

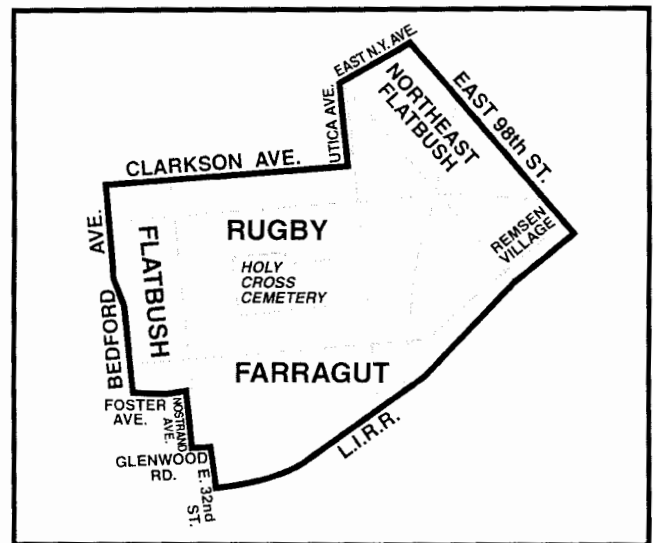
# BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17

| TOTAL POPULATION | 1980    | 1990    | 2000    |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number           | 154,596 | 161,261 | 165,753 |
| % Change         | —       | 4.3     | 2.8     |

| VITAL STATISTICS         | 1990  | 2000  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Births: Number           | 3,709 | 2,650 |
| Rate per 1000            | 23.0  | 16.0  |
| Deaths: Number           | 948   | 839   |
| Rate per 1000            | 5.9   | 5.1   |
| Infant Mortality: Number | 68    | 27    |
| Rate per 1000            | 18.3  | 10.2  |

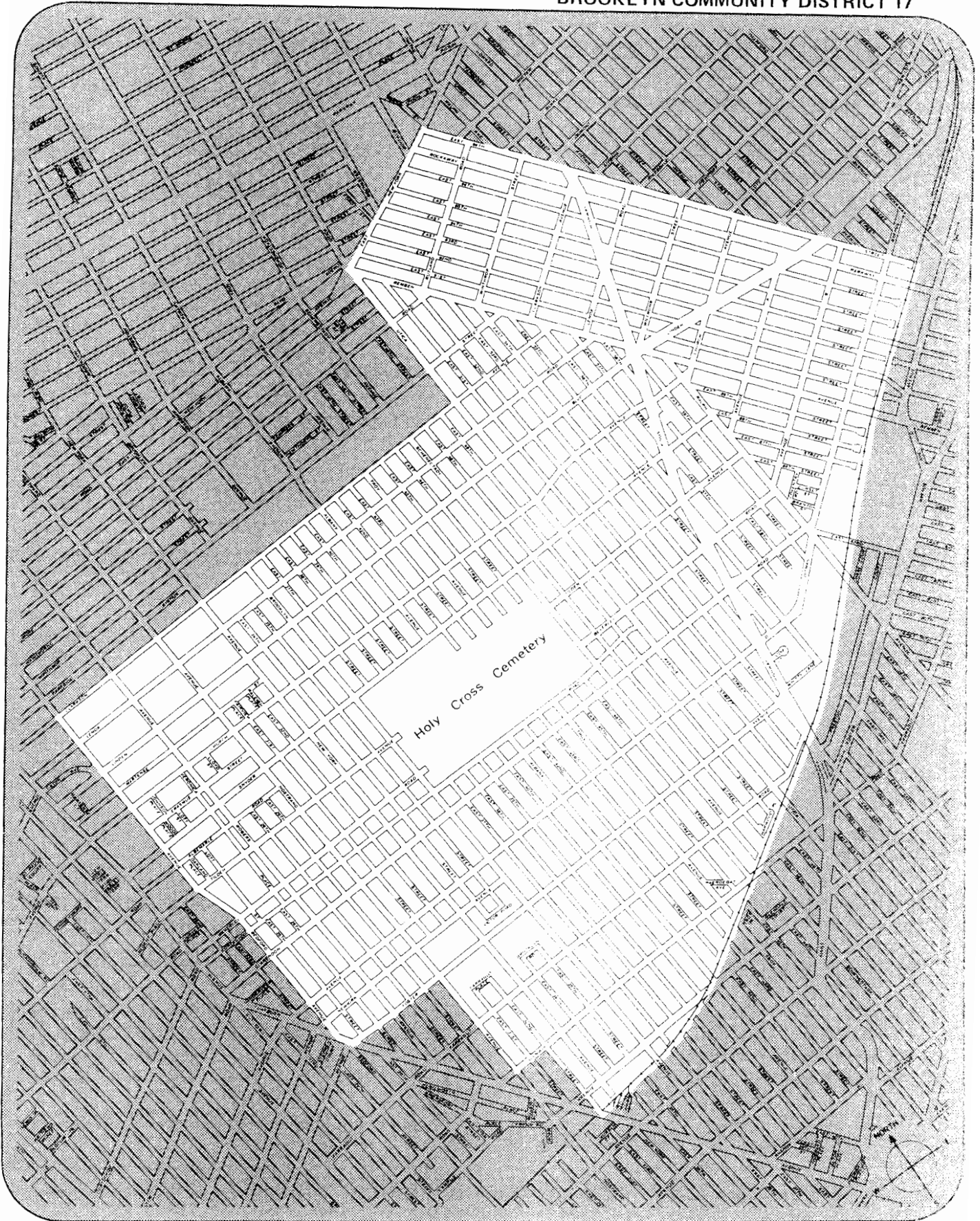
| INCOME SUPPORT                           | 1994          | 2001          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Public Assistance<br>(AFDC, Home Relief) | 20,769        | 9,076         |
| Supplemental Security<br>Income          | 5,444         | 6,226         |
| Medicaid Only                            | 9,572         | 15,749        |
| <b>Total Persons Assisted</b>            | <b>35,785</b> | <b>31,051</b> |
| <b>Percent of Population</b>             | <b>22.2</b>   | <b>18.7</b>   |

| TOTAL LAND AREA |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Acres:          | 2,158.0 |
| Square Miles:   | 3.4     |



|                           | Lots          | Lot Area        |              |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                           |               | Sq. Ft. (000)   | %            |
| 1- 2 Family Residential   | 11,948        | 27,678.4        | 45.1         |
| Multi-Family Residential  | 3,617         | 14,448.6        | 23.6         |
| Mixed Resid. / Commercial | 1,078         | 3,007.4         | 4.9          |
| Commercial / Office       | 265           | 1,879.0         | 3.1          |
| Industrial                | 228           | 2,530.8         | 4.1          |
| Transportation / Utility  | 103           | 1,523.9         | 2.5          |
| Institutions              | 210           | 4,047.2         | 6.6          |
| Open Space / Recreation   | 13            | 3,572.0         | 5.8          |
| Parking Facilities        | 240           | 1,275.7         | 2.1          |
| Vacant Land               | 375           | 1,119.5         | 1.8          |
| Miscellaneous             | —             | 269.9           | .4           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>18,077</b> | <b>61,352.4</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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**Total Population by Mutually Exclusive Race and Hispanic Origin  
and Total Housing Units  
New York City Community Districts, 1990 and 2000**

| Brooklyn Community District 17                | 1990    |         | 2000    |         | Change 1990-2000 |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
|   | Number  | Percent | Number  | Percent | Number           | Percent |
| Total Population                              | 161,261 | 100.0   | 165,753 | 100.0   | 4,492            | 2.8     |
| Nonhispanic of Single Race:                   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | -       |
| White Nonhispanic                             | 5,666   | 3.5     | 2,577   | 1.6     | (3,089)          | -54.5   |
| Black/African American Nonhispanic            | 141,893 | 88.0    | 146,506 | 88.4    | 4,613            | 3.3     |
| Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic         | 1,780   | 1.1     | 1,709   | 1.0     | (71)             | -4.0    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic | 532     | 0.3     | 304     | 0.2     | (228)            | -42.9   |
| Some Other Race Nonhispanic                   | 301     | 0.2     | 779     | 0.5     | 478              | 158.8   |
| Nonhispanic of Two or More Races              | -       | -       | 4,614   | 2.8     | -                | -       |
| Hispanic Origin                               | 11,089  | 6.9     | 9,264   | 5.6     | (1,825)          | -16.5   |
| Population Under 18 Years                     | 45,054  | 100.0   | 44,792  | 100.0   | (262)            | -0.6    |
| Nonhispanic of Single Race:                   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | -       |
| White Nonhispanic                             | 490     | 1.1     | 289     | 0.6     | (201)            | -41.0   |
| Black/African American Nonhispanic            | 40,979  | 91.0    | 40,344  | 90.1    | (635)            | -1.5    |
| Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic         | 373     | 0.8     | 331     | 0.7     | (42)             | -11.3   |
| American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic | 156     | 0.3     | 100     | 0.2     | (56)             | -35.9   |
| Some Other Race Nonhispanic                   | 97      | 0.2     | 215     | 0.5     | 118              | 121.6   |
| Nonhispanic of Two or More Races              | -       | -       | 1,069   | 2.4     | -                | -       |
| Hispanic Origin                               | 2,959   | 6.6     | 2,444   | 5.5     | (515)            | -17.4   |
| Population 18 Years and Over                  | 116,207 | 100.0   | 120,961 | 100.0   | 4,754            | 4.1     |
| Nonhispanic of Single Race:                   | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | -       |
| White Nonhispanic                             | 5,176   | 4.5     | 2,288   | 1.9     | (2,888)          | -55.8   |
| Black/African American Nonhispanic            | 100,914 | 86.8    | 106,162 | 87.8    | 5,248            | 5.2     |
| Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic         | 1,407   | 1.2     | 1,378   | 1.1     | (29)             | -2.1    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic | 376     | 0.3     | 204     | 0.2     | (172)            | -45.7   |
| Some Other Race Nonhispanic                   | 204     | 0.2     | 564     | 0.5     | 360              | 176.5   |
| Nonhispanic of Two or More Races              | -       | -       | 3,545   | 2.9     | -                | -       |
| Hispanic Origin                               | 8,130   | 7.0     | 6,820   | 5.6     | (1,310)          | -16.1   |
| Total Population                              | 161,261 | 100.0   | 165,753 | 100.0   | 4,492            | 2.8     |
| Under 18 Years                                | 45,054  | 27.9    | 44,792  | 27.0    | (262)            | -0.6    |
| 18 Years and Over                             | 116,207 | 72.1    | 120,961 | 73.0    | 4,754            | 4.1     |
| Total Housing Units                           | 53,607  | -       | 59,045  | -       | 5,438            | 10.1    |

Race categories are from the 2000 Census and are not strictly comparable with categories used in 1990.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census PL File and SF1 and 1990 Census STF1  
Population Division - NYC Department of City Planning (Oct 2001)

**Demographic Profile - New York City Community Districts  
2000 Census SF1**

| <b>Brooklyn Community District 17</b>                 | <b>Number</b>  | <b>Percent</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Population</b>                               | <b>165,753</b> | <b>100.0</b>   |
| White Nonhispanic                                     | 2,577          | 1.6            |
| Black Nonhispanic                                     | 146,506        | 88.4           |
| Asian and Pacific Islander Nonhispanic                | 1,709          | 1.0            |
| Other Nonhispanic                                     | 1,083          | 0.7            |
| Two or More Races Nonhispanic                         | 4,614          | 2.8            |
| Hispanic Origin                                       | 9,264          | 5.6            |
| Female  | 92,611         | 55.9           |
| Male  | 73,142         | 44.1           |
| Under 5 years   | 11,732         | 7.1            |
| 5 to 9 years  | 12,749         | 7.7            |
| 10 to 14 years  | 12,446         | 7.5            |
| 15 to 19 years  | 12,842         | 7.7            |
| 20 to 24 years  | 12,701         | 7.7            |
| 25 to 44 years  | 49,949         | 30.1           |
| 45 to 64 years  | 38,302         | 23.1           |
| 65 years and over                                     | 15,032         | 9.1            |
| 18 years and over                                     | 120,961        | 73.0           |
| In households   | 164,138        | 99.0           |
| In family households                                  | 145,799        | 88.0           |
| Householder   | 40,985         | 24.7           |
| Spouse  | 18,156         | 11.0           |
| Own child under 18 years                              | 35,245         | 21.3           |
| Other relatives                                       | 45,463         | 27.4           |
| Nonrelatives  | 5,950          | 3.6            |
| In nonfamily households                               | 18,339         | 11.1           |
| Householder   | 15,105         | 9.1            |
| Householder 65 years and over living alone            | 3,000          | 1.8            |
| Nonrelatives  | 3,234          | 2.0            |
| In group quarters                                     | 1,615          | 1.0            |
| <b>Total Households</b>                               | <b>56,090</b>  | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Family households                                     | 40,985         | 73.1           |
| Married-couple family                                 | 18,156         | 32.4           |
| With related children under 18 years                  | 9,847          | 17.6           |
| Female householder, no husband present                | 18,838         | 33.6           |
| With related children under 18 years                  | 12,767         | 22.8           |
| Male householder, no wife present                     | 3,991          | 7.1            |
| With related children under 18 years                  | 2,098          | 3.7            |
| Nonfamily households                                  | 15,105         | 26.9           |
| Households with one or more persons 65 years and over | 11,829         | 21.1           |
| Persons Per Family                                    | 3.41           | -              |
| Persons Per Household                                 | 2.93           | -              |
| <b>Total Housing Units</b>                            | <b>59,045</b>  | <b>-</b>       |
| <b>Occupied Housing Units</b>                         | <b>56,090</b>  | <b>100.0</b>   |
| Renter occupied                                       | 39,620         | 70.6           |
| Owner occupied  | 16,470         | 29.4           |
| By Household Size:                                    |                |                |
| 1 person household                                    | 12,670         | 22.6           |
| 2 person household                                    | 14,137         | 25.2           |
| 3 person household                                    | 11,435         | 20.4           |
| 4 person household                                    | 8,574          | 15.3           |
| 5 persons and over                                    | 9,274          | 16.5           |
| By Age of Householder:                                |                |                |
| 15 to 24 years  | 2,293          | 4.1            |
| 25 to 44 years  | 22,626         | 40.3           |
| 45 to 64 years  | 22,696         | 40.5           |
| 65 years and over                                     | 8,475          | 15.1           |

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|               |          |                       |   |             |   |                             |
|---------------|----------|-----------------------|---|-------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>LEGEND</b> | <b>4</b> | CENSUS TRACT NUMBER   | — | STREET      | — | COMMUNITY DISTRICT BOUNDARY |
|               | —        | CENSUS TRACT BOUNDARY | — | STREET NAME | — | COMMUNITY DISTRICT BOUNDARY |

**Change in Total Population, 1990 to 2000**  
**Brooklyn Community District 17**

| Census Tract | Total Population |       | Population Change, 1990-2000 |         |
|--------------|------------------|-------|------------------------------|---------|
|              | 1990             | 2000  | Number                       | Percent |
| 0726 *       | 2,190            | 2,535 | 345                          | 15.8    |
| 0776 *       | 3,382            | 4,123 | 741                          | 21.9    |
| 0780         | 2,309            | 2,555 | 246                          | 10.7    |
| 0782         | 4,726            | 4,320 | (406)                        | (8.6)   |
| 0784         | 2,385            | 2,740 | 355                          | 14.9    |
| 0786 *       | 3,045            | 4,469 | 1,424                        | 46.8    |
| 0788 *       | 2,433            | 3,775 | 1,342                        | 55.2    |
| 0790 *       | 5,343            | 5,908 | 565                          | 10.6    |
| 0792 *       | 3,906            | 3,815 | (91)                         | (2.3)   |
| 0794 *       | 1,728            | 1,932 | 204                          | 11.8    |
| 0814         | 2,830            | 3,080 | 250                          | 8.8     |
| 0816         | 3,068            | 3,011 | (57)                         | (1.9)   |
| 0818         | 5,516            | 5,253 | (263)                        | (4.8)   |
| 0820 *       | 5,742            | 5,392 | (350)                        | (6.1)   |
| 0822 *       | 7,005            | 7,463 | 458                          | 6.5     |
| 0824         | 4,494            | 4,448 | (46)                         | (1.0)   |
| 0826         | 5,640            | 6,051 | 411                          | 7.3     |
| 0828         | 3,670            | 3,985 | 315                          | 8.6     |
| 0830         | 6,953            | 6,563 | (390)                        | (5.6)   |
| 0832         | 2,313            | 2,563 | 250                          | 10.8    |
| 0834         | 1,703            | 2,132 | 429                          | 25.2    |
| 0836         | 2,074            | 2,186 | 112                          | 5.4     |
| 0838         | 2,425            | 2,521 | 96                           | 4.0     |
| 0840         | 2,214            | 2,512 | 298                          | 13.5    |
| 0842 *       | 1,313            | 1,260 | (53)                         | (4.0)   |
| 0844 *       | 287              | 248   | (39)                         | (13.6)  |
| 0846         | 2,078            | 2,164 | 86                           | 4.1     |
| 0848         | 1,750            | 1,792 | 42                           | 2.4     |
| 0850         | 1,340            | 1,435 | 95                           | 7.1     |
| 0852         | 0                | 0     | 0                            | -       |
| 0854         | 1,991            | 2,210 | 219                          | 11.0    |
| 0856         | 3,606            | 3,898 | 292                          | 8.1     |
| 0858         | 2,374            | 2,443 | 69                           | 2.9     |
| 0860         | 3,566            | 3,665 | 99                           | 2.8     |
| 0862         | 3,098            | 3,395 | 297                          | 9.6     |
| 0864         | 2,148            | 2,134 | (14)                         | (0.7)   |
| 0866         | 3,546            | 3,215 | (331)                        | (9.3)   |
| 0868         | 3,465            | 3,438 | (27)                         | (0.8)   |
| 0870         | 2,861            | 3,216 | 355                          | 12.4    |
| 0872         | 3,040            | 3,627 | 587                          | 19.3    |
| 0878 *       | 3,514            | 3,165 | (349)                        | (9.9)   |
| 0880 *       | 2,943            | 2,721 | (222)                        | (7.5)   |

**Change in Total Population, 1990 to 2000**

**Brooklyn Community District 17**

| Census Tract | Total Population |       | Population Change, 1990-2000 |         |
|--------------|------------------|-------|------------------------------|---------|
|              | 1990             | 2000  | Number                       | Percent |
| 0882         | 6,570            | 6,767 | 197                          | 3.0     |
| 0884         | 5,263            | 5,091 | (172)                        | (3.3)   |
| 0886         | 4,796            | 4,650 | (146)                        | (3.0)   |
| 0888         | 3,854            | 4,124 | 270                          | 7.0     |
| 0890 *       | 6,614            | 6,566 | (48)                         | (0.7)   |
| 0892 *       | 4,225            | 4,012 | (213)                        | (5.0)   |
| 0928 *       | 2,975            | 2,801 | (174)                        | (5.8)   |
| 0930         | 2,469            | 2,775 | 306                          | 12.4    |
| 0934         | 2,299            | 2,402 | 103                          | 4.5     |
| 0936         | 1,890            | 1,876 | (14)                         | (0.7)   |
| 0938         | 2,700            | 2,654 | (46)                         | (1.7)   |
| 0940         | 1,280            | 1,412 | 132                          | 10.3    |
| 0942         | 587              | 678   | 91                           | 15.5    |
| 094401 *     | 3,076            | 3,198 | 122                          | 4.0     |
| 0960         | 0                | 3     | 3                            | -       |
| 1098 *       | 1,556            | 1,488 | (68)                         | (4.4)   |

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**Total Population by Mutually Exclusive Race and Hispanic Origin  
by Census Tract, 2000  
Brooklyn Community District 17**

| Census Tract | Total Population | Nonhispanic by Race |                         |       |       |     | Two or More Races | Hispanic Origin (of any race) |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------|
|              |                  | Single Race         |                         |       |       |     |                   |                               |
|              |                  | White               | Black/ African American | Asian | Other |     |                   |                               |
| 0726 *       | 2,535            | 147                 | 2,137                   | 44    | 19    | 66  | 122               |                               |
| 0776 *       | 4,123            | 491                 | 3,113                   | 109   | 43    | 67  | 300               |                               |
| 0780         | 2,555            | 125                 | 2,235                   | 13    | 25    | 58  | 99                |                               |
| 0782         | 4,320            | 64                  | 3,868                   | 51    | 30    | 79  | 228               |                               |
| 0784         | 2,740            | 143                 | 2,341                   | 33    | 26    | 38  | 159               |                               |
| 0786 *       | 4,469            | 241                 | 3,439                   | 218   | 47    | 136 | 388               |                               |
| 0788 *       | 3,775            | 36                  | 3,350                   | 23    | 26    | 98  | 242               |                               |
| 0790 *       | 5,908            | 28                  | 5,210                   | 40    | 35    | 215 | 380               |                               |
| 0792 *       | 3,815            | 54                  | 3,317                   | 26    | 12    | 133 | 273               |                               |
| 0794 *       | 1,932            | 18                  | 1,696                   | 6     | 18    | 55  | 139               |                               |
| 0814         | 3,080            | 27                  | 2,776                   | 11    | 20    | 104 | 142               |                               |
| 0816         | 3,011            | 48                  | 2,531                   | 139   | 26    | 118 | 149               |                               |
| 0818         | 5,253            | 166                 | 4,195                   | 286   | 36    | 156 | 414               |                               |
| 0820 *       | 5,392            | 38                  | 4,731                   | 82    | 19    | 134 | 388               |                               |
| 0822 *       | 7,463            | 100                 | 6,343                   | 41    | 51    | 252 | 676               |                               |
| 0824         | 4,448            | 25                  | 3,802                   | 41    | 33    | 244 | 303               |                               |
| 0826         | 6,051            | 50                  | 5,191                   | 62    | 60    | 223 | 465               |                               |
| 0828         | 3,985            | 53                  | 3,316                   | 88    | 44    | 183 | 301               |                               |
| 0830         | 6,563            | 48                  | 5,824                   | 55    | 69    | 180 | 387               |                               |
| 0832         | 2,563            | 62                  | 2,309                   | 12    | 19    | 62  | 99                |                               |
| 0834         | 2,132            | 54                  | 1,890                   | 45    | 9     | 68  | 66                |                               |
| 0836         | 2,186            | 64                  | 1,945                   | 28    | 7     | 30  | 112               |                               |
| 0838         | 2,521            | 113                 | 2,183                   | 27    | 30    | 85  | 83                |                               |
| 0840         | 2,512            | 76                  | 2,221                   | 14    | 15    | 46  | 140               |                               |
| 0842 *       | 1,260            | 45                  | 1,113                   | 5     | 3     | 18  | 76                |                               |
| 0844 *       | 248              | 0                   | 239                     | 0     | 4     | 1   | 4                 |                               |
| 0846         | 2,164            | 33                  | 1,916                   | 10    | 30    | 37  | 138               |                               |
| 0848         | 1,792            | 20                  | 1,642                   | 4     | 24    | 26  | 76                |                               |
| 0850         | 1,435            | 30                  | 1,296                   | 10    | 0     | 32  | 67                |                               |
| 0852         | 0                | 0                   | 0                       | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0                 |                               |
| 0854         | 2,210            | 58                  | 1,932                   | 9     | 18    | 52  | 141               |                               |
| 0856         | 3,898            | 31                  | 3,447                   | 37    | 41    | 122 | 220               |                               |
| 0858         | 2,443            | 36                  | 2,260                   | 14    | 7     | 36  | 90                |                               |
| 0860         | 3,665            | 18                  | 3,375                   | 16    | 22    | 42  | 192               |                               |
| 0862         | 3,395            | 26                  | 3,167                   | 23    | 25    | 73  | 81                |                               |
| 0864         | 2,134            | 9                   | 1,970                   | 5     | 13    | 58  | 79                |                               |
| 0866         | 3,215            | 18                  | 2,942                   | 12    | 4     | 83  | 156               |                               |
| 0868         | 3,438            | 26                  | 3,115                   | 19    | 15    | 65  | 198               |                               |
| 0870         | 3,216            | 25                  | 3,006                   | 26    | 26    | 40  | 93                |                               |
| 0872         | 3,627            | 84                  | 3,211                   | 19    | 29    | 46  | 238               |                               |

**Total Population by Mutually Exclusive Race and Hispanic Origin  
by Census Tract, 2000  
Brooklyn Community District 17**

| Census Tract | Total Population | Nonhispanic by Race |                         |       |       |     | Two or More Races | Hispanic Origin (of any race) |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------|
|              |                  | Single Race         |                         |       |       |     |                   |                               |
|              |                  | White               | Black/ African American | Asian | Other |     |                   |                               |
| 0878 *       | 3,165            | 234                 | 2,640                   | 42    | 7     | 48  | 194               |                               |
| 0880 *       | 2,721            | 14                  | 2,480                   | 14    | 22    | 48  | 143               |                               |
| 0882         | 6,767            | 18                  | 6,181                   | 29    | 39    | 194 | 306               |                               |
| 0884         | 5,091            | 19                  | 4,607                   | 32    | 27    | 180 | 226               |                               |
| 0886         | 4,650            | 11                  | 4,295                   | 5     | 21    | 75  | 243               |                               |
| 0888         | 4,124            | 20                  | 3,475                   | 10    | 26    | 286 | 307               |                               |
| 0890 *       | 6,566            | 154                 | 5,701                   | 60    | 12    | 196 | 443               |                               |
| 0892 *       | 4,012            | 23                  | 3,545                   | 4     | 9     | 77  | 354               |                               |
| 0928 *       | 2,801            | 57                  | 2,418                   | 88    | 26    | 76  | 136               |                               |
| 0930         | 2,775            | 36                  | 2,559                   | 7     | 11    | 101 | 61                |                               |
| 0934         | 2,402            | 71                  | 2,193                   | 4     | 10    | 33  | 91                |                               |
| 0936         | 1,876            | 14                  | 1,741                   | 5     | 7     | 40  | 69                |                               |
| 0938         | 2,654            | 23                  | 2,450                   | 6     | 11    | 73  | 91                |                               |
| 0940         | 1,412            | 21                  | 1,303                   | 9     | 5     | 21  | 53                |                               |
| 0942         | 678              | 24                  | 611                     | 4     | 13    | 12  | 14                |                               |
| 094401 *     | 3,198            | 82                  | 2,932                   | 8     | 15    | 48  | 113               |                               |
| 0960         | 3                | 3                   | 0                       | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0                 |                               |
| 1098 *       | 1,488            | 184                 | 966                     | 41    | 7     | 48  | 242               |                               |

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**Total Households by Household Family Type  
by Census Tract, 2000  
Brooklyn Community District 17**

| <b>Census Tract</b> | <b>Total Households</b> | <b>Total Family Households</b> | <b>Total Non-Family Households</b> | <b>Average Household Size</b> | <b>Average Family Size</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0726 *              | 743                     | 629                            | 114                                | 3.41                          | 3.67                       |
| 0776 *              | 1,613                   | 1,000                          | 613                                | 2.55                          | 3.29                       |
| 0780                | 713                     | 593                            | 120                                | 3.56                          | 3.89                       |
| 0782                | 1,477                   | 1,086                          | 391                                | 2.92                          | 3.40                       |
| 0784                | 837                     | 663                            | 174                                | 3.27                          | 3.65                       |
| 0786 *              | 1,731                   | 1,071                          | 660                                | 2.57                          | 3.29                       |
| 0788 *              | 1,217                   | 937                            | 280                                | 3.10                          | 3.51                       |
| 0790 *              | 1,871                   | 1,428                          | 443                                | 3.15                          | 3.53                       |
| 0792 *              | 1,287                   | 944                            | 343                                | 2.96                          | 3.42                       |
| 0794 *              | 599                     | 467                            | 132                                | 3.16                          | 3.52                       |
| 0814                | 972                     | 749                            | 223                                | 3.17                          | 3.54                       |
| 0816                | 940                     | 736                            | 204                                | 3.07                          | 3.46                       |
| 0818                | 1,822                   | 1,210                          | 612                                | 2.74                          | 3.35                       |
| 0820 *              | 1,889                   | 1,304                          | 585                                | 2.85                          | 3.44                       |
| 0822 *              | 2,633                   | 1,842                          | 791                                | 2.76                          | 3.30                       |
| 0824                | 1,527                   | 1,063                          | 464                                | 2.91                          | 3.46                       |
| 0826                | 2,032                   | 1,470                          | 562                                | 2.98                          | 3.46                       |
| 0828                | 1,331                   | 913                            | 418                                | 2.98                          | 3.56                       |
| 0830                | 2,229                   | 1,635                          | 594                                | 2.94                          | 3.45                       |
| 0832                | 777                     | 634                            | 143                                | 3.29                          | 3.59                       |
| 0834                | 592                     | 505                            | 87                                 | 3.56                          | 3.75                       |
| 0836                | 710                     | 546                            | 164                                | 3.08                          | 3.48                       |
| 0838                | 731                     | 615                            | 116                                | 3.44                          | 3.68                       |
| 0840                | 745                     | 623                            | 122                                | 3.36                          | 3.59                       |
| 0842 *              | 408                     | 313                            | 95                                 | 3.09                          | 3.52                       |
| 0844 *              | 78                      | 68                             | 10                                 | 3.18                          | 3.31                       |
| 0846                | 741                     | 556                            | 185                                | 2.92                          | 3.36                       |
| 0848                | 564                     | 442                            | 122                                | 3.16                          | 3.52                       |
| 0850                | 446                     | 357                            | 89                                 | 3.22                          | 3.56                       |
| 0852                | 0                       | 0                              | 0                                  | 0.00                          | 0.00                       |
| 0854                | 710                     | 524                            | 186                                | 3.11                          | 3.60                       |
| 0856                | 1,364                   | 973                            | 391                                | 2.86                          | 3.43                       |
| 0858                | 802                     | 585                            | 217                                | 3.05                          | 3.56                       |
| 0860                | 1,202                   | 935                            | 267                                | 3.04                          | 3.38                       |
| 0862                | 1,144                   | 857                            | 287                                | 2.97                          | 3.40                       |
| 0864                | 691                     | 540                            | 151                                | 3.09                          | 3.44                       |
| 0866                | 1,138                   | 790                            | 348                                | 2.83                          | 3.34                       |
| 0868                | 1,174                   | 862                            | 312                                | 2.93                          | 3.42                       |
| 0870                | 1,092                   | 777                            | 315                                | 2.93                          | 3.46                       |
| 0872                | 1,060                   | 738                            | 322                                | 2.86                          | 3.48                       |
| 0878 *              | 924                     | 671                            | 253                                | 2.86                          | 3.35                       |

**Total Households by Household Family Type  
by Census Tract, 2000  
Brooklyn Community District 17**

| <b>Census Tract</b> | <b>Total Households</b> | <b>Total Family Households</b> | <b>Total Non-Family Households</b> | <b>Average Household Size</b> | <b>Average Family Size</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0880 *              | 1,043                   | 711                            | 332                                | 2.61                          | 3.18                       |
| 0882                | 2,365                   | 1,715                          | 650                                | 2.86                          | 3.35                       |
| 0884                | 1,855                   | 1,259                          | 596                                | 2.74                          | 3.31                       |
| 0886                | 1,677                   | 1,203                          | 474                                | 2.77                          | 3.26                       |
| 0888                | 1,448                   | 1,087                          | 361                                | 2.85                          | 3.30                       |
| 0890 *              | 2,220                   | 1,600                          | 620                                | 2.76                          | 3.24                       |
| 0892 *              | 1,475                   | 1,051                          | 424                                | 2.71                          | 3.20                       |
| 0928 *              | 1,030                   | 730                            | 300                                | 2.70                          | 3.28                       |
| 0930                | 979                     | 721                            | 258                                | 2.83                          | 3.29                       |
| 0934                | 919                     | 638                            | 281                                | 2.61                          | 3.13                       |
| 0936                | 623                     | 477                            | 146                                | 3.01                          | 3.41                       |
| 0938                | 919                     | 709                            | 210                                | 2.89                          | 3.29                       |
| 0940                | 495                     | 366                            | 129                                | 2.85                          | 3.37                       |
| 0942                | 240                     | 171                            | 69                                 | 2.83                          | 3.36                       |
| 094401 *            | 1,062                   | 819                            | 243                                | 3.01                          | 3.43                       |
| 0960                | 2                       | 1                              | 1                                  | 1.50                          | 2.00                       |
| 1098 *              | 395                     | 283                            | 112                                | 2.97                          | 3.54                       |

\* Census tract is within two or more community districts. Data are for entire census tract.



# Community Board 17

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## INTRODUCTION

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Community District 17 submits the following **Statement of Needs** in compliance with the procedures for the establishment of a budget for Fiscal Year 2004 and 2005. The contents of the statement result from local citizen complaints and testimony given at public hearings, as well as long-standing and, as yet, unmet needs and priorities.

The following are the neighborhoods which make up Community District 17: East Flatbush, Northeast East Flatbush, Rugby, Farragut/Hyde Park, Remsen Village, Ditmas Village, and the Erasmus area.

The geographic boundaries are: East New York Avenue from East 98 Street to Utica Avenue, south on Utica Avenue to Clarkson Avenue, west on Clarkson Avenue to Bedford Avenue, south on Bedford Avenue, zigzag south on Bedford Avenue to the Long Island Railroad, east along the railroad to East 98 Street, then north on East 98 Street to East New York Avenue, the point of origin.

Roughly 70% of Community District 17 consists of one and two family homes, about 20% are walk-ups, 3.6% is used commercially, 1% for industrial uses, and only 2.5% or less is vacant land. The industrial area is located adjacent to the Bay Ridge line of the Long Island Railroad but threatens to spill over onto abutting property. The commercial strips consist primarily of small shops, medical offices, a few large dry goods stores and senior day care service centers.

From 1990 to 2000, the census count shows that our population has risen by about 15,000 and have risen currently at a faster rate. However, we strongly believe that we have many undocumented residents who, if counted, would probably double the estimated increases. The white non-Hispanic population have remained steady as the black non-Hispanic population continues to grow. According to the most recent census counts, approximately one-third of our population is under 18 years of age. There has been a significant increase in our Asian population and the adjoining Community District 18 to the south. Community Board 17 needs additional resources and services by all city agencies, individually and collectively, to satisfy the needs of its constituents as all other communities within New York City and New York State.

## BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Branch libraries are desperately in need of reading programs, additional computers for Internet access, books, additional staff, extended hours and special programs to meet the needs of our student and adult population. Community District 17 schools lack libraries and a majority of our students do not meet promotional reading standards. **We ask that substantial emergency funding be provided for additional staff, books, computers, reading and special programs and extended hours to meet the needs of the community. Additionally, our students need the libraries to meet the new education promotion standards.**

The East Flatbush Branch Library still awaits the construction of a second floor and the Rugby Branch still awaits the installation of window guards. Both branches are long overdue for reading, special and enhanced programs and books.

We have inquired and were informed that the East Flatbush Library was originally planned as a two-story building but that it was built without the second floor. We have requested that the second floor be added. The library is well-attended and has enjoyed an increasing circulation. Six years ago, we were told that more study was needed for this request. Six years seem to be ample time for completing that study. Therefore, we implore our city officials to approve, finance and construct a cheap pre-fabricated second floor to this library before the beginning of Fiscal Year 2003 and 2004 to meet the needs of the community.

We strongly support Brooklyn Public Libraries' priorities i.e. the retention of six day week opening, extended evening and weekend hours, increased funding for the purchase of books, and for CLASP (Connecting Libraries and Schools Program) and adequate funding for building maintenance and repairs, computers and Internet access and additional staff members.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meetings have been held to discuss the repair of the floor at the station on Snyder Avenue Housing Engine Co 310. The community is concerned that six years have elapsed; the dangerous floor of the Firehouse has not been repaired. The City and the Fire Department must make this repair a top priority and avoid a crisis in the near future.

Community District 17, during Fiscal Year 1998, requested the replacement of Fire Alarm boxes in isolated areas of the community with one and two family houses and large apartments, where there is a shortage of public telephones. We are requesting that this request be honored for the safety of the community.

We have received many allegations of homes occupied illegally, often in rooms with flimsy dividers, crowded conditions, with overloaded electrical wiring that creates fire hazards. In 1998 we requested a pilot program to permit the NYC Fire Department to inspect private homes as they inspect places of business for violations, this may be done in conjunction with the Buildings Department, which usually cannot gain entry without a warrant to do so and have discontinued multiple dwelling inspections for many, many years. We strongly urge that this be implemented as a city-wide initiative.

Once again, we reaffirm our support for the Fire Prevention Inspection Program, Fire Prevention Inspection Team, and the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program.

### HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

We are requesting that the New York City Housing Preservation and Development Agency re-institute the annual inspections for multiple dwelling buildings.

We have asked for a feasibility study and, after years of gentle persuasion demand, an urban renewal program and development of land near the LIRR. There is currently a salvage yard right at the back of a new school, and an early childhood learning center. This yard and an abandoned car lot with car parts and other debris which create unhealthy surroundings and are harmful to the health of our children. Additionally, a Dying Business that uses highly volatile compounds gives off very noxious fumes day and night. We are requesting that both businesses be moved elsewhere. Neighboring Boards have had such areas re-zoned and improved. We ask for nothing less. Please include as an emergency item in the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget. This request is more than twelve years old. A decade plus years is sufficient time for a positive response.

We support the three groups in our Board, i.e Flatbush East Community Development Corporation, Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush Inc., and the Erasmus Neighborhood Federation in their request for funding under the Neighborhood Preservation Consultant Contract, we hope they will be designated recipients. This community needs all the help it can get to improve its housing stock. Also, there is a need to work more closely with the community to facilitate community needs/goals.

We also support additional funds for code enforcement, demolition/seal-up and the Narcotics Control Unit.

We desperately need the construction of C2 Housing for our aging population that has been increasing by leaps and bounds. Additionally, Central Brooklyn has a very large population of persons 65 years and older, the largest population/concentration

in the State of New York and the Continental United States.

### OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

Nothing has been done in Community District 17's industrial and commercial areas, primarily along the Long Island Railroad. Local groups such as the Flatbush East Community Development Corporation, Flatbush Gateway are not sufficiently funded and lack staff to reach out to local businesses. Community District 17 has great potential for a flourishing industrial park-like development and represent an untapped source for additional jobs. We also ask for serious agency outreach to Community District 17's businesses. Agency outreach is of paramount importance to the industrial area along the Long Island Railroad. Community District 17 is important to New York City. In the distant past, this area was considered for housing parallel to the railroad. It was called Linear City. It is time to reconsider the idea as it is quite evident that this agency is not prepared to develop this area (industrially) and with businesses that are environmentally compatible to the adjacent residential communities.

**We are requesting funding for the acquisition of land and the immediate construction of an Cultural Market in Community District 17 similar to the market developed on Albany Avenue and Fulton Street in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York.**

### BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

There has been a marked increase in the amount of commercial activity taking place in residential areas, e.g. restaurants, bakeries, car repair shops operating out of private garages, retail stores and offices in homes. Efforts must be made by this agency to enforce all buildings and zoning codes. Building code violations make tenants and neighbors justifiably angry and concerned for their safety, property values and quality of life.

The Buildings Department in the past ten years, and more, has not met its responsibility of inspecting for reported violations and multiple dwelling buildings. It is incumbent upon this agency, that, given the unabated increase of the illegal renovations/apartments throughout the city, that the Buildings Department reinstitute inspection of multiple dwelling houses. The wanton lack of inspection has indeed created a clear and present danger, in our community and other communities during the last decade, resulting in the unnecessary loss of lives, untimely displacement of residents, and insurmountable personal losses.

The Buildings Department and New York City Government must recognize that self-inspection of new construction and violation removal is not a workable solution

to the wanton abdication of this agency's responsibilities for "Building Inspections." In the past five years, New York City has experienced more than its fair share of collapsed buildings, new in-progress construction and falling debris. This agency must re-institute massive bi-annual inspections of multiple dwellings and commercial properties and the timely inspections due to complaints.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Problems related to water metering continue in Fiscal Year 2003. Many residents who had meters installed receive very high water bills which are subsequently found to be in error. It is often difficult for them to have these bills rectified. On the other hand, there are still residents waiting for the installation of new meters. They are understandably confused. The self meter and installation cost reimbursement by this agency is unfair and punitive to homeowners. Homeowners have paid for meters over a decade through special rate increases for this purpose. This agency must fulfill its responsibilities to facilitate water conservation and appropriate fair billing practices.

There is a long delay in answering complaints about clogged catch basins. This indicates a need for more frequent preventive maintenance. August, 1993 was Community District 17's last round for such work. Many catchbasins are imploding due to a lack of repair. Throughout the community, the smell from the sewer has reached an intolerable and hazardous level. This agency has not responded adequately to complaints. We implore this agency to act responsibly and address these unhealthy conditions. In Fiscal Year 2003, fifty percent or more of Community Board #17's catch basins are flooded with very little rain fall.

We are still concerned about the condition on Ralph Avenue near the Long Island Railroad overpass, the site of many terrible accidents. There is constant flooding, the catch basins have been clogged for years and are inadequate to carry the flood water away. There is heavy traffic on this road and a bus route. Flooding often makes this road impassible. In cold weather, the water freezes, making travel very dangerous. The same condition exists on Kings Highway near the Farragut Road overpass. DEP must work with the LIRR officials (if necessary) to improve on drainage and remedy these troublesome and very dangerous problems. This condition is two decades old. Community District 17 feels that the location of the problem, which is East Flatbush, enables DEP to ignore such a dangerous situation and for such an extensive period of time. This dangerous condition should never take fifty years before being addressed.

Our district is saturated with auto repair shops which discharge large amounts of volatile organic solvents and volatile organic compounds into the air which contributes to respiratory diseases. DEP must address and correct these dangerous

conditions. DEP must do a study and provide Community District 17 with a corrective action plan to address these dangerous and increasing health issues. These are health issues that have been ignored by this agency or treated with deliberate/benign neglect. This request is over six years old and needs to be addressed expeditiously.

### HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Despite the dubious distinction which Community District 17 has, that it ranks at the top of the City's chart for absolute unmet needs and the century old unmet need for a public day care center, we still do not have a publicly funded day care program in our district. Fully one-third of our population consists of youth under the age of eighteen and they are not being served. After 50 years of unmet requests, it is time that our request for additional public day care centers be honored. With the end of Public Welfare, every effort must be made to meet the needs of parents who must find a job and need day care and child care services in Community District 17. Our requests for additional publicly funded day care centers for Community District 17 is as old as organized government in New York City.

We continue our support for the various preventive/family programs, the family day care network furnished by the Erasmus Neighborhood Federation and the Flatbush Haitian group and the Torah Head Start programs. We, as a community, are tired of our requests being ignored. Every effort should be made by this agency to acquire available property, both city and private, suitable for repair and renovations to provide public day care/child care services that this community desperately needs.

All programs funded by HRA are sorely needed in Community District 17 and funding should be provided, increased and expanded where needed.

### DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

The Sanitation Department and staff does an excellent job of collections and street sweeping. However, daily complaints regarding dumping on streets, in vacant lots, remain constant. Monthly reports of the cleanliness of our streets and sidewalks continue to show some areas with a cleanliness rating of less than 75%. These areas need to be monitored and improved. The Sanitation Department has the ability to effect positive changes. Also enforcement efforts need to be quadrupled to address blocked sidewalks by businesses. Sanitation should coalesce with the Department of Consumer Affairs to improve cleanliness compliance by businesses and to also address sidewalk clutter.

Sanitation Police must be deployed for surveillance. While it is important to remove

the dumpout promptly, we believe it would be more cost effective to prevent this illegal activity by posting police and installing surveillance cameras to apprehend the perpetrators and confiscate the vehicles used for illegal dumping. According to Geographic Reports, we have noticed that Boards in Manhattan have two agents assigned while we have only one. We asked for equal treatment and we are requesting the same once more.

Illegal postering continues to be a problem. During Fiscal Year 2002 and now in 2003, this activity have increased more than 100%. In 1999 illegal postering was being done with impunity. In addition to the large posters, construction advertisements are often nailed to trees and poles. Smaller signs are glued to poles, street signs, walls and all available areas, even painted on sidewalks, creating community wide eyesores. The Sanitation Inspectors who perform daily inspections, Sanitation Enforcement and the citywide postering team must make a concerted and consistent effort to reverse this trend.

Five day collection at public and private schools must still be a high priority, especially at those schools with a breakfast program and several lunch hours. Collections must be made around schools that put out garbage on Friday past the regular pickup. Let us starve the rats/rodents and keep the neighborhoods clean.

On weeks when there are holidays, a regular three day a week pickup schedule becomes a two day schedule, and a regular two day schedule diminishes to once a week. This diminution of service is even worse for recyclable materials. If a recycling day is missed, regular pickup is extended to a two week cycle before another recycling pickup is made. When pickup of recyclable materials has been reduced to every other week, the problems of vermin and rodent infestation multiplies. Residents are hard-pressed to store their garbage inside, and if left outdoors, bags are torn by stray animals resulting in unhealthy conditions. The housing/population density in Community District 17 necessitates weekly recycling pickup on the next regular garbage pickup day.

Garbage Collection Planning for weeks with holidays should be scheduled well in advance, to ensure proper and timely pickup to relieve excessive garbage build up between extended pickups. The residents should be informed annually of the changed schedules.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

Community District 17 has benefitted and appreciated the Department of Parks' Street Greening Project.

During the past two years, Community District 17 had some success with tree

pruning. However, we are requesting that our schedules for pruning and planting be increased due to the years of deliberate neglect. There are a tremendous amount of trees waiting to be replanted. Tree pruning and planting must be given top priority for Fiscal Year 2003 and beyond. The re-greening of our community is very important because of the high rates of respiratory diseases. Community District 17 has made multiple requests to the Parks Department and the Parks Commissioner for Tennis Court permits for off-hours usage by our community youths at no charge. Community District 17 has the fewest parks and/or recreational areas in New York City. The issuance of these free permits will cost the Parks Department zero dollars. However, they will provide an hour of meaningful recreational time for our community youths.

Community District 17 has been asking that Parks Department construct a tennis court at the corner of Farragut Road and East 45<sup>th</sup> Street. This is City-Owned land which would not need approval for use by any other City Agency. Without infringing upon the rights of any other agency, research by our staff members show that two regulation sized courts could be there if the fence of Farragut Road were moved about six feet forward toward the sidewalk. The sidewalk itself would not be blocked. We have asked for follow-up on this proposal but none has been forthcoming. Our community has the fewest parks of all communities in the city. Please fund this project in Fiscal Year 2004.

The rehabilitation of Paedergat Playground and Tilden Playground and the southern half of Ditmas Playground (Ditmas between East 91 and East 92 Street) have been completed and are beautiful and in full use. Similar action is needed for the northern half of Ditmas Avenue Park. We are requesting that the surface of the northern half be changed to grass or astro turf to accommodate the youths that use the area as a soccer field.

The request for the creation of a multi-service community center continues. There is an empty building at 1650 East 17 Street which was vacated by Con Edison. This property can be purchased by the city Parks Department and developed as a multi-service community service center for Community District 17. Community District 17 lacks every amenity considered routine necessities by other communities.

We appreciated the efforts of the WEP workers, and hoped their efforts would have continued and that the City will recognize the same and hire them permanently as full-time paid employees. We are requesting deployment of WEP workers to our Community Board area in Fiscal Year 2003 and beyond.

Funding must also be provided for buses and mobile recreation vans for summer uses throughout our community.

## DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

Our population continues to age alike the rest of the country; the frail and elderly are growing more numerous. They need the services provided by the programs funded by the Department of Aging more than ever. There is desperate need for C2 housing to meet the needs of our community's aging population namely: assisted living, independent living and dependent living. All Senior Centers that serve Community District 17 should continue to receive funding for their programs and expanded where current and additional senior services can be provided. Sincere efforts must be made to promote greater outreach and expanded services to Community District 17's aging population with sincere, numerous and dire needs.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Department of Transportation **must erect "Local Traffic Only" signs throughout Community District 17 as there is too much pass through commercial traffic in Community District 17.** There is a need for additional enforcement to curtail the abuse of large trucks using local residential streets as Interstate Highways. These large oversized tractor trailers, because of their gross weight including freight, do considerable damage to our street and the homes that are on our residential streets.

We continue to be troubled by the congested and dangerous traffic conditions along our streets, namely, Church Avenue/Bedford Avenue to East 98<sup>th</sup> Street; Nostrand Avenue/Empire Blvd. to Flatbush Avenue; Rogers Avenue/Glenwood Road to Empire Blvd; Utica Avenue from Empire Blvd. to Glenwood Road; Linden Blvd. from Kings Highway to Flatbush Avenue; Remsen Avenue from East New York Avenue to Foster Avenue.

Most of our major intersections are choked with traffic. A comprehensive traffic study is imperative to alleviate this terribly dangerous traffic situation. These conditions also contribute to asthma and other respiratory health problems due to huge amounts of auto exhaust caused by stalled traffic.

We cautiously admire DOT's "schoolxing" signs throughout the community. However, Community District 17 again request the erection of the appropriate signage throughout the community and especially around our schools, both public and private.

We have continuously requested the construction of curb cuts throughout Community District 17. The first request originated in 1983. We need curb cuts throughout our district to meet the needs of our young children, seniors, the disabled and physically challenged. This is a top priority and one that will bring the city into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act passed by Congress.

An old and very dangerous problem exists at Ditmas Avenue (East 59<sup>th</sup> Street to Ralph Avenue). For more than a decade, this street was never paved curb to curb.

As a result, there is a six-foot unpaved area on the north side of the road where stagnant water accumulates and which serves as a dumping area for the salvage yard on the south side and a mosquito breeding pond for the Encephalitis epidemic. An elementary school has been operational adjacent to this stagnant water. Its play yard abuts this filthy area and poses a health hazard. This street must be reconstructed as soon as possible with the proper grading and drainage systems. Funding was allocated by New York State Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein for this project in Fiscal Year 1997. This must be given top priority because of the health and traffic safety issues.

There is a chronic problem with double parked vehicles on the major thoroughfares throughout Community District 17. Although there is a Department of Transportation Enforcement Station at Ralph Avenue between Remsen and Church Avenues, the blocked streets in close proximity to this office gets very little to no attention in the area of traffic enforcement regulations.

#### DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

There is no more important priority for the future of our city than services for our youth. The need for youth services start at birth and must be provided to the youth of Community District 17, whose needs are the same as those in every community throughout the city, yet Community District 17's requests have been neglected and ignored for decades and continues to be blatantly ignored.

The children in our district (Community District 17), some from one-parent families, most from families where both parents are wage-earners, and many for whom English is a second language, all need after school and serious meaningful year round youth and after school programs.

We are in dire need of a few Community Centers and publicly funded recreational facilities. We are aware that, over the years past, other communities in southwest Brooklyn have received funding for additional centers while we have zero, nada, none!!!

We ask that this agency live up to its mandate to provide youth programming that will satisfy the needs of our youths mental, physical, educational and social needs. Daily, the statement is made that the youth are our future, however, New York City Government does everything to ensure that our youth have no future.

We hope that funding will be provided for Youth Delinquency Diversion Programs, Summer Youth Recreation Programs, and after-school and evening programs in

Community District 17. Community Board #17 is asking, begging and requesting on bended knees.

The Beacon Program, at three of our schools, is most welcome. We would like to see these programs expanded. We need additional funding to support and expand the Music Outreach Program in our community schools.

Employment programs for our youth is an indispensable necessity for our community not only during the summer but all year and in perpetuity.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Community District 17 gives top priority on its Budget list to educational needs. Of our first ten capital budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2002 and 2003, nine of them relate to schools. There are no plans for the construction of a new high school. As for an addition to PS 219, it is included in the 15 Year Plan, which is too vague to be hopeful. This school has lost one of its annexes, is massively overcrowded, lacks all of the amenities to ensure educational outcomes and have been under the state's registration review for many, many years. This is a deficiency that must be addressed. Community parents are tired of excuses as to why this need have not been addressed, and for so long.

It is shameful to think that young children in elementary schools, five years of age and older are stripped of their human dignity and self respect as they are subjected to use toilets with no doors, no toilet paper and no toilet seats. Most people treat their animals in a more dignified manner. This deplorable, degrading, inhuman condition in the public schools must be eliminated forthwith. Funding can be made available from the huge budget of New York City Government and the Board of Education.

The current construction of prefabricated, detached red trailers erected in the schools throughout our community deprives our young impressionable, elementary school children of the wonderful experiences of an early childhood education. This program in lieu of a detailed, comprehensive school construction plan to meet the educational needs of our school children, creates and reinforces the idea of separate and unequal, isolate the students housed in these jail like trailers in an abhorrent and estranged way. Our community deserves modern, technologically ready and equipped, permanent school buildings.

Our school buildings, though old, are cherished by all. We are always amazed by the Board of Education's annual responses to our community school requests for preventative maintenance to ensure a safe learning environment. The replacement of missing floor tiles, broken window panes, leaking roofs and other minor repairs

should never, ever be classified as capital improvements to be placed on the Board of Education's ten year plan. It costs very little to make these minor repairs versus what it usually costs to renovate or close down school buildings and then lease and renovate private property. Community District 17 has never asked for or expected luxuries from the Board of Education. We have always gotten the least and have grown too accustomed to the same. However, without further delay we are requesting that our needs be given serious consideration and be expeditiously addressed. Additionally, all coal burning furnaces should be expeditiously upgraded to non-fossil fuel energy sources.

The Board of Education (New York City) and the School District offices of the District Superintendents should refrain from classifying school with a utilization of 133% and higher.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

There is a direct relationship between the absence of police officers patrolling our community and our community being the murder capital of New York City. Our residents are deliberately placed in danger by the 67 Precinct as its commanders and the officers assigned to the 67 Precinct are always reassigned outside of the precinct command on a daily basis, 365 days of the year. It has been this way as far back as 1981. The ten (10) patrol beats in Community District 17 on any given weekday are always unmanned or undermanned and during the busiest days of the week which are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, there are almost always no foot patrol officers. We know that the Police Commissioner, the Deputy Chief for Patrols, the Deputy Chief for Brooklyn South, the 67 Precinct Commanding Officer are all familiar with this information. Our community residents do not feel safe and they often know they are not safe. We are asking for equal protection by the Police Department. It is shameful to think that the Mayor, the Police Commissioner and others feel it is expediently justifiable to ignore the safety of Community District 17 residents.

Community residents and the commercial establishments have sounded the same complaints for the past six years plus the police do not respond to calls for assistance and when they do respond it is always too late. Our community is frustrated due to the lack of enforcement for quality of life issues such as the constant gridlock caused by double parked vehicles. This issue has been raised with Precinct Commanders on many occasions and the question was asked "Why do police in patrol cars pass by openly, flagrant violations in the street and ignore them?" The community deserves an answer and the illegal situations mitigated.

The 67<sup>th</sup> Precinct must begin to enforce the law that will keep large commercial vehicles that use our local streets as Interstate Highways. This practice of commercial vehicles on residential streets creates hazardous life threatening conditions for young children and seniors while our streets are destroyed because they were not designed for this type of usage.

We applaud the 67<sup>th</sup> Precinct for its community involvement. Our community demands the implementation and expansion of a "Safe Corridor for Seniors Program." This program is financed by a specific tax levy. Community District 17 is the fifth highest per capita income District amongst women in the city. We deserve and demand the services we are paying for and are not currently receiving. This request is four years old and aging nicely though ignored.


The 67<sup>th</sup> Precinct desperately needs scooters, marked vehicles and city-funded off street parking for its vehicles and assigned personnel. The Commander constantly reiterates that they lack the same. The entrance to the precinct is in dire need of maintenance. Was the 67<sup>th</sup> Precinct elevator repaired?

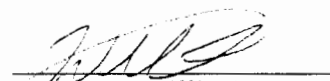
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Every effort must be made by this agency to provide adequate transportation for our community residents. We reiterate the need for a rush hour bus route for Remsen Village which is serviced mainly by dollar/commuter vans. There is a need for additional bus service along the following routes: B17, B35 and B46. Additionally, because of the traffic jams and gridlock conditions, along the B35 and B46 routes, the serious consideration must be given to using buses fueled with natural gas to reduce pollution in an area with high rates of asthma and other respiratory diseases.

It is quite evident to DOT, the community and the operators of illegal commuter vans, that there is a large population of unserved/underserved community residents that must get to the trains in our area. The New York City Transit Authority should give Community District 17 residents the same consideration it gives affluent communities by providing adequate and sufficient buses to meet the needs of Community District 17 residents.

The Transit Authority must extend the daily hours of use of all bus and subway passes for all high school students. The students, through no fault of their own and a failed school system, are forced to supplement their academic/educational instructions late into the evening and are forced to pay a full fare on the New York City Public Transportation System to get home.

  
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Chairperson

  
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District Manager