

# Manhattan Community Board #1

Chairperson's Report

June 27, 2017

# Chair Report - *What's Happening*

- **Welcome our new members - Orientation 6/21/17 at CB Office**
  - Amanda Timchak
  - Ericka Benson
  - Eric Gyasi
  - Paul Goldstein
  - David Moog
- **ADNY NYSE Study Area Steering Committee – 6/21/17**
- **Borough Board – 6/21/17**
  - Reviewed BoardTrack and Board Stat – new tools for all CBs
- **BPCA Board Composition Legislation**
  - Sponsored in Assembly and Senate Signed 6/23 – waiting for Governor's signature
  - 2 seats of the seven member Board to go to BPC residents
  - Three members appointed before the bill passed but their term is to compete the prior member (dates in 2018 and 2020)
- **Opening of 9/11 Tribute Center – 6/13/17**
  - Moved from Liberty Street to Greenwich
  - Unannounced street closures due to this event
- **Meeting with MBPO regarding LMCR – 5/31/17**
- **Worth Street Task Force Continues on and thanks to Bruce's leadership**

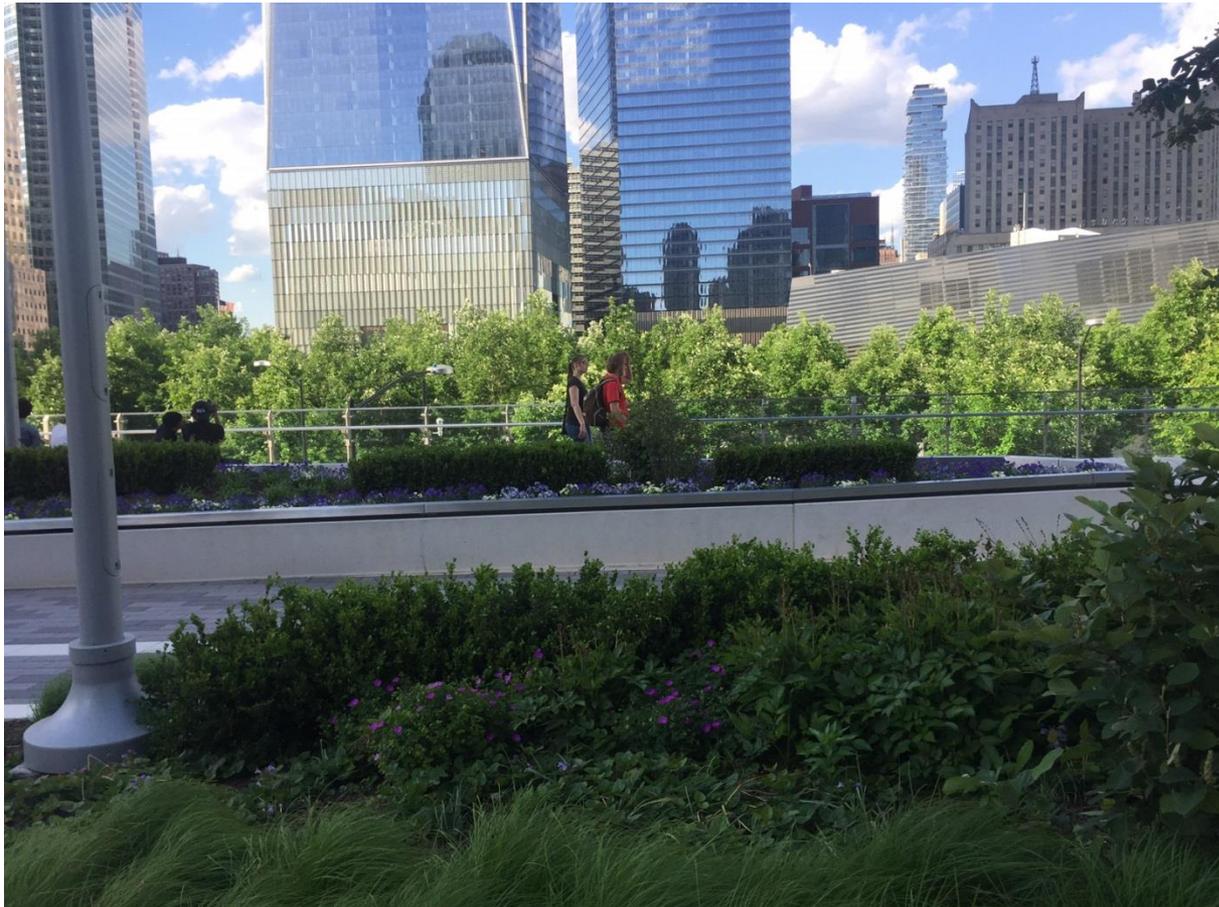
# Chair Report - Priorities

- ***Housing Subcommittee to become Task Force***
- ***Peck Slip Park***
- ***Livability Index***
- ***New Descriptive Agendas***
  - ***Land Use first to try***
- ***Pursuing Holiday Fair for 2017***
- ***City Funding Downtown Traffic Study***
- ***First POPS application from 200 Water Street***

# Chair Report – Spring evening in the Park



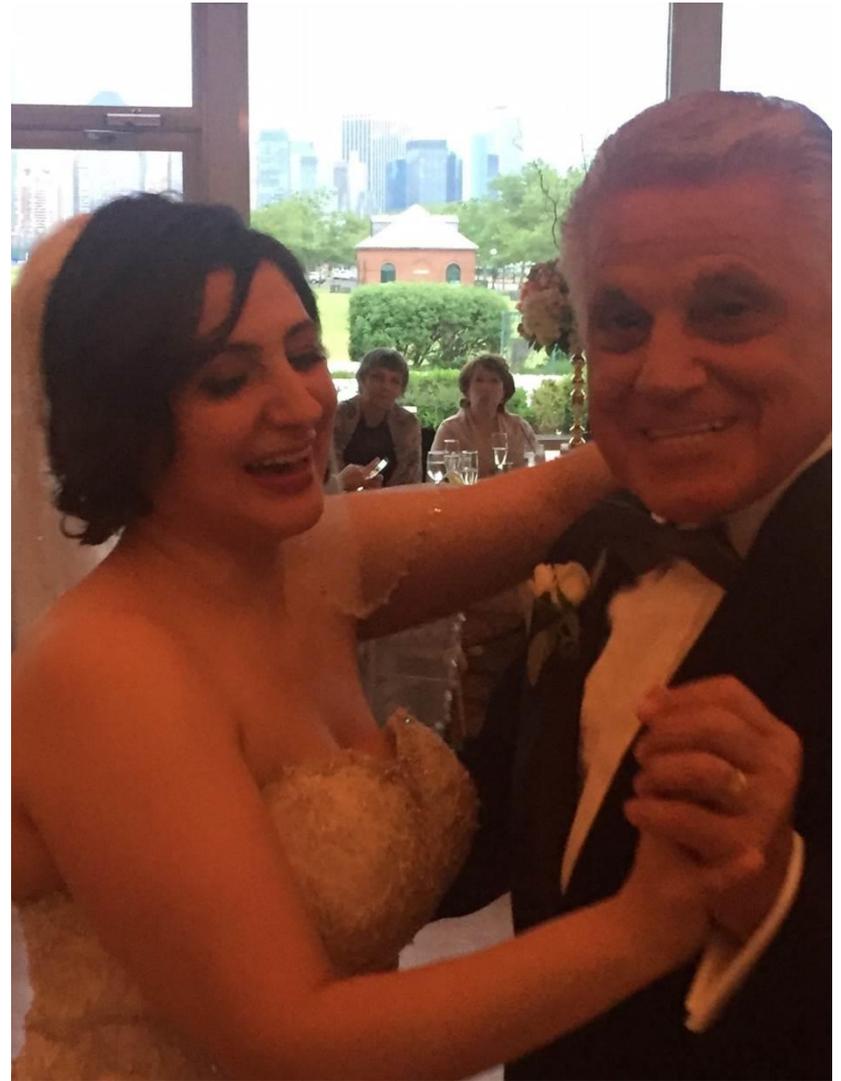
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# Chair Report – Happy Occasion



# Livability Index

To measure and compare the Quality of Life across NYC neighborhoods to help Community Boards better serve their residents

*(n.) liv`a·bil`i·ty*

- 1. Suitability for human living*
- 2. The quality of life, usually in an urban setting, where the accessibility to needs and services (built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability, educational opportunity, cultural and recreation possibilities) contributes to overall well-being.*

# Features

## Health Care & Human

### Services

number of beds-----	5
physicians availability-----	5
preventable hosp. rate-----	8
life expectancy-----	7
distance to nearest provider-----	8
obesity prevalence-----	5
smoking prevalence-----	5
diabetes prevalence-----	6
respiratory disease deaths-----	5
% with health insurance-----	8
number of Senior facilities-----	10
access to exercise-----	7
homeless population-----	7
mental health-----	7

### Community Facilities Parks, & Cultural

Religious establishments-----	5
theaters-----	8
museums-----	8
galleries-----	8
parks/ open space-----	10
gym-----	8
grocery/ farmers' markets-----	10
access to fresh food-----	10
restaurants/ culinary options-----	7
libraries-----	9
Community Gardens-----	7
pedestrian plazas-----	7
fashion/ shopping-----	7
Intensity/use of public spaces-----	8
civic involvement-----	8
voting rate-----	9

## Youth, Education, & Child

### Welfare

Less than high school-----	8
High School and higher-----	8
Bachelor's and higher-----	8
Playgrounds or athletic fields--	10
Libraries-----	7
social services-----	7
health services-----	5
school safety-----	6
teacher to student ratio-----	7
high school graduation rate-----	5
school test scores-----	6
Number of schools-----	10
Number of seats-----	10
School attendance-----	5
pre school enrollment-----	6
school enrollment(3-24 yr)-----	5
Out/after school activities-----	9
child care centers-----	10
Child stability-----	7
continuing education-----	8

### Transportation

public transit options-----	6
Household monthly costs-----	6
average trip time-----	5
Access to work-----	5
pedestrian safety-----	9
biking safety-----	10
speed limits-----	8
crash rates-----	8

## Core Infrastructure & City

### Services

internet access-----	7
post offices-----	8
air quality-----	9
Noise pollution-----	10
industrial pollution-----	5
water quality-----	9
emissions-----	9
waste produced-----	9
recycling programs-----	8
community centers-----	9
parking-----	7
sanitation-----	10
litter removal-----	10
waste collection-----	10
street cleaning-----	10
street conditions-----	9
Potholes-----	9
trees-----	10
street furniture-----	10
signage/wayfinding-----	10

### Public Safety

density of emergency services-----	5
average response time of ems-----	6
average response time of fdny-----	6
crime rates-----	9
graffiti-----	7
311 complaints-----	6
unsanitary living conditions-----	9

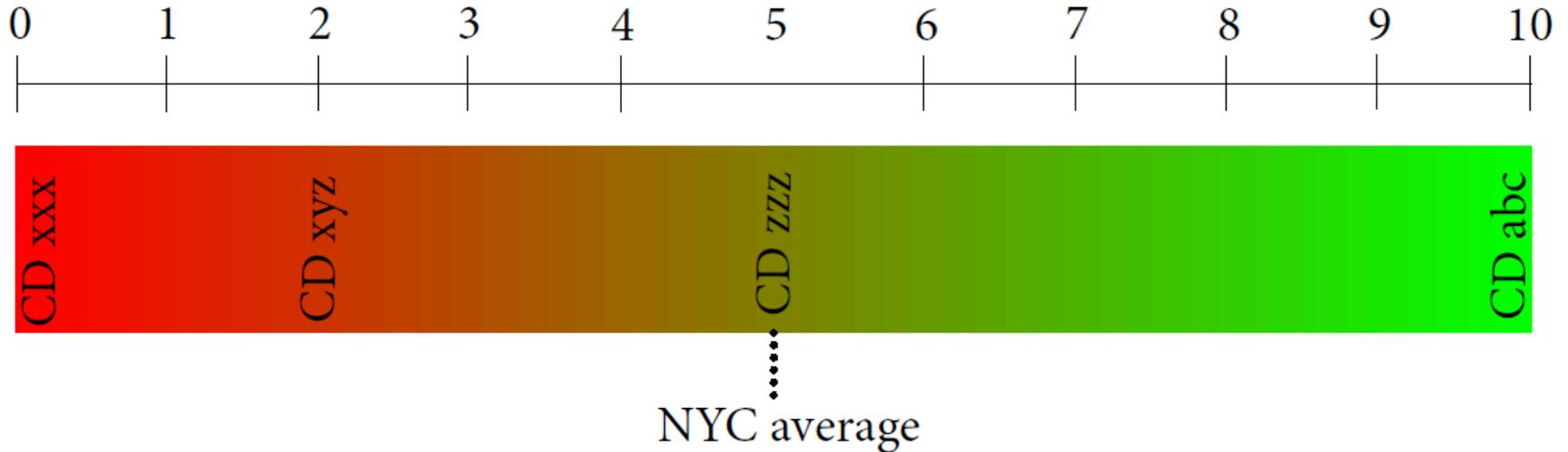
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### Development

industrial/ manufacturing-----	5
% transportation/ utility-----	5
% residential-----	9
% commercial and office-----	9
% mixed use-----	9
% parks/ outdoor rec-----	10
% Public facilities, institutions--	8
% Vacant land-----	7
% parking-----	8
density-----	8
intensity of construction-----	10
affordable housing-----	10
rent stabilized housing-----	10
subsidized housing-----	10
cost burden-----	10
housing costs-----	10
Vacancy rate-----	8
proportion rented housing-----	8
Home values-----	8
appreciation for home prices-----	5
rooms per person/ area-----	5
Average duration of residence-----	8
senior living-----	10
heritage-----	9
%of workers-----	7
unemployment rates-----	8
poverty rates-----	8
migration rate-----	7
jobs per worker-----	7
household income-----	6
personal income-----	6
household size-----	8
diversity-----	9
heating/ hot water complaints-----	6
sanitation/ sewer complaints-----	9
rodents/pests complaints-----	9
paint/ plaster complaints-----	5
Noise complaints-----	9

# Performance

Feature X with a weight Y



$$\text{Performance} = Y \text{ (the weight of feature X)} * \text{Score}$$

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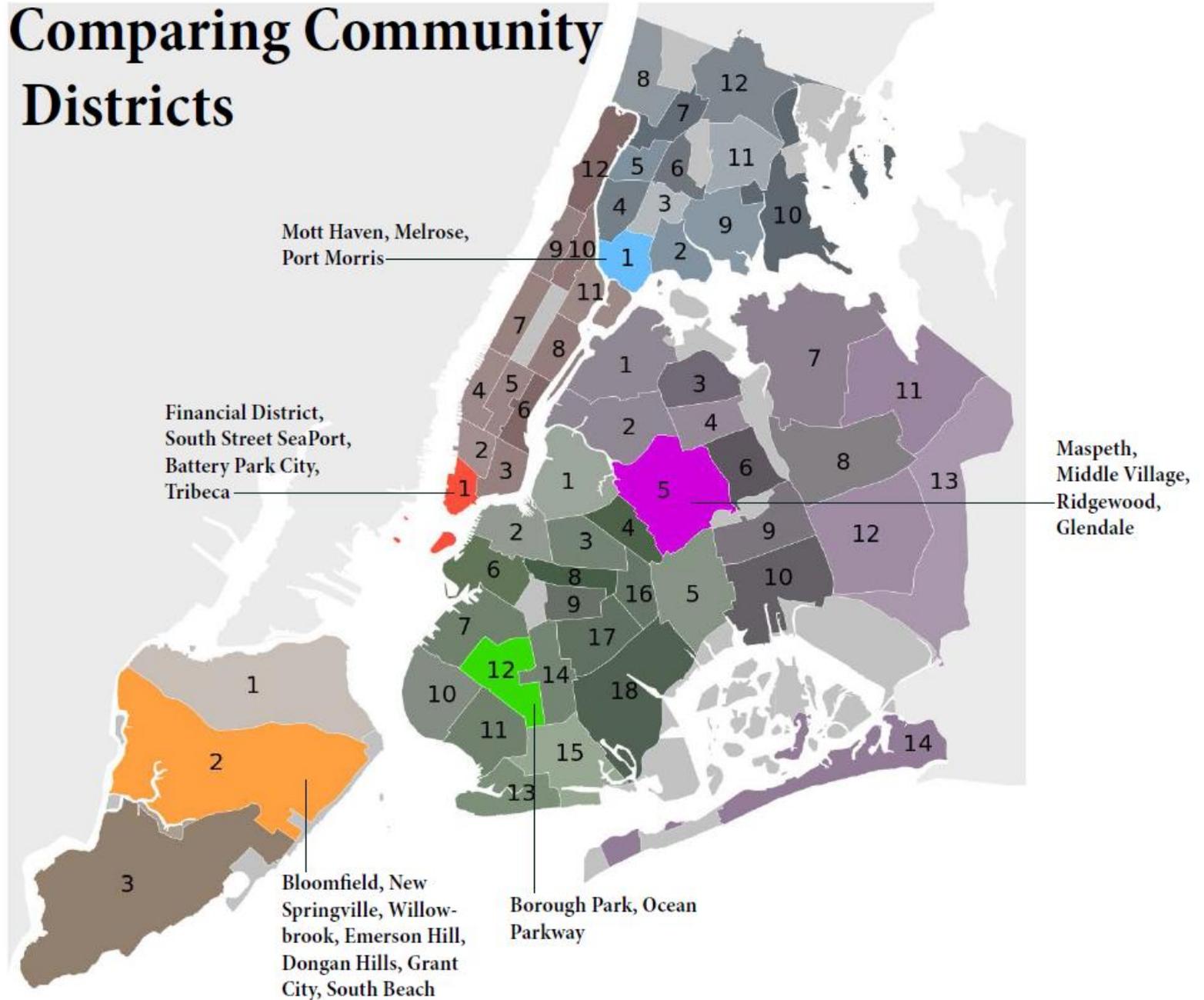
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Healthcare & Human Services  
 number of beds  
 physicians availability  
 preventable hosp. rate  
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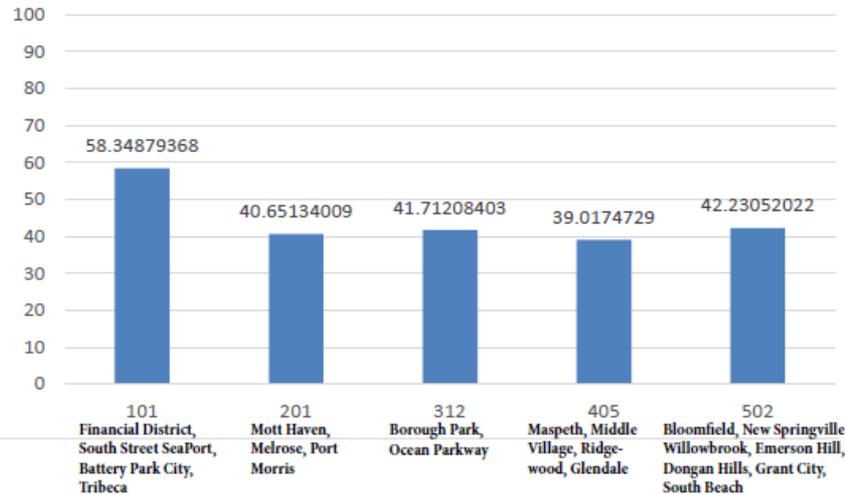
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# Comparing Community Districts

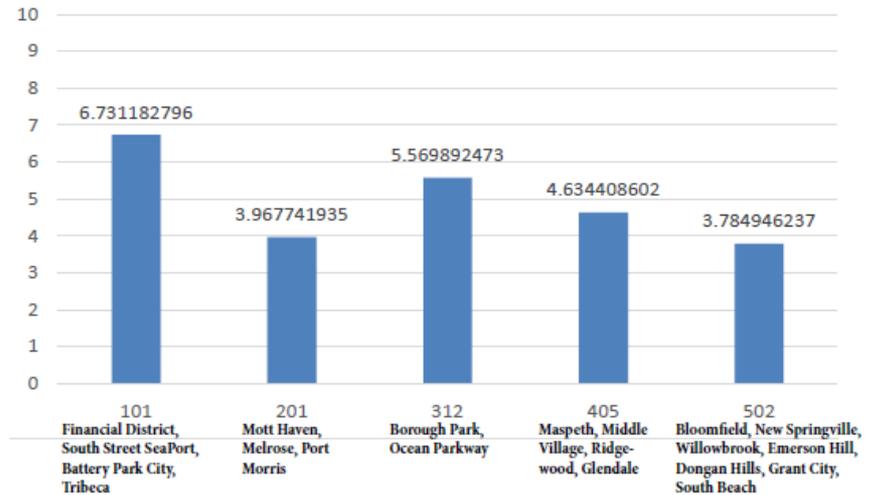


# Results

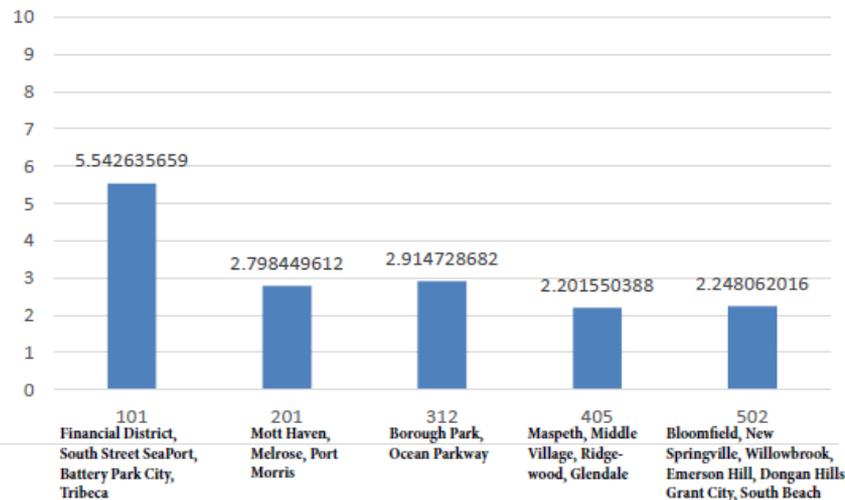
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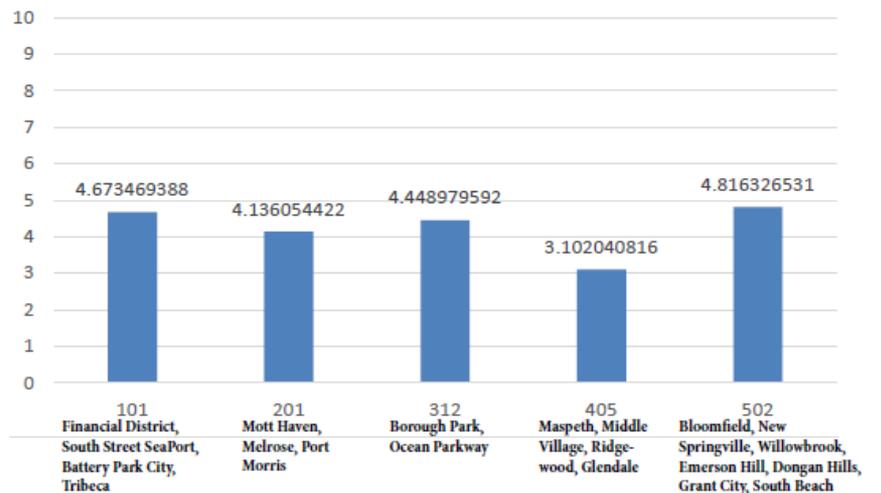
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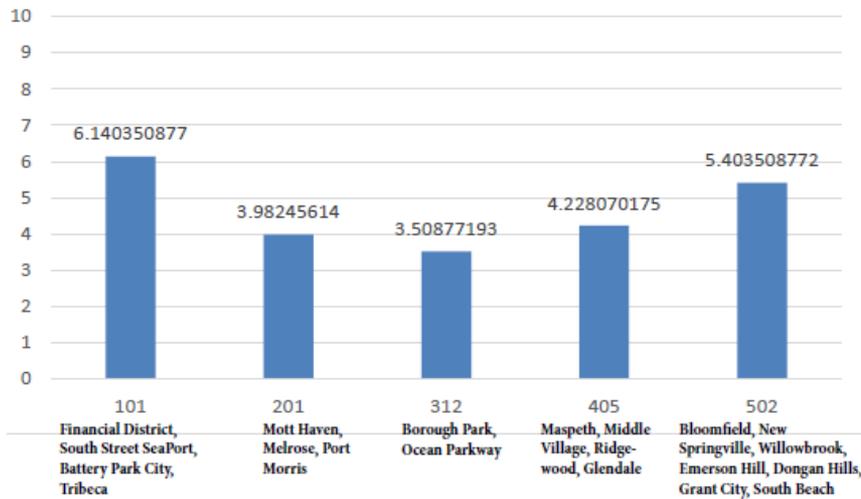
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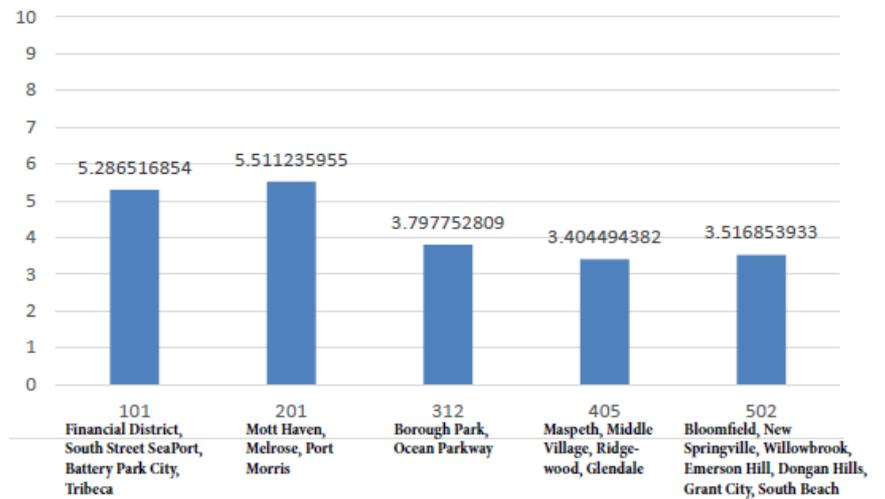
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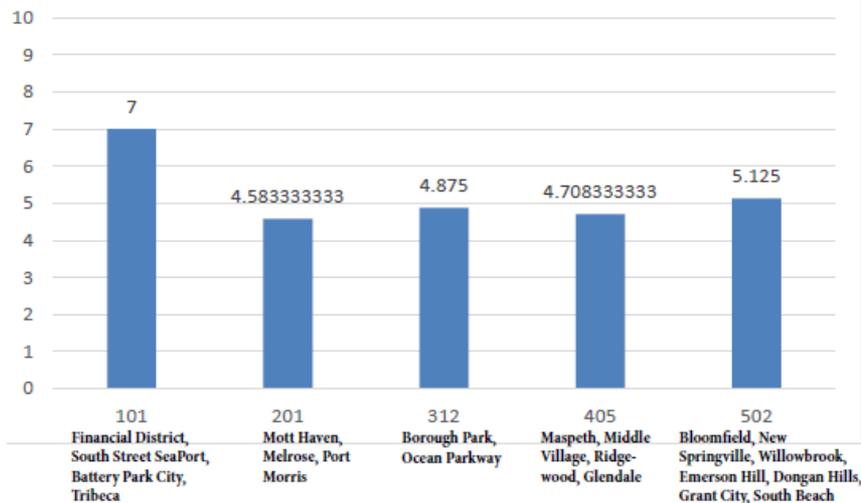
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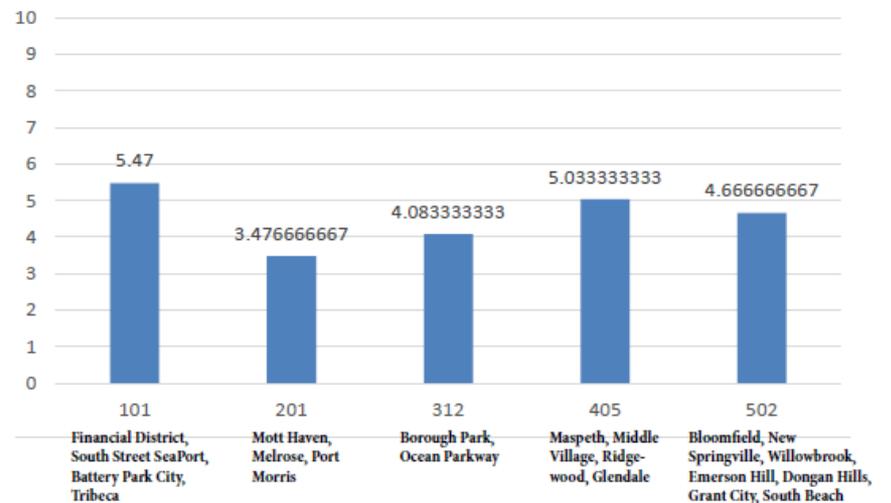
### Core Infrastructure and City Services



### Public Safety



### Land Use, Housing, and Human Development



# Recommendations

- Street cleaning – score 5 – check 311 data to identify most frequently complained about locations and coordinate efforts with DSNY to increase street cleaning activities and also improve enforcement of fines for littering or other activities.
- Street conditions – score 3 - check 311 data to identify most frequently complained about locations and coordinate efforts with DSNY to increase street cleaning activities and also improve enforcement of fines for littering or other activities. Coordinate efforts with Department of Parks and other city agencies to improve the streetscape and maintenance of streets and sidewalks in the district.
- Potholes – score 3 – check 311 data to identify most frequently complained about locations and lobby and advocate DOT to improve maintenance of the streets in the district.
- Signage and wayfinding – score 2 - lobby DOT to better maintain signage in the district and explore programs that involve collaboration with local artists and designers to come up with creative wayfinding solutions. Makes a stronger case for DOT to carry out the traffic and congestion study that is being pushed for by CB1. Coordinate efforts with Buro Happold on the development of a tourist trail map, and with Downtown Alliance to improve wayfinding in the district.
- Average response times of emergency (EMS & FDNY) vehicles – score 8 and 9 – coordinate efforts with DOT and other city agencies to relieve congestion and promote programs.
- Adult stability – score 0 - more renters in the area, so more difficult to form long term bonds and community building. This also makes residents more vulnerable to increasing housing costs. As residents in the district move away due to affordability issues or due to other factors in the district, it makes it hard to plan for the future demand of residents effectively. Programs to promote affordable housing options and rent stabilization may be promoted to retain residents long term.