

***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 Brooklyn Community Board 14's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

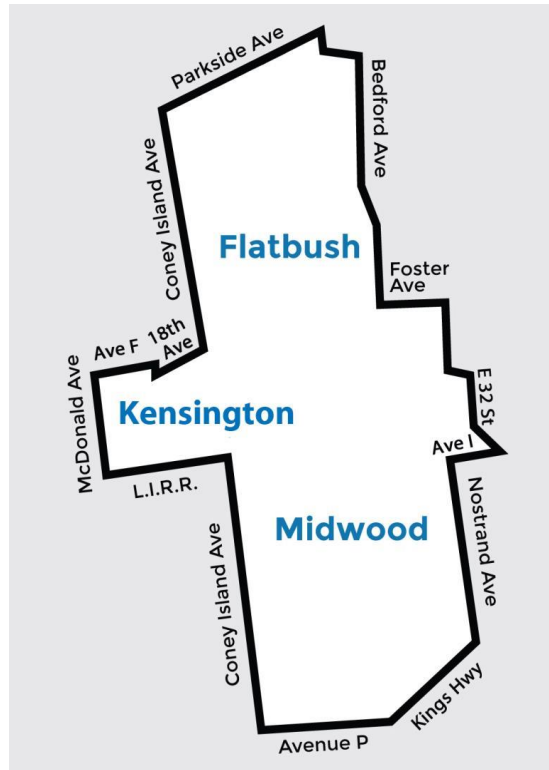
Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY18 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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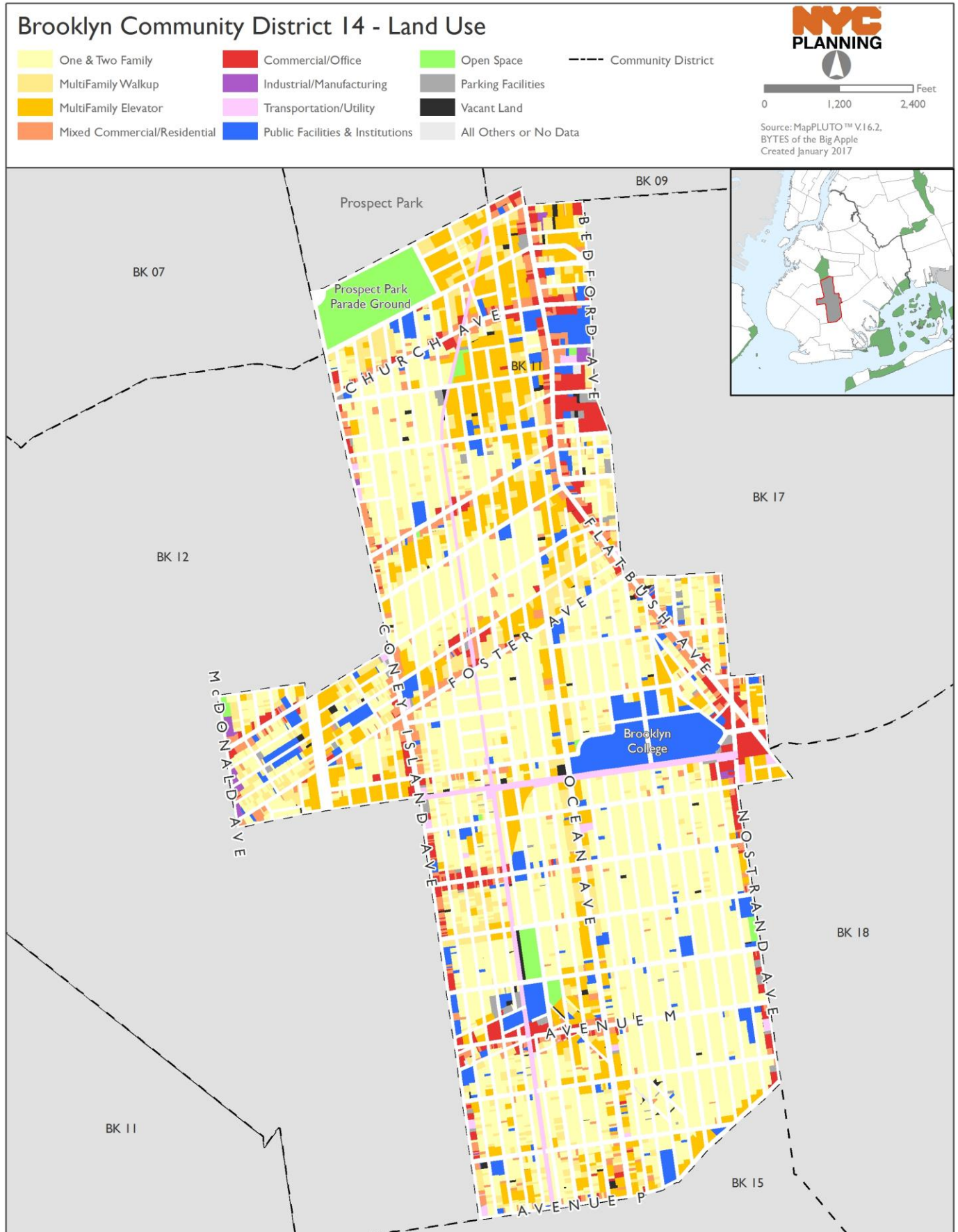
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Located in the heart of Brooklyn, Community Board 14 comprises the diverse and dynamic communities of Flatbush, Midwood and eastern Kensington. The western border is the east side of Coney Island Avenue, which extends to McDonald Avenue from Ditmas Avenue to the railroad cut just south of Avenue I. The southern border is the north side of Avenue P from Coney Island Avenue to East 23rd Street and Kings Highway from East 23rd Street to Nostrand Avenue. This begins the eastern border, which is primarily (from south to north) Nostrand, Flatbush and Bedford Avenues. Parkside Avenue is the northern border. These borders embrace 2.9 square miles within which approximately 180,000 people reside.

The district remains among the most diverse in New York City; ranking fifth of 59 Community Districts citywide (up from a rank of seventh just one year ago).

Approximately 37% of the District is White; 36% of the total population is Black/African American; 10% is Asian; and 16% is of Hispanic origin. About 45% of our District's population is foreign born; down slightly from a high of 49.4%. Changes in our population and demographics have an impact on all city services including social services and institutions in the District such as schools. Many of these impacts inform the needs of our District as outlined in this statement of needs.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 14 are:

- *Parks*
- *Social services (including services for the homeless)*
- *Traffic*

CD 14 ranks at the bottom of all 59 community districts in NYC as measured by the number of residents within a quarter mile of a park. DOT issues represent the greatest number of service delivery requests. Issues of street homelessness have notably increased over the past year. However, it is important to note that issues of public health and safety, education, housing, business environment and jobs are all interrelated and related to services such as sanitation, environment and transit as well to infrastructure needs including roads, parks, and quality development.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

It is important to understand the interrelation of our health care and human services needs and to ensure that issues are addressed with a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Central Brooklyn has a lower than the statewide hospital bed to population ratio (2.3 beds per 1,000 residents, compared with Manhattan’s 4.7, the state’s 3.1). In 1980, Brooklyn had 26 hospitals; now it has 15 and 41 percent fewer acute-care beds. Adequate hospital services are essential in any community. Serious health consequences are related to obesity. The rate of obesity in CD 14 is 28% which ranks the community at 25th in the City and over three times higher than the community with the lowest obesity rate. The diabetes rate is also three times higher than the lowest rate in the city, with 11% of adults in CD 14. Our community is also similarly ranked toward the middle in the number of hospitalizations for psychiatric care. There were approximately 657 (per 100,000 adults) such hospitalizations last year, compared to 743 Brooklyn wide and 684 citywide. Access to health care is of utmost importance. In CD 14 almost one in four adults still has no health insurance and one in seven goes without needed medical care. Neighborhood conditions must also be addressed to promote good health. Poorly maintained housing is associated with negative health outcomes. A higher percentage of homes in CD 14 have maintenance issues. In addition, the District has the highest number of vermin reports in the city.



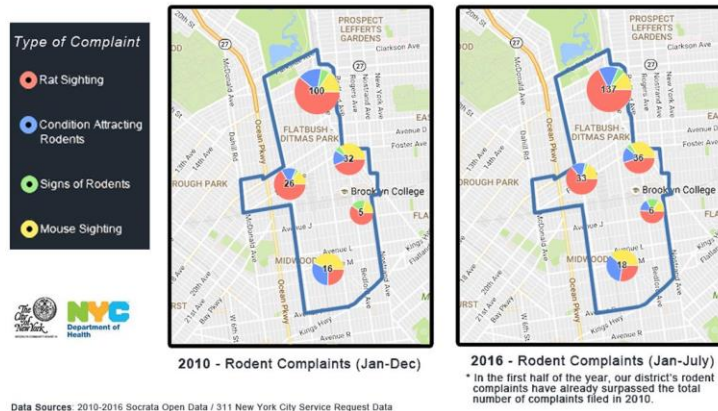
Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Supporting Materials:

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2010-2016: Increased Rodent Complaints

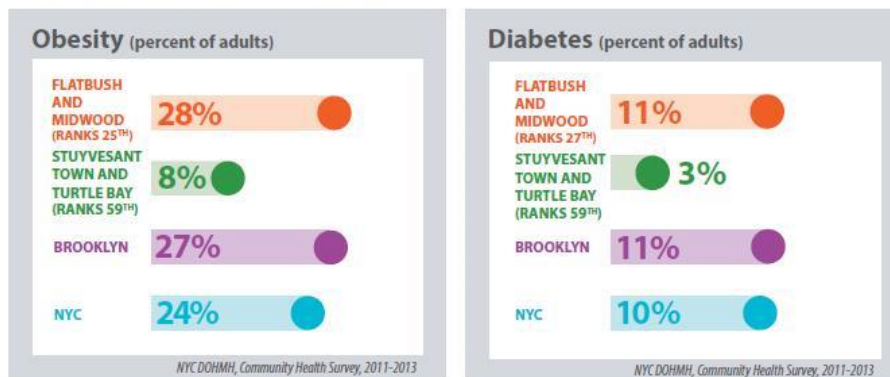
Between 2010-2016, Brooklyn Community District 14 noted a 69% increase in rodent complaints in CD14. 251 total rodent complaints in 2010 vs. est. 364* total complaints in 2016 (*Based on 212 complaints received by July 2016)



[Rodent Complaint Map 2010-2016](#)

Obesity and diabetes

Obesity can lead to serious health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. At 28%, the rate of obesity in **Community District 14** is over three times the rate in Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay. The diabetes rate in **Community District 14** is 11%, also over three times the rate in Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay.



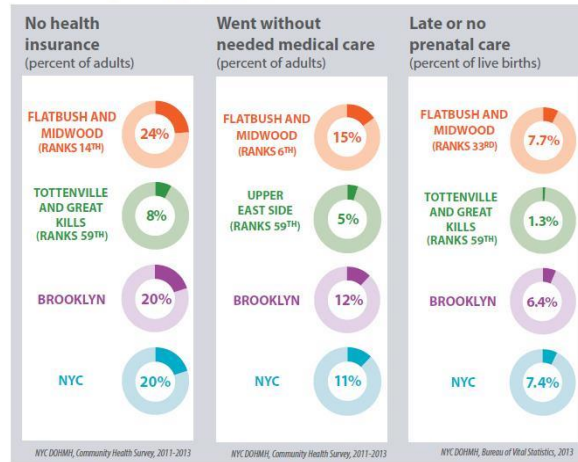
[CD14 Health Issues](#)



Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

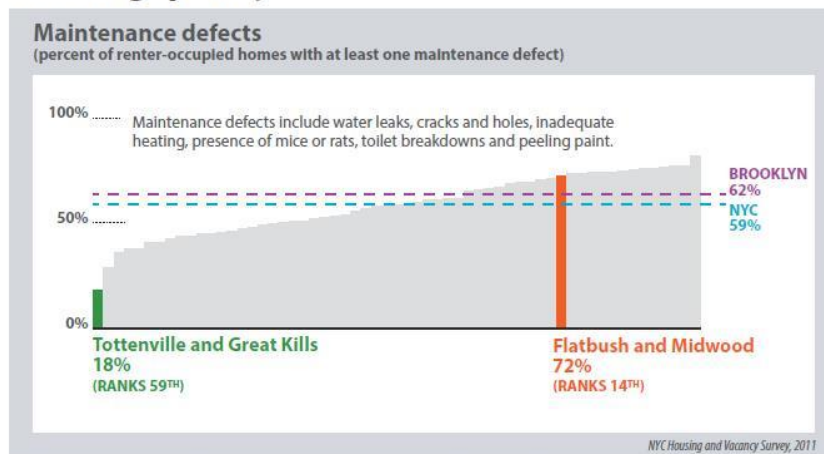
Access to health care

A lack of quality health care can lead to negative health outcomes and more intensive treatment, such as avoidable hospitalizations. In Flatbush and Midwood, almost one in four adults has no health insurance, and one in seven goes without needed medical care, similar to citywide rates.



[CD14 Access to Healthcare](#)

Housing quality



Poorly maintained housing is associated with negative health outcomes, including asthma and other respiratory illnesses, injuries and poor mental health. A higher percentage of homes in **Community Board 14** have maintenance defects compared with homes citywide.

[CD14 Housing Quality statistics](#)



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

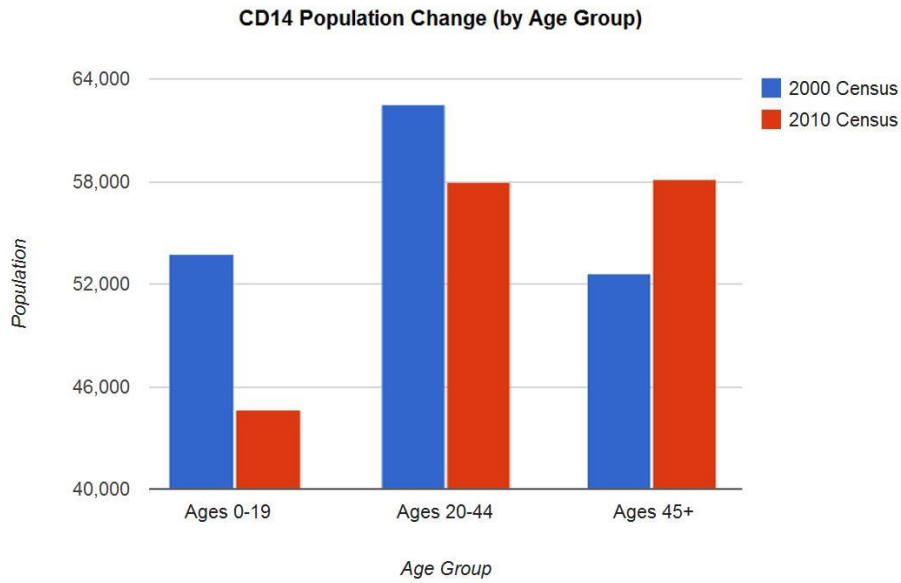
According to the Department for the Aging's analysis of 2010 Census data, the population of older New Yorkers is increasing as a share of the total population. Furthermore, those over the age of 85 is increasing the most. In addition, the gender gap between older New Yorkers is decreasing and the number of "younger" older New Yorkers seeking services is increasing. These shifts require new focus on providing support services for aging New Yorkers. In CD 14, from 2000 to 2010, the only age categories of population increase was the 45-65 group, which increased by 14.4%, and the 65 years and older group, which increased by 2.8%. Services for our aging population are increasingly imperative.



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[CD14 Population Change by Age Group 2000-2010 Census](#)



[CD14 Senior Centers](#)



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

The homeless populations has risen over the past five years to over 60,000 people on any given day. Reports of homeless encampments have increased citywide and our community is no different. Not every person on the street is homeless and not every homeless person is on the street, yet 311 requests for assistance for homeless people within CD14 has increased by 10 times in the past 5 years. CD 14 is among the highest rent over burdened districts in the city, ranking 15th and ranking 6th in severe overcrowding.



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

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Economic stress				
	Flatbush and Midwood	Best-performing community district	Brooklyn	NYC
Poverty	21% (RANKS 26 TH)	6% Tottenville and Great Kills (RANKS 59 TH)	24%	21%
Unemployment	10% (RANKS 28 TH)	5% Greenwich Village and Soho & Financial District (RANKS 58 TH)	11%	11%
Rent burden	58% (RANKS 13 TH)	37% Greenwich Village and Soho & Financial District (RANKS 58 TH)	52%	51%

Poverty, unemployment and rent burden - U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2013; Avertable deaths: NYC DOHMH, Bureau of Vital Statistics 2008-2012

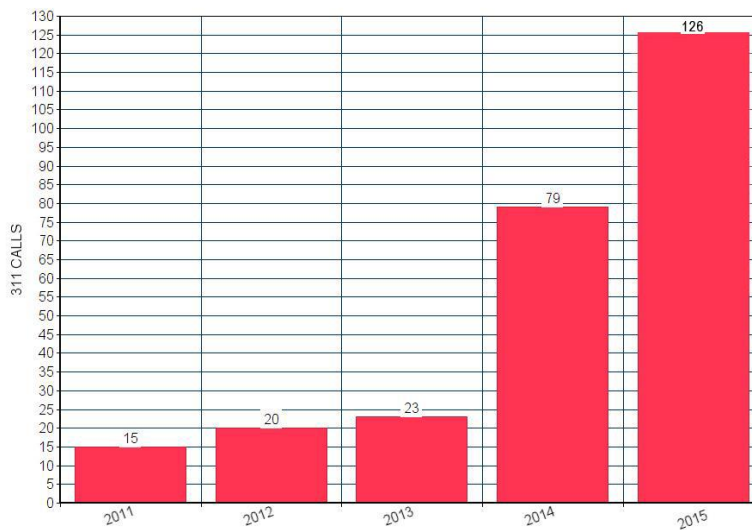
One in five residents of **Brooklyn's CD 14** lives below the Federal Poverty Level.

Income

Living in poverty limits healthy lifestyle choices and makes it difficult to access health care and resources that can promote health and prevent illness. Unemployment and unaffordable housing are also closely associated with poverty and poor health. One in ten **Flatbush and Midwood** adults ages 16 and older is unemployed, and over half of residents spend more than 30% of their monthly gross income on rent.

CD14 Economic Stress

311 CALLS FOR HOMELESS PERSON ASSISTANCE (CD14)



* Data provided by NYC Open Data (data.cityofnewyork.us)

CD14 Homeless Assistance Requests



Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

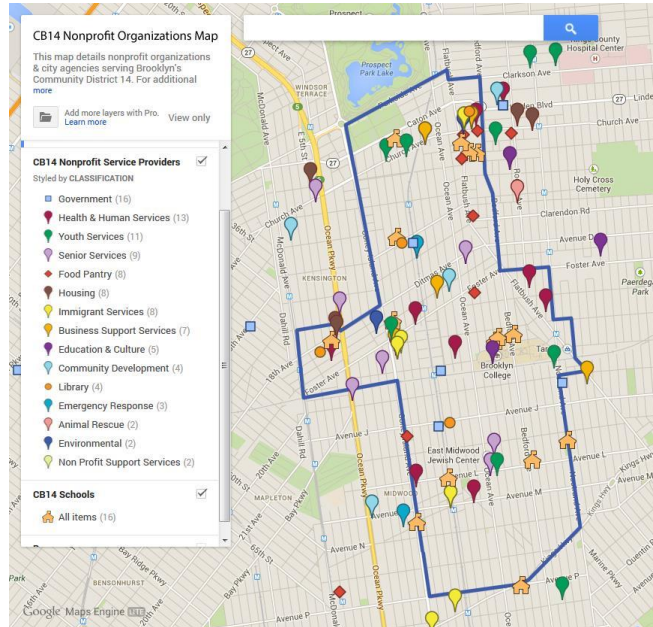
The median household income in CD 14 is down slightly, moving our rank citywide from 30th one year ago to 28th currently. Cash assistance, SSI, and medicaid case numbers have increased from 37.3% of the population in 2005 to 41.3% of the population in 2014. Community Board 14 continues to host non-profit roundtable events each year in order to stay aware of needs being met by Community Based Organizations (CBO), who they are serving and what type of support they need to manage and expand caseloads. Last season we brought the CBOs together with city agencies and nonprofit support organizations in an effort to continue to expand their capacity and strengthen the CBO network in our community.



Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

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[CD14 Non Profit Organizations Map](#)

CEO Poverty By Community District/Neighborhood (2010-2014)	
Total NYC Population (Numbers are Percent of the Population Living At or Below Poverty Line)	
Community District/Neighborhood	2010-2014
Bronx 5 (University Heights/Fordham)	35.6
Brooklyn 5 (East New York/Starrett City)	33
Bronx 3 & 6 (Morrisania/East Tremont)	32.4
Bronx 4 (Highbridge/South Concourse)	31.9
Brooklyn 12 (Borough Park)	31.1
Brooklyn 16 (Brownsville/Ocean Hill)	30.6
Brooklyn 7 (Sunset Park)	28.2
Bronx 7 (Kingsbridge Heights/Moshulu)	28.1
Bronx 1 & 2 (Mott Haven/Hunts Point)	27.2
Queens 4 (Elmhurst/Corona)	27.2
Brooklyn 3 (Bedford Stuyvesant)	27
Brooklyn 13 (Coney Island)	25.8
Queens 3 (Jackson Heights)	25.2
Brooklyn 9 (South Crown Heights)	25
Brooklyn 14 (Flatbush)	24.9
Total NYC Population (Five-Year Average)	21.1

NOTE: Brooklyn Community Board 14 has the 17th highest poverty rate out of 59 Community Boards & the 8th highest poverty rate in Brooklyn out of 18 Brooklyn Community Boards. CB14's 5-Year Average Poverty Rate is 3.8% higher than the citywide average.

[CD14 Poverty by District 2010-2014](#)



Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	HHC	Health care facilities	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	DFTA	Elder abuse programs	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	
1/40	DHS	Services for the homeless	Expand street outreach	
1/40	HRA	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	
1/40	DOHMH	Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	
2/40	HRA	Homelessness prevention programs	Expand homelessness prevention programs	
2/40	DHS	Facilities for the homeless	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	40 Clarkson; Midwood Safe, 19 D
2/40	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	
2/40	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Reduce rat populations	
2/40	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Other services for homebound older adults programs	
3/40	DOHMH	Healthy life styles programs	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	
3/40	DFTA	Facilities for seniors	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	
3/40	HRA	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster	



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

The array of issues noted above and the age groups they span make prioritizing these needs difficult. Certainly, a summer job for a teen should not compete for the need for child protective services for a child. However, for the past nine years CB 14 has organized a Youth Conference and in 2016 more than 700 young people attended. Thus our experience with the need for youth workforce development and summer youth employment is most direct. That said, for years we have also requested additional seats for elementary ed and have one of the most overcrowded high schools in the City is within our boundaries.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

There are 22 public elementary and secondary schools in the District serving more than 20,000 students. In addition, there are 26 private/parochial elementary and secondary schools serving 6709 students. Public daycare and residential facilities for children include the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf and Exceptional Children, the Queens County Educators for Tomorrow group day care center, as well as the one and only Head Start program at St. Mark's, which serves 151 children. Given that the population of children under the age of five numbered 11,680 in 2010 and that 22.3% of families in the District with a child under the age of five fell below the poverty line at least once from 2010 to 2012, the number of early childhood programs is woefully inadequate. The tremendous expansion of Universal pre-Kindergarten citywide only increases the importance of early education services. This is especially needed in our District where there is a high percentage of English Language Learners. One half of the public schools in our district are near or over capacity. Midwood High School operates at 156% of student seats capacity as it has done for years. The City has recognized our need for additional seats in the District and there are plans to build a K-8 school for School District 22 students, however the school will be physically located in Community District 12 and will not have an adequate number of seats to meet the need of our residents' children. It is imperative that a location be identified to add needed classroom space within the boundaries of the District. That noted, Community District 14's schools tend to perform well. The graduation rate from our high schools is 81% compared to the borough-wide average of 59%. The dropout rate is 4% compared to the borough-wide 12%.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Every year Community Board 14 hosts a Youth Conference. The event has grown every year. This past year, more than 60 organizations participated and more than 700 teens attended. The diversity of the District is one of the greatest in New York City, ranking 5th of 59. At one local public school more than 30 first languages are spoken. Over 45% of our population is foreign born. In 2010 22.3% of families with children under age five fell below the poverty line. These data support the need for expanded, well and dependably funded in school and out of school time youth programs, summer employment programs and support services.



Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

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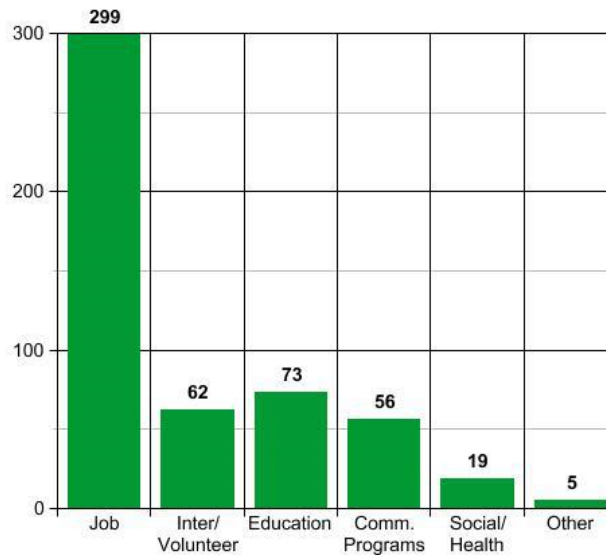
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Brooklyn Community Board 14 Youth Conference 2016

[2016 CB14 Youth Conference](#)

Why Students Attended the 2015 CB14 Youth Conference



[CB14 Youth Conference - Why Students Attended](#)

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	DOT	<i>Street Events</i>	<i>Ensure local input on Street Activity Permits</i>	
1/40	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services</i>	
1/40	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	
1/40	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	
2/40	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	
2/40	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	
2/40	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Other foster care and child welfare requests</i>	
3/40	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

The need for a new police precinct in an appropriate setting has been recognized by the community and by the NYPD for over 20 years. This is a need worthy of top priority in the arena of public safety.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

The men and women of the 70th Police Precinct serve our community exceptionally well, keeping crime and quality of life problems at historic lows. They manage to do so from a Precinct House that is poorly suited to their needs and to the needs of the community. The 70th Precinct House is undersized, antiquated and deteriorated. The United Cerebral Palsy complex shares this very narrow, one-way street. Thus one of the most active Precinct Houses is in the midst of one of the largest concentrations of multiply handicapped people in the city. Overall crime numbers continue to decrease, making the 70th Precinct one of the few in the city where crime has dropped every since since the introduction of Compstat. The introduction of the Mayor's and Commissioner's "One City: Safe and Fair Everywhere", neighborhood policing plan has made great strides in addressing the needs of both the police and community members in terms of communication, information sharing and all around good relations. The Neighborhood Coordinating Officers have become familiar with and to community members and have addressed both quality of life and matters of public safety with new efficiency, instilling greater confidence throughout the community. However, as noted previously, CD 14 has 22 public and 26 independent schools, serving approximately 27,000 students. The number of crossing guards has been stagnant and must be increased in keeping with Vision Zero goals.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Community District 14 requires optimal fire protection because of the large number of multiple dwellings and century old housing. There were a tragic number of fatal fires in the District this past year. Education programs to prevent fires and swift response are key. Emergency services in the southern end of the District are augmented by Hatzola. It is therefore all the more distressing that response times have increased for FDNY and for EMS.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	
1/17	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	
2/17	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>70th Police Precinct 154 Lawrence</i>
2/17	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	
3/17	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response</i>	
3/17	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	
1/40	FDNY	<i>FDNY programs and staffing</i>	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	
2/40	FDNY	<i>FDNY programs and staffing</i>	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	
2/40	NYPD	<i>NYPD programs</i>	<i>Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs</i>	



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Other|Sewer capacity, water runoff and flooding, noise pollution, sanitation, and snow clearing are equally important. There are multi-agency and some are inter-agency issues.

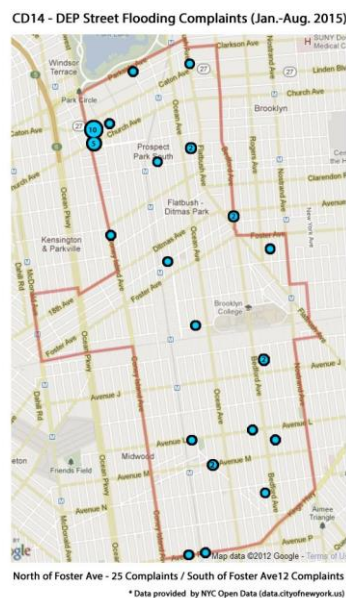
Many issues are interrelated. Additionally, snow clearing is only a priority in the winter, flooding is only a concern when it rains. These important but not everyday issues make it hard to prioritize. They can be more urgent, however, trash must be collected every day.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Trench restoration continues to be an issue in the District. The back and forth between DEP and DOT prolongs solutions and should be unnecessary since the information as to where trenches should be repaired is already known. DOT now has some funding for repairing the worst issues but there is not enough funding to fix all known locations and there is no funding to proactively address the trenches on the restoration list. In addition, the notification in place at DEP is woefully inadequate. Community Boards are not notified of either planned or emergency work in a timely matter (if at all). This matter has been brought to the attention of DEP as well as elected officials to no avail.

Supporting Materials:

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[CD14 Street Flooding Map - Jan-Aug 2015](#)

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Given that each and every resident produces more than two pounds of garbage every day, the efforts of the Department of Sanitation workers at BK 14 to keep pace with the needs of our District are greatly appreciated. Within our 2.9 miles there are 89 road miles and 54 dead ends. This brings challenges to snow removal. We were gratified that Borough President Adams funded a vehicle to manage narrow streets and dead ends. Illegal dumping continues to be a difficult issue in the District with its many dead ends, one block streets and many road bridges. The BK 14 scorecard has improved in the District but complaints along the commercial streets that are only allocated ONE dedicated basket truck per week continue with no abatement.



Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	
1/17	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure</i>	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	
2/17	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	
1/40	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	
1/40	DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>	
2/40	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	
3/40	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

Building code enforcement and zoning enforcement are equally important in the District. CD 14 is among the higher districts in terms of housing code violations. This is correlated with health issues and is a problem underscored by the fact that the district is also one of the most severely rent burdened. Given the fact that over 48 % of the area of the district is comprised of 1-2 family homes, combined with the fact that we rank 12th in the city in terms of population density, the renters of multi-family dwellings are highly concentrated. HPD violations have no bearing on DOB building permits, allowing landlords to ignore the needs of their current tenants while making improvements in vacant units to charge higher rents. This contrasts with how the District's single family homes are economically situated. In CD 14, the median price of a single family home is the highest in all of New York City. Prospect Park South, Ditmas Park, Midwood Park-Fiske Terrace, Albermarle-Kenmore Terraces, are all historically landmarked neighborhoods. They comprise 5.7% of lots in the District, which ranks us 18th in the City for lots regulated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Additional neighborhoods have applied for landmarked status. There is also a special permit district in the southern end of the district, which allows an increase the floor area and height of existing homes. Zoning violations occur throughout the District. Primarily, these violations are commercial use in a residential zone. There are also many complaints of illegal curb cuts. There has been very little enforcement of any of CB14's zoning violation complaints. Several of these issues have been pending for many years. In addition to zoning violations, there has been an increase this past year in the number of construction complaints including work without a permit, work beyond permitted times and days, as well as illegal conversions. It is important to protect the uniquely beautiful, valuable, and significant history of our single family residential areas while balancing the quality of denser, multi-unit dwellings.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

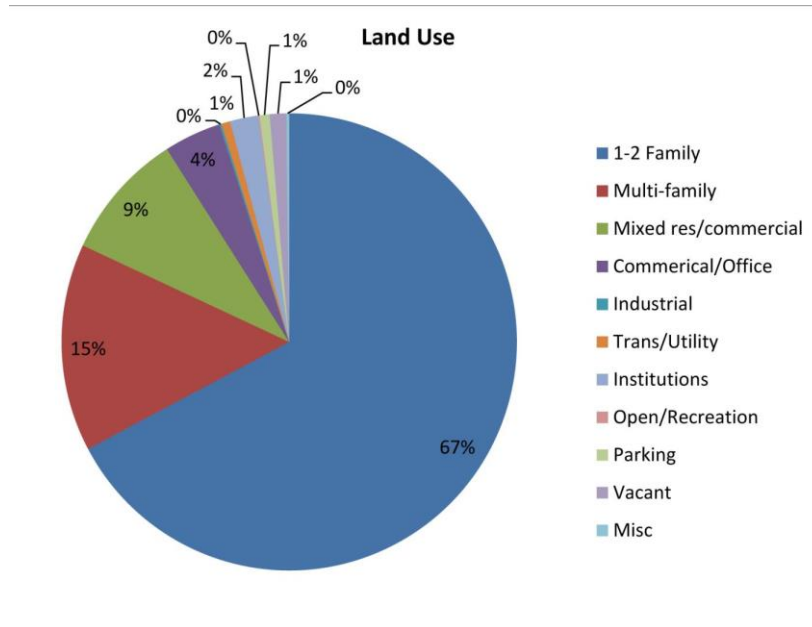
Community Board 14 residents live in a mix of housing that is dominated by single and two family homes (48%). There are four historic district in CD 14 and additional landmarks applications pending. The capacity to develop in the district is one of the lowest in the city, yet the pressures for affordable housing are great. This district is disproportionately rent burdened, with 47% of renter households severely burdened, meaning that rent is at least 50% of household income. Of the top five 311 services requests in 2015, four of them were HPD related. Since only 24% of residential units in the District are rentals, the number of renter complaints underscores a need to ensure that required maintenance is strictly enforced.



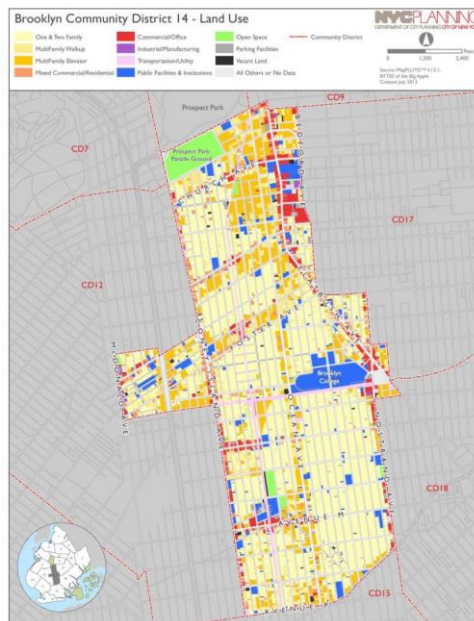
Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Supporting Materials:

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[Land Use Chart CD14](#)



[CB14 Land Use Map](#)

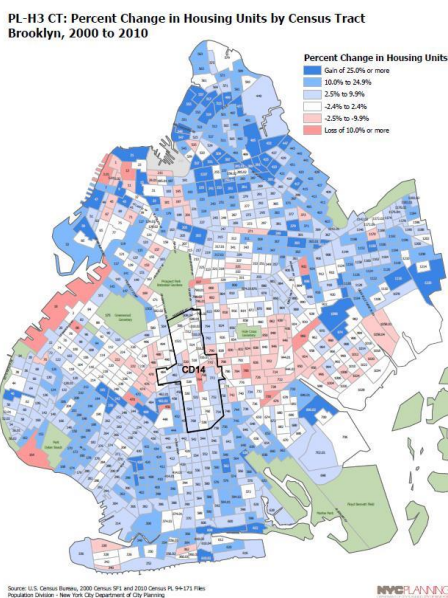


Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

The District ranks 8th in the rate of severe overcrowding in renter households. Despite the fact that last year the District was 53rd of 59 Districts in terms of unused capacity for development, the number of new units authorized by new residential building permits increased from 221 in 2014 to 1059 in 2015. The District now ranks 12th in the city in the number of building permits for new units. Yet, we rank 12th in the city in the number of reported housing defects, which includes water leaks, cracks and holes, vermin, defective sinks, toilets, etc.

Supporting Materials:

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[Housing Units 2000-2010 Change CD14](#)

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

There are several commercial strips in the district serving the needs of residents and beyond. Larger department stores include Sears and the Target store, which anchors the Flatbush Junction. Many smaller independent stores line Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Avenues J and M and Coney Island Avenue, Flatbush Avenue and Newkirk Plaza. Several new businesses have opened on Church Avenue and Cortelyou Road over the past year, including new restaurants, bars, and boutiques. There are three Business Improvement Districts – Flatbush Nostrand Junction BID, the Flatbush BID and the Church Avenue BID - and several merchant associations in our community. The Kings Theatre, a 3300 seat live performance venue, draws people from near and far. This project combined with the completion of the Brooklyn College Tow Performing Arts Center to the south and the existence of performing arts venues to the north, will provide a vital link in Brooklyn’s cultural corridor. Together these theaters will have economic spillover effects such as dining locally. This will support our recently burgeoning restaurant scene in Flatbush and Midwood.



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

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CD14 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAP



[CD14 ECON DEV DISTRICT MAP](#)



Flatbush Caton Market
794 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn 11226



2274 Church Avenue, Brooklyn 11226



Kings Theatre
1027 Flatbush Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11226



851 East 15th Street, Brooklyn 11230

[CD14 City-owned public spaces](#)



Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings</i>	
1/40	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Other|The introduction of Weekend Walks and the Plaza event programs have great potential to increase economic activity and social capital in our communities. However, the process for closing streets and reasonable limits on the number of events, limits on certain locations and a policy that includes all other closures (including filming, construction, block parties, street festivals, etc.) must be taken into collective consideration. These events do not take place in silos therefore the approval process cannot either.

There are currently over 140 open DOT service delivery issues in the CB14 log. Some requests have been pending for over four years, including multiple requests to make the area around the 17,000 student campus of Brooklyn College safer. Another long term effort has been put forth around the 70th Police Precinct to no avail. Recently, CB 14 requested a traffic study around the Precinct and DOT agreed that one was warranted but requested the CB 14 find the funding to conduct the study. The agency should be funded to ensure that areas of concern can be studied to ensure efficient safety and traffic planning. It is currently taking DOT nearly three years to investigate the request for and then install where approved, speed humps. The department does not conduct before and after studies on the efficacy of speed humps, pedestrian islands, neck downs or other installations that are supposed to increase safety. Input from the community should be valued by DOT. The people who live and work here know where problem areas are and have an overview of the entire community during all times of all days. There have been a number of projects that DOT has sought community support for but when not granted, moved forward nonetheless. The lack of data and the very long waits on repairs to roads, signs, and road bridges, make it increasingly difficult to approve new installations. A more comprehensive approach, better response to community requests, and more information to back up the efficacy of DOT's Vision Zero policies are needed.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

All types of ground transportation are important in District 14 where nearly 10% of residents walk or ride bikes to work, nearly 62% take mass transit and nearly a quarter drive. Within the 2.9 miles that comprise the District, there are 89.2 road miles, 54 dead end streets, two through truck routes, several road bridges over the Brighton Line and LIRR tracks and approximately 1200 street segments. Given its Central Brooklyn location and number of thoroughfares in the District including Flatbush Avenue, Coney Island Avenue, Ocean Parkway, Nostrand Avenue running north/south; and Church Avenue, Cortelyou Road, Avenues J and M going east/west, traffic and road conditions are constant concerns. Community Board 14 Service Delivery data show that DOT requests outnumber those of any other agency with which the Community Board interacts. Part of the reason for this accumulation is the time-lag for many DOT issue responses. In the meantime, DOT has proactively introduced initiatives not requested (and sometimes unwelcomed) by the community (such as some pedestrian islands). Responsiveness and community input are important. Of great concern is that there is no way to ascertain an overview of DOT traffic calming measures. There are currently over 140 DOT service delivery requests pending in CD14 but no way to understand how implementation of all or any combination of these requests would impact traffic flow in the District. Rather, such requests are considered only insofar as they impact the block for which they are requested. In 2015 CB 14 was fortunate to have a planning fellow work on beginning of study of speed hump requests, approvals, denials and those pending in order to map the implementation of this particular traffic calming measure. A data base has been composed and further study is needed to ascertain the impacts. There are nine subway stations, seven of which are Brighton Line outdoor tracks, therefore track work affects road traffic. There are also 15 bus lines that operate in the district including express buses and select bus service routes.

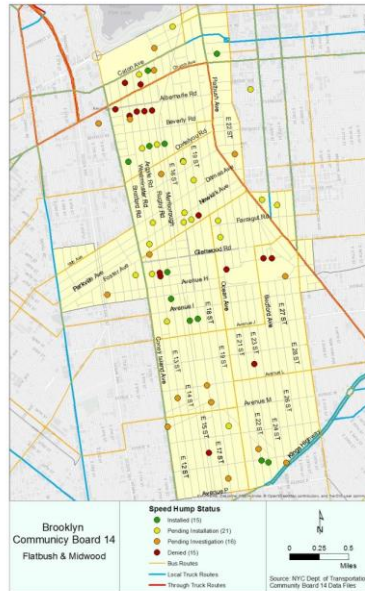


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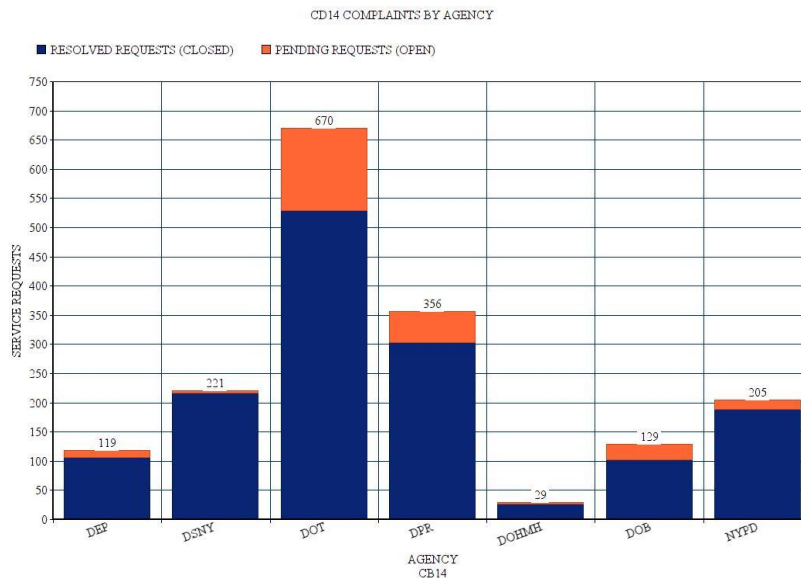
Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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[SpeedHumpMap_2015](#)



[Complaints by Agency CD14 2016](#)



Transportation

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

There are nine subway stations in the District: one Culver Line IND stop; one IRT terminal stop and the remainder Brighton Line BMT stops. Most of the Brighton Line stations have been updated - some in full, others partial renovations. There has also been a good deal of track work on the Brighton Line, which affects roadway traffic since these are outdoor tracks, covered by road bridges. MTA, NYCT has endeavored to minimize community impact when they must close roads for equipment and construction purposes.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Church Ave Brighton Line Station Church Avenue and East 18 St
1/17	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
2/17	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	18th Avenue Culver Line Station

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	
1/40	NYCTA	Transit Service	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	Newkirk Plaza Newkirk Plaza
2/40	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Church Avenue Flatbush Avenue
2/40	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)

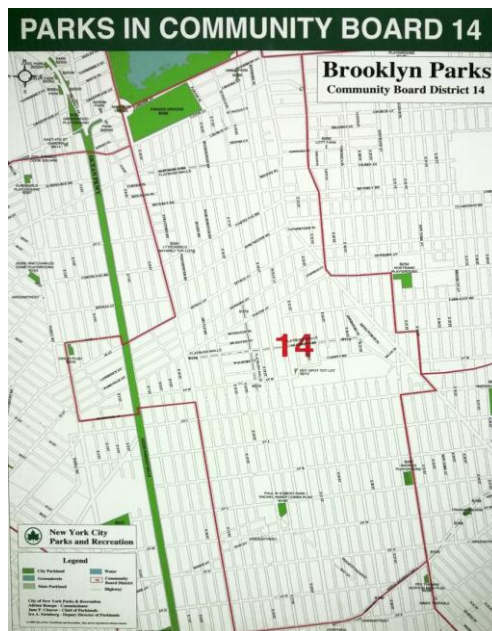
The Community Board is instrumental in ensuring that cultural and park programming, and facilities; community facility access and programming; forestry services; library facilities and services; parks access, care and maintenance; park safety; quality library programming and other parks, cultural and other community facilities are accessible to the public and maintained by the appropriate agencies.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Residents of CD 14 live further away from a park than any other District in the entire City of New York, with 75.5% living a quarter mile away or more. The largest park in our district is the Parade Grounds at our northern border, which includes 40 acres of athletic fields, and tennis courts available by permit only. The only recreational space available at the Parade Ground to the local community without a permit is the heavily-utilized Detective Dillon Stewart Memorial Playground. Kolbert Park is in the southern end of the District and the Deputy Inspector Joseph DiGilio Playground is in the west. Umma Park is a small playground over the BMT tracks in the northeastern end of the District. There are also two tot lots in the District – on Cortelyou Road and on Campus Road. The Cortelyou Road tot lot’s drainage system is in such disrepair that it often has to close after a moderate rainfall due to flooding. The Department of Parks and Recreation has directed the Community Board to request funding from elected officials for every repair and upgrade needed in the Districts parks and playgrounds. Councilmember Greenfield has been generous in allocating funds to Di Gilio and Kolbert playgrounds, both of which will be fully redesigned and Councilmember Eugene has provided funding to rehabilitate the Lt. Narvaez tot lot on Cortelyou Road. However, the Department itself must be adequately resourced to maintain its own inventory. The identification of additional space for parkland and additional greening of green streets areas would be helpful in our park-poor community.

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[CD14 Parks Map](#)

[CD14 Neighborhoods Lacking Access to Parks and Open Space](#)



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

Situated at the approximate center of Flatbush Avenue, the Kings Theatre serves as a cultural fulcrum of Brooklyn's Cultural Corridor. Brooklyn College is set to open the Tow Center in the upcoming years and the diversity and cultural richness of the District lends itself to the support for and involvement in cultural facilities and programming. Libraries in the district are highly utilized by the community for both traditional and increasingly creative cultural offerings.

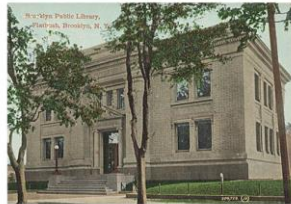
Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

District 14's four existing branch libraries are heavily used and highly valued by the community. The Board continues to strongly support essential improvements needed at these locations and advocated for keeping libraries open seven days a week. Our local branch libraries provide programs and services that relate in important ways to our communities such as the Caribbean Literacy and Cultural Center at the Flatbush Branch, and the Cortelyou Road library's teamwork with other community groups, the Puzzles and Games and Russian language adult book club at the Midwood library; and the recently renovated Kensington Branch's partnership last year with Lincoln Center for a summer classical music program. Community Board 14 supports all efforts to provide seven day a week service.

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CD14 Brooklyn Public Library Branches



Flatbush Library Branch
22 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn 11226



Cortelyou Library Branch
1305 Cortelyou Rd, Brooklyn 11226



Midwood Library Branch
975 East 16 St, Brooklyn 11230



Kensington Library Branch
4207 18th Ave, Brooklyn 11218

[CD14 Public Libraries](#)



Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

The Community Board meets monthly from September through June. During that season there are several monthly public hearings and committee meetings are held almost weekly. We also host an annual Youth Conference, which has grown each year since its inception in 2007, hosting over 600 students this past year. The Board has instituted Community Based Organization Roundtables and Merchants Roundtables, each of which meets twice annually. At our annual reception in June, community members gather to recognize city agency representatives for outstanding service to the community and new Community Board 14 members are introduced and welcomed. Every day the District Office assists residents, business owners, organizations and other community members with service delivery requests. Over the past five years, CB 14 staff have addressed over 2000 service delivery requests that require ongoing monitoring and follow up case work. In addition, the office fields many complaints and inquiries daily, that are addressed immediately (such as missed sanitation collections, or requests for information). The 311 system may have value in the City but the community relationships, the ability to proactively follow up on citizen concerns and the ability to distill myriad complaints into budget requests and policy proposals must happen at a very local level and must be managed by people charged with advocating for the community. The ability to continue to assist the District at the highest potential rests on solid support from the City of New York. Access to data and assistance with data analysis; service delivery support; and additional agency liaisons from agencies that are not District Service Cabinet members would go far to increase our reach and efficiency. Additional funding would assist with our collaboration with city agencies, public institutions, and all community members, as we strive to make even better the vitality, quality of life, access to programs, services and beauty and enjoyment our community has to offer.

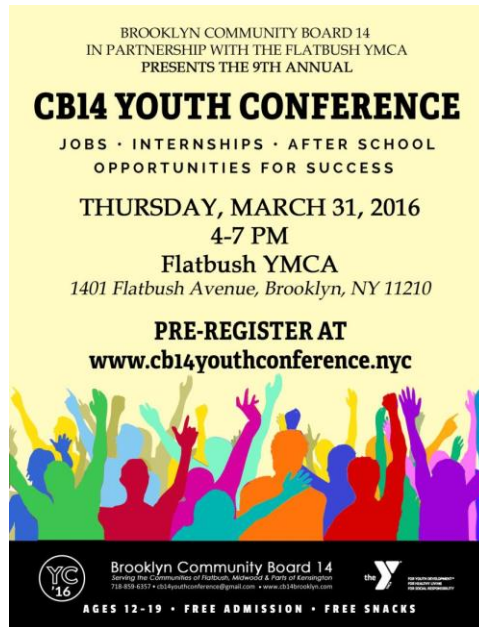


Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

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[2016 CB14 YOUTH CONFERENCE.flyer](#)

2016 Community Board 14 Nonprofit Organization Roundtable
May 18, 2016

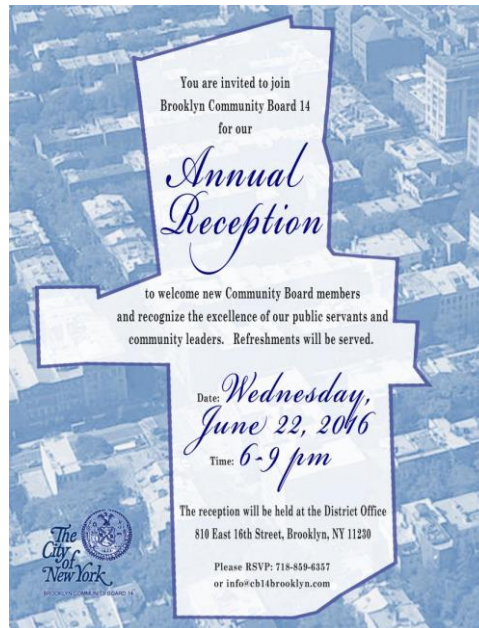


[CD14 Nonprofit Roundtable 2016](#)



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards



[2016 Annual Reception Invitation](#)

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Lt. Federico Narvaez Tot Lot
2/17	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Other street trees and forestry services requests	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
1/40	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	
1/40	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Provide more community board staff	
1/40	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
2/40	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	DOT	<i>Street Events</i>	<i>Ensure local input on Street Activity Permits</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 submitted 17 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/17	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Install catch basins where needed.</i>		
1/17	DSNY	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	<i>With 54 dead in streets, several streets with malls in the middle and several very narrow blocks, BK 14 requires haulsters and FELs and spreaders. Given that CD 14 boasts one of the largest concentration of old growth trees, leaves become an issue for the brooms (in nearly all seasons). Newer brooms in good working order are a pressing need.</i>		
1/17	EDC	<i>Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites</i>	<i>Continue development of Caton Market to include incubation programs for small businesses and a headquarters for the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce. Develop the property at 2274 Church Avenue. Provide additional funding for the Kings Theater to support continued development and enable on site retail. Enhance the RFP incentive to develop 851 East 15th Street.</i>		
1/17	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>In 2015 an allocation was made in a first step toward relocating the 70th Police Precinct House. The history of our efforts to relocate this aging facility goes back almost three decades. In 2006, DCAS began property acquisition at 1326 Ocean Avenue. In 2007 the NYPD capital plan set aside \$30 million for the acquisition of property, OMB stated its commitment to identify additional funding. onstruction was set to begin in 2013. Relocating the precinct house continues to be a priority despite the loss of the Ocean Avenue site. In the meantime, the current precinct house floods and leaks and does not have adequate lockers, storage, or parking, nor it is handicap accessible.</i>		
1/17	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Fund trench restoration projects to address the increasing number of sink holes on our city streets. The number of complaints have increased in the District and the reporting process lacks efficiency and accountability. DEP should have either a proactive plan to repair sinking streets before they become dangerous holes, or at least an efficient complaint driven response plan.564 East 29th Street; 1781 Ocean Avenue/SE corner of Avenue M; 715 Ocean Parkway Service Road; Waldorf Court between East 17 and Dead End; Hillel Place and Kenilworth Place intersection; 464-476 East 16th Street.</i>		

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1/17	NYCTA	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>The renovations on the Brighton Line must be extended to the Church Avenue stop, which is the most heavily utilized in the District. This line has had the most requests for security cameras. Recently, MTA entered into an agreement to allow a group to plant a community garden on the exterior side of the station house. Church Avenue Brighton Line Station House</i>	<i>Church Ave Brighton Line Station Church Avenue and East 18 St</i>	
1/17	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>None of the firehouses in CD 14 are currently equipped with a generator.</i>		
1/17	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>The Cortelyou Road tot lot is heavily utilized by the growing number of families with young children in the area. However, due surface sinking and damage, every time it rains this small play area floods and must close. DPR frequently sends workers out to literally broom sweep the water to the drain. This is not how a park should be maintained. It should be repaired by DPR. While it is reasonable to request that an elected official to rehabilitate or redesign a part, it should be the Department's own responsibility to maintain its assets. Umma Park is also in need of updating - the equipment is antiquated and the surface is in disrepair. A mural was recently painted through a collaborative effort. This will hopefully provide momentum to rehabilitate Umma Park.</i>	<i>Lt. Federico Narvaez Tot Lot</i>	
1/17	DOE	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>There are 22 public elementary and secondary schools in the District serving more than 20,000 students. One half of the public schools in our district are near or over capacity. The City is building a K-8 school for School District 22 students, however the school will be physically located in Community District 12 and will not have an adequate number of seats to meet the need of our residents children.</i>		
1/17	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>This request is based on the fact that CB 14 has a lower bed to population ratio than Brooklyn- and City-wide averages, and that the population within the District is aging. Given the diminishing number of hospitals and acute care beds in Brooklyn, the provision of new or expanded facilities would help ensure local care.</i>		
2/17	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>CD 14 has been plagued by ongoing flooding concerns in several parts of the District.</i>		

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
2/17	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The 18th Avenue Stop on the Culver Line is on the same block as the United Cerebral Palsey complex. This stop is currently scheduled for capital improvements and is well situated to included accessibility as one of the improvements.</i>	<i>18th Avenue Culver Line Station</i>	
2/17	DPR	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>Fund a more robust stump removal program. It is currently taking up to three years to remove stumps. This is a frequent complaint in the District.</i>		
2/17	FDNY	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>Fund station house renovations and upgrades at Engine 255/Ladder 157; Engine 281/Ladder 147 and Engine 250 firehouses. Including the addition of a station house generator at one of these fire stations. There are no firehouses in CD 14 with a generator.</i>		
2/17	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Fund a generator for the 70th Police Precinct House. Given that this is one of the Precincts in Brooklyn South not in a flood zone, it could become all the more important to maintain power in case of emergency.</i>	<i>70th Police Precinct 154 Lawrence</i>	
3/17	FDNY	<i>Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response</i>	<i>Provide funding to support technology initiatives including an in-building firefighter tracking system.</i>		
3/17	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>This continues to be a common request from the community and the Precinct. CD 14 would defer to the CO as to most warranted location.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 submitted 40 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/40	DOB	<i>Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings</i>	<i>Many single and two family homes in the District are large and lend themselves to commercial use. Complaints range from manufacturing to retail storage to transient use, homes in residential districts. Enforcement is difficult and slow. However, illegal commercial use can be dangerous in addition to the quality of life issues. Increased enforcement is needed.</i>		
1/40	HPD	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	<i>Four out of five top 311 requests are for HPD inspections and violation enforcement.</i>		
1/40	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>There were approximately 657 (per 100,000 adults) psychiatric hospitalizations last year, compared to 743 Brooklyn wide and 684 citywide. In addition alcohol and drug related hospitalizations were 836 and 649 per 100,000 respectively.</i>		
1/40	DYCD	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for employment programs, particularly for tech-industry opportunities.</i>		
1/40	HRA	<i>Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers</i>	<i>Ensure that community based organizations are resourced to serve individuals at the grass roots level. Assist with training, network building and funding.</i>		
1/40	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	<i>Open and RFP for a Beacon Program within CD 14.</i>		
1/40	NYCTA	<i>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</i>	<i>Provide funding to assume responsibility for maintenance of Newkirk Plaza. The station is beneath this commercial Plaza and tax maps and common sense indicate that the Plaza is MTA's property. However the Authority will only maintain the station house and the subterranean areas. This leaves a busy, commercial plaza under the auspices of no agency, which makes maintenance difficult and makes it impossible to acquire street activity permits or sidewalk caf permits.</i>	<i>Newkirk Plaza Newkirk Plaza</i>	

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1/40	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>The lack of public green space also underscores the need for maintenance of street trees including a more frequent pruning cycle especially for our older growth trees and ongoing care for the many very welcome newly planted trees. In addition funding must be provided to remove tree stumps even when a new tree cannot be planted for any reason. We are gratified that the pruning cycle of 7 years is beginning to approach the five year guideline for most trees. DPR should continue to maintain trees within 15 feet of the sidewalk on the property side of buildings. Ensuring the greening and upkeep of Greenstreets and malls would add much needed tree and foliage.</i>		
1/40	DHS	<i>Expand street outreach</i>	<i>Reports on homeless encampments and regarding individuals who appear to be homeless have increased over the past year. Common Ground is the current contractor and provides excellent service. Given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted.</i>		
1/40	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Fund adequate new firefighter and EMS hires sufficient to address attrition rates. Additionally and specifically, provide funding to hire 36 Fire Marshalls citywide; 18 dedicated to Brooklyn.</i>		
1/40	ACS	<i>Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services</i>	<i>The agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads. This effort should be continued. This request results from information on the Mayors Management Report, and agency budget consultations.</i>		
1/40	DEP	<i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>	<i>Noise complaints rank very high in both CD 14 service delivery requests and in the 311 system.</i>		
1/40	DOT	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>Given the number of requests for traffic calming, signage, traffic light timing, one-way conversions, as well as DOT's Vision Zero initiatives such as slow zones, the need to understand the implications and potential unintended consequences of implementation is critical.</i>		
1/40	NYPD	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	<i>The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations. Two new schools are being built to serve the community. This will add to the student body of approximately 27,000 who attend school in the district currently.</i>		

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Brooklyn Community Board 14 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 14 submitted 40 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/40	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>Additional resources would enable community boards to bring specialists on board, such as planners, policy analysts, and IT specialists to name some. It would also be helpful to have funding for temporary project related staff. This would enable CBs to introduce more initiatives such as our CBO roundtable and then develop longer range projects that build from those gatherings. Ultimately, this enables Community Boards to complement it's reactive, complaint driven role with a more proactive, grass roots effort.</i>		
1/40	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>DEP must improve their community notification system. This is a charter mandated responsibility and Community Boards have been working with DEP to improve the process for over two years, to no avail.</i>		
1/40	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>The District once had six day a week dedicated basket collection. It is now allotted one in the southern end of our District. This is woefully inadequate and the level of frustration expressed by merchants associations, community based organizations, residents and elected officials is increasingly expressed. The arrangement by which NYC Councilmembers are given an allotment to then give back to the city for basic services is inefficient and requires collections to occur on overtime. This funding could be applied to augmented services rather than basic collection services.</i>		
1/40	DCLA	<i>Support nonprofit cultural organizations</i>	<i>Nonprofit organizations in the area support a broad diversity of community members. Their support of community needs, and the resources they offer are invaluable to the strength of the community as a whole.</i>		
1/40	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>This request is a result of consultation with the agency. CB 14 supports the continuation of elder abuse prevention and support programs.</i>		
1/40	BPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>The Community Board supports the continuation and expansion of programs that are so valuable in connecting our community members to literacy and culture.</i>		

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1/40	DOT	<i>Ensure local input on Street Activity Permits</i>	<i>As the Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management and the Street Activity Permit Office move to change rules and increase permitted street activities, it is imperative that community board recommendations be respected. Community Boards have a unique and highly valuable perspective on public safety concerns, local tolerance for street closures and traffic rerouting, local religious and cultural customs, street work, and inter group dynamics that inform the balance between community celebrations and events and public convenience. Ensuring that funding is adequate to ensure that SAPO can give all permit applications due and timely consideration in consultation with all 59 community boards. There might be utility in moving the approval process to the Borough</i>		
2/40	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Fund additional park enforcement personnel.</i>		
2/40	DOT	<i>Address traffic congestion</i>	<i>Provide adequate funding expedite response to street light complaints, traffic calming requests, and signage requests. Good repair would help to ensure the flow of traffic. There are a number of congested corridors in the District: Flatbush, Caton, Coney Island Avenue and nearly all east/west streets become congested at certain times of day. The congestion in the area of the Police Precinct actually rises to the level of a public hazard as it can take nearly one half hour to get to and from the Precinct house to a through street. Studies are needed and ongoing assessments of how remedies in one area affect adjacent streets must be conducted.</i>		
2/40	DOT	<i>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</i>	<i>The intersection of Church Avenue and Flatbush Avenue is one of the highest crash locations in the Districts. DOT has been working on plans to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. Preliminary proposals include left turn arrows and/or prohibitions, changing pedestrian lead times and adding right turn bays. Funding to implement these changes is imperative.</i>	<i>Church Avenue Flatbush Avenue</i>	
2/40	DFTA	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	<i>Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.</i>		

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2/40	ACS	<i>Other foster care and child welfare requests</i>	<i>Continue funding evidence-based models for foster care and foster family support. This agency initiative seems to be yielding positive results and is recommended on the basis of agency budget consultations.</i>		
2/40	DOHMH	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	<i>CD 14 had the most rat reports in the 311 system, citywide.</i>		
2/40	NYPD	<i>Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs</i>	<i>Over 35% of the population in CD 14 is under the age of 24. There are three large high schools in the District. There is only one youth officer in the 70th Police Precinct. The 70th Precinct Explorers program has grown over the past two years. Additional resources to continue this positive trend and to reduce youth perpetrated crime are needed.</i>		
2/40	HRA	<i>Expand homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>Community District 14 ranks 13th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household, according to the most recent NYU Furman Center report. The District ranks 5th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Over 47% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. In addition, there is only a 4.9% rental vacancy rate and the number of new residential building permits ranks 58th of 59 in the City. These figures, attest to the dire need for homeless prevention programs.</i>		
2/40	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>According to our Youth Conference attendees survey the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended out annual conference was "jobs". However, it has become increasingly difficult to schedule the conference in tandem with the Summer Youth Employment application deadline because funding is always so uncertain. Given the very small percentage of applicants who are placed in summer jobs, it is imperative that the program be expanded and dependably funded.</i>		
2/40	FDNY	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	<i>It is gratifying that the number of prevention presentations has been on the increase. This trend must be supported.</i>		
2/40	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</i>	<i>Fund outreach efforts to ensure that those eligible but not receiving benefits are served. The agency has done a good job recognizing and beginning to address this issue with the elderly. CB 14 recommends sustaining those efforts while also increasing outreach to singles with no children - an under-enrolled population.</i>		
2/40	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>The Breaking Ground expansion and transition to a more supportive program at 800 East 12 Street is promising. It is important that other transitional housing facilities be maintained.</i>	<i>40 Clarkson; Midwood Safe, 19 D</i>	

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2/40	DOE	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	<i>Given the large immigrant population of students and the poverty rate in our District, such service would promote and support learning and educational attainment.</i>		
2/40	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>Illegal dumping at commercial baskets, at dead ends, on one-block back streets, and in tree pits is an increasing complaint in the District. Residents bring garbage to corner baskets, there is an increase in televisions and other electronics being dumped, construction and other commercial debris is often found under elevated train tracks. Stake outs or more ability to enforce on the basis of evidence is needed to address this very difficult issue. The problem occurs throughout the community but there are several chronic locations: Avenues K, L, N & O btw. E. 15 & E. 17 Sts (under elevated B/Q subway tracks); Caton Ave & St. Pauls Pl; Avenues J & M btw. Coney Isl Ave & Ocean Ave (commercial strips); East 16th Street and Church Avenue; 892 East 7 Street.</i>		
3/40	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>Open an RFP to enable a Senior Center to service the northern end of CD 14.</i>		
3/40	HRA	<i>Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster</i>	<i>Food pantry and soup kitchen services are highly utilized in the District. The need for cultural as well as nutritional requirements are important, especially in response to a disaster.</i>		
3/40	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Based on the obesity, diabetes and mental health rates noted above.</i>		
3/40	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>The ethnic and socio economic factors cited above demonstrate the need for after school programs for both elementary and middle school age students.</i>		
3/40	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>There are 1200 road segments in CD 14 and two supervisors. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The scorecard rating indicates that additional personnel for cleaning is a warranted request.</i>		

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services

CD14 Population Change by Age Group 2000-2010 Census

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=FE87890D-2EEA-4D9A-9AA7-B1B878DE3737>

Rodent Complaint Map 2010-2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E1BCC28C-0792-4E5A-A53F-257E2F6B7F68>

CD14 Health Issues

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=969FE8EE-78A8-4287-B6D6-ABFD03B19C99>

CD14 Non Profit Organizations Map

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=1B4445ED-6FD2-4D9B-829D-07CD3EC348B4>

CD14 Senior Centers

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=CB55A06C-666E-48AE-A630-9CE8F4D721C8>

CD14 Access to Healthcare

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3EC7F5C8-0BEC-4A96-A98D-1C6D85DFC276>

CD14 Poverty by District 2010-2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=969A8CFE-E16E-422A-9E34-ADC72FECF158>

CD14 Housing Quality statistics

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=BDEA7D9C-C9B6-43A2-BD10-2E4023F2985B>

CD14 Economic Stress

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DD1E2819-675C-4603-91EF-B56242A36EFA>

CD14 Homeless Assistance Requests

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=18D9B8D9-D614-449F-B738-BE60BAEF8667>

Youth, Education and Child Welfare

2016 CB14 Youth Conference

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E8D7405D-D1B0-45D7-BB80-2CF71BBBB820>

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CB14 Youth Conference - Why Students Attended

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=CA45A17B-2606-4B31-8130-79EA2B1D0E37>

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



CD14 Street Flooding Map - Jan-Aug 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=0E9CA38F-039C-4716-9AFD-80ACBCA8E0F9>

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Land Use Chart CD14

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3C1E8E15-228A-48A7-AA52-D92BBB1C6BB5>

CB14 Land Use Map

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=93A7ABEA-6E7D-40BC-BAAB-61CE256C7725>

CD14 ECON DEV DISTRICT MAP

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=138F5137-6953-4351-A0AB-33BB5FFD203D>

Housing Units 2000-2010 Change CD14

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=D83F8D58-600A-47D2-83BE-FEE5C1AD108C>

CD14 City-owned public spaces

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=1E27795D-A2F9-4D16-BCF3-36A583B8901B>

Transportation



SpeedHumpMap_2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E3A76673-3A22-482E-B07D-33A183361B62>

Complaints by Agency CD14 2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3EF255FA-7C55-418E-991A-D9352F7C7C60>

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



2016 CB14 YOUTH CONFERENCE.flyer

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=28EB0D2F-70E6-4875-AFF7-6033F64D345F>

CD14 Parks Map

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=50126142-5B90-4E28-AB43-E449850186CE>

CD14 Neighborhoods Lacking Access to Parks and Open Space

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=27749391-AC19-41AA-AB08-4044DBE16254>

CD14 Public Libraries

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3FE28A64-326A-4EB0-9600-7CCB00864AC8>

CD14 Nonprofit Roundtable 2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E3E5DF87-BE04-4595-938E-7484BBF27D93>

2016 Annual Reception Invitation

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=72E708D4-51D0-418B-8E78-F3DBF1DA82FB>