/2018 *Citywide Statement of Needs* (SON). Submissions included statements from Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens Borough Presidents, Community Boards 2 and 14 in Brooklyn, Community Boards 7 and 10 in Queens and Community Board 1 in Staten Island.

The SON is an annual report pursuant to Section 204 of the City Charter intended to facilitate, in conjunction with the *Criteria for the Location of City Facilities* (the *Fair Share Criteria*), a dialogue on siting decisions for City facilities, aimed at balancing community needs, cost effective service delivery and the social and economic impacts of these facilities on surrounding areas.

The *Citywide Statement of Needs* identifies by agency and program all new facilities the City plans to site and all existing facilities the City plans to close or to expand or reduce significantly in size during the next two fiscal years. As part of the SON process, Borough Presidents, Borough Boards and Community Boards may submit written comments to DCP within 90 days of publication of the SON. During the comment period, Borough Presidents may propose alternative locations for any new City facilities to be located in their borough if the locations are consistent with the *Criteria for the Location of City Facilities* and with the specific siting criteria listed in the *Statement of Needs*.

Together with information required by the *Fair Share Criteria*, the comments on the SON are considered as part of the City's land use review process for siting City facilities.

Additional information

- For more information about the Citywide Statement of Needs visit:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/publications/citywide-statement-of-needs.page>
- To view the City's Fair Share Criteria visit:
http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/publications/criteria_lcf.pdf
- For questions related to this document or the City's Fair Share process, please contact the New York City Department of City Planning at SON_DL@planning.nyc.gov.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND COMMUNITY BOARD COMMENTS

THE BRONX



BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ JR.

February 8, 2016

Carl Weisbrod
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Dear Mr. Weisbrod. *Carl*

Pursuant to Section 204 of the New York City Charter, please find attached my comments on the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities for Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018.

This year's proposals for the relocation of facilities in The Bronx range from the consolidation of Agency for Children Services offices to protect our most valuable asset – our children; providing essential health related to pest control; and establishing a new, full service Animal Care and Control Shelter. We have concurred with the relocation of the first and suggested potential locations for the latter three. Finally, we appreciate the Department of Environmental Protection's efforts of outreach to local stakeholders on the Hutchinson River outfall disinfection facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the location of these facilities.

Sincerely,

Ruben
Ruben Diaz Jr.

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Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years
2017-2018
Comments

Agency: Administration for Children's Services (ACS)
Proposal: Consolidation of Division of Child Protection Offices in The Bronx
Area Served: Regional – Bronx (Borough-wide)

Comments:

We are supportive of the plans to consolidate the three Bronx offices of its Division of Child Protection into two as long as this will enhance the ability of the agency to service clients by bringing management closer to ACS staff and clients at 1200 Waters Place. The owners of this property are eager to discuss this consolidation, but have cautioned that they cannot wait much longer to get a commitment from the agency. We understand that this consolidation is coupled with OMB funded increases to ACS's staff resources.

Agency: Department of Health and Mental Health (DOHMH)
Proposal: New Animal Care and Control Shelter in The Bronx

Comments:

We are supportive of having a full-service animal shelter in The Bronx. We understand that these animal welfare and rescue services pursuant to City mandate cannot be provided at the current location at 464 East Fordham Road. DOHMH should consider contacting the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, who are aware of property owners who may have the approximately 20,000 square feet required for the 120 staff and facilities. There is a vacant parcel on Webster Avenue south of Gun Hill Road that was previously considered for hotel development that may also be appropriate.

Agency: Department of Health and Mental Health (DOHMH)

Proposal: New Bronx Borough Pest Control Unit Facility

Comments:

We are supportive of DOHMH's efforts to identify space for a new and expanded facility in The Bronx to meet the additional needs of its Division of Environmental Health's Pest Control services. DOHMH should consider contacting the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, who are aware of the owners of properties that may be able to accommodate the approximately 4,500 square feet and parking for nine vans and 38 staff.

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Proposal: New Disinfection Facility for Hutchinson River Outfall

Comments:

We would greatly appreciate DEP consulting with local stakeholders on the location of this facility.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND COMMUNITY BOARD COMMENTS

BROOKLYN



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

March 15, 2016

Mr. Carl Weisbrod
Director
Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
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Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

I am writing pursuant to Section 204 of the New York City Charter in response to the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities/Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 that was submitted by Mayor de Blasio in December 2015.

As I have noted in my response, I encourage the administration to be as specific as possible in the articulation of its goals and in the formulation of its siting decisions. Therefore, I request that each agency that submitted proposals in this Statement of Needs responds to the enclosed comments.

I am pleased to have been informed that the Department of Sanitation has funding restored for FY19 to construct the District 3 Garage, and the City is proceeding with the District 13/15 Garage subject to acquisition from National Grid pending review by the Public Service Commission for FY20.

Additionally, as I stated last year, I would like to encourage an open discussion on several items that, although not mentioned in the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities, deserve attention. I encourage the administration to prioritize addressing the long overdue structural upgrades of facilities across all City agencies as well as the consolidation of City-leased properties. I also encourage individual agencies to address the following needs:

- New York City Administration for Children's Services: The need to identify sites and push for development of daycare centers in order to mitigate loss of centers where landlords are not offering lease renewals. Many landlords are choosing not to renew leases despite the pressing need for qualifying lower income households to secure quality child care services; therefore, the City should seek to aggressively purchase or develop such spaces for the non-profits to have secure locations for future decades for our youth

Carl Weisbrod, Director
March 15, 2016

- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and NYC Health + Hospitals Corporation: The need for the creation of a specialized burn unit in Brooklyn
- New York City Department of Parks and Recreation: The need for acquisition and funding for the remaining sections of Bushwick Inlet Park
- New York City Department of Transportation: The need to replace and expand street bridges of South 3rd, South 4th, and South 5th streets, securing funding from Federal, State, and City government, in Brooklyn Community District 1

I look forward to working with the administration to support and implement the proposals outlined in this document.

Sincerely,



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Brooklyn Borough President

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**BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
RESPONSE TO THE
CITYWIDE STATEMENT OF NEEDS FOR CITY FACILITIES
FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018**

**PREPARED BY
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BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT
MARCH 2016**

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT OF NEEDS (SON) FOR FY 2017 - 2018

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES (ACS)

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Consolidation of Division of Child Protection Offices

AREA SERVED: Brooklyn

PROPOSED LOCATION: Brooklyn – two locations

SITING CRITERIA: 200,000 square feet for each facility
Transit access
Strategically located in Brooklyn, either North/South or East/West

COMMENTS: This use would be a perfect complement to Borough President Adams’ vision for Broadway Junction as a remedy to a major need for office space that would harness the demand for private sector office space opportunities in Downtown Brooklyn. Broadway Junction presents a wonderful opportunity to promote City-tenanted office development, which would amount to a tremendous stimulus for economic and retail development. There is potential to improve public access to municipal services and stimulate the private sector to provide supportive retail, including destination retail, and restaurants for office workforce, visitors, and residents.

The ACS Division of Child Protection Offices serving eastern Brooklyn could be joined by other City agencies, which would either be vacating buildings where the City now rents and/or its municipally-owned buildings now located in Downtown Brooklyn. This could be done as part of an overall strategy to provide more space to satisfy the demands of private businesses seeking to locate to Downtown Brooklyn where the office vacancy rate has reached a new low of 3.4 percent.

By combining the 200,000 square feet (sf) ACS Division of Child Protection Offices for eastern Brooklyn with hundreds of thousands of square feet of City offices that warrant relocation from Downtown Brooklyn to Broadway Junction, the City would provide an economic boost to both neighborhoods. At the same time, the move would provide ACS with superior facilities in proximity to the A, C, J, and L subway lines, multiple bus routes, the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), and major highway access along Atlantic Avenue and the Jackie Robinson Parkway.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: New Green Infrastructure Maintenance Program Facility
AREA SERVED: Citywide
PROPOSED LOCATION: Centrally located at the border of Brooklyn and Queens
SITING CRITERIA: Transit access
Truck access
Highway access

COMMENTS: In the search for a new location for the New Green Infrastructure Maintenance Program Facility, Borough President Adams believes that siting criteria should exclude industrial areas designated as Industrial Business Zones (IBZs), because the facility does not appear to support a significant workforce given its need to accommodate a few trucks and gardening tools. Borough President Adams believes that the City should be encouraging more employee-intensive and/or added value uses in IBZs. Therefore, siting this facility in an IBZ would be a direct contradiction of good policy. There are a sufficient number of blocks regulated by manufacturing zoning district designations that are outside the North Brooklyn and East New York IBZs, which are in proximity to subway stations that accommodate employee access to the facility in proximity to the shared boundary of Brooklyn and Queens as well as being near truck routes. Given DEP's commitment with its already constructing 27 bioswales in the East New York IBZ and its intent to construct 116 more, having proximity to this section of Brooklyn would support efficiency in servicing these bioswales.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE (DOHMH)

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Relocation of Brooklyn Borough Office for Family Child Health Early Intervention Protection Program
AREA SERVED: Brooklyn – borough-wide
PROPOSED LOCATION: Brooklyn
SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: This use would be a perfect complement to Borough President Adams' vision for Broadway Junction as a remedy to a major need for office space that would harness the demand for private sector office space opportunities in Downtown Brooklyn. Broadway Junction presents a wonderful opportunity to promote City-tenanted office development, which would amount to a tremendous stimulus for economic and retail development. There is potential to improve public access to municipal services and stimulate the private sector to provide supportive retail, including destination retail, and restaurants for office workforce, visitors, and area residents.

The DOHMH Brooklyn Borough Office for Family Child Health Early Intervention Protection Program could be joined by other City agencies, which would either be vacating buildings where the City now rents and/or its municipally-owned buildings now located in Downtown Brooklyn. This could be done as part of an overall strategy to provide more space to satisfy the demands of private businesses seeking to locate in Downtown Brooklyn where the office vacancy rate has reached a new low of 3.4 percent.

By combining the 11,500 sf Brooklyn Borough Office for Family Child Health Early Intervention Protection Program with hundreds of thousands of sf of City offices that warrant relocation from Downtown Brooklyn to Broadway Junction, the City would provide an economic boost to both neighborhoods. At the same time, the move would provide DOHMH with superior facilities in proximity to the A, C, J, and L subway lines, multiple bus routes, the LIRR, and major highway access along Atlantic Avenue and the Jackie Robinson Parkway.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES (DHS)

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Decentralization of Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Center (PATH)

AREA SERVED: Regional – Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens

PROPOSED LOCATION: Additional centers in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens

SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: This use would be a perfect complement to Borough President Adams’ vision for Broadway Junction as a remedy to a major need for office space that would harness the demand for private sector office space opportunities in Downtown Brooklyn. Broadway Junction presents a wonderful opportunity to promote City-tenanted office development, which would amount to a tremendous stimulus for economic and retail development. There is potential to improve public access to municipal services and stimulate the private sector to provide supportive retail, including destination retail, and restaurants for office workforce, visitors, and area residents.

The DHS PATH Center could be joined by other City agencies, which would either be vacating buildings where the City now rents and/or its municipally-owned buildings now located in Downtown Brooklyn. This could be done as part of an overall strategy to provide more space to satisfy the demands of private businesses seeking to locate in Downtown Brooklyn where the office vacancy rate has reached a new low of 3.4 percent.

By combining the 20,000 to 30,000 sf DHS PATH Center with hundreds of thousands of sf of City offices that warrant relocation from Downtown Brooklyn to Broadway Junction, the City would be provided with an economic boost to both neighborhoods. At the same time, the move would provide DHS with superior facilities in proximity to the A, C, J, and L subway lines,

multiple bus routes, the LIRR, and major highway access along Atlantic Avenue and the Jackie Robinson Parkway.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION (HRA)

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Relocation of the Bay Ridge Job Center
AREA SERVED: Regional – Brooklyn CDs 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 14
PROPOSED LOCATION: 35 Fourth Avenue at Dean Street in Brooklyn CD 6
SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: The proposed site would better accommodate residents served by the B, D, and F lines located near the facility because no transfer would be required for B and D riders and there would be fewer stops for those transferring to the R train from the F line. However, the proposed site has significantly underutilized air rights, so it is possible that relocation to this building would merely be an interim solution should the property owner seek to utilize such available floor area.

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Relocation of the Coney Island Job Center
AREA SERVED: Regional – Brooklyn CDs 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18
PROPOSED LOCATION: TBD
SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: Borough President Adams supports retention of this facility in Coney Island due to the number of individuals and households, which are in need of utilizing these services. The agency should consider coordinating with HPD for base of the building placement in its affordable housing development sites as part of the Coney Island Plan implementation, with ground floor placement restricted to beyond 30 feet of the street frontage, except for lobbies.

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Relocation of the Coney Island HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) Office

AREA SERVED: Brooklyn – borough-wide

PROPOSED LOCATION: CD 13

SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: Borough President Adams supports retention of this facility in Coney Island due to the number of individuals and households, which are in need of utilizing these services. The agency should consider coordinating with HPD for base of the building placement in its affordable housing development sites as part of the Coney Island Plan implementation, with ground floor placement restricted to beyond 30 feet of the street frontage, except for lobbies.

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Relocation of the Coney Island Medicaid Center

AREA SERVED: Brooklyn – borough-wide

PROPOSED LOCATION: Centrally located within CD 13

SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: Borough President Adams supports retention of this facility in Coney Island due to the number of individuals and households, which are in need of utilizing these services. The agency should consider coordinating with HPD for base of the building placement in its affordable housing development sites as part of the Coney Island Plan implementation, with ground floor placement restricted to beyond 30 feet of the street frontage, except for lobbies.

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Consolidation of the East New York and Kings County Medicaid Offices

AREA SERVED: Regional – Brooklyn

PROPOSED LOCATION: Brooklyn

SITING CRITERIA: Transit access

COMMENTS: This use would be a perfect complement to Borough President Adams' vision for Broadway Junction as a remedy to a major need for office space that would harness the demand for private sector office space opportunities in Downtown Brooklyn. Broadway Junction presents a wonderful opportunity to promote City-tenanted office development, which would

amount to a tremendous stimulus for economic and retail development. There is potential to improve public access to municipal services and stimulate the private sector to provide supportive retail, including destination retail, and restaurants for office workforce, visitors, and area residents.

The HRA Medicaid Office, for at least East New York, could be joined by other City agencies, which would either be vacating buildings where the City now rents and/or its municipally-owned buildings now located in Downtown Brooklyn. This could be done as part of an overall strategy to provide more space to satisfy the demands of private businesses seeking to locate in Downtown Brooklyn where the office vacancy rate has reached a new low of 3.4 percent.

By combining the 3,725 to 5,900 sf — of both facilities — for the HRA Medicaid Office with hundreds of thousands of sf of City offices that warrant relocation from Downtown Brooklyn to Broadway Junction, the City would provide an economic boost to both neighborhoods. At the same time, the move would provide HRA with superior facilities in proximity to the A, C, J, and L subway lines, multiple bus routes, the LIRR, and major highway access along Atlantic Avenue and the Jackie Robinson Parkway.

DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION SERVICES (DORIS)

Proposal in the FY 2017 – 2018 SON

PROPOSAL: Relocation of Department of Records Municipal Archives

AREA SERVED: Citywide

PROPOSED LOCATION: TBD

SITING CRITERIA: Transit access
Truck access
Climate controlled storage space
Frozen storage room
Space for processing historical materials

COMMENTS: Borough President Adams supports a relocation of the archives from Bush Terminal, as such use is not consistent with the Sunset Park Vision Plan “New Connections/Opportunities Sunset Park” and such storage is not consistent with the area’s status as a Significant Maritime and Industrial Area (SMIA). In addition, one of the Economic Development Corporation’s (EDC) goals is to develop physical and policy-based strategies that protect and grow industrial employment.

Borough President Adams believes that Citywide policy to retain and promote industrial and manufacturing firms should reflect the preservation of existing industrial occupancy for job creation over storage. This is reinforced by the CB 7 Sunset Park 197-a Plan, which seeks to promote job creation while retaining industrial jobs, and by the area’s IBZ, established by the City to protect and encourage industrial growth.

By vacating Bush Terminal, the landlord would be able to further the investment in this building to appeal to the type of job-intensive firms that are starting to call Sunset Park the place to conduct business. The landlord will be able to undertake upgrades to render the building more attractive to the innovation/maker/creative economy firms.

In the search for a new location for the records of the Municipal Archives, Borough President Adams believes that siting criteria should exclude industrial areas designated as IBZs because the facility does not appear to support a significant workforce. Borough President Adams believes that the City should be encouraging more employee-intensive and/or added value uses in IBZs. Therefore, siting this facility in an IBZ would be a direct contradiction of good policy.



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February 29, 2016

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Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

Brooklyn Community Board 2 (CB2) has reviewed the *Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities/Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018*. No facilities are proposed to be located specifically in Brooklyn Community District 2. There are, however, seven facilities proposed for undetermined locations that conceivably could be sited within the community district.

The community board's Health, Environment and Social Services Committee reviewed the five following facilities proposed to provide human services:

- New Youth Reception Centers
Administration for Children's Services
- Decentralization of the Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Center (PATH)
Department of Homeless Services
- Replacement or Upgrade of Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families
Department of Homeless Services
- Consolidation of the Division of Child Protection Offices
Administration for Children's Services
- Relocation of Brooklyn Borough Office for the Family Child Health Early Prevention Program
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

The social services committee reported to the CB2 Executive Committee that it had no objections to these facilities being located within Community District 2.

The community board is also not opposed to the New York Police Department relocating its Critical Response Command (CRC) or Strategic Response Group 1 (SRG1) to Community District 2. Both units, but CRC in particular, maintain a large number of department vehicles and the community board believes it is unlikely that the City will be able to identify a site within the community district that is sufficient in size.

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Furthermore, while the Strategic Response Groups may deploy anywhere in the city, the principal geographic focus of SRG1 is Manhattan. For operational reasons it may be optimal for the unit to be located there.

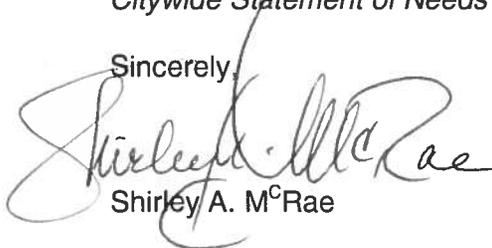
Community Board 2 is generally pleased that 757 school seats are included in the Department of Education's Adopted Five-Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019. Construction of new elementary and intermediate schools as part of the Pacific Park (also known by its previous name, Atlantic Yards) mixed-use development has been on the community board's register of budget priorities since 2008.

It was announced last year that these new seats will be constructed in an apartment house being built as part of the Pacific Park, specifically in the building known variously as B15, 37 6th Avenue and 664 Pacific Street. On January 28, 2016, New York City Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña announced that the 70,000 square foot educational facility will be an intermediate school. As it testified in June 2015, Community Board 2 believes construction of an intermediate school, while perhaps beneficial to Prospect Heights, is not in the best overall interest of Community School District 13.

Even more of a priority for Community Board 2—its highest Capital Budget priority, in fact—is construction of an elementary school in Downtown Brooklyn. The environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared for the 2004 rezoning of the central business district projected the action would generate 979 housing units and 278 elementary school students (above the no-build baseline), which the EIS stated could be accommodated within existing capacity. However, an analysis prepared by the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership on the tenth anniversary of the rezoning reported that almost 5,000 units of housing had been built and another 4,600 units were under construction. That is more than ten times what the EIS projected.

Community Board 2 reviewed this letter at its general meeting on February 10, 2016 and voted unanimously (34-0-0) to submit it as written. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities/Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018*.

Sincerely,



Shirley A. McRae

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Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

This is to advise that pursuant to Section 204 of the New York City Charter, pertinent to the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, Brooklyn Community Board 14 held a public hearing on February 3, 2016. The following comments resulted and were reported at a meeting of the full Board, held on February 8, 2016:

- Please advise should a CD 14 site come under consideration for the siting of any facilities that are still to be determined and for which CD 14 has not been eliminated from consideration.

In addition, the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 notes that the New York City Police Department has proposed a facility for the consolidation of Queens Traffic Enforcement. The stated rationale for this proposal is that the current Linden Place facility is non-compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please note that the 70th Police Precinct is also not compliant with ADA. Furthermore, the replacement of the 70th Police Precinct was previously in the City's capital budget. Community Board 14 has repeatedly requested, for well over 20 years, the relocation of the 70th Police Precinct House. The current facility is antiquated, in disrepair, and despite not being ADA compliant is located among the highest density of mobility impaired residents in the City.

The board will continue to request this important capital investment in the upcoming budget process. We appreciate acknowledgement of our comments as part of the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities process and appreciate your consideration of Community Board 14's comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or require further clarification on the Board's position.

Sincerely,



Shawn Campbell
District Manager

cc: Honorable Chaim Deutsch, NYC Council Member, 48th CD
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**CITYWIDE STATEMENT OF NEEDS FOR CITY FACILITIES
FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION FROM AGENCIES**

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Administration for Children Services (ACS)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Consolidation of Division of Child Protection Offices in the Bronx	Bronx CD 11	10	No Brooklyn site
Consolidation of Division of Child Protection Offices in Brooklyn	Brooklyn	11	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration
New Youth Reception Centers	TBD	12	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration

Department of Homeless Services (DHS)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Decentralization of Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Center	Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan	13	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration
Replacement or Upgrade of Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families	TBD	14	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
New Animal Care and Control Shelter in Queens	Queens	15	No Brooklyn site
New Animal Care and Control Shelter in Bronx	Bronx	16	No Brooklyn site
New Bronx Borough Pest Control Unit Facility	Bronx	17	No Brooklyn site
Relocation of Brooklyn Borough Office for Family Child Health Early Intervention Prevention Program	Brooklyn	18	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration

Human Resources Administration (HRA)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Consolidation of the East New York and Kings County Hospital Medicaid Offices	Brooklyn	19	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration
Relocation of the Bay Ridge Job Center	Brooklyn CD 6	20	No CD 14 site
Relocation of the Coney Island Job Center	Brooklyn CD 13	21	No CD 14 site
Relocation of the Coney Island Medicaid Office	Brooklyn CD 13	22	No CD 14 site
Relocation of the Coney Island HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) Office	Brooklyn CD 13	23	No CD 14 site

INFRASTRUCTURE

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Expansion of Bureau of Motor Equipment Parking Queens CD 7/11 Equipment Parking and Staging	Queens CD 7	25	No Brooklyn site
Swing Space for Queens West 1 Parking and Garage	Queens CD 1	26	No Brooklyn site
Temporary Relocation of DSNY Queens Districts 11/13	Queens CD 13	27	No Brooklyn site

Department of Transportation (DOT)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Relocation of Queens Safety City Program	Queens CD 13	28	No Brooklyn site

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
New Green Infrastructure Maintenance Program Facility	Brooklyn Queens	29	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration
New Disinfection Facility for Hutchinson River Outfall	Bronx CD 5	30	No Brooklyn site
New Disinfection Facility for Flushing Creek Outfall	Queens CD 7	31	No Brooklyn site

PUBLIC SAFETY

New York City Police Department (NYPD)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Relocation of Manhattan and Bronx School Safety Task Force	Manhattan	33	No Brooklyn site
Relocation of Patrol Borough Manhattan South Grand Larceny BLAST (Burglary, Larceny, Apprehension, Surveillance Team) Unit	Manhattan CDs 1,2,3,4,5 or 6	34	No Brooklyn site
Relocation of Manhattan Patrol Borough South Specialized Operations Unit	Manhattan CDs 1,2,3,4,5 or 6	35	No Brooklyn site
Relocation of NYPD Critical Response Command (CRC)	To Be Determined	36	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration
Relocation Manhattan Property Clerk Division	Manhattan CD 1	37	No Brooklyn site
Relocation of Strategic Response Group 1	TBD	38	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration
Relocation of Manhattan South Patrol Borough Investigation Units	Manhattan CDs 1,2,3,4,5 or 6	39	No Brooklyn site

PARKS AND OTHER AGENCIES

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Installation of Integrated Flood Protection System on the East Side of Manhattan	Manhattan CDs 3,6	41	No Brooklyn Site

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Staten Island South Shore Coastal Storm Risk Management Project	Staten Island CDs 2,3	42	No Brooklyn Site
Acquisition of Property-Brinckerhoff Cemetery	Queens CD 8	43	No Brooklyn Site

Department of Records And Information Services (DORIS)

PROPOSAL	LOCATION	PAGE	COMMENTS
Relocation of Department of Records Municipal Archives	Brooklyn	44	Request whether a location within CD 14 is under consideration

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

STATUS OF PROPOSALS FY 2016-2017 CITYWIDE STATEMENT OF NEEDS

STATUS DEFINITIONS

- Implemented** Proposal for which an application received a final approval; or for which a contract for operation of a facility was approved; or for which a facility was located in existing city space; or for which an expansion, reduction or closing was completed.
- In Progress** An application filed, but not yet approved; or contractor selected, but contract has not yet received final approval; or expansion/reduction of existing site is underway.
- Active** City still actively seeking site for a facility or an application has not yet been filed or no contractor has been selected.
- Modified** Proposal was modified and is included in this Statement or will be included in a later Statement.
- Cancelled** City not actively seeking site or implementing proposal because of fiscal or programmatic considerations.

Human Resources Administration

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of Bronx Medicaid Office at Lincoln Hospital	Bronx	Active
Relocation of Bronx Medicaid office at Morrisania Hospital	Bronx	Active
Relocation of Medicaid Office at North Central Bronx Hospital	Bronx	Active

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of DOHMH Distribution Center	Brooklyn or Queens	Active

Department of Sanitation

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of Bronx Bureau of Motor Equipment	Bronx CD 9	Active
Relocation of Manhattan CD11 Garage and Manhattan Lot Cleaning Office	Manhattan CD 11	Active
Manhattan CDs 6,8 Garage, Manhattan CDs 3,6,8 Broom Depot and Manhattan Borough Command	Manhattan CD 6	Active

Department of Transportation

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Expansion of Fleet Services Maintenance Shop at Brooklyn Army Terminal	In close proximity to Brooklyn Army Terminal	Active
Relocation of DOT Operations from Port Ivory Yard	TBD	Active

Department of Environmental Protection

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Expansion of Office Space at DEP's Meter Testing Facility	Queens CD 5	Active
Relocation of Emergency Response and Technical Assistance Unit	Brooklyn	Active
New Disinfection Facility for Alley Creek Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Tank	Queens CD 11	Active

New York City Police Department

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of the Property Clerk Counterfeit Merchandise Storage Facility	TBD	Active
Relocation of Bomb Squad Headquarters	Manhattan CD 1	Active
Inspector General Compliance Unit	Manhattan CD 1	Active
Relocation of Medical Division	TBD	Active
Consolidation of Property Clerk Warehouses	TBD	Active
Relocation of the World Trade Center Sub-Station	Manhattan CD 1	Active

Fire Department

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of the Agency's Spare Fire Apparatus Fleet Storage Facility	Brooklyn or Queens	Active

Department of Parks and Recreation

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of DPR Green Thumb, Fresh Kills Park and Partnership for Parks Administrative Offices	Manhattan CD 1	Implemented

Department of Records and Information Services

PROPOSED PROJECT	PROPOSED LOCATION	STATUS
Relocation of Department of Records Municipal Archives	TBD	Modified

APPENDIX B

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Proposed Site Selections for New Schools Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The list below identifies proposed new and leased school buildings included in the Department of Education's Adopted Five-Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2016.

The Department will be seeking sites during the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years for leased buildings and construction of new buildings identified in the plan, as approved and adopted in June 2014 or in subsequent proposed, approved or adopted amendments to the Capital Plan.

Proposed leased buildings are marked (L) in the Facility Type column.

All other buildings listed are proposed to be newly constructed and/or refurbished.

Borough/ Community School District	Facility Type	Size (Seats)	Proposed Location
Brooklyn CSD 20	Small Primary School (L)	456	CD 11, 12 or 14
Brooklyn CSD 20	Small Primary School	456	CD 11, 12 or 14
Brooklyn CSD 21	Small Primary School (L)	456	CD 11, 12, 14 or 15

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Re: Citywide Statement of Needs
Fiscal Years 2017 & 2018

Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

The following were identified in the FY 2017-2018 Citywide Statement of Needs as proposed or potential city facilities that may be sited in the Borough of Queens:

Agency	Facility Type/Size	CD/Proposed Location	Page
ACS	New Youth Reception Centers	To be determined	12
DHS	Decentralization of Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Center (PATH)	Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan	13
DHS	Replacement or Upgrade of Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families	To be determined	14
DOHMH	New Animal Care and Control Shelter in Queens	To be determined	15
DSNY	Expansion of Bureau of Motor Equipment Parking Queens CD 7/11 Equipment Parking and Staging	122-10 31 st Avenue – Queens CD 7	25
DSNY	Swing Space for Queens West 1 Parking and Garage	Queens CD 1	26
DSNY	Temporary Relocation of DSNY Queens Districts 11/13 Garage	Queens CD 13	27
DOT	Relocation of Queens Safety City Program	Block 13265 – Lots 50, 60, 70 & 126 Rosedale, Queens CD 13	28

DEP	New Green Infrastructure Maintenance Program	Centrally located at the border of Brooklyn/Queens	29
DEP	New Disinfection Facility for Flushing Creek Outfall	Block 4406, Queens CD 7	31
NYPD	Relocation of NYPD Critical Response Command (CRC)	To be determined	36
NYPD	Relocation of Strategic Response Group 1	To be determined	38
DPR	Acquisition of Property – Brinkerhoff Cemetery	Block 7135 – Lots 54 & 60 Queens CD 8	43

Based upon a review of the document and consultation with the affected community boards, the following comments are by agency and facility:

ACS	New Youth Reception Centers
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the location of a Youth Reception Center. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.	
DHS	Decentralization of Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Center (PATH)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the location of a PATH Center. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.	
DHS	Replacement or Upgrade of Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that sites in Queens have been identified for replacement or upgrading. If a specific site or sites have been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.	
DOHMH	New Animal Care and Control Shelter in Queens
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the location of a Youth Reception Center. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.	

DSNY	Expansion of Bureau of Motor Equipment Parking Queens 7/11 Equipment Parking and Staging at 122-10 31st Street, College Point
<p>The proposed site is located within the Special College Point District. Community Board 7 (CB 7) has raised concerns that the proposed facility and its use does not meet the goals and purposes established in the creation of the district. Their unanswered concern include the actual number of vehicles to be stored at this facility in addition to concerns that an overflow of vehicles may result in parking and vehicle repairs on the streets of the College Point Corporate Park. CB 7 has also raised concerns because the site will be used under a licensing agreement prior to full ULURP review. More information about the operations and design of this facility is needed to fully assess the proposed use at this location.</p>	
DSNY	Swing Space for Queens West 1 Parking and Garage
<p>To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the location swing space for the Queens West 1 Parking and Garage. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.</p>	
DSNY	Temporary Relocation of DSNY Queens Districts 11/13 Garage
<p>To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the temporary relocation of a PATH Center. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.</p>	
DOT	Relocation of Queens Safety City Program to Block 13265 Lots 50, 60, 70 & 216 (North Conduit Avenue and approximately 246th Street)
<p>The Statement of Needs FY 2017-2018 gives no details as to the status or timing of the proposed relocation or what public review process is required. However, the need to restore the current site of the Queens Safety City Program for use by the Forest Park Enhancement Program is understood. There must be outreach to inform the local community, area residents, Community Board 13 and local elected officials of the next steps.</p>	
DEP	New Green Infrastructure Maintenance Program Facility – Brooklyn/Queens border
<p>To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the location of a Green Infrastructure Maintenance Program Facility on the Brooklyn/Queens border. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.</p>	
DEP	New Disinfection Facility for Flushing Creek
<p>Concerns have been raised by Community Board 7 and others about the proposed disinfection facility's use of chemicals that may be harmful to the marine ecosystem and the overall effectiveness of disinfection as a means to attain the water quality standards required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. More information is needed to assess the overall chemical and mechanical strategy to meet the federal water quality standards and the potential effects or impacts on the overall marine ecosystem.</p>	

NYPD	Relocation of NYPD Critical Response Command (CRC)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the relocation of the NYPD Critical Response Command. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.	
NYPD	Relocation of Strategic Response Group 1
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Queens Borough President or any Community Boards that a site in Queens has been identified for the relocation of Strategic Response Group 1. If a specific site has been identified and under consideration, a meeting to discuss this facility should be scheduled immediately with the Office of the Queens Borough President and the affected Community Board.	
DPR	Acquisition of Property – Brinckerhoff Cemetery
Area residents, Community Board 8 and borough historians have supported acquisition of this site for many years. I support this acquisition that will add to the inventory of historic resources in Queens.	

Among the comments we have received formally and informally from the community boards is that the Citywide Statement of Needs generally does not provide enough information or detail to make an informed opinion on the proposed city facilities. Perhaps there should be more outreach and communication with all involved parties in preparing the Citywide Statement of Needs so that the responses could be more informative.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities/Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. I look forward to working with all agencies on the siting, planning or review for any of these proposed facilities.

Sincerely,



Melinda Katz
President
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Re: Citywide Statement of Needs for 2017 and 2018

Dear Ms. Burden:

At the request of the Mayor's Office, please be advised that the following is the position of Community Board 10, with regard to the Citywide Statement of Needs.

Citywide Statement of Needs for FY2017-2018 is vague and unclear, providing no specific information. Therefore, Community Board 10 does not approve the Statement of Needs as presented.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Braton
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cc: Hon. Melinda Katz
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RE: Citywide Statement of Needs – Fiscal Years 2017/2018

Dear Commissioner Weisbrod:

Upon receipt of the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Year(s) 2017/2018 the following action was taken by Community Board #7:

- A mailing was sent to all community groups/civics in the form of a press release indicating that this document could be reviewed at the Community Board office.
- A press release was sent to all local weekly community papers, as well as Newsday, the Daily News, the New York Times, the Post, and the local ethnic papers.
- On January 5, 2016 e-mails were sent from our office to the representative of each agency asking them to forward information onto us as to whether or not the city proposes relocating facilities into our area.

Based upon what we determined might affect our board area, we reached out to the following agencies whose feedback we are submitting:

- Administration for Children's Services (ACS) – New Youth Reception Centers – James Boyd, Jr., responded – the location that has been recommended is in another borough
- Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) – Relocation of Municipal Archives - Commissioner Pauline Toole responded – After much consideration, we are remaining in the Brooklyn zone in which we have a records warehouse.

- New York City Fire Department – Relocation of the Spare Fire Apparatus Fleet Storage Facility – Deputy Commissioner David J. Harney responded – We are not looking to site this facility in Queens Board #7.
- New York City Health Department – New Animal Care and Control Shelter, and, Relocation of DOHMH Distribution Center – Assistant Commissioner Sheila Benjamin responded that these two facilities will not be in Community Board #7.
- New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) – Decentralization of Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Center, and, Replacement or Upgrade of Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families – Todd Hamilton, Development Manager for the agency responded – not slated for Community Board #7 at this time.
- New York City Police Department (NYPD) – Relocation of property clerk counterfeit merchandise storage facility, Relocation of Medical Facility, and, consolidation of property clerk warehouses. Sergeant Christian Oliva (facilities management division) responded – As of this moment there is no plans for any of these items to be sited in Queens CB #7.
- New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) – Relocation of DOT operations from Port Ivory Yard. Kees Stahl – Director of Capital Planning responded – the agency is presently only looking for a site in Staten Island.

In addition, two items were specifically earmarked for our Board:

- 1) New York City Department of Sanitation (DOS) – Expansion of Bureau of Motor Equipment Parking and Staging CD7/11. Since this site is within the College Point Corporate Park, a committee meeting was set up for February 17, 2016. Personnel from the agency attended, headed up by Alana Davis, Director for the office of Real Estate. This would be a license agreement prior to a full ULURP – The paperwork submitted conflicted with the information that was discussed -16 pieces of equipment vs. 37 – the number of mechanics, as well as turn- around time. The committee was also concerned that no additional vehicles be stored or repaired on the street. However, this parking and staging site that would be used IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIAL DISTRICT, for the College Point Corporate Park.
- 2) New York City Department of Environment Protection (DEP) - New Disinfection Facility for Flushing Creek Outfall – This too is in Community Board #7 and on February 25, 2016 an Environmental committee meeting was held with representatives of the agency. Enclosed is a copy of a report that was given to the agency, as well as being discussed at length with committee members. According to DEP, the disinfection for Flushing Creek Outfall was discussed at length with State DEC., which resulted in a consent order. The committee chairperson will forward a copy of his report onto DEC due to the fact that the addition of “chlorinated compounds, and its reaction to Flushing Bay seawater high in ammonia and nitrogen will pose a hazard to

marine life all the way up the food chain because of their persistence and mutagenic character”.

We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment, and, we have always supported the concept of long term planning, not only for city facilities, but for all phases of development within our board area. We hope that the goals of fair share distribution will be the outcome of this process, which will give communities the opportunity to participate at an early stage.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson



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Speaker of the City Council
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Concerns of Chlorine Treatment to Control Pathogenic Bacteria From CSO & Lack Of Sufficient Sewage Treatment

Chlorination & Its Adverse Effects on Marine Food Chains

All evidence suggests that chlorination kills the living marine plants, shell-fish and benthic organisms when they come into contact with chlorine chemicals. Chlorinated discharges into coastal waters are of great environmental concern because of the large amount of chlorine and the diversity of the compounds involved, especially in high nitrified ammonium and nitrate rich waters in the Flushing Creek due to sewage effluent. When chlorinated compounds are added to wastewater as a free oxidant, chlorine reacts rapidly with any reducible compounds either organic or inorganic. To conclude, the main hazard produced when releasing chlorinated waste into marine environment seems to be associated with the combined oxidants, either monochloramine or organic chloramines. The addition of Chlorinated compounds and its reaction to Flushing Bay seawater high in ammonia and nitrogen will pose a hazard to marine life all the way up the food chain because of their persistence and mutagenic character.

When chlorine is added to our water it reacts with other natural compounds to form Trihalomethanes which are by-products of chlorine. These by-products produce free radicals in the body, which trigger cell damage, and are highly carcinogenic. The Environmental Defense Fund states that: "Although concentrations of these carcinogens (THMs) are low, it is precisely these low levels that cancer scientists believe are responsible for the majority of human cancers in the United States." My review discusses chlorine uses and chlorine chemistry and emphasizes toxicity studies in the field and in the laboratory. Interim criteria, based on knowledge to date, for permissible concentrations of total residual chlorine are: (a) in areas receiving wastes treated continuously with chlorine, not to exceed 0.01 mg/l for the protection of more resistant organisms only, or not to exceed 0.002 mg/l for the protection of most aquatic organisms; and Moore (1973) found that organochlorine compounds reduce utilization of bicarbonate by estuarine phytoplankton.

Here are example chlorine levels and what they can do to pond fish:

0.006 mg/L will kill fish fry in about two days.

0.003 mg/L will kill insect larvae, such as dragonflies.

0.002 mg/L will fatally damage the sensitive skin on tadpoles, frogs, salamanders and other amphibians.

0.01 mg/L is the maximum level that experts say adult fish can tolerate.

0.25 mg/L is the level at which only the hardiest koi or other pond fish can survive.

0.37 mg/L is the level at which all pond fish will die.

NE Queens Needs Higher Sewage Treatment Efficiency & Additional CSO Storage Capacity

As a result of untreated sewage and over capacity CSO currently implemented increases in harmful algal blooms will persist (HAB). HABs are a water born algae or dinoflagellate that can thrive in salt of freshwater ponds, rivers, lakes or marine coastal zones like the Flushing Bay that are low in oxygen and experiencing nutrient pollution resulting from leaky sewage septic systems, sewage treatment plant overflows and fertilizers. These algae either create health hazards for humans, and/or animals or cause deterioration of water quality or aesthetic/ recreational areas. Most of the harmful algae are microscopic and photosynthetic with plant pigments such as chlorophyll and accessory pigments. If the cell concentrations are high enough they can cause a visible discoloration of the water. These blooms are more prevalent in higher than normal water temperatures.

*NOTE** Some blooms, depending on the conditions, are not toxic to humans.*

There are about 45 marine/estuarine and 15 freshwater toxic microalgae that can or could cause animal mortalities, animal disease, and even human illness. Other freshwater HAB taxa cause harm either by producing toxins that kill fish and other aquatic organisms or by forming high population blooms that can cause hypoxia (low dissolved oxygen) and degrade water quality in other ways. Of five cyanobacterial genera (groups) of the freshwater species, of greatest concern are *Microcystis*, *Oscillatoria*, *Anabaena*, *Cylindrospermopsis*, *Peridinium pernarđi* and *Aphanizomenon*. There are also groups of cyanobacteria that form blooms, but whose toxicity is not as well established, like *Lyngbya* and the widely occurring marine species *Synechococcus*.

Algae spores are found everywhere awaiting sunshine and nutrients to reproduce explosively. While HABs occur naturally, human actions that disturb ecosystems in the form of altered nutrient regimes (fertilizer or sewage, chlorine or decomposing plants), modified hydrology, introduced species, modified food webs, and increased pollutant inputs have been linked to the rise in some estuarine HAB outbreaks. Common events begin a progression: first, the consequence of using more fertilizer, or sewage, second, allow these excess nutrients to leach into water (even flowing into the lakes and oceans), third, fail to control sources of nutrients and sooner than later algae spores will reveal themselves – even as a toxic “red tide”. As these algal blooms die and sink to the lake bottom or coastal bottom, they begin to deplete supplies of **vital dissolved oxygen** as they decay, massive fish kills become commonplace, and mammals and humans can become severely ill or die from the inherent toxicity of the algal species involved. This was seen in Douglaston Bay and isolated lakes in Bayside Queens.

In conclusion; We are opposed to chlorination as a means to control pathogens due to marine health hazardous and are requesting the increased holding capacity of the current CSOs storage tanks. This means find a location to add another storage tank to hold and treat sewage before discharge. Lowering the total nutrient concentrations, and treat sewage more effectively to meet the past 10 years of up zoning that resulted in a massive population boom is seriously required if we want clean harbors and coastal zones surrounding these multibillion dollar developments surrounding NE Queens.

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Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

Staten Island Community Board 1 thanks you for this opportunity to share with you our response to the Mayor's SON for FY 2017-18.

Infrastructure

The DOT Port Ivory operation at 3551 Richmond needs to be relocated away from fragile wetlands and parklands to a facility with a buffer zone and no proximity to a residential area.

The relocation of the DOS District 1 garage has lingered for two decades and must be effected in the next capital budget. The garage is in unfixable disrepair and is an environmental injustice to the surrounding residential community. There is a plan to site a complex at Fresh Kills that will combine District 1 with a new District 3 garage, using the old District 3 garage as a maintenance depot and this is the budgetary request we are making.

Public Safety

The proposed relocation of the 120th Precinct from Richmond Terrace to Hill Street must happen quickly since the billion dollar private investment in St. George will require an ease of traffic flow not possible with the current precinct location.

The Critical Response Command should be relocated to the property adjacent to the 121st Precinct or to the NYPD property at Hill Street. This will provide Staten Island with some equity regarding the benefits from siting City facilities.

The Safety City Program must be reopened at the Petridis School. In a borough without mass transit, cars are everywhere and children need to learn how to be safe in such an environment.

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Parks and Other Agencies

Cromwell Center must be rebuilt as quickly as possible. The original facility, while being renovated from prior storms, was destroyed by Sandy and its loss has left thousands of children and adults without any recreational space, especially compounded by the fact that the Kroc Center is no longer viable. The easiest relocation would be to build the facility over Lyons Pool thus combining recreation with year-round swimming.

DORIS

Notwithstanding the fact that DCAS believes Brooklyn is a good siting for DORIS, Community Board 1 continues to request the siting at the Teleport which has the attributes required to maintain and protect the City's records and which would provide the benefit of a City siting for our borough.

Very truly yours,



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