



# BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

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## **BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION**

### **AUTHORIZING AN ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL SPACES IN BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9**

**WHEREAS**, Brooklyn Community Board 9 (CB9) recognizes the importance of accessible sports and recreational spaces in fostering physical health, community engagement, and positive youth development for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing need for accessible and safe recreational areas, both indoor and outdoor, within the community to support various activities such as sports, exercise, and after-school programs; and

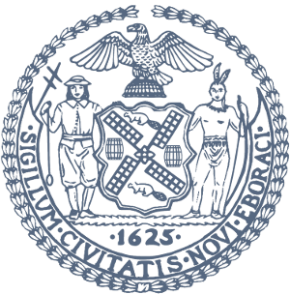
**WHEREAS**, there are a number of sports and recreational facilities, particularly within the Department of Education (DOE) properties located within Brooklyn CB9, that may remain unused or underutilized during non-school hours, including weekends, evenings, and school breaks; and

**WHEREAS**, optimizing the use of DOE sports and recreational spaces, including gyms, fields, and other facilities, could provide increased opportunities for organized community events, recreational activities, and sports leagues; and

**WHEREAS**, a thorough assessment of available recreational spaces, including but not limited to school facilities, parks, and other public or private venues, would enable CB9 to better understand the community's recreational assets and needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Brooklyn Community Board 9 authorizes a comprehensive assessment of sports and recreational spaces within the district, with particular attention to:

1. **Inventorying all public and private sports and recreational spaces** within Brooklyn CB9, including parks, playgrounds, community centers, and other relevant facilities;
2. **Identifying Department of Education facilities** (both indoor and outdoor), such as gymnasiums, fields, courts, and other recreational spaces that are underutilized during non-school hours;
3. **Consulting with the Department of Education** to establish current usage patterns, and explore opportunities for greater community access during weekends, evenings, and school breaks;



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4. **Engaging with community organizations, schools, and residents** to understand the current and anticipated recreational needs of the community, including organized sports leagues, fitness programs, and youth-oriented activities;
5. **Developing a report with recommendations** on how to optimize and increase access to these spaces, including potential partnerships with local organizations and schools, programming ideas, and maintenance considerations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Brooklyn Community Board 9 will work with the Department of Education, the Department of Parks and Recreation, local non-profits, and other stakeholders to ensure the fair and equitable use of these spaces for the benefit of all residents, particularly youth, seniors, and underserved populations.

**Adopted: March 25, 2025**