

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

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**Brooklyn
Community District
9**

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) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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 FY21 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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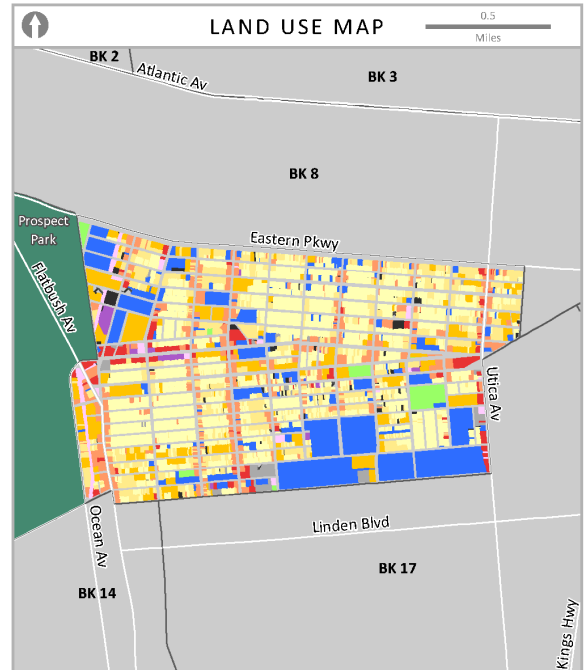
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Brooklyn Community District 9



Neighborhoods¹: Crown Heights South, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Wingate

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
104,014	98,429	-5%
2013-2017 Estimate ⁴		110,156
Square Miles		1.6
Population Density		61,518/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 9 in 2019:

1. Affordable housing
2. Schools
3. Youth and children's services

To learn more, please read Brooklyn CD 9's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	4,199	33%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,254	15%
Multifamily Elevator	202	12%
Mixed Use	799	10%
Commercial	107	3%
Industrial	19	1%
Transportation/Utility	25	2%
Public/Institutional	167	20%
Open Space	7	2%
Parking	50	2%
Vacant	109	1%
Other	11	0%

Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	27
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	18
Parks	2
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
48%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 9	Citywide Target
91%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
42	42
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	41
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
11%	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
12	11.2
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
31%	35%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	37%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
6.6%	5.1%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC
	4.9%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 9	Brooklyn
21%	21%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

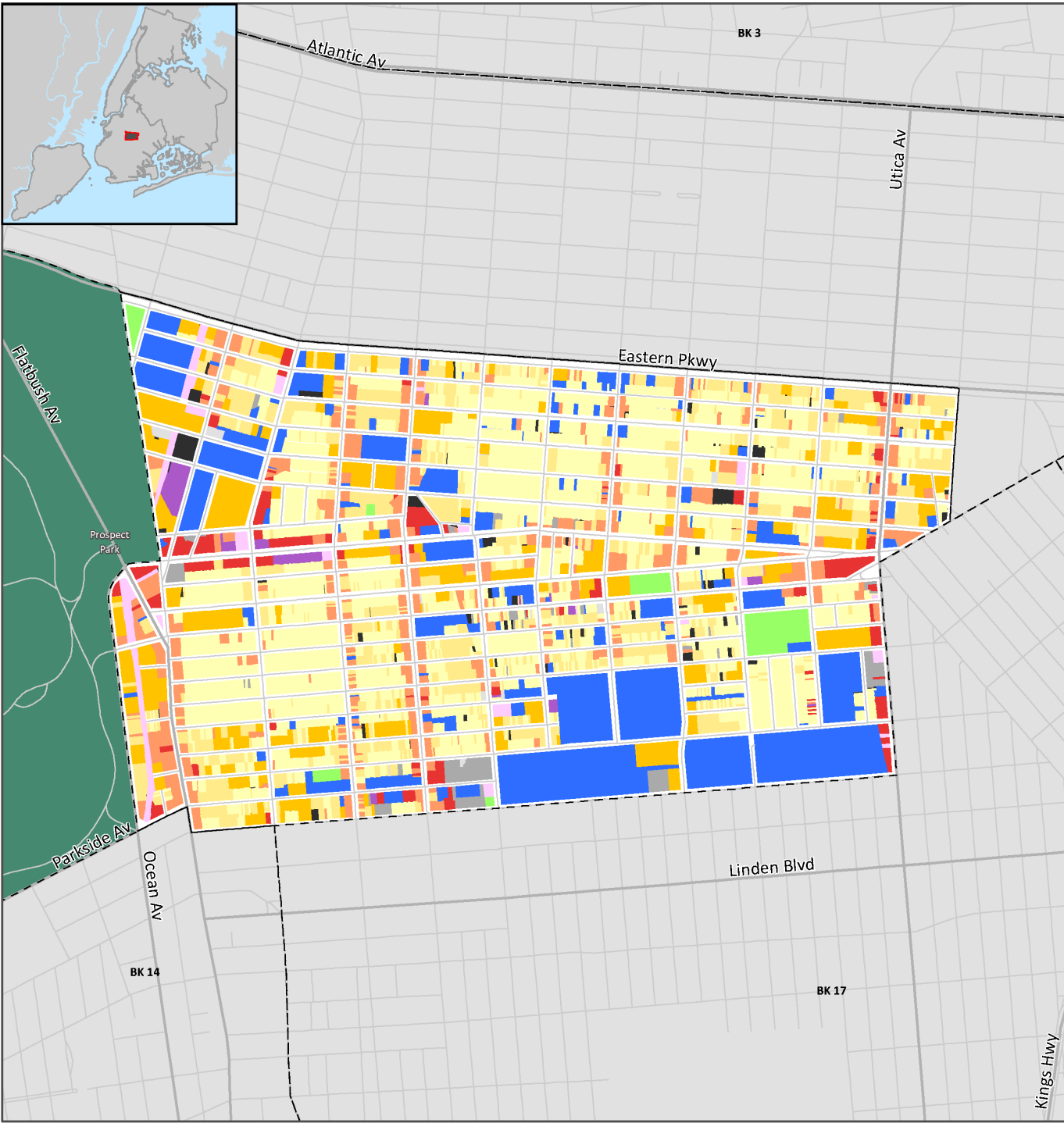
¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Brooklyn Community District 9 - Land Use



- One & Two Family Buildings
- MultiFamily Walkup Buildings
- MultiFamily Elevator Buildings
- Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings
- Commercial/Office Buildings
- Industrial/Manufacturing
- Transportation/Utility
- Public Facilities & Institutions
- Open Space
- Parking Facilities
- Vacant Land
- All Others or No Data
- Community Districts

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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn's Community District 9 encompasses a total land area of 1.7 sq. miles, and is one of New York's first humanly inhabited areas. The area was once the home of the Mareckkawicks (or Brooklyn Indians,) a branch of the Canarsie tribal community, which occupied Kings County and parts of Jamaica. The area was colonized by Dutch farmers from the Netherlands (Holland) in the early 17th century. Lefferts Homestead was relocated to Prospect Park from its original location on Midwood Street and Flatbush Avenue, and is a living reminder of this agricultural community which flourished in our district until the early 20th century. Also of historic significance is Clove Road, snugly located in the middle of Montgomery Street/Empire Blvd/Nostrand Ave/New York Avenue, within Community District 9. A Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study of Clove Road, conducted by the RBA Group in 2002, found that Clove Road "... is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A based upon its association with the establishment of Kings County's 19th Century public institutions, the Alms House, Hospital, Asylum, and Penitentiary, an event that significantly contributed to the broad pattern of New York's urban history." Present day Community District 9 includes a portion of the neighborhoods known as Crown Heights, Flatbush, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, and Wingate. Bordered by Prospect Park (Ocean/Flatbush), Eastern Parkway, Lincoln Terrace Park (Rochester/Utica), and Clarkson Avenue, the district includes such prestigious cultural institutions as the Brooklyn Museum; the Brooklyn Botanic Garden; the Brooklyn Public Library; and the Jewish Children's Museum. Other notable institutions in the district include Kings County Hospital Center; one of the largest hospital complexes in the world, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn; Kingsboro Psychiatric Center; Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center; the SUNY Downstate Advanced Biotechnology Incubator and the SUNY Parkside Dialysis Center. Collectively, these institutions form the southern-most boundary of the district. Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York; four high schools; four intermediate schools; eleven elementary schools (including new small schools and charter schools) make up the District's public educational system. A significant number of private and parochial schools complete the educational picture. Only minutes by car or public transportation from downtown Brooklyn, Community District 9 is home to numerous small and medium-sized businesses and the 98,429 residents (2010 census) who live along our tree lined residential streets. Our many religious institutions include a number of large Catholic churches, a number of the oldest Protestant churches in the borough, and the World Headquarters of the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Movement. Families and institutions have thrived in Community District 9 for generations. Over the past five decades, this largely middle class community has undergone extensive demographic changes, creating a unique blend of people of American, Caribbean, European, Asian and Hispanic descent. More recently, the district is seeing an emergent growth of a younger demographic: young families, as well as young single adults, have come to call this community home, due in large part to its affordability, character, and close proximity to cultural institutions, parks and public transportation. Stimulated by an upturn in the economy and zoning that accommodates this type of construction, the district is seeing a feverish growth in new apartment building construction. While there is a very great need for housing in the district, the resulting availability of "affordable apartments" do not realistically address the needs of the district's population, 38% of whom are dependent on Federal income support, and more than half of residents spend more than 30% of their gross monthly income on rent. Seeing the writing on the wall, the Community Board sought for the community to have a say in addressing the impact this type of growth would have on the district, by requesting a planning study, in an effort to achieve a more balanced growth/transformation of the district, and the need for realistically "affordable" housing. This study has not moved beyond the request stage. Community Board 9 is acutely aware that this growth brings with it a concomitant escalation in the need for vital municipal services.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Brooklyn Community Board 9

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Residents of Community Board 9 are essentially without true affordable housing, with the influx of private development, longtime residents have found themselves priced out of their homes. The residents of our district need true affordable housing that directly corresponds to the average household income within the district. The constituency of our district are largely excluded from the "Affordable Housing" offerings because of this. There is rapid development in the district that is changing the character of the community and causing a surge in rents. Long term tenants are being forced out of their apartments due to rising rents. The Area Median Income guidelines for "affordable" housing is not a realistic measure for affordability. Over half of residents in CD 9 currently spend 35% or more of their income on rent. That is a serious concern in this community. More efforts are needed to preserve the existing affordable housing available to low income residents. Community Board 9 supports the need for more realistic income guidelines that would allow the working poor, the low, and moderate income groups to be able to afford adequate housing. Additionally, the Mayor's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program needs to demand a larger percentage of affordable units in any new construction by developers. There is also a great need for the development of senior citizen housing as that population normally does not qualify for the affordable housing offered through the lottery system because of very low fixed incomes.

Schools

The schools in the district are not meeting the needs of the children. Families with young children want to enroll their children in quality, local public schools in safe buildings. There is major overcrowding in all the schools, the buildings are in very poor condition and do not provide the type of environment that is conducive to learning. The school buildings are in critical need of wiring upgrades to bring them up to code and to enable the use of state of the art computer technology. The need for classrooms and afterschool space, gymnasium and auditorium upgrades and/or space (none exist in many of the district's schools, including high schools), library upgrades, handicap accessibility, Wi-Fi accessibility/upgrades, as well as air conditioning.

Youth and children's services

The youth of the district are largely underserved. There are inadequate facilities for them to participate in/ or conduct extracurricular activities. There is a lack community programming to keep the youth of the community mentally and physically engaged in a positive manner. Children left unsupervised after school often fall prey to deviant behavior that is harmful to them, to their school and to the community. Afterschool programs provide a safe place for our children, academic support for help with homework, exploring new ways to learn and enhance motivation for learning and tutoring to help. For our youth, afterschool programs provide a rich array of opportunities for social contacts and enrichment activities, especially related to sports, arts and student directed projects. For families, afterschool programs provide low or no cost care for children and youth. They also provide enrichment opportunities for families who might not be able to afford them otherwise. For the community, afterschool programs provide opportunities to integrate community resources and programs with the school during non-peak hours when space and students are more accessible . They also provide safe and supervised recreation and enrichment opportunities to reduce juvenile crime and victimization of unsupervised children and youth.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

Eating well is important for good health. A healthy diet helps prevent many chronic diseases and conditions, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, cancer and heart disease which are prevalent in our district. Expansion of outreach and educational programs are essential.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

The hospitals, health centers, long-term care facilities, nursing homes in Community District 9 need the necessary resources to be able to provide much needed preventive and managed care for chronic diseases. According to the Kings County Hospital 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment, obesity, diabetes, hypertension/high blood pressure, mental illness, heart disease, high cholesterol, stroke, and cancer are the most significant community health needs. In order for our health care facilities to expand their special outreach to low-income residents, the uninsured and underinsured, and those facing other barriers, for free screening, testing, intervention, resource education, preventive and managed care, they must be provided with the proper funding.

Needs for Older NYs

The senior citizens population in Community District 9 are in dire need of subsidized senior citizens housing

Needs for Homeless

Community District 9 has the highest concentration of shelters and transitional housing in the Borough. We require more resources to handle the increased needs of this population.

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/22	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The Christopher Blenman Senior Center is in need of upgrade and renovation to provide a more comfortable environment for the seniors and staff members. Handicap accessibility lift is in dire need of repair or replacement. Paint is peeling off walls.</i>	720 East New York Avenue
8/22	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Shalom Senior Center is in need of approximately 2000 sq. ft. of new floor covering to replace worn out one.</i>	483 Albany Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/28	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>The creation and implementation of community programming geared toward nutrition and preventative measures would have a significant impact on the population our district.</i>	
5/28	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	<i>There is increased building and construction work going on in the district which has helped to disturb the rat population. Rats can be seen in the street and in the subways.</i>	
13/28	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Obesity, Diabetes, hypertension/high blood pressure, heart disease, high cholesterol and obesity are problems facing our population - expanded education and awareness programs will assist in the fight to combat these illnesses with proper nutrition and exercise.</i>	
15/28	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Community District 9's senior population is growing but their income is fixed, which creates an increase need for home delivered meals.</i>	

22/28

DHS

**Improve safety at
homeless shelters**

This homeless shelter is in Community District 9 on the border with Community District 17. It is the source of numerous complaints from residents and homeowners, especially in CD 17, regarding homeless men, including sex offenders, who wander onto private property, congregate on corners, litter, urinate, and generally impact negatively on the environment. The clients at this shelter need to be provided with alternatives to this behavior, including job training, substance abuse counseling, etc., to avoid these problems being experienced by the community.

681 Clarkson
Avenue

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Community District 9 is in urgent needs of significant after-school enrichment/extracurricular activities at local schools and parks within the district; Most families in the district find it difficult to provide adequate after-school supervision for these children – an increased after-school enrichment/extracurricular activities at local schools and parks within the district would help further develop the educational progress of these children, as well as keep them in safe environments

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

School buildings in Community District 9 are in dire need of much resources and upgrading in the following areas: PS 92 - Upgrades to plumbing, library and auditorium; additional exterior lighting due to safety concerns; whiteboards; projectors for visual arts. PS 241 - Air conditioning in classrooms and auditorium; portable STEM labs; Technology and Wi-Fi updgade (Wi-Fi blocking issue); Electrical upgrade; handicap accessible auditorium; sound system in auditorium; expanded PreK (up to 6PM). PS 161 - New gymnasium; auditorium upgrade; electrical and heating upgrade; air conditioning; STEM labs; iPad carts; additional bathroom stalls; after school programs. PS 221 - Air conditioning in classrooms; auditorium upgrade; music and arts after school programs. MS 2 Parkside Prep Academy - Upgraded computer labs; Wi-Fi upgrade; culinary arts lab (only 4 stoves and refrigerator don't work so program is on hold); library upgrade; auditorium upgrade (sound system and lights specifically); cafeteria tables; space for afterschool; blind spots issues on cameras they already have. Medgar Evers Preparatory School - Need auditorium and gymnasium; additional classroom space (offices are bring used as classrooms); Arts program; 3 Technology labs; Smart classrooms; Laptop carts; Saturday school. MS 61 - Renovation of library (including tables, chairs and book shelves). Updated Smartboards, as well as new paint and flooring throughout the building. Upgraded auditorium (particularly air conditioning and new chairs); additional air conditioners for classroom; water coolers to replace outdated water fountains. The school also needs pest control due to rats running rampant through the auditorium and outside the school rummaging in the garbage bags placed outside for garbage pick up.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/22	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Public School 161 is a school without a gymnasium and has an auditorium that is in need of renovation. The school needs additional bathroom stalls to meet the needs of the large student body. The entire school needs rewiring to not only be up to code, but to also enable the use of state of the art computer technology; as well as heating and air conditioning.</i>	330 Crown Street
4/22	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>MS 61 is in dire need of renovation. Renovation of library (including tables, chairs and book shelves). Updated Smartboards, as well as new paint and flooring throughout the building. The auditorium needs air conditioning and new seats. Electrical wiring upgrade is needed throughout the school. The water fountains need replacement/upgrading.</i>	400 Empire Boulevard
5/22	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Medgar Evers Prep School is in dire need of a gymnasium and an auditorium. This is a high school, and Physical Education is a requirement for graduation. The students are being denied the opportunity to participate in a proper physical education class. To fulfill these requirements, the students often do jumping jacks in the hallways and the basement; that is not acceptable.</i>	1186 Carroll Street

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>P. S. 161 in CD 9 is in need of after school program such as Beacon.</i>	330 Crown Street

4/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>PS 221 - Toussaint L-Ouverture is in need of an after school program such as Beacon Program.</i>
6/28	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>An adequate number of teaching staff is a must! Not only to provide instruction, but consideration must be given to teachers who are often times overwhelmed by the huge number of students in their class. In addition, smaller classrooms mean that children will be provided with an atmosphere that is conducive to learning with teachers who are able to focus on them and can more efficiently manage their classrooms.</i>
7/28	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Providing all the resources for a well-balanced education is important. The need is not only there for academic instruction, but the support services of health (a nurse on the premises), guidance counselors, mediation counselors, etc., are also paramount.</i>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

Traffic violations are occurring every day throughout CD 9 and putting our children and seniors at risk too often. The NYPD needs to do more about enforcement as we have too much double parking, violations of the speed limit, and drivers running red lights. With more frequent enforcement against speeding and reckless driving, NYPD can send a clear message that pedestrian safety is a priority.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Community Board 9 still feels that more funding is needed for crime prevention programs, because of the increase in gun violence and crime activity overall. If we have more crime prevention programs that educate the community, especially our youth, work with our local precinct, elected officials, the district attorney office, than maybe we can prevent the tragedies and violence that happens in our community every year.

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>The 71st Precinct is in need of full renovation and upgrading. New windows; increase service of amps in circuit breaker boxes; locker rooms floors to be redone and benches added; new lockers needed; staff kitchen renovation; break room chairs; new bunk beds for Officers; replace all ceiling tiles; snake all drains in command; upgrade plumbing, heating, electrical and computer related wiring.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
9/22	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Without question, the acquisition of space for garaging police vehicles is a critical need in the district. Currently, because of the lack of parking facilities, vehicles are parked on city streets, illegally parked on sidewalks outside the precinct making it unsafe for pedestrians. The agency must acquire the necessary space to remedy this situation</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
11/22	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	<i>Additional surveillance cameras in Community District 9 will help to deter criminal activities, thus lower crime in the community.</i>	
17/22	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	<i>Provide additional vehicles in order for Community Affairs to expand outreach efforts.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/28	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>Community Board 9 would like to see the expansion of Community Policing with the necessary training provided to police officers as they seek to carry out their duties.</i>	
16/28	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Additional funding is needed for the Auxiliary Program in order to successfully run this program: CB 9 advocates for funds for purchase of new bicycles; the purchase of new bullet resistant vests; purchase of additional vehicles; expandable batons for auxiliaries; and for purchase of Recruitment Materials and Banners.</i>	

17/28	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Increase the number of Fire Marshalls in order to decrease the amount of time it takes to complete fire investigations. Increase FDNY uniformed personnel and Community Affairs staffing workforce to adequately service each community throughout the City of New York.</i>	
18/28	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>The district has seen multiple fires which has not only destroyed property but lives over the past several years. Fire Safety and fire prevention education and outreach is critically important in making people aware how they can prevent fires and protect their families and property. Increase funding for the Get Alarmed NYC program to expand the program.</i>	
21/28	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>The 71st Precinct Community Council is in need of a passenger van to transport senior citizens to the precinct's council meetings.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
24/28	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	<i>There should be regular inspections of fire hydrants throughout the City to ensure that water pressure adequately meets FDNY's needs during fires.</i>	
25/28	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>Crossing guards are an essential part of our community, in light of all the recent pedestrian incidents involving vehicles, they are vital in helping ensure the safety of our constituents, especially, our youth and senior citizens.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

It's essential that DSNY increase litter basket pick ups on all the main avenues in Community District 9. There are museums, tourists attractions, parades, marathons, and religious pilgrimages in Crown Heights, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors yearly. A recent review by CB9's Environmental Protection Committee of Kingston Avenue, from Union to Montgomery Streets, documented large amounts of trash in the streets caused by container overflow. The same situation exists along Nostrand Avenue, from Eastern Parkway to Clarkson Avenue, and on Flatbush Avenue, from Empire Boulevard to Parkside Avenue. Additional personnel, trucks and litter baskets are needed; in addition to more frequent pick ups.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The population in Community District 9 is increasing due to the conversions of one and two-family homes into multiple unit apartment dwellings. The sewer system is therefore being overburdened due to increased waste and water volumes.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Sanitation enforcement needs to be more proactive in the issuance of violations when motorists do not adhere to the Alternate Side Parking rules and prevent the mechanical brooms from properly cleaning the streets. Mechanical brooms should also be properly filled with water to prevent leaves and dirt from blowing back onto sidewalks.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/22	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>There are major problems with Community District 9's existing sanitation garage. Not only is it in an unsuitable location at 356 Winthrop Street (close proximity to Kings County Hospital, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; SUNY Dialysis Center; SUNY Biotech Facility) but it is also too small. The results being the parking of garbage filled sanitation trucks on the district's streets in close proximity to residences, as well as imposing unsafe conditions for pedestrians. This district has endured these problems for many years. We would like to see the allocation of funding to renovate and expand this facility to provide a much needed state of art facility to address the district's needs and eliminate the existing conditions which impact negatively on the community.</i>	356 Winthrop Street

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/28	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>The intermittent cleaning of catch basins would be vital in the prevention of flooding at crosswalks during incidents of precipitation.</i>	
8/28	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Additional basket trucks are needed to address the constant overflow of litter baskets in the district</i>	
9/28	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Numerous schools and busy commercial strips in the district see more pedestrian traffic. Adding more on-street trash cans and recycling containers will help to improve littering and also to reduce overflowing on-street trash cans.</i>	
10/28	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Provide additional Sanitation enforcement personnel to increase the issuance of violations when motorists do not adhere to the Alternate Side Parking rules and prevent the mechanical brooms from properly cleaning the streets.</i>	

11/28

DSNY

Other enforcement requests

Community Board 9 would like to see the enforcement of all of the DSNY Codes. Enforcement in the areas of ASP regulations; illegal dumping, dirty sidewalks, failure to recycle, failing to pick up after your dog, illegal posting. All of these violations impact negatively upon the cleanliness of the district. We would like the agency to provide the funding necessary to provide more effective enforcement of the sanitation codes.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Land use and zoning

Many residential blocks in Community District 9 lack proper zoning. As a result, the current zoning allows for one and two-family homes to be demolished and replaced with large market rate apartment dwellings that are not only changing the character of many of these affected residential blocks, but is leading to rapid development and tenant displacement.

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

Needs for Land Use

The residents of Community Board 9 live in a mix of housing of private homes and apartment buildings. The development in the district has taken place at breakneck speed, yet the pressures for affordable housing are persist. This district is disproportionately rent burdened. Future development within should take this into account, as previous use of the MIH program has been thoroughly abused.

Needs for Housing

There is a great need for the preservation of the existing rent stabilized units within Community District 9 and the creation of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families and the senior population.

Needs for Economic Development

Community Board 9 has four major commercial strips: Utica Avenue, Kingston Avenue, Nostrand Avenue and Flatbush Avenue. The revitalization of these strips to transform them into more attractive places for customers and attract viable businesses will help create jobs and economic growth.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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23/28	EDC	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>The agency has a responsibility to repair and renovate the thousands of apartments that are in absolutely disgusting and deplorable conditions under which families with children and senior citizens currently live. This is unacceptable. Adequate funding must be provided to address and correct these deplorable conditions.</i>	718 East New York Avenue
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TRANSPORTATION

Brooklyn Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Traffic enforcement

Enforcement should be increased along our busy thoroughfares, in order to minimize traffic congestion and also to deter double parking.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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13/22	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Capital)	<i>The streets of the city continue to be dangerous for pedestrians and motorists alike. Community Board 9 feels that the installation of traffic enforcement cameras will help to reduce the incidences of drivers running red lights, not stopping for a stopped school bus, not giving pedestrians the right of way in crosswalks, and numerous other violations.</i>	
16/22	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The subway stations in Community District 9 are in need of repair and upgrade to correct leaks, and make stairs and platforms safe, as well as improve lighting, replace missing wall tiles, etc.</i>	
19/22	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Capital)	<i>As pedestrians, cyclists and motorists jostle for use of our neighborhood streets, the streets have become more unsafe. Additional traffic safety measures can be taken to allow for the safe use of the street by all. Community Board 9 has requested that the Department of Transportation do a traffic calming study of the district but, to date, DOT has not agreed to begin one.</i>	
20/22	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Many streets in Community District 9 are in need of resurfacing resulting from damage caused by winter salting and general wear and tear. Community District 9 would like to see an increase in the district's asphalt allocation and the number of streets that are resurfaced.</i>	
21/22	DOT	Other capital traffic improvements requests	<i>Although the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph, motorists are still speeding throughout the district. Additional traffic enforcement cameras are necessary to alleviate this problem.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/28	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>Increasing the frequency of cleaning the subway tracks and stations should help with the current littering problem on the tracks and stations, as well as the infestation of rodents.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Brooklyn Community Board 9

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

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Tree pruning and tree/branch maintenance is a major issue in Community Board 9. Homeowners have to contend with trees that go largely unaddressed and maintained. The conditions created as a result of these conditions are broken sidewalks and obstruction of the line of vision and mobility due to low hanging branches. Homeowners incur significant expenses in attempt to protect themselves from the liability of a trip and fall claims. Trees in the district needs to be regularly assessed for viability and safety.

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

Needs for Parks

No comments

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

The BrooklynPublic Library facilities serving the district continue to need additional funding to meet the demand for its services. I

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/22	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide badly needed recreational space for the youth in the community.</i>	
14/22	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	<i>The Crown Heights Library is in need of the following: Boiler; HVAC & Controls; Roof; Safety & Security Enhancement.</i>	560 New York Avenue
15/22	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Acquire property at Brooklyn Avenue to expand Wingate Park</i>	Brooklyn Avenue & Rutland Road
18/22	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Mount Prospect Park is in need of handicap accessibility to provide amenities and open access to the park by all residents of the community. The steps leading to the park from Eastern Parkway renders the park inaccessible to some residents.</i>	Eastern Parkway
22/22	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Replacement of flooring and tiling. Painting of common areas. Reconfiguration of lay-out to better serve the public.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/28	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>Increase funding to Community Boards to hire additional staff; particularly, a city planner to address the district's zoning, land use and overall planning needs. This is something that would be beneficial to all community boards.</i>	
27/28	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>The Parks department should increase funding to the Forestry Division, so that regular maintenance may be performed on the trees within our district.</i>	

28/28

BPL

**Extend library hours
or expand and
enhance library
programs**

*The Crown Heights Library would better serve
the community by having extended hours to
conduct community programming.*

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
1/22	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>The 71st Precinct is in need of full renovation and upgrading. New windows; increase service of amps in circuit breaker boxes; locker rooms floors to be redone and benches added; new lockers needed; staff kitchen renovation; break room chairs; new bunk beds for Officers; replace all ceiling tiles; snake all drains in command; upgrade plumbing, heating, electrical and computer related wiring.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
2/22	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>There are major problems with Community District 9's existing sanitation garage. Not only is it in an unsuitable location at 356 Winthrop Street (close proximity to Kings County Hospital, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; SUNY Dialysis Center; SUNY Biotech Facility) but it is also too small. The results being the parking of garbage filled sanitation trucks on the district's streets in close proximity to residences, as well as imposing unsafe conditions for pedestrians. This district has endured these problems for many years. We would like to see the allocation of funding to renovate and expand this facility to provide a much needed state of art facility to address the district's needs and eliminate the existing conditions which impact negatively on the community.</i>	356 Winthrop Street
3/22	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Public School 161 is a school without a gymnasium and has an auditorium that is in need of renovation. The school needs additional bathroom stalls to meet the needs of the large student body. The entire school needs rewiring to not only be up to code, but to also enable the use of state of the art computer technology; as well as heating and air conditioning.</i>	330 Crown Street
4/22	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>MS 61 is in dire need of renovation. Renovation of library (including tables, chairs and book shelves). Updated Smartboards, as well as new paint and flooring throughout the building. The auditorium needs air conditioning and new seats. Electrical wiring upgrade is needed throughout the school. The water fountains need replacement/upgrading.</i>	400 Empire Boulevard

5/22	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Medgar Evers Prep School is in dire need of a gymnasium and an auditorium. This is a high school, and Physical Education is a requirement for graduation. The students are being denied the opportunity to participate in a proper physical education class. To fulfill these requirements, the students often do jumping jacks in the hallways and the basement; that is not acceptable.</i>	1186 Carroll Street
6/22	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The Christopher Blenman Senior Center is in need of upgrade and renovation to provide a more comfortable environment for the seniors and staff members. Handicap accessibility lift is in dire need of repair or replacement. Paint is peeling off walls.</i>	720 East New York Avenue
7/22	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>There is a critical need for housing for low and moderate income individuals and families. In addition, there is also a critical need for senior citizen housing. There is presently city owned property on the grounds of Kingsboro Psychiatric Center that can be used for the provision of new homes for this segment of our population. The site is currently unused and begging for development. Community Board 9 would much prefer that this property be used to address the desperate need for housing that is truly affordable to our constituents.</i>	681 Clarkson Avenue
8/22	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Shalom Senior Center is in need of approximately 2000 sq. ft. of new floor covering to replace worn out one.</i>	483 Albany Avenue
9/22	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Without question, the acquisition of space for garaging police vehicles is a critical need in the district. Currently, because of the lack of parking facilities, vehicles are parked on city streets, illegally parked on sidewalks outside the precinct making it unsafe for pedestrians. The agency must acquire the necessary space to remedy this situation</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
10/22	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Community District 9 has long been advocating for a community center to provide badly needed recreational space for the youth in the community.</i>	
11/22	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	<i>Additional surveillance cameras in Community District 9 will help to deter criminal activities, thus lower crime in the community.</i>	

12/22	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>There is a critical need for senior citizens housing as this populations is generally excluded from the affordable housing lotteries being offered due to very low fixed income.</i>	
13/22	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Capital)	<i>The streets of the city continue to be dangerous for pedestrians and motorists alike. Community Board 9 feels that the installation of traffic enforcement cameras will help to reduce the incidences of drivers running red lights, not stopping for a stopped school bus, not giving pedestrians the right of way in crosswalks, and numerous other violations.</i>	
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17/22	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	<i>Provide additional vehicles in order for Community Affairs to expand outreach efforts.</i>	
18/22	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Mount Prospect Park is in need of handicap accessibility to provide amenities and open access to the park by all residents of the community. The steps leading to the park from Eastern Parkway renders the park inaccessible to some residents.</i>	Eastern Parkway
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Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>P. S. 161 in CD 9 is in need of after school program such as Beacon.</i>	330 Crown Street
2/28	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>The intermittent cleaning of catch basins would be vital in the prevention of flooding at crosswalks during incidents of precipitation.</i>	
3/28	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>The creation and implementation of community programming geared toward nutrition and preventative measures would have a significant impact on the population our district.</i>	
4/28	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>PS 221 - Toussaint L-Ouverture is in need of an after school program such as Beacon Program.</i>	
5/28	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	<i>There is increased building and construction work going on in the district which has helped to disturb the rat population. Rats can be seen in the street and in the subways.</i>	
6/28	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>An adequate number of teaching staff is a must! Not only to provide instruction, but consideration must be given to teachers who are often times overwhelmed by the huge number of students in their class. In addition, smaller classrooms mean that children will be provided with an atmosphere that is conducive to learning with teachers who are able to focus on them and can more efficiently manage their classrooms.</i>	
7/28	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Providing all the resources for a well-balanced education is important. The need is not only there for academic instruction, but the support services of health (a nurse on the premises), guidance counselors, mediation counselors, etc., are also paramount.</i>	

8/28	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Additional basket trucks are needed to address the constant overflow of litter baskets in the district</i>
9/28	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Numerous schools and busy commercial strips in the district see more pedestrian traffic. Adding more on-street trash cans and recycling containers will help to improve littering and also to reduce overflowing on-street trash cans.</i>
10/28	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Provide additional Sanitation enforcement personnel to increase the issuance of violations when motorists do not adhere to the Alternate Side Parking rules and prevent the mechanical brooms from properly cleaning the streets.</i>
11/28	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	<i>Community Board 9 would like to see the enforcement of all of the DSNY Codes. Enforcement in the areas of ASP regulations; illegal dumping, dirty sidewalks, failure to recycle, failing to pick up after your dog, illegal posting. All of these violations impact negatively upon the cleanliness of the district. We would like the agency to provide the funding necessary to provide more effective enforcement of the sanitation codes.</i>
12/28	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>Community Board 9 would like to see the expansion of Community Policing with the necessary training provided to police officers as they seek to carry out their duties.</i>
13/28	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Obesity, Diabetes, hypertension/highblood pressure, heart disease, high cholesterol and obesity are problems facing our population - expanded education and awareness programs will assist in the fight to combat these illnesses with proper nutrition and exercise.</i>

14/28	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>Zoning is supposed to organize the way land is used, determine the sizes and building uses; however, the current zoning in Community District 9 encompasses a mixture of different zoning, which we have seen create numerous concerns for residents and home-owners in the district. Community Board 9 would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a study of our district to better utilize land in our district to address the need for housing (to include height and setback controls), open space, commercial revitalization, upgraded/new schools, job creation, transportation access, improved utility services and infrastructure to support an expected population growth</i>
15/28	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Community District 9's senior population is growing but their income is fixed, which creates an increase need for home delivered meals.</i>
16/28	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Additional funding is needed for the Auxiliary Program in order to successfully run this program: CB 9 advocates for funds for purchase of new bicycles; the purchase of new bullet resistant vests; purchase of additional vehicles; expandable batons for auxiliaries; and for purchase of Recruitment Materials and Banners.</i>
17/28	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Increase the number of Fire Marshalls in order to decrease the amount of time it takes to complete fire investigations. Increase FDNY uniformed personnel and Community Affairs staffing workforce to adequately service each community throughout the City of New York.</i>
18/28	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>The district has seen multiple fires which has not only destroyed property but lives over the past several years. Fire Safety and fire prevention education and outreach is critically important in making people aware how they can prevent fires and protect their families and property. Increase funding for the Get Alarmed NYC program to expand the program.</i>
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21/28	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	<i>The 71st Precinct Community Council is in need of a passenger van to transport senior citizens to the precinct's council meetings.</i>	421 Empire Boulevard
22/28	DHS	Improve safety at homeless shelters	<i>This homeless shelter is in Community District 9 on the border with Community District 17. It is the source of numerous complaints from residents and homeowners, especially in CD 17, regarding homeless men, including sex offenders, who wander onto private property, congregate on corners, litter, urinate, and generally impact negatively on the environment. The clients at this shelter need to be provided with alternatives to this behavior, including job training, substance abuse counseling, etc., to avoid these problems being experienced by the community.</i>	681 Clarkson Avenue
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24/28	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	<i>There should be regular inspections of fire hydrants throughout the City to ensure that water pressure adequately meets FDNY's needs during fires.</i>	
25/28	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	<i>Crossing guards are an essential part of our community, in light of all the recent pedestrian incidents involving vehicles, they are vital in helping ensure the safety of our constituents, especially, our youth and senior citizens.</i>	

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