

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

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 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

Brooklyn Community Board 12

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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.

**Brooklyn Community District 12**

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	191,382	100.00	205,377	100.00	13,995	7.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	65,329	34.1	71,693	34.9	6,364	9.7	0.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	191,382	100.0	205,377	100.0	13,995	7.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	24,854	13.0	25,170	12.3	316	1.3	-0.7
White non-Hispanic	125,152	65.4	121,295	59.1	-3,857	-3.1	-6.3
Black non-Hispanic	4,338	2.3	4,794	2.3	456	10.5	0.0
Asian non-Hispanic	33,856	17.7	42,293	20.6	8,437	24.9	2.9
Some other race, non-Hispanic	847	0.4	6,275	3.1	5,428	640.9	2.7
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,335	1.2	5,550	2.7	3,215	137.7	1.5
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	61,101	100.0	62,782	100.0	1,681	2.8	0.0
Occupied housing units	56,154	91.9	58,552	93.3	2,398	4.3	1.4
Vacant housing units	4,947	8.1	4,230	6.7	-717	-14.5	-1.4

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.

### New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
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
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
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
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
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
<b>AGE</b>							
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
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
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
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
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



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 12 encompasses neighborhoods of Borough Park and parts of Kensington, Sunset Park and Midwood. Borough Park is known for its large enclave of Hasidic Jewish residents. Kensington is home to rapidly growing Pakistani and Bangladeshi Communities. Sunset Park, specifically 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue which borders District 12 as well as District 7, is the location of Brooklyn's Chinatown. Midwood's Ocean Parkway is the site of 4.86 miles long boulevard that connects the Coney Island Beach to Prospect Park.

Community Board 12 represents a diverse population with distinct and varied needs. Our differences require us to accommodate diverse and unique needs. There are several differences of note in the 2018 American Community Survey as compiled by the United States Census Bureau, 2019 ACS data compiled by the NYU Furman Center and 2020 Decennial Census data.

The 2019 ACS birth rate in this district is 10.1%, which is more than twice the New York average rate of 4.7% (calculated as the percentage of women ages 15-50 who gave birth the previous year). This leads to a disproportionate number of infants, children and youth who require childcare and other youth services. Indeed, the percentage of youth under the age of 18 is 36.8% - the largest of any community district in NYC (per NYC Planning). These children, largely educated in non-public schools, are entitled to the proper delivery of city services, such as trash collection. Our residents should not be accosted by huge amounts of garbage on the streets in front of schools.

66.3% of residents in this district use English as a second language (ESL). 57% of the residents speak an Indo-European language (The NY rate of Indo-European language as the spoken language at home is 9%, The US rate is 3%). Notably, Yiddish, the language largely used by Hasidic residents, as well as the languages originating in the Indian subcontinent, are all Indo-European languages. This is noteworthy because of the lack of proper accommodation for these ESL speakers. While NYC is well equipped to fully accommodate ESL speakers whose primary language is Spanish, the same is not true of ESL speakers whose primary language is Yiddish. The accommodations provided appear as though google translated, with awkward wording and syntax, which is difficult to understand. This district needs services provided in a way its residents can understand.

The district is comprised of a wealth of cultural and ethnic enclaves. The US Census data (2010) combined with OpenStreetMap data found that 22% of the population in Kensington, a neighborhood within CB12, identify as ethnically Asian; this reflects the vibrant Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Indian communities that live in the area. The 2020 Census showed this demographic grew by 24.9% in the district. The Kensington area itself has welcomed many new families with young children.

The Chinatown of Brooklyn is located on 8th Avenue, which is the boundary between Community Board 7 and Community Board 12. This area has seen a steady evolution in its ethnic makeup to accommodate the growing cultural community within this desirous enclave: in some streets located between 8th and 9th Ave., between 75%-90% of residents identify as ethnically Asian.

Because of religious and cultural necessities unique to the diverse cultures this district encompasses, Community District 12 has become a much-desired area in which to live. All areas of our District continue to experience an influx of large families, which is contributing to the density of this District as a whole. The district suffers from traffic congestion, lack of parking, sanitation deficiencies, and infrastructure problems. The prime example is Borough Park, which continues to be the most densely populated section of the District. Religious constraints and sizable families anchor the community to this district because of the proximity to their houses of worship, availability of kosher food and schools.

Traffic is brought about by the density of the district. For one, the amount of school buses needed to transport children to school is remarkable (rough estimates are about 300-350 buses a day). Understanding that traffic and parking are par for the course in dense cities, we propose a few changes that we have observed can alleviate some congestion in a fiscally viable manner. The district, due to the continued growth of the community, is constantly subjected to construction and infrastructure upgrades which further exacerbate the problem. And while permits by DOT are required for such work, the stipulations embedded to ensure traffic flow are ignored many times. These illegal street closures create chaos with the inevitable extra burden on traffic. An increase in DOT HIQA oversight will ensure that construction is done as painlessly as possible.

We also request some innovative ideas should be seriously explored: some of our busiest stretches have traffic patterns that vary according to the time of day. Therefore, we request a middle lane of traffic to change directionally according to the patterns of am and pm rush hours. This remedy, which is already in use at other big cities, will accommodate the morning rush of traffic to work and school. We would also like serious consideration given to residential parking tags to ease the parking burden of the residents of the district.

Borough Park is in dire need of affordable housing to accommodate its growing population of residents who come to this district for its cultural wealth- not monetary wealth. A large portion of the population lives in poverty and cannot afford the market prices on housing. The 2018 ACS states that 60.3% of CB12 residents spend 35% or more of their income on rent- this is the largest percentage of all 59 NYC community boards. Per the Furman Center's latest available data, '43.5% of renter households in Borough Part were severely rent burdened (spent more than 50% of household income on rent).'

Our children, comprising a large percentage of the population, are largely educated in religious private schools. Ever since *Everson v Board of Education (1947)*, the largely held legal opinion was that **all** school children are entitled to essential services:

*"cutting off church schools from these services \* so separate and so indisputably marked off from the religious function would make it far more difficult for the schools to operate. But such is obviously not the purpose of the First Amendment. That Amendment requires the state to be a neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and nonbelievers; it does not require the state to be their adversary."*

\*this statement was made in reference to transportation needs.

And while New York City celebrates diversity of culture and religion, the New York City Department of Sanitation does not fully service private school children, who are also fed 3 meals daily, the same way it does public school children. Private schools get serviced only twice a week, as all residences. But, because Borough Park is home to the largest amount of private schools in NYC, this creates a huge problem (some schools house between 2-4 thousand children- which is many times larger than local district schools). Garbage piles up and gets spread around all over the street. This creates a smell during the summer. Sanitation workers can't fit the piles of garbage into their trucks and leave some for the next scheduled twice-weekly pickup. This creates a major decline in our quality of life. Daily trash collection for our private schools, who also serve daily meals thereby generating rapidly decaying garbage, is an absolute necessity.

One of the primary complaints of residents of the district is the lack of oversight in Sanitation. Residents report masses of trash scattered in the streets left in the wake of what is supposed to be routine trash collection. The fact is many sanitation employees are lax in how they do their jobs. On the other hand, residents complain that they are ticketed for minor infractions such as candy wrappers that are blown into their sidewalk frontage *after* they cleaned in front of their house. Despite the institution of additional supervisors, the problem remains prevalent. We propose cameras mounted on all trucks so that supervisors have the ability to monitor and review their crew. It is high time the sanitation department provides of photo evidence on every ticket. The accountability cameras will provide will lead to responsible trash collection and enforcement. This technology already exists and is used to ensure essential services are provided properly.

The Community Board 12 District is, and continues to be, a viable tax base. However, the demographic outliers present unique challenges. The purpose of the Community Board as a government agency is outlined in the NYC Charter. The delivery of services is a fundamental purpose of the board to which the board, as the most localized form of government, is uniquely qualified for. This district's makeup differs vastly from other districts in cultural, familial, and various other essential markers. This district requires different communication with government than other districts, as was highlighted during the current Coronavirus pandemic. But this challenge is not unique to the pandemic. The government should work more closely with the Community Board which board has the intimate knowledge of the nuances of the community and how best to effectively communicate. We are from the community and work within it. We are ready, willing, and able to do whatever we can to assist NYC in its stated goal of promoting and celebrating diversity.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Brooklyn Community Board 12

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

Community Board 12 is a densely populated community with large families living in the district. Community Board 12 is home to one of the largest enclaves of Jewish religious community which many members naturally gravitate to. This vibrant neighborhood is very much in demand as a center that can meet all of the religious, social and community needs unique to this community. As a result, the housing supply is low and the demand high driving property values up and making affordable housing almost non-existent. This high price is not driven by the ability of the market to pay the price, but rather by the extreme scarcity of properties for sale or for rent. For most families in our district, buying a home is practically out of reach and renting for a reasonable rate is almost impossible. Solutions to affordable housing are crucial to this community.

#### **Traffic**

Community Board 12 serves a vibrant, ever expanding, diverse community. These properties contribute to extreme traffic congestion. There isn't space for new housing so developers build up, which leads to a bigger increase in cars than in parking space. There are an inordinate amount of school buses (both am and pm) transporting thousands of children to school competing with other traffic. Traffic is exacerbated by frequent unpermitted street closures. The result is a chaotic mess. The infrastructure can't sustain the use and so we have potholes, sink holes, cave-ins, ponding etc. We need studies of both the traffic and parking flow in areas throughout the district to best determine cost effective measures to modernize the traffic patterns in order to bring the "old" community into the 21st century. We also need more HIQA officers in our district to enforce street closure permits.

#### **Trash removal & cleanliness**

Community Board 12 has long been plagued with sanitation related problems. These problems affect the quality of life and also present a public health and safety issue. This district has many more private schools to serve the parochial school attendees. These schools produce the same per capita trash as public schools, but whereas public schools get daily trash collections, the private schools do not. This means there's rotting organic matter sitting around for days. Then there is the issues with the regular and recycling collection. It is typical to get several complaints a day that trash has either not been collected at all, or that collection was incomplete. More oversight is needed over sanitation employees who don't do their jobs. There has been an overload of cases in the past of spillage leaving the streets dirtier after collection than before.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Brooklyn Community Board 12

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

While many social services programs available through HRA, not all are fully utilized. This is partially because many of our residents don't know of these programs or don't have access to the programs that are available. In consolidating HRA centers, a great disservice has been done to the neediest residents in our district; those that may not know how to navigate the web or the city subway system. Community Board 12 is in dire need of localized access to HRA personnel. Many of our residents use services from HRA such as; SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, welfare, HEAP, and childcare vouchers. The research shows that this district is one of the largest recipients of HRA services in the Borough. Many in our district, especially the Orthodox community, do not have access to the internet, thereby making it very difficult to make use of HRA services, like Access HRA, that are offered on the internet. Many HRA clients have to travel a long time to get to an HRA facility and then spend almost an entire day there. They sometimes need to bring their children and sometimes have to give up a day's work. Many of our residents feel that when visiting an HRA facility that there is some lack of cultural sensitivity, so we are asking HRA to send some service professionals to our office to serve our community, as they have done in the past.

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

No comments

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

Our Centers for Older Adults have adapted to the new generation of seniors, yet don't have the funding to do so properly. Additionally, homebound seniors have been a concern for the Centers for Older Adults Senior Centers because of increased morbidity and mortality of isolated seniors. There has been success with seniors receiving tablets with Wi-Fi connections to enable them to participate in group activities such as exercise classes as well as interface with other people.

###### **Needs for Homeless**

No comments

###### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

Adequate funding is needed for Community based organizations. Our district is in dire need of a HRA office. We also need vocational training for our non college educated residents. Our residents are capable, but need the training to enable them to be lifted out of poverty.

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/37	HRA	<b>Other expense budget request for HRA</b>	<i>In past years we've requested an HRA. Instead, we are requesting that HRA send service professionals a few times a month to our office to assist our residents. In FY22 HRA responded (212202003E) saying they 'will continue to explore this request; please contact HRA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach for continued discussion.' Further communication with HRA clarified that they can provide training programs, but that is not this request. We are asking for a program where HRA staff are able to open cases and give on the spot assistance. Our residents need accessible HRA personnel with knowledge of specifically tailored programs. We have a fully equipped office space with enclosures for Covid and privacy. Staff can service individuals who may not get the assistance otherwise.</i>	
9/37	DFTA	<b>Funding for a new senior center program</b>	<i>The centers for older adults in our district require funding for essential senior programming. Centers have modernized their programming to accommodate the newer generation of seniors. There are younger seniors (65-75) who are recently retired or lost jobs because of Covid. They require stimulating programming and meaningful activities to improve their lives. Our kosher residents require kosher centers, which are unfortunately severally underfunded. The changing demographics of seniors requires adaptations by the centers, for example, centers are seeing an increase in Polish speaking seniors and so require translation services for them.</i>	
26/37	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>	<i>Our CBO's require additional funding for mobile crises and access to other mental health programs. Additional funding is needed for daycare centers for special needs children.</i>	

31/37	HRA	<b>Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers</b>	<i>Community Based Organizations serve as a first line of defense and a last resort to catch those who fall through the cracks and aren't caught by government run safety nets. HRA has certain funding streams for exactly such reasons. One program that is severely underfunded is the IOI, Immigration Opportunity Initiative. The part time legal assistance our residents have access to now just doesn't cut it.</i>
34/37	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>There is a plague of mosquitos in our streets from spring through fall. We need to have more mosquito spraying to combat it. There are the inevitable small pools of standing water throughout the district which are breeding grounds. Spraying is necessary to keep the mosquito population to a bearable amount.</i>
35/37	DFTA	<b>Other senior center program requests</b>	<i>Our community based organizations need an increase in SOS Supporting our Seniors Initiative funding. This is targeted specifically to take seniors through the process of applying for programs they are newly qualified for such as, Medicare, SSI and Social security benefits. As well as need based programs they may qualify for based on a reduction in income, such as Medicaid and SNAP.</i>
36/37	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>There is an exponential growth in the rat population throughout our district. Especially along commercial areas as well as along Washington Cemetery. The pigeon population's growth are a health concern that needs addressing.</i>



## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Brooklyn Community Board 12

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Adequate funding is needed for the Community based programs that are youth oriented.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

No comments

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Our Community Based Organizations provide children with skills to help form a solid foundation for the rest of their lives.

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
29/37	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Our Community Based Organizations' essential programs depend upon DYCD funding. This is a lifeline for our residents. There are some programs that require an increase in funding. Specifically: The food pantry programs, the crisis division programs, and general social services. Our CBO's have excellent digital literacy programs that are underfunded. An improvement in digital literacy leads to an improvement in access to information and therefore an improvement in almost every aspect of life.</i>	
37/37	DOE	<b>Other expense budget request for DOE</b>	<i>We require additional resources for early intervention and child day care centers. Both to increase the chances of improving development delays in children and to provide child care for our working parents.</i>	

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 12**

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Public safety facilities (precinct, fire houses, etc.)**

Generations of Police Officers have had to “live” in a decrepit, antiquated “House” with absolutely no amenities and with conditions that would be considered substandard and inferior for the criminals and derelicts, but are accepted and condoned at this Station House as suitable for our Police Officers.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

Our Precinct is very old and falling apart. We need a larger precinct house to accommodate our officers.

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/10	NYPD	<b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>	<i>The request for a new 66 Precinct Station House has been a budget request for over 37 years. Funding was eliminated for a project proposal to construct a new 66 Precinct Station house in the FY 12 budget. As it stands now, the precinct house is probably the smallest in the city and cannot service the offices. The precinct house needs to either be expanded, rebuilt, or moved entirely to a new larger location.</i>	5822 16th Ave

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/37	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>TCAs (Traffic Control Agents): Our district is in dire need of Traffic Control Agents assigned to float to areas of concern throughout our district. Areas of specific concern are: 18th Avenue from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway, 15th Avenue from 42nd Street to 45th Street, 14th Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd Street, 13th Avenue from 39th Street to 54th Streets, Avenues I and J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue, Fort Hamilton Parkway from 36th Street to 46th Street. These are a few of the notoriously congested areas. The locations are subject to change based on seasonal traffic and other variables. The traffic congestion and horn honking are severe, especially during the AM and PM rush hours.</i>	

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14/37	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>We request resources to combat commercial vehicles, vehicles with invalid plates and vehicles that are not drivable from parking on residential streets. We need increased use of, or a dedicated, NYPD tow truck to remove offending vehicles. Parking is scarce in our district. Having illegally parked vehicles occupying over 200 spots makes it worse. Laws that give on street parking to the people is ineffective if such laws aren't enforced. Another concern is the unsafe conditions trucks parked on dark, quiet streets pose. There are reports of lurking, large groups hanging out and lewd behavior hidden by trucks on quiet streets. The trucks parked illegally creates a perfect scenario for people with bad intentions. Our residents deserve to park at night and to walk at night without fear.</i>
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15/37	NYPD	<b>Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</b>	<i>We are requesting an increase in officers to focus specifically on enforcement of mopeds, electric bikes, and electric assist bicycles on sidewalks and bike paths. With the explosion of moped share companies and other electric capable bikes comes the risk of pedestrian injury. These riders should be on the streets- but it is impossible to walk 3 blocks on city sidewalks without needing to dodge such vehicles. Another problem is the danger to cyclists on the Ocean Parkway bike lane. Bike lanes are meant for cyclists, e-bikes included, not mopeds. In this climate of transportation alternatives advocacy it is incumbent upon us to make the existing bike lanes safe. But, cyclists getting hit by mopeds is a too frequent situation.</i>
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# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Brooklyn Community Board 12

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

#### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

Community Board 12 district is in dire need of more collection services and dumping enforcement. Our children, comprising a large percentage of the population, are largely educated in religious private schools. Ever since *Everson v Board of Education* (1947), the largely held legal opinion was that all school children are entitled to essential services: "cutting off church schools from these services ...so separate and so indisputably marked off from the religious function would make it far more difficult for the schools to operate. But such is obviously not the purpose of the First Amendment. That Amendment requires the state to be a neutral in its relations with groups of religious believers and nonbelievers; it does not require the state to be their adversary." \*this statement was made in reference to transportation needs. And while New York City celebrates diversity of culture and religion, the New York City Department of Sanitation does not fully service private school children, who are fed 3 meals daily, the same way it does public school children. Private schools get serviced only twice a week, as all residences. But, because Borough Park is home to the largest amount of private schools in NYC, this creates a huge problem (some schools house between 2-4 thousand children- which is many times larger than local district schools). Garbage piles up and gets spread around all over the street. This creates a smell during the summer. Sanitation workers can't fit the piles of garbage into their trucks and leave some for the next scheduled twice-weekly pickup. This creates a major decline in our quality of life. Daily trash collection for our private schools, who also serve daily meals thereby generating rapidly decaying garbage, is an absolute necessity. One of the primary complaints of residents of the district is the lack of oversight in Sanitation. Residents report masses of trash scattered in the streets left in the wake of what is supposed to be routine trash collection. The fact is, many sanitation employees are lax in how they do their jobs. On the other hand, residents complain that they are ticketed for minor infractions such as candy wrappers that are blown into their sidewalk frontage after they cleaned in front of their house. Despite the institution of additional supervisors, the problem remains prevalent. We propose cameras mounted on all trucks so that supervisors have the ability to monitor and review their crew. It is high time the sanitation department provides of photo evidence on every ticket. The accountability cameras will provide will lead to responsible trash collection and enforcement. This technology already exists and is used to ensure essential services are provided properly.

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

#### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

Many of the sewers in our district are antiquated and need to be replaced. Also, after a rain a lot of the catch basins on the corners get clogged up and huge puddles make it impossible for pedestrians to cross the street. Cleaning and enlarging these catch basins should be a priority and done regularly to prevent combined sewer overflow.

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Due to the density of population in Community District 12, increasing sanitation services to the maximum amount possible is essential to our quality of life.

## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/37	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Public schools have daily trash collection. Private schools that serve ~100k children 3 meals daily (including perishables) year-round, have twice weekly pickups. DSNY may extend the service to private schools- if there is enough space in the shared CB12/CB14 school truck. We request funding for a truck dedicated to collecting the trash for ALL kids in CB12, not only the public schools that service a third of the kids. Enrollment in private schools outnumbers public schools in this district. There is so much garbage that daily pickups must be implemented to remedy the quality of life and public health concerns of decaying foods. The FY22 (212202001E) response was that this is not a budget request, yet DSNY continues to deny this service claiming a lack of funding.</i>	
5/37	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Consistent cleaning of catch basins is essential. The recent storms have shown that the reactive method of cleaning is not working. We have consistent flooding all over the district every time it rains. The resulting flooding is disruptive for days. All the catch basins need to be cleaned before they are reported as a problem.</i>	
6/37	DEP	<b>Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed</b>	<i>17th Ave. and 60th St., New Utrecht Ave. and 55th St. are areas with frequent flooding that require DEP to take a closer look to determine the cause. These areas may need catch basin infrastructure upgrades and not only cleaning.</i>	

7/37	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</b>	<i>There has been an increase of dumping. There are a few hotspots that require consistent attention. Increase enforcement is an essential deterrent. If the risk of a \$4,000 violation is an actual probability, instead of a mythological possibility, we may be able to avoid the constant cleanup requests. One of the biggest complaints we get is of the unsanitary conditions and rodents along dumping grounds. Some hotspots are: along the Washington Cemetery (20th &amp; 21st Ave. Bay Pkwy., McDonald Ave.), along the LIRR on 61st St. bw 11th &amp; 12 Ave., on 56th St bw 15th &amp; 16th Ave., and 55th St. bw 16th &amp; 17th Ave. DSNY Officers should be assigned to our district to catch violator and work with the Super and the Community Board. The officers should report back to the super and the community board.</i>
8/37	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>We are requesting the return of a permanent cleaning officer to the district. Currently BK12 does not have a dedicated cleaning officer. Such an officer would go a long way to remedy the chronic littering in high litter areas.</i>
16/37	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>We are requesting an increase from 5 broom routes to six broom routes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.</i>
19/37	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>We are requesting a dedicated MLP route once a week which will go a long way in helping clean up the various locations that garbage is building up at an alarming rate.</i>
22/37	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>We request cameras mounted on Sanitation Truck to ensure essential services are provided properly. We also request photos attached to sanitation violations when issued to residents.</i>
24/37	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>We are also requesting the mechanical sweeper on the 12am to 8am midnight shift six days a week be returned (it has been taken away on 7/1/2017 in the FY18 budget) this sweeper effectively cleans the district. Our district constantly rates low on the scorecard and this should help maintain cleanliness throughout the district.</i>



**Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers**

*There are commercial areas that generate huge amounts of food garbage or are bus stops/transportation hubs. In many cases, there are numerous restaurants, etc., along a given corridor now (7-11, KFC, Dunkin Donuts, other coffee shops, etc.), yet only one or two bins available in the surrounding area. We request DSNY add adequate numbers of bins at critical points along Coney Island Avenue and Church Ave. Church Ave and Coney Island Ave Church Ave and East 8th St Church Ave and East 7th St Coney Island Ave and Caton Ave Coney Island Ave and Beverley Road Coney Island Ave and Ave C Coney Island Ave and Cortelyou Road*

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Brooklyn Community Board 12

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

#### **Affordable housing creation**

With the steady increase in population in the Community Board 12 area and the particular religious and cultural needs of our residents which prevents most from leaving this community, there is a critical need for affordable housing. Families in this district have many children and need housing to accommodate their large families at an affordable rate. Currently, most families are spending upwards and above 80% of their monthly earnings on rent and buying for almost most of them is out of the question.

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

#### **Needs for Land Use**

We would like for some commercial areas in our district to be rezoned for residential development with an increased focus on affordable housing.

#### **Needs for Housing**

Continuation of funding for additional programs.

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Workforce development is a prime concern in our area.

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/37	SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<i>Employment- We have a large population of residents in our district that aren't college educated. Investing in targeted vocational training in this district is a priority that would go a long way towards raising the current low incomes many families are experiencing. Our residents are smart and capable. They would benefit from training with an emphasis on high paying and emerging skills. There are no Work Force 1 (WF1) centers close enough to service the district, therefore providing funding to fill the gap is appropriate.</i>	
23/37	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>One of the major issues plaguing the district is the lack of affordable housing. To that end, we request some long overdue studies of commercial areas in our district, specifically the commercial strip spanning 60th street, for the purposes of being rezoned for residential development with a major focus on affordable housing.</i>	

## Brooklyn Community Board 12

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

#### **Traffic congestion**

• TCAs (Traffic Control Agents): Our district is in dire need of Traffic Control Agents assigned to float to areas of concern throughout our district. Areas of specific concern are: 18th Avenue from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway, 15th Avenue from 42nd Street to 45th Street, 14th Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd Street, 13th Avenue from 39th Street to 54th Streets, Avenues I and J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue, Fort Hamilton Parkway from 36th Street to 46th Street. These are a few of the notoriously congested areas. The locations are subject to change based on seasonal traffic and other variables. The traffic congestion and horn honking are severe, especially during the AM and PM rush hours.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

The infrastructure within Community District 12 is outdated and crumbling. The area is in need of an overall engineering study to upgrade and update the area to be viable. We need the full use of all 21st century innovations to help keep the district moving in a safe manner. Vision Zero is an important goal, there have been too many traffic fatalities in the community. There are traffic calming measures and traffic flow studies we are asking for to make our district safer for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

#### **Needs for Transit Services**

With many of our residents using mass transit, some better accommodations and services are warranted.

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/10	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>We request a pedestrian crossing for the Ave. K &amp; Ocean Parkway intersection. As of now there is no pedestrian crossing for 2/5th of a mile, from Ave. J to Ave. L. It is a matter of public safety to install a traffic light that allows pedestrians to cross safely. A traffic light will slow traffic on this stretch where cars routinely speed up because there are no traffic calming measures in place. There has been an increase in midnight drag racing, donuts and speeding. A Traffic light and crosswalk would go a long way to solving this problem.</i>	Ocean Parkway Avenue K Avenue K
3/10	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>There is a large school near 13th Ave and 36th St. that necessitates crossing 36th St. for most students. And although the area has been dedicated a school zone, there are no traffic calming devices for the entire stretch of 36th St. from Church Ave. (past Clara, Tehama and Louisa Street) all the way until 12th Ave. Another school is coming to this area, which will make it even more important to have the area safe. We need a crosswalk at the 36th St. and 13th Ave., with some mechanism to have cars stop for pedestrians to cross.</i>	
5/10	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>37th Street between 14th &amp; 15th Avenues is dire need of reconstruction. CB12 has requested funding for this project (FY2018 212201807C, FY2022 212202204C). We were told this would not qualify as a standard street repaving because of the unique aspects of this street, such as the absence of curb cuts. This street is plagued with potholes, sink holes, and cracked streets that are dangerous to motorist as well as pedestrian crossings. The unattended potholes and various depressions lead to flooding with every rainstorm. We are repeatedly told there isn't any funding and we should request from elected officials. Elected Officials don't have the money to fund such a project. This is a necessary infrastructure upgrade.</i>	37th street 14th Ave 14th Ave

6/10	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<i>We request an increase in funding for annual street repaving. Not enough of our broken streets are repaired. This damages vehicles and underground infrastructure.</i>
7/10	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>Due to large numbers of young children, senior citizens, mothers with strollers and elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges (often with walkers or wheelchairs), have a hard time getting onto the train platforms. There is an urgent need to install elevators at the D and F lines. Though the F line is slated to have the Ave. I stop accessible by 2024, the 18th Ave. and McDonald Ave. station is where transfers to several bus lines are available. Accessibility is needed at the 50th St. and New Utrecht Av. station on the D line. It is the closest subway station to Maimonides Medical Center, a level 1 Trauma Center as well as one of the most oft used birth centers in New York State. NYCTA should add these stations to their priority lists.</i>

### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/37	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>NYC.gov states there are 150 HIQA inspectors. Their mission statement includes “increas(ing) the level of safety for both pedestrian and vehicle travel...” and “expedit(ing) the flow of traffic, for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the construction zones.” However, street permit stipulations are ignored more often than not, leading to chaos. It must therefore be necessary to increase the number of HIQA inspectors to ensure compliance. DOT often doesn’t send an inspector quick enough to be an effective remedy. More inspectors and thus quicker action will be immensely helpful. Many times HIQA will come hours later- after construction is complete. Further, an inspector should be permanently assigned to the CB12 area and coordinate with the board for effective permit compliance.</i>	

13/37	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>We request DOT upgrade street signs and markings as needed. Specifically, the traffic light on 60th St and 13th Ave. Drivers on 13th Ave heading south must turn left or right when they get to the 60th St intersection because 13th Ave. becomes a ONE-WAY street. Multiple vehicles go the wrong way southbound from 60th St to 59th St. Drivers need easily visible direction ON the traffic light; either a sign indicating only turns are allowed or lights with arrows turning right or left. This was requested in FY22 and we were told that ‘work on this project/program was completed in FY 21’, but it hasn’t. The problem persists and can be easily remedied with a sign directed to the drivers who mistakenly drive the wrong way.</i>	60th Street and 13th Ave
18/37	DOT	<b>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</b>	<i>Expand the Traffic Engineering Department to be able to conduct traffic studies more expeditiously.</i>	
20/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Traffic is very congested along 18th Ave., specifically from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway and especially during morning hours. 18th Ave., an already major thoroughfare, intersects with McDonald Ave. where the F line subway station is. This creates both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. We are requesting a thorough engineering study to determine the feasibility of certain measures to alleviate the strain. For instance, the possibility of adding an additional lane with interchangeable direction depending on the time of day (as is done at various locations in other cities) or adding turning lanes.</i>	18th Avenue 45th Street 45th Street

25/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>13th Ave. is the commercial shopping Mecca in CB12. People come from all over to shop here due to its ethnic flavor. On any given day, more than 10k people traverse this shopping strip. Parking is at a premium. It can take an hour to pass through the 23 blocks of this shopping strip. 13 Ave. hasn't been redesigned in over 21 years and is in dire need of a thorough engineering study to determine the best measures to ease the traffic and parking congestion nightmare, especially during rush hours. We request such a study to determine the feasibility of certain ideas. For instance, the possibility of adding an additional lane with interchangeable direction depending on the time of day or adding turning lanes and maybe eliminating parking at certain times to increase traffic flow.</i>	
27/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>A complete traffic study on Avenue J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue is needed as well, especially at the intersection of Avenue J and Bay Parkway where there is a constant bottleneck. The streets aren't aligned so that sometimes drivers may find themselves continuing into a non-existent lane. There is severe congestion during both AM and PM rush hours. It can take very long to travel this strip, especially from the Bay Parkway intersection to Ocean Parkway.</i>	Avenue J McDonald Avenue McDonald Avenue
28/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>A complete traffic study on Avenue I from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue is needed. There is severe congestion as well as horn honking during both AM and PM rush Hours. It can take up to one hour during rush hours to travel this strip.</i>	Avenue I McDonald Avenue McDonald Avenue
32/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>There are many private and public schools along Fourteenth Avenue that transport children to and from school by buses. This leads to congestion during morning and afternoon bus traffic. A study is needed to explore the best methods to ease the congestion.</i>	



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DOT

**Conduct traffic or parking studies**

*15th AVENUE and 16th AVENUE- These are both two-way Avenues that are always busy and plagued by double parked vehicles making the street virtually impassable. A study exploring the possibility of converting it to a one way street, or another solution, to ease traffic is needed.*

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Brooklyn Community Board 12**

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

##### **Park care and maintenance**

We need Parks personnel for our District to insure that each facility has an attendant on a full-time basis. Comfort Stations cannot be utilized without Parks personnel present. Therefore, many remain closed and not utilized. It is imperative that personnel be assigned to these locations. Parks should be cleaned on a daily basis, especially those with Children's playgrounds. All Parks must be provided with signage – Park Closes at Dusk – or 9:00 PM. Increased lighting must be provided in every facility.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

Our parks are over utilized because of the large families living in our district. As new families continue to move into this district our parks become a mainstream for our children to play. Elected officials have contributed huge sums of money to upgrade our parks into state-of-the-art facilities that are pleasant outdoor spaces for children. However, the lack of security attracts an element to the parks that deters youth from wholesome play. It's a shame to have the capital expenditures go to waste due to security concerns.

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Library Services**

No comments

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/10	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>We request a dedicated mini packer to service only Ocean Parkway. Ocean Parkway Malls is like a forgotten PARKS property, rarely maintained and without resources allocated to it. Yet this almost 5 miles long bike and pedestrian path cuts through a high density area. This is the park of choice for many elderly residents, dog walkers, throngs of walkers and joggers and the only bike path in our area. But this strip is dirty, overgrown, cracked and otherwise neglected. We have advocated for waste baskets in response to the many complaints we get. Now that we have baskets, we learned there's a faulty mini packer so the trash isn't collected. Our residents deserve better. It is a park, perhaps an unconventional one, and is essential to the quality of life of thousands.</i>	
8/10	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>COL. MARCUS PARK - A comfort station in the playground area is needed. Numerous children and adults must cross East 5th Street to go to the other side of the park in order to use the restrooms. This is a highly trafficked street. A restroom, especially for the children using this park, is essential to this playground.</i>	
9/10	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rappaport Playground (53rd Street &amp; Fort Hamilton Parkway) is the only roller hockey rink left in Brooklyn and it's in dire need of a new one, due to the use of rink. Also, the panels surrounding the rink need to be replaced.</i>	Fort Hamilton Parkway
10/10	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>BRIZZI PARK- Brizzi Park needs a comfort station. Additionally, the rubber mats are buckling and need to be replaced.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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10/37	DPR	<b>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</b>	<p><i>Although PARKS maintain a 7-year pruning cycle, oftentimes trees fall into disrepair before the 7 years are out. The incidents with falling trees or branches has been rising in our district due to delay in treatment of sick and dying trees. The storms of the last few months highlighted the devastation caused by falling trees. Other than the damage to property, both personal and government, the trees also lead to downed wires. The outages are very disruptive and costly. We request additional resources to provide for a safe timeframe to check on the health of trees specifically to prevent them from falling during severe weather conditions. Additionally, the timeline for the replacement of trees is very long. We request additional resources to speed up the process.</i></p>
12/37	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<p><i>Ocean Parkway is a main thoroughfare and is highly trafficked. In addition, Ocean Parkway is a Special District. The beauty of Ocean Parkway must not be allowed to deteriorate. Some of our elected officials have designated monies for the upgrade and beautification of the Malls. Maintenance must be ongoing to make sure the upgrades and beautification remains intact. In order to maintain this arena in a sanitary and groomed condition, a crew should be assigned to maintain the malls of this thoroughfare and prevent homeless people from sleeping on the benches. An additional crew cab truck is requested to transport them the length and breathe of this roadway. The Malls and trees must receive regular attention so that the Parkway can be properly maintained.</i></p>
17/37	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<p><i>Funding is needed for Parks Personnel to lock all parks in our district after dusk. Elected officials have contributed huge sums of money to upgrade our parks into state-of-the-art facilities that are pleasant outdoor spaces for children. However, the lack of security attracts an element to the parks that deters youth from wholesome play. It's a shame to have the capital expenditures go to waste due to security concerns.</i></p>

**Forestry services,  
including street tree  
maintenance**

*PARKS advised that the funds to repair sidewalks damaged by trees was increased. However, this increased funding has not yet resulted in actual repairs. We request PARKS repair the sidewalks damaged by trees as they said they would. Some of these areas are extremely dangerous for pedestrians and have been waiting for repairs for a very long time.*

## **6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS**

### **Other Capital Requests**

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

### **Other Expense Requests**

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/10	NYPD	<b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>	<i>The request for a new 66 Precinct Station House has been a budget request for over 37 years. Funding was eliminated for a project proposal to construct a new 66 Precinct Station house in the FY 12 budget. As it stands now, the precinct house is probably the smallest in the city and cannot service the offices. The precinct house needs to either be expanded, rebuilt, or moved entirely to a new larger location.</i>	5822 16th Ave
2/10	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>We request a pedestrian crossing for the Ave. K &amp; Ocean Parkway intersection. As of now there is no pedestrian crossing for 2/5th of a mile, from Ave. J to Ave. L. It is a matter of public safety to install a traffic light that allows pedestrians to cross safely. A traffic light will slow traffic on this stretch where cars routinely speed up because there are no traffic calming measures in place. There has been an increase in midnight drag racing, donuts and speeding. A Traffic light and crosswalk would go a long way to solving this problem.</i>	Ocean Parkway Avenue K Avenue K
3/10	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>There is a large school near 13th Ave and 36th St. that necessitates crossing 36th St. for most students. And although the area has been dedicated a school zone, there are no traffic calming devices for the entire stretch of 36th St. from Church Ave. (past Clara, Tehama and Louisa Street) all the way until 12th Ave. Another school is coming to this area, which will make it even more important to have the area safe. We need a crosswalk at the 36th St. and 13th Ave., with some mechanism to have cars stop for pedestrians to cross.</i>	

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5/10	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<p><i>37th Street between 14th &amp; 15th Avenues is dire need of reconstruction. CB12 has requested funding for this project (FY2018 212201807C, FY2022 212202204C). We were told this would not qualify as a standard street repaving because of the unique aspects of this street, such as the absence of curb cuts. This street is plagued with potholes, sink holes, and cracked streets that are dangerous to motorist as well as pedestrian crossings. The unattended potholes and various depressions lead to flooding with every rainstorm. We are repeatedly told there isn't any funding and we should request from elected officials. Elected Officials don't have the money to fund such a project. This is a necessary infrastructure upgrade.</i></p> <p>37th street 14th Ave 14th Ave</p>
6/10	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<p><i>We request an increase in funding for annual street repaving. Not enough of our broken streets are repaired. This damages vehicles and underground infrastructure.</i></p>



7/10	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>Due to large numbers of young children, senior citizens, mothers with strollers and elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges (often with walkers or wheelchairs), have a hard time getting onto the train platforms. There is an urgent need to install elevators at the D and F lines. Though the F line is slated to have the Ave. I stop accessible by 2024, the 18th Ave. and McDonald Ave. station is where transfers to several bus lines are available. Accessibility is needed at the 50th St. and New Utrecht Av. station on the D line. It is the closest subway station to Maimonides Medical Center, a level 1 Trauma Center as well as one of the most oft used birth centers in New York State. NYCTA should add these stations to their priority lists.</i>	
8/10	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>COL. MARCUS PARK - A comfort station in the playground area is needed. Numerous children and adults must cross East 5th Street to go to the other side of the park in order to use the restrooms. This is a highly trafficked street. A restroom, especially for the children using this park, is essential to this playground.</i>	
9/10	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Rappaport Playground (53rd Street &amp; Fort Hamilton Parkway) is the only roller hockey rink left in Brooklyn and it's in dire need of a new one, due to the use of rink. Also, the panels surrounding the rink need to be replaced.</i>	Fort Hamilton Parkway
10/10	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>BRIZZI PARK- Brizzi Park needs a comfort station. Additionally, the rubber mats are buckling and need to be replaced.</i>	

## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/37	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Public schools have daily trash collection. Private schools that serve ~100k children 3 meals daily (including perishables) year-round, have twice weekly pickups. DSNY may extend the service to private schools- if there is enough space in the shared CB12/CB14 school truck. We request funding for a truck dedicated to collecting the trash for ALL kids in CB12, not only the public schools that service a third of the kids. Enrollment in private schools outnumbers public schools in this district. There is so much garbage that daily pickups must be implemented to remedy the quality of life and public health concerns of decaying foods. The FY22 (212202001E) response was that this is not a budget request, yet DSNY continues to deny this service claiming a lack of funding.</i>	
2/37	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>NYC.gov states there are 150 HIQA inspectors. Their mission statement includes “increas(ing) the level of safety for both pedestrian and vehicle travel...” and “expedit(ing) the flow of traffic, for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the construction zones.” However, street permit stipulations are ignored more often than not, leading to chaos. It must therefore be necessary to increase the number of HIQA inspectors to ensure compliance. DOT often doesn’t send an inspector quick enough to be an effective remedy. More inspectors and thus quicker action will be immensely helpful. Many times HIQA will come hours later- after construction is complete. Further, an inspector should be permanently assigned to the CB12 area and coordinate with the board for effective permit compliance.</i>	

3/37	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>TCAs (Traffic Control Agents): Our district is in dire need of Traffic Control Agents assigned to float to areas of concern throughout our district. Areas of specific concern are: 18th Avenue from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway, 15th Avenue from 42nd Street to 45th Street, 14th Avenue from 49th Street to 42nd Street, 13th Avenue from 39th Street to 54th Streets, Avenues I and J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue, Fort Hamilton Parkway from 36th Street to 46th Street. These are a few of the notoriously congested areas. The locations are subject to change based on seasonal traffic and other variables. The traffic congestion and horn honking are severe, especially during the AM and PM rush hours.</i>
4/37	HRA	<b>Other expense budget request for HRA</b>	<i>In past years we've requested an HRA. Instead, we are requesting that HRA send service professionals a few times a month to our office to assist our residents. In FY22 HRA responded (212202003E) saying they 'will continue to explore this request; please contact HRA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach for continued discussion.' Further communication with HRA clarified that they can provide training programs, but that is not this request. We are asking for a program where HRA staff are able to open cases and give on the spot assistance. Our residents need accessible HRA personnel with knowledge of specifically tailored programs. We have a fully equipped office space with enclosures for Covid and privacy. Staff can service individuals who may not get the assistance otherwise.</i>
5/37	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>Consistent cleaning of catch basins is essential. The recent storms have shown that the reactive method of cleaning is not working. We have consistent flooding all over the district every time it rains. The resulting flooding is disruptive for days. All the catch basins need to be cleaned before they are reported as a problem.</i>
6/37	DEP	<b>Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed</b>	<i>17th Ave. and 60th St., New Utrecht Ave. and 55th St. are areas with frequent flooding that require DEP to take a closer look to determine the cause. These areas may need catch basin infrastructure upgrades and not only cleaning.</i>

7/37	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</b>	<i>There has been an increase of dumping. There are a few hotspots that require consistent attention. Increase enforcement is an essential deterrent. If the risk of a \$4,000 violation is an actual probability, instead of a mythological possibility, we may be able to avoid the constant cleanup requests. One of the biggest complaints we get is of the unsanitary conditions and rodents along dumping grounds. Some hotspots are: along the Washington Cemetery (20th &amp; 21st Ave. Bay Pkwy., McDonald Ave.), along the LIRR on 61st St. bw 11th &amp; 12 Ave., on 56th St bw 15th &amp; 16th Ave., and 55th St. bw 16th &amp; 17th Ave. DSNY Officers should be assigned to our district to catch violator and work with the Super and the Community Board. The officers should report back to the super and the community board.</i>
8/37	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>We are requesting the return of a permanent cleaning officer to the district. Currently BK12 does not have a dedicated cleaning officer. Such an officer would go a long way to remedy the chronic littering in high litter areas.</i>
9/37	DFTA	<b>Funding for a new senior center program</b>	<i>The centers for older adults in our district require funding for essential senior programming. Centers have modernized their programming to accommodate the newer generation of seniors. There are younger seniors (65-75) who are recently retired or lost jobs because of Covid. They require stimulating programming and meaningful activities to improve their lives. Our kosher residents require kosher centers, which are unfortunately severally underfunded. The changing demographics of seniors requires adaptations by the centers, for example, centers are seeing an increase in Polish speaking seniors and so require translation services for them.</i>

10/37	DPR	<b>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</b>	<p><i>Although PARKS maintain a 7-year pruning cycle, oftentimes trees fall into disrepair before the 7 years are out. The incidents with falling trees or branches has been rising in our district due to delay in treatment of sick and dying trees. The storms of the last few months highlighted the devastation caused by falling trees. Other than the damage to property, both personal and government, the trees also lead to downed wires. The outages are very disruptive and costly. We request additional resources to provide for a safe timeframe to check on the health of trees specifically to prevent them from falling during severe weather conditions. Additionally, the timeline for the replacement of trees is very long. We request additional resources to speed up the process.</i></p>
11/37	SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<p><i>Employment- We have a large population of residents in our district that aren't college educated. Investing in targeted vocational training in this district is a priority that would go a long way towards raising the current low incomes many families are experiencing. Our residents are smart and capable. They would benefit from training with an emphasis on high paying and emerging skills. There are no Work Force 1 (WF1) centers close enough to service the district, therefore providing funding to fill the gap is appropriate.</i></p>
12/37	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<p><i>Ocean Parkway is a main thoroughfare and is highly trafficked. In addition, Ocean Parkway is a Special District. The beauty of Ocean Parkway must not be allowed to deteriorate. Some of our elected officials have designated monies for the upgrade and beautification of the Malls. Maintenance must be ongoing to make sure the upgrades and beautification remains intact. In order to maintain this arena in a sanitary and groomed condition, a crew should be assigned to maintain the malls of this thoroughfare and prevent homeless people from sleeping on the benches. An additional crew cab truck is requested to transport them the length and breathe of this roadway. The Malls and trees must receive regular attention so that the Parkway can be properly maintained.</i></p>

13/37	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<p><i>We request DOT upgrade street signs and markings as needed. Specifically, the traffic light on 60th St and 13th Ave. Drivers on 13th Ave heading south must turn left or right when they get to the 60th St intersection because 13th Ave. becomes a ONE-WAY street. Multiple vehicles go the wrong way southbound from 60th St to 59th St. Drivers need easily visible direction ON the traffic light; either a sign indicating only turns are allowed or lights with arrows turning right or left. This was requested in FY22 and we were told that ‘work on this project/program was completed in FY 21’, but it hasn’t. The problem persists and can be easily remedied with a sign directed to the drivers who mistakenly drive the wrong way.</i></p>	60th Street and 13th Ave
14/37	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<p><i>We request resources to combat commercial vehicles, vehicles with invalid plates and vehicles that are not drivable from parking on residential streets. We need increased use of, or a dedicated, NYPD tow truck to remove offending vehicles. Parking is scarce in our district. Having illegally parked vehicles occupying over 200 spots makes it worse. Laws that give on street parking to the people is ineffective if such laws aren't enforced. Another concern is the unsafe conditions trucks parked on dark, quiet streets pose. There are reports of lurking, large groups hanging out and lewd behavior hidden by trucks on quiet streets. The trucks parked illegally creates a perfect scenario for people with bad intentions. Our residents deserve to park at night and to walk at night without fear.</i></p>	

15/37	NYPD	<b>Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</b>	<i>We are requesting an increase in officers to focus specifically on enforcement of mopeds, electric bikes, and electric assist bicycles on sidewalks and bike paths. With the explosion of moped share companies and other electric capable bikes comes the risk of pedestrian injury. These riders should be on the streets- but it is impossible to walk 3 blocks on city sidewalks without needing to dodge such vehicles. Another problem is the danger to cyclists on the Ocean Parkway bike lane. Bike lanes are meant for cyclists, e-bikes included, not mopeds. In this climate of transportation alternatives advocacy it is incumbent upon us to make the existing bike lanes safe. But, cyclists getting hit by mopeds is a too frequent situation.</i>
16/37	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>We are requesting an increase from 5 broom routes to six broom routes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.</i>
17/37	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Funding is needed for Parks Personnel to lock all parks in our district after dusk. Elected officials have contributed huge sums of money to upgrade our parks into state-of-the-art facilities that are pleasant outdoor spaces for children. However, the lack of security attracts an element to the parks that deters youth from wholesome play. It's a shame to have the capital expenditures go to waste due to security concerns.</i>
18/37	DOT	<b>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</b>	<i>Expand the Traffic Engineering Department to be able to conduct traffic studies more expeditiously.</i>
19/37	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>We are requesting a dedicated MLP route once a week which will go a long way in helping clean up the various locations that garbage is building up at an alarming rate.</i>



20/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Traffic is very congested along 18th Ave., specifically from 45th Street to Ocean Parkway and especially during morning hours. 18th Ave., an already major thoroughfare, intersects with McDonald Ave. where the F line subway station is. This creates both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. We are requesting a thorough engineering study to determine the feasibility of certain measures to alleviate the strain. For instance, the possibility of adding an additional lane with interchangeable direction depending on the time of day (as is done at various locations in other cities) or adding turning lanes.</i>	18th Avenue 45th Street 45th Street
21/37	DPR	<b>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</b>	<i>PARKS advised that the funds to repair sidewalks damaged by trees was increased. However, this increased funding has not yet resulted in actual repairs. We request PARKS repair the sidewalks damaged by trees as they said they would. Some of these areas are extremely dangerous for pedestrians and have been waiting for repairs for a very long time.</i>	
22/37	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>We request cameras mounted on Sanitation Truck to ensure essential services are provided properly. We also request photos attached to sanitation violations when issued to residents.</i>	
23/37	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>One of the major issues plaguing the district is the lack of affordable housing. To that end, we request some long overdue studies of commercial areas in our district, specifically the commercial strip spanning 60th street, for the purposes of being rezoned for residential development with a major focus on affordable housing.</i>	
24/37	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>We are also requesting the mechanical sweeper on the 12am to 8am midnight shift six days a week be returned (it has been taken away on 7/1/2017 in the FY18 budget) this sweeper effectively cleans the district. Our district constantly rates low on the scorecard and this should help maintain cleanliness throughout the district.</i>	



25/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>13th Ave. is the commercial shopping Mecca in CB12. People come from all over to shop here due to its ethnic flavor. On any given day, more than 10k people traverse this shopping strip. Parking is at a premium. It can take an hour to pass through the 23 blocks of this shopping strip. 13 Ave. hasn't been redesigned in over 21 years and is in dire need of a thorough engineering study to determine the best measures to ease the traffic and parking congestion nightmare, especially during rush hours. We request such a study to determine the feasibility of certain ideas. For instance, the possibility of adding an additional lane with interchangeable direction depending on the time of day or adding turning lanes and maybe eliminating parking at certain times to increase traffic flow.</i>	
26/37	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>	<i>Our CBO's require additional funding for mobile crises and access to other mental health programs. Additional funding is needed for daycare centers for special needs children.</i>	
27/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>A complete traffic study on Avenue J from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue is needed as well, especially at the intersection of Avenue J and Bay Parkway where there is a constant bottleneck. The streets aren't aligned so that sometimes drivers may find themselves continuing into a non-existent lane. There is severe congestion during both AM and PM rush hours. It can take very long to travel this strip, especially from the Bay Parkway intersection to Ocean Parkway.</i>	Avenue J McDonald Avenue McDonald Avenue
28/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>A complete traffic study on Avenue I from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue is needed. There is severe congestion as well as horn honking during both AM and PM rush Hours. It can take up to one hour during rush hours to travel this strip.</i>	Avenue I McDonald Avenue McDonald Avenue

29/37	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Our Community Based Organizations' essential programs depend upon DYCD funding. This is a lifeline for our residents. There are some programs that require an increase in funding. Specifically: The food pantry programs, the crisis division programs, and general social services. Our CBO's have excellent digital literacy programs that are underfunded. An improvement in digital literacy leads to an improvement in access to information and therefore an improvement in almost every aspect of life.</i>
30/37	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>There are commercial areas that generate huge amounts of food garbage or are bus stops/transportation hubs. In many cases, there are numerous restaurants, etc., along a given corridor now (7-11, KFC, Dunkin Donuts, other coffee shops, etc.), yet only one or two bins available in the surrounding area. We request DSNY add adequate numbers of bins at critical points along Coney Island Avenue and Church Ave. Church Ave and Coney Island Ave Church Ave and East 8th St Church Ave and East 7th St Coney Island Ave and Caton Ave Coney Island Ave and Beverley Road Coney Island Ave and Ave C Coney Island Ave and Cortelyou Road</i>
31/37	HRA	<b>Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers</b>	<i>Community Based Organizations serve as a first line of defense and a last resort to catch those who fall through the cracks and aren't caught by government run safety nets. HRA has certain funding streams for exactly such reasons. One program that is severely underfunded is the IOI, Immigration Opportunity Initiative. The part time legal assistance our residents have access to now just doesn't cut it.</i>
32/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>There are many private and public schools along Fourteenth Avenue that transport children to and from school by buses. This leads to congestion during morning and afternoon bus traffic. A study is needed to explore the best methods to ease the congestion.</i>

33/37	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>15th AVENUE and 16th AVENUE- These are both two-way Avenues that are always busy and plagued by double parked vehicles making the street virtually impassable. A study exploring the possibility of converting it to a one way street, or another solution, to ease traffic is needed.</i>
34/37	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>There is a plague of mosquitos in our streets from spring through fall. We need to have more mosquito spraying to combat it. There are the inevitable small pools of standing water throughout the district which are breeding grounds. Spraying is necessary to keep the mosquito population to a bearable amount.</i>
35/37	DFTA	<b>Other senior center program requests</b>	<i>Our community based organizations need an increase in SOS Supporting our Seniors Initiative funding. This is targeted specifically to take seniors through the process of applying for programs they are newly qualified for such as, Medicare, SSI and Social security benefits. As well as need based programs they may qualify for based on a reduction in income, such as Medicaid and SNAP.</i>
36/37	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>There is an exponential growth in the rat population throughout our district. Especially along commercial areas as well as along Washington Cemetery. The pigeon population's growth are a health concern that needs addressing.</i>
37/37	DOE	<b>Other expense budget request for DOE</b>	<i>We require additional resources for early intervention and child day care centers. Both to increase the chances of improving development delays in children and to provide child care for our working parents.</i>