

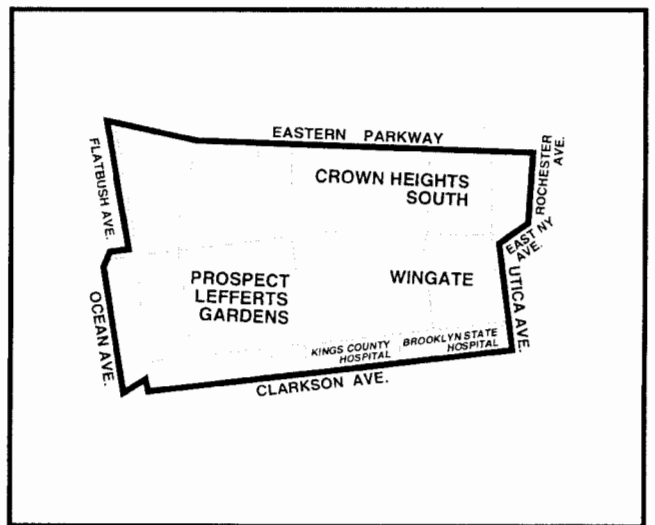
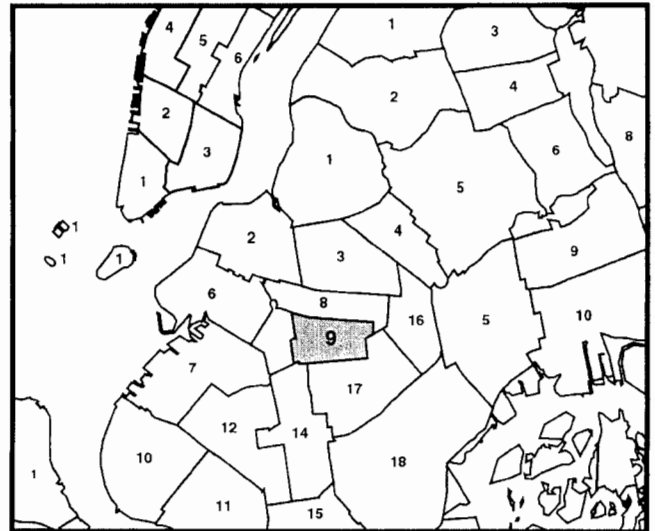
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9

TOTAL POPULATION	1980	1990	2000
Number	96,667	110,715	104,014
% Change	—	14.5	-6.1

VITAL STATISTICS	1990	2000
Births: Number	2,438	1,849
Rate per 1000	22.0	17.8
Deaths: Number	724	636
Rate per 1000	6.5	6.1
Infant Mortality: Number	36	14
Rate per 1000	14.8	7.6

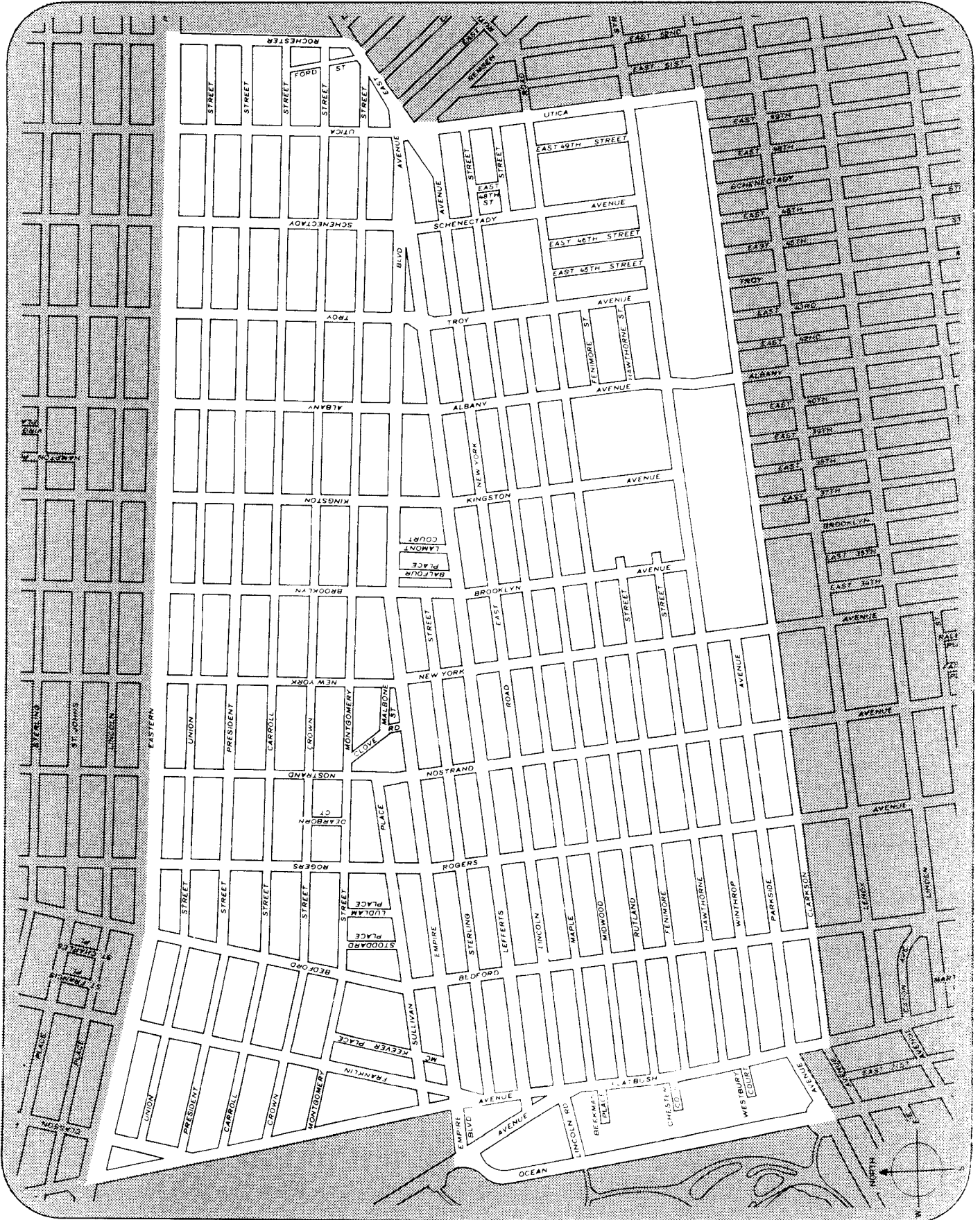
INCOME SUPPORT	1994	2001
Public Assistance (AFDC, Home Relief)	16,105	6,054
Supplemental Security Income	3,923	4,480
Medicaid Only	7,736	11,650
Total Persons Assisted	27,764	22,184
Percent of Population	25.1	21.3

TOTAL LAND AREA	
Acres:	1,002.7
Square Miles:	1.6



LAND USE, 2001			
	Lots	Lot Area Sq. Ft. (000)	%
1- 2 Family Residential	4,317	10,622.2	34.6
Multi-Family Residential	1,267	7,778.9	25.3
Mixed Resid. / Commercial	774	2,537.6	8.3
Commercial / Office	93	897.2	2.9
Industrial	34	529.9	1.7
Transportation / Utility	29	381.6	1.2
Institutions	145	6,343.3	20.6
Open Space / Recreation	8	499.1	1.6
Parking Facilities	88	676.6	2.2
Vacant Land	161	424.9	1.4
Miscellaneous	—	37.3	.1
Total	6,916	30,728.4	100.0

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9



9/1997

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

Brooklyn Community District 9	1990		2000		Change 1990-2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	110,715	100.0	104,014	100.0	(6,701)	-6.1
Nonhispanic of Single Race:	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Nonhispanic	11,813	10.7	11,733	11.3	(80)	-0.7
Black/African American Nonhispanic	86,675	78.3	79,466	76.4	(7,209)	-8.3
Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	1,309	1.2	819	0.8	(490)	-37.4
American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic	284	0.3	183	0.2	(101)	-35.6
Some Other Race Nonhispanic	167	0.2	816	0.8	649	388.6
Nonhispanic of Two or More Races	-	-	2,416	2.3	-	-
Hispanic Origin	10,467	9.5	8,581	8.2	(1,886)	-18.0
Population Under 18 Years	32,612	100.0	29,691	100.0	(2,921)	-9.0
Nonhispanic of Single Race:	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Nonhispanic	4,316	13.2	4,784	16.1	468	10.8
Black/African American Nonhispanic	24,678	75.7	21,453	72.3	(3,225)	-13.1
Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	305	0.9	148	0.5	(157)	-51.5
American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic	66	0.2	43	0.1	(23)	-34.8
Some Other Race Nonhispanic	55	0.2	300	1.0	245	445.5
Nonhispanic of Two or More Races	-	-	594	2.0	-	-
Hispanic Origin	3,192	9.8	2,369	8.0	(823)	-25.8
Population 18 Years and Over	78,103	100.0	74,323	100.0	(3,780)	-4.8
Nonhispanic of Single Race:	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Nonhispanic	7,497	9.6	6,949	9.3	(548)	-7.3
Black/African American Nonhispanic	61,997	79.4	58,013	78.1	(3,984)	-6.4
Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	1,004	1.3	671	0.9	(333)	-33.2
American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic	218	0.3	140	0.2	(78)	-35.8
Some Other Race Nonhispanic	112	0.1	516	0.7	404	360.7
Nonhispanic of Two or More Races	-	-	1,822	2.5	-	-
Hispanic Origin	7,275	9.3	6,212	8.4	(1,063)	-14.6
Total Population	110,715	100.0	104,014	100.0	(6,701)	-6.1
Under 18 Years	32,612	29.5	29,691	28.5	(2,921)	-9.0
18 Years and Over	78,103	70.5	74,323	71.5	(3,780)	-4.8
Total Housing Units	37,556	-	38,324	-	768	2.0

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**

Brooklyn Community District 9	Number	Percent
Total Population	104,014	100.0
White Nonhispanic	11,733	11.3
Black Nonhispanic	79,466	76.4
Asian and Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	819	0.8
Other Nonhispanic	999	1.0
Two or More Races Nonhispanic	2,416	2.3
Hispanic Origin	8,581	8.2
Female	57,980	55.7
Male	46,034	44.3
Under 5 years	7,910	7.6
5 to 9 years	8,187	7.9
10 to 14 years	8,363	8.0
15 to 19 years	8,635	8.3
20 to 24 years	8,144	7.8
25 to 44 years	30,401	29.2
45 to 64 years	22,224	21.4
65 years and over	10,150	9.8
18 years and over	74,323	71.5
In households	102,903	98.9
In family households	88,909	85.5
Householder	25,100	24.1
Spouse	11,089	10.7
Own child under 18 years	24,303	23.4
Other relatives	25,308	24.3
Nonrelatives	3,109	3.0
In nonfamily households	13,994	13.5
Householder	11,635	11.2
Householder 65 years and over living alone	2,886	2.8
Nonrelatives	2,359	2.3
In group quarters	1,111	1.1
Total Households	36,735	100.0
Family households	25,100	68.3
Married-couple family	11,089	30.2
With related children under 18 years	6,379	17.4
Female householder, no husband present	11,511	31.3
With related children under 18 years	7,724	21.0
Male householder, no wife present	2,500	6.8
With related children under 18 years	1,205	3.3
Nonfamily households	11,635	31.7
Households with one or more persons 65 years and over	8,038	21.9
Persons Per Family	3.42	-
Persons Per Household	2.80	-
Total Housing Units	38,324	-
Occupied Housing Units	36,735	100.0
Renter occupied	30,753	83.7
Owner occupied	5,982	16.3
By Household Size:		
1 person household	9,838	26.8
2 person household	9,502	25.9
3 person household	7,060	19.2
4 person household	4,792	13.0
5 persons and over	5,543	15.1
By Age of Householder:		
15 to 24 years	1,455	4.0
25 to 44 years	14,896	40.5
45 to 64 years	13,920	37.9
65 years and over	6,464	17.6

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9



LEGEND	4	CENSUS TRACT NUMBER	—	STREET	—	COMMUNITY DISTRICT BOUNDARY
	—	CENSUS TRACT BOUNDARY	—	STREET NAME	—	

Change in Total Population, 1990 to 2000
Brooklyn Community District 9

Census Tract	Total Population		Population Change, 1990-2000	
	1990	2000	Number	Percent
0213	5,234	4,735	(499)	(9.5)
0319	3,421	3,850	429	12.5
0321	6,525	5,612	(913)	(14.0)
0323	4,071	3,763	(308)	(7.6)
0325	7,372	6,641	(731)	(9.9)
0327	3,872	3,868	(4)	(0.1)
0329	6,782	5,856	(926)	(13.7)
0331	5,023	4,725	(298)	(5.9)
0333	4,891	4,491	(400)	(8.2)
0335	3,217	3,120	(97)	(3.0)
0337 *	4,669	4,541	(128)	(2.7)
0349 *	5,285	5,572	287	5.4
0351 *	5,158	5,052	(106)	(2.1)
0353 *	5,433	5,558	125	2.3
0355	5,543	5,433	(110)	(2.0)
0796 *	11,164	10,384	(780)	(7.0)
0798	9,430	9,091	(339)	(3.6)
0800	3,872	3,927	55	1.4
0802	5,517	4,817	(700)	(12.7)
0804	3,630	3,380	(250)	(6.9)
0806	2,636	2,770	134	5.1
0810	2,245	2,444	199	8.9
0812	628	0	(628)	(100.0)
0820 *	5,742	5,392	(350)	(6.1)
0822 *	7,005	7,463	458	6.5
087401	3,455	3,315	(140)	(4.1)
087402	585	0	(585)	(100.0)
0876	1,390	1,707	317	22.8
0878 *	3,514	3,165	(349)	(9.9)
0880 *	2,943	2,721	(222)	(7.5)

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

**Total Population by Mutually Exclusive Race and Hispanic Origin
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 9**

Census Tract	Total Population	Nonhispanic by Race					Hispanic Origin (of any race)
		Single Race				Two or More Races	
		White	Black/ African American	Asian	Other		
0213	4,735	97	4,150	41	32	91	324
0319	3,850	670	2,811	11	73	80	205
0321	5,612	78	4,479	15	30	126	884
0323	3,763	28	3,084	24	38	73	516
0325	6,641	44	5,952	27	29	112	477
0327	3,868	95	3,354	28	30	61	300
0329	5,856	707	4,194	21	83	94	757
0331	4,725	2,240	2,019	17	145	79	225
0333	4,491	2,391	1,716	9	55	129	191
0335	3,120	1,123	1,741	13	63	51	129
0337 *	4,541	1,358	2,725	23	51	89	295
0349 *	4,541	23	4,016	25	26	135	316
0351 *	5,052	660	3,596	111	32	123	530
0353 *	5,558	576	4,160	21	41	154	606
0355	5,433	411	4,255	10	133	217	407
0796 *	10,384	179	8,592	94	66	335	1,118
0798	9,091	286	7,476	127	53	224	925
0800	3,927	245	3,242	53	30	147	210
0802	4,817	71	4,185	28	22	176	335
0804	3,380	55	2,947	68	24	50	236
0806	2,770	42	2,455	13	17	47	196
0810	2,444	44	2,130	76	19	40	135
0812	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0820 *	5,392	38	4,731	82	19	134	388
0822 *	7,463	100	6,343	41	51	252	676
087401	3,315	275	2,735	14	11	49	231
087402	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0876	1,707	244	1,332	2	8	42	79
0878 *	3,165	234	2,640	42	7	48	194
0880 *	2,721	14	2,480	14	22	48	143

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**Total Households by Household Family Type
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 9**

Census Tract	Total Households	Total Family Households	Total Non-Family Households	Average Household Size	Average Family Size
0213	1,817	1,176	641	2.60	3.24
0319	1,375	925	450	2.80	3.50
0321	1,964	1,368	596	2.84	3.42
0323	1,421	971	450	2.65	3.19
0325	2,453	1,689	764	2.71	3.23
0327	1,487	935	552	2.57	3.23
0329	2,180	1,459	721	2.69	3.33
0331	1,509	1,091	418	3.13	3.80
0333	1,280	967	313	3.51	4.15
0335	902	666	236	3.33	3.90
0337 *	1,434	946	488	2.92	3.64
0349 *	1,941	1,353	588	2.87	3.45
0351 *	1,666	1,171	495	3.02	3.59
0353 *	1,826	1,346	480	3.04	3.53
0355	1,881	1,323	558	2.89	3.48
0796 *	3,768	2,550	1,218	2.75	3.34
0798	3,452	2,288	1,164	2.63	3.23
0800	1,407	962	445	2.79	3.32
0802	1,756	1,181	575	2.74	3.38
0804	1,244	851	393	2.69	3.26
0806	958	697	261	2.86	3.40
0810	856	583	273	2.64	3.21
0812	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
0820 *	1,889	1,304	585	2.85	3.44
0822 *	2,633	1,842	791	2.76	3.30
087401	1,307	790	517	2.54	3.35
087402	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
0876	581	424	157	2.94	3.48
0878 *	924	671	253	2.86	3.35
0880 *	1,043	711	332	2.61	3.18

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GEOGRAPHIC REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET
(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

COMMUNITY BOARD DISTRICT 09, BROOKLYN

BUDGET LINE	TITLE	TOTAL APPROPRIATION AS OF 5/31/02	FY2003 ADOPTED CAP BUDGET	FY2004	THREE YEAR PROGRAM		REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
					FY2005	FY2006	
HB-530	RECONST & STRUCT REHAB R.R. BDGE PARKSIDE & OCEAN AVE, BROOKLYN	6,852 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	4,915 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HB-533	RECONSTR, ETC. R.R. BRIDGE, EMPIRE BLVD. AND FLATBUSH AVE., BROOKLYN	14,007 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HB-1003	RECONSTRUCTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE RR BRIDGE, BROOKLYN	2,976 (CN) 1,488 (S) 195 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (P)
HB-1096	RECON OF MONTGOMERY ST BRIDGE OVER NYCTA FRANKLIN LINE, BROOKLYN	1,948 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HN-K001	MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE, BROOKLYN	CP	385 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	27 (CN) 0 (S)	CP
HO-398	MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION OF KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER, BROOKLYN	374,410 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HW-779	RECONSTRUCTION OF EMPIRE BLVD (FRANKLIN TO UTICA AVENUE, BKLYN)	485 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	241 (CN)	0 (CN)	12,083 (CN)
LB-K004	RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION, CROWN HEIGHTS LIBRARY, BROOKLYN	CP	64 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
LB-128	CENTRAL LIBRARY, BROOKLYN	12,811 (CN) 700 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)
P-K132	RECONSTRUCTION OF WINGATE PLAYGROUND AND COURTS, BROOKLYN	1,085 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
P-K141	GRAND ARMY PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION, BROOKLYN	1,426 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
P-1132	WINGATE PARK RECONSTRUCTION, BROOKLYN	159 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
P-1141	GRAND ARMY PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION, BROOKLYN	524 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
PV-C235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
PV-C236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
PV-D236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	1,250 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
PV-K235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	850 (CN)	850 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
PV-K236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN)	887 (CN)	5,700 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
PV-235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (P)	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (P)	CP
PV-236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	1,250 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	970 (CN) 0 (F)	1,000 (CN) 0 (F)	CP
S-209	CONSTRUCTION, GARAGE, SANITATION DISTRICT 9 OR 14, BROOKLYN	14,288 (CN)	1,355 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
SE-724	CONSTRUCTION OF COMBINED SEWERS IN FLATBUSH AVENUE, BROOKLYN	2,016 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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District Manager

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS

INTRODUCTION

Community District 9 encompasses one of New York's first humanly inhabited areas. The area was once the home of the Mareckkawicks, a branch of the Canarsie tribal community, which occupied Kings County and parts of Jamaica. The area was colonized by Dutch farmers from the Netherlands (Holland) in the early 17th century. Lefferts Homestead, relocated to Prospect Park from its original location on Midwood Street and Flatbush Avenue, is a living reminder of this agricultural community which flourished in our district until the early 20th century.

More recent research being conducted into the history of Community District 9 is revealing the major importance this neighborhood played in the American Revolution. More significantly, the research is revealing the strategic role that Clove Road played in the Battle of Brooklyn. Preliminary data obtained from the research appears to indicate that our Clove Road is the "Bedford Pass" of the American Revolution. Research on this project continues and the Board has requested the New York City Landmarks Commission and New York State Department of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to investigate the location for historic designation.

Present day Community District 9 includes a portion of the neighborhood known as Crown Heights, northern parts of Flatbush, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, and the northern portion of Midwood (Wingate). Bordered by Prospect Park, Eastern Parkway and Lincoln Terrace Park, the district includes such prestigious cultural institutions as the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Other notable institutions include Kings County Hospital Center (one of the largest hospital complexes in the world), SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. Together, these institutions form the southern-most boundary of the district. Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York, five high schools, four intermediate and six elementary schools, make up the District's public educational system. A significant number of private and parochial schools complete the education picture.

Only minutes by car or public transportation from downtown Brooklyn, Community District 9 is home to numerous small and medium-sized businesses and the 104,014 residents (2000 census), who live along our multitude of tree-lined streets. Our many religious institutions include a number of the largest Catholic churches in the borough, a number of the oldest Protestant churches, and the world headquarters of the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Movement.

Families and institutions have thrived in Community District 9 for generations. Over the past five decades this largely middle class community has undergone extensive demographic changes. The ethnic make-up of the community has become a unique blend of people of American, Caribbean, European, Asian and Hispanic descent.

This continued growth has brought with it a concomitant escalation in the need for vital municipal services. Community Board 9 has taken a critical look at our community district's needs and has embarked upon a the formulation of a 197-a plan which sets out our vision for a better future for our community, the objectives of which are as follows:

Objectives:

To improve the quality of life for residents through:

- The promotion of community safety and the reduction of crime;
- Social and cultural development;
- Improved health and social services;
- Support for the preservation, expansion and physical integration of the public parks system and educational institutions;
- Promotion of employment and business opportunities through
 - the strengthening and expansion of existing retail commercial areas;
 - the improvement of local businesses and economic development;
 - a local hospital jobs program.
- The promotion of new low-density/contextual residential development to provide both a humanly scaled built form and increased opportunity for neighborly social interaction;
- The guiding of future physical and human development programs to enhance the lives of the residents;
- Neighborhood beautification and development of new open space resources.

We submit this "Statement of Community District needs" to document the district's continued need for the provision of an acceptable level of City services to improve the quality of life for the people of the district. The restoration of services; the renovation and upgrading of school buildings and other public facilities; expanded economic/business opportunities, the acquisition of land for the creation and expansion of

open space; and the implementation of a Traffic Calming plan; are all vital to our overall goal for the restoration of our neighborhoods.

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

Relocation of Community District 14's Sanitation Garage The Renovation of Sanitation Garage at 356 Winthrop Street

The relocation of Community District 14's sanitation garage continues to be the number one priority for this Board. Community District 9 is home to two sanitation garages, both of which are situated at two highly unsuitable locations within the district. One garage is located on Winthrop Street and New York Avenue across from Kings County Hospital Center; the other is on Crown Street across from Medgar Evers College.

In addition to the very real concerns expressed by homeowners, residents, hospitals and college personnel, including patients and students, who must walk by sanitation trucks that are parked on the street affording anyone with criminal intent a hiding place, these constituents also endure on a daily basis,

- the indiscriminate parking of garbage filled sanitation trucks, leaking unknown liquids onto our streets and sidewalks and fouling the air with the putrid smell of rotting garbage;
- the year-round storage of snow plow blades and salt spreaders on the street;
- the absolutely unacceptable practice of washing filthy sanitation trucks on the residential streets, clogging drains and catch basins with the scum;

The search for and the acquisition of a site to relocate Community District 14's sanitation garage began over sixteen years ago. With assistance from our City Council representatives and the current Mayor, the search was intensified and in 1994 a site was found at 1397-1413 Chase Court. ULURP action to pave the way for the acquisition of this site was completed in 1996. Six years later construction of this garage is yet to be completed.

The immediate start and timely completion of this construction project is critically important to this community since it will allow the long awaited expansion plans for Medgar Evers College to move forward. There still is an obstacle to this move however, and that is the unsuitable condition of the city-owned garage facility at 356 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, which will be vacated by Community Board 14's sanitation garage.

The proposed plan is to relocate Community Board 9's sanitation garage from 115 Crown Street – thus freeing up the site for Medgar Evers College's expansion plans – to the Winthrop Street site, but not before renovations to the facility are made. At the present time, Community Board 9 does not feel that the 356 Winthrop Street site will adequately accommodate all of BKE 9's sanitation personnel and equipment. In addition,

it is unclear whether the site is equipped to wash sanitation trucks and other equipment inside of the building.

Community Board 9 is vehemently opposed to a continuation of the horrific conditions at the Winthrop Street site with a premature move of our district sanitation garage to this building without the necessary renovations to the building to accommodate them. The Board is adamant in its request for inclusion in the scope of work for the renovation of 356 Winthrop Street, the following:

- Complete renovation of the interior of the building to address any structural deficiencies.
- Renovation of areas to be occupied by Department of Sanitation personnel.
- The installation of mechanisms so that trucks and other equipment are washed inside the facility and NOT in the street.
- Installation of safe sidewalks on both the Winthrop Street and Parkside Avenue sides of the building.
- Power washing of the exterior of the building.
- Landscaping outside the building on both Winthrop Street and Parkside Avenue.

These improvements are now more vitally important with the planned construction of the State University of New York's Biotechnology Incubator Facility on Parkside Avenue adjacent to the garage.

As we have discussed with the Department of Sanitation in many meetings over many years, 356 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, is not a suitable site for a sanitation garage. This area is a medical hub in this district. Therefore, this location should not be looked upon as a permanent site for District 9's garage. The Board is requesting that the agency contact the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to immediately begin the search for a suitable alternate site for the location of District 9's sanitation garage.

Illegal Dumping/Lot Cleaning

Illegal dumping in our alleyways and vacant lots has increased. Homeowners whose properties include alleyways, are forced to spend their hard-earned money removing hundreds of tires, abandoned cars and garbage, that are dumped there illegally. An increase in the number of Sanitation Police personnel and strict enforcement are needed to curb this blatant disregard for sanitation and environmental codes. In addition, a more aggressive lot-cleaning program must be implemented to improve the time frame for cleaning vacant lots.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Facilities for Garaging Police Vehicles

Community Board #9 again emphasizes the dire need for a facility to garage police vehicles and vouched cars. The current practice by agency personnel to overtake the streets around the local precinct with police cars, trucks and other equipment, including vehicles vouched by the precinct is unacceptable.

Double parked cars and sidewalk parking around the precinct force pedestrians including seniors, school children, and mothers with baby carriages, to navigate around these conditions, sometimes by walking into the street and into the danger of oncoming vehicles. In addition, the sidewalk which was only recently installed will eventually deteriorate from the continued parking of vehicles and will once again become the trip hazard it was before it was repaired. We don't want this to happen.

That is why the Board has done a search of the area around the 71 Precinct and has identified property suitable for a garage facility for the precinct's vehicles. Acquisition of these premises, whether by lease or purchase, will effectively eliminate the current congestion being experienced at Empire Boulevard and New York Avenue. We urge the agency to work with the Board on this matter, since it concerns the safety and well being of the people we both serve.

Facilities/Equipment/Technology

The Board believes that the Police Department has an obligation to bring all it's precincts into the twenty-first century by upgrading facilities, equipment and technology. Studies have shown that the physical environment within which people work has a significant impact upon the manner in which they perform their jobs. The Board believes that this is vitally important for police personnel, given the nature of their job.

The 71 Precinct's physical plant continues to deteriorate. There is a definite need for renovation of these facilities, including the installation of a new roof, air conditioning system, lockers and other necessary upgrades. Office furniture, including desks, chairs and cabinets are broken and dilapidated. When one attends a meeting held in the station house, sitting on chairs can be hazardous to one's health. In addition, maintenance of the premises (custodial services) needs to be improved.

Police Visibility

Visibility of police officers in reassuring numbers is lacking in the district. The Board continues to recommend the employment of civilian staff to carry out those clerical and related duties that would release police officers to do the job for which they

have been trained. The combination of improved facilities, technology and increased civilian clerical support would allow more presence on neighborhood streets.

Despite numbers showing a reduction in the main crime related areas, this district is far from being “one of the safest in the city.” Community Board 9 continues to receive numerous complaints from residents regarding the sale of drugs on street corners and in apartments in their buildings. We encourage an expansion of the F-TAP program to include all apartment buildings in the district. Community Board 9 stands ready to assist with this effort and to encourage building owners to work with the local precinct to implement this program. The Board recognizes that more needs to be done. We urge the agency to work with the Board to accomplish the task of providing safe and secure neighborhoods for our residents.

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Acquisition of Open Space

Most recent statistics show that approximately 30% of our population is under the age of 18 years, while only 6% of the district is dedicated to open space. Community Board 9, through its 197-a Planning Committee, has identified several possible locations in the district for the expansion of open space. In addition to identifying available land on the grounds of Kingsboro Psychiatric Center for a park, the Board has also identified property adjacent to Wingate Park for the expansion of this heavily utilized park.

Community Board 9 strongly urges the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to work with us for the acquisition of land for the expansion and development of vitally needed open space in the district.

Park Maintenance

The adequate maintenance of our neighborhood parks, playgrounds and malls has been severely hampered by budget cutbacks. The upkeep of these facilities was somewhat fortified in the past ha with the use of WEP workers. The numbers of those workers appears to have been diminished which has had an impact on park maintenance. A more sustained, consistent effort at weekly maintenance is needed, especially during the spring, summer and early fall, when more people are outdoors utilizing these facilities.

A very serious situation exists on the Eastern Parkway malls, specifically at Utica Avenue. Designed by Frederick Law Olmstead and Calvert Vaux, the Landmarked Eastern Parkway Malls are being desecrated by unlicensed vendors who appear to ply their trade with impunity on the mall at this intersection while the mall continues its

downward spiral into blight and deterioration. Currently, little more is being done about this situation, other than the occasional ticketing blitz by the Police Department.

The Board understands that this is more than a Parks Department problem and needs to be addressed not only by Parks enforcement personnel, but also by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Office of Economic Development, Taxi and Limousine Commission, the Department of Health and the Department of Sanitation. The Board will continue to work with all parties for the relocation of these vendors to a more appropriate location.

Community Board #9 has long been an advocate for restoration of funding to provide the much needed upkeep of our parks and playgrounds. We continue to advocate for this funding as we strive for the improvement of park facilities within our district.

The Reconstruction of Parks

The Board urges the need for continuation of funding to completion, those of our neighborhood parks still in need of rehabilitation, namely, Hamilton Metz Park, and, Mount Prospect Park.

The Board was advised that partial funding has been allocated for Hamilton Metz Park. We anticipate that the remaining funding will be provided and will continue to work with our City Council member for the allocation of these remaining funds that are necessary for the design and reconstruction of Hamilton Metz Park.

While the stairs and playground at Mount Prospect Park have been completed, a greater portion of the park is still under-developed. This park is located on Eastern Parkway, between the Brooklyn Public Library and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. This area in our district is undergoing a transformation with construction projects that will transform the entrances to the Brooklyn Public Library, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden and The Brooklyn Museum of Art. This link in our cultural/recreational/educational facilities is desperately in need of full funding to complete the reconstruction of this park for the benefit of the community. The Board will continue to work with the agency and our elected officials for the necessary funding to complete the design and rehabilitation of this park.

Tree Planting/Pruning Stump Removal

The greening of our district is an important aspect of our community beautification plan. The greening of traffic triangles and city-owned vacant lots to create vest-pocket parks are all components of this plan. Beautifying our neighborhood streets with the planting of street trees is a top priority. So is tree pruning. We urge the provision of adequate funds for tree planting, tree pruning, and the removal of dead trees

and tree stumps. These are important quality of life issues which must be addressed to beautify our community and also to avoid possible loss of life and property damage.

Prospect Park Projects

Community Board 9 supports efforts to restore the Woodlands, structures and facilities in Prospect Park.

Among the many important projects within the park that are in need of funding is the restoration of the Concert Grove. Located on the eastern shore of the Lake, the Concert Grove is the most formal and architectural space within the Park. The design for the area would include the moving of the skating rink and building, returning the Concert Grove sight lines, recreating the original lake edge and Music Stand Island, and, restoring the Concert Grove Masonry and Sculpture.

The Board continues to support the complete restoration of the beautiful landmarked Prospect Park Boathouse. This graceful two-story structure of terra cotta in the Eclectic-Italian Renaissance style, designed by Architects Helmle, Huberty and Hudswell, is so badly deteriorated that it has been closed to the public. Restoration would include the replacement of the terra cotta, reinforcing of structural components and the replacement of the eleven beautiful arched glass doors on the lower level, and ten double doors on the upper level, as well as several of the windows.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

The senior population in Community District 9 continues to be under-served. In the face of this glaring reality, more outreach must be conducted in the community to reach seniors in order to provide them with the services that they need. Meals-on-wheels, home care, transportation and other vital services to seniors must be expanded to meet the growing senior population.

The Board is especially pleased that funding has been allocated for the establishment of a satellite senior center in the southern portion of the district. This project has long been requested by the Board and is finally becoming a reality.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Faced with the decrease in the number of organizations providing after-school, education and skills-training programs, the district's substantial youth population has been deprived of these needed services. As our youth population continues to grow there is a concomitant need for an increase in these types of opportunities. We therefore appeal to the agency to increase the Board Community Share allocation to address these increased needs.

Community Board 9 envisions the establishment of a community youth center, a place where our neighborhood children can go to participate in healthy, clean and safe activities. We call on our City Council representatives to work with the Board to identify a site and to jointly fund the establishment of this facility. In providing constructive activities for our youth we will be doing our part to prepare them for the future.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A new era in education has been launched in the City of New York providing hope that the many problems facing our public educational system will be addressed through appropriate funding and the implementation of sound administrative policies. Among the problems faced by our students and faculty in our neighborhood schools are overcrowded classrooms and deteriorated buildings. These negatives are hampering our children in their efforts to obtain the benefits of a quality education. Our children must be afforded an environment that is conducive to learning.

With the exception of M.S. 2 which is housed in a brand new building, the school buildings in Community District 9 (Community School District 17), are in serious disrepair. Some of these buildings – P.S. 91 and P.S. 92 – are over 100 years old and are in the worst condition. In addition to the physical deficiencies, the ancient plumbing, heating and electrical systems in these buildings subject the students, faculty and staff to endure inhuman conditions year round.

We urge the rehabilitation of all of our deteriorated school buildings, with priority being given to P.S. 91, P.S. 92, and Wingate High School which is another of our school buildings that is in dire need of renovation.

AGENCY FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AGENCY FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

With our significantly new and large immigrant population and a probable 1990 Census undercount, the Board strongly believes that the actual need for day care and head start services in Community District 9 is far greater than is currently estimated. There continue to be long waiting lists for placement of children at all of our existing day care centers. The demand continues to rise. An increase in the number of day care slots and vouchers and the establishment of at least one head start center will begin to address this need. Another possible solution to this major shortage of adequate day care would be to allow vouchers to be accepted at private day care centers.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

An on-site nurse should staff each public school. This would establish the first line of defense should our children become ill while at school. The health and well-being of our children should not be left to chance.

Again, with our growing immigrant population, the need for outreach within the community is vital. Education is needed so parents would understand the importance of immunization for childhood diseases. Education regarding the importance of prenatal care to reduce the infant death rate, and education for the prevention of teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases among young people, is also vitally important.

Our community is infested with rats. A surge in building construction, capital construction projects, dirty vacant lots, alleyways, sewers and subway tracks, all contribute to this scourge. These conditions create serious health problems for the community. In addition, the West Nile Virus threat creates another level of concern for the community. There is a significant lack of resources to address this problem, therefore, the City MUST provide the additional funding that is necessary to arrest this problem.

HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION

Community Board 9 continues to support the reconstruction of Kings County Hospital Center. This institution is the primary health care facility not only for District 9 but for Central Brooklyn as well. We are pleased that low cost, quality health care will continue to be available to the hard working families who rely on this hospital for their health care needs.

The Board welcomes the establishment of the Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. However, this new facility already faces a problem of inadequate space. The Board thinks this is due to shortsightedness and urges the HHC to allocate the necessary funds to building the additional space needed for storage and other needs.

The Board urges the establishment of two additional primary care clinics as agreed upon by HHC.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Of major importance to Community Board 9 is the creation of safer streets through the implementation of "traffic calming" measures in the district. These include but is not limited to, speed humps. Some six years ago the Department of Transportation began a study for Community District 9, to determine how traffic calming principles could be implemented within this residential district to address the Board's and community's concerns for a safer district.

Answers from the agency to ongoing queries regarding the progress of this study have ranged from "the study was completed, but it has some flaws" to "the agency will submit the study to the Board in six months." This has been going on for the past six

years and the Board has yet to receive a copy of the study or any indication from the agency on when it would be completed or even if it is still being “studied”.

This is another appeal to the agency to complete this study and to move forward with the implementation of recommendations, if any, to address the dangerous traffic conditions in the district.

The streets in the district are badly deteriorated. Whether as a result of the wear and tear of snow and ice in the winter months, or emergency sewer and water-main repairs, or by various utility companies, the fact remains that huge potholes and major cave-ins abound on a number of our streets. The allocation of adequate funding for a comprehensive street repair/resurfacing policy that will address the traffic safety concerns in the community and reduce the cost to the City for property damage lawsuits.

Reconstruction of Empire Boulevard

The Board calls upon the agency to allocate funding for HWK 779 – the Reconstruction of Empire Boulevard from Flatbush to Utica Avenues. In 1990, the agency opted to shelve this project for five years, due to fiscal constraints. It is now ten years later and the project remains shelved.

Empire Boulevard is regarded as the “gateway” to our district. This major roadway leads to key cultural institutions including the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, The Brooklyn Museum of Art, and Prospect Park. Empire Boulevard also has severe flooding and drainage problems which affect traffic, homes and businesses here.

The agency is aware that the intersection of Empire Boulevard/Flatbush Avenue/Ocean Avenue continues to be one of the most dangerous in the city. The Board has begun discussions with our elected officials and the agency for the design and reconstruction of this intersection to address safety concerns at this intersection.

The Board calls upon the agency to restore the funding for this reconstruction project, working with the Board and community to improve this gateway to our community.

Clove Road (the Bedford Pass of the American Revolution) And Malbone Street

Community Board 9 has conducted extensive research into the history of the American Revolution and the significance that the location currently known as Clove Road played in paving the way for the America we are today. All indications are that this Clove Road has huge historic ramifications for this district and indeed the entire city. This location has been submitted to the City’s Landmark Preservation Commission and to

the State's Department of Parks and Historic Preservation. It is extremely important for this roadway to be constructed in a manner that is consistent with its historic nature.

We are very pleased that the agency has consented and hired consultants to conduct preliminary archaeological research into this location. The Board is anxious to know the results of the study that was completed in June 2002 and for commencement of the actual archaeological dig that will confirm what we believe, and that is that Clove Road is the only authentic remnant of a major historical site in the history of the United States.

We will continue to work with our elected officials and the agency for the allocation of funding for the appropriate design and construction of this historic roadway – Clove Road.

Replacement of Street Name Sign

There is a very long delay in the replacement of street name signs in the district. Community Board #9 requested the replacement of two missing street name signs. To date, almost one year later, the signs remain missing. We urge the agency to provide the necessary funding to replace missing street name signs, and other traffic regulatory signs.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Community Board #9 has repeatedly brought to the attention of the agency the problems with flooding in the district. We continue to request a catch basin reconstruction project for the district to correct capacity and other drainage problems in the district.

In addition, a trench restoration project should be implemented in the district to correct the depressions and roadway collapse on Ocean Avenue from Parkside Avenue to Empire Boulevard which resulted from poor restoration following emergency sewer/watermain repairs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the aftermath of September 11th 2001, Community Board 9 salutes the Fire Department in its efforts to recover and to continue its work on behalf of the citizens of this City. One of the areas that has been discussed extensively in the media is the quality of communication devices. The Board supports funding for an enhanced communication system for the Fire Department. In addition, we support the agency in its efforts to rebuild the Department and to improve agency operations in order to maximize the agency's effectiveness in responding to major emergencies and other crises in the City. We call on the City, State and Federal Governments to provide appropriate funding for

the agency to carry out its responsibilities of ensuring the safety of the citizens of New York City.

Education and Training

The importance of an adequately trained and properly equipped Fire Department cannot be over-emphasized. Appropriate training and proper equipment help to provide that safety net that our fire fighters need in their life-saving efforts on our behalf.

The Board sees a strong need for the implementation of the Child Fire Starter Program in the district. This program, which provides early intervention services and has worked well in other areas, will help to reach those children who are at risk, thus saving valuable life and property. In addition, an increase in fire prevention programs will also help in the education of our citizens, thus reducing the risk of fire.

Fire Marshals

The swift investigation of fires should be a priority. The lack of adequate numbers of Fire Marshals hampers the agency's ability to immediately begin the investigation as to the cause of a fire. Appropriate funding must be made available for the hiring of additional Fire Marshals to address this void. Not only will this lead to the apprehension of suspected arsonist(s), but will also help to curb the number of suspicious fires.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES

The decision by the Department of Homeless Services to house 386 homeless men on the grounds of Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, was not welcomed by Community Board 9. Faced with the implementation of this program, the Board fought for and obtained the implementation of the STAR program at this shelter. Homeless individuals entering the STAR program are engaged in a total rehabilitation program, going from homelessness to having a home, job and reintegrated into society.

The Board would like to remind the City's office of Mental Health, Retardation and Alcoholism Services and the State's Office of Mental Health to make the funding available for the implementation of the housing component for the Kingsboro Shelter program.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES

The revitalization of our local commercial strips is one of our main priorities. We urge the agency to continue to work with us for the revitalization of our commercial strips:

- Nostrand Avenue from Eastern Parkway to Clarkson Avenue;
- Kingston Avenue from Eastern Parkway to Empire Boulevard;
- Utica Avenue from Empire Boulevard to Eastern Parkway;
- Bedford/Franklin/Rogers Avenues from Eastern Parkway to Parkside Avenue;
- Flatbush Avenue from Empire Boulevard to Clarkson Avenue;
- Empire Boulevard from Utica to Flatbush Avenues

We need to attract viable businesses to the district to provide an array of consumer products and services, revitalizing not only the district's economy, but the quality of life as well.

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Community District 9 residents and other commuters who use the Utica Avenue Subway Station are looking forward to the start of the long awaited reconstruction of the station. Other subway stations in the District in need of rehabilitation include the President Street Station, Franklin Avenue Station, Nostrand Avenue Station, Kingston Avenue, Sterling Street and Winthrop Street subway stations.

The escalator at the President Street subway station is in a constant state of disrepair. A working escalator at this station is an absolute necessity since the subway platform is at least five flights below street level.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Response to complaints of building and zoning violations in the district by the Department of Buildings is poor. Follow-up to ensure compliance is even worse. To compound matters we have seen a rise in the numbers of unsafe buildings – bulging bricks, cracked exteriors, façade collapses and other unsafe conditions. A more effective and efficient code enforcement operation is needed to address the building and zoning violations that seriously hamper the safety and quality of life of our residents.

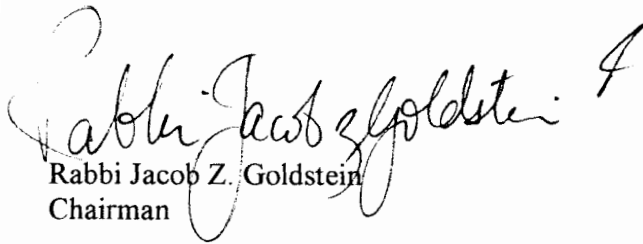
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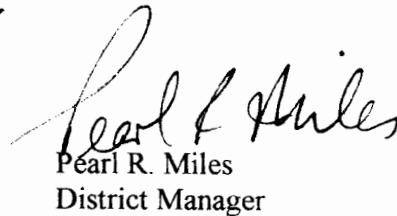
The Environmental Control Board (ECB) is sorely lacking in the way it carries out its mandate. The system is inefficient and lacks any coordinated methods for follow-up for compliance. The absence of enforcement against non-compliance with fines and other rulings by the Board has resulted in increased numbers of persistent violators. If the ECB cannot carry out its mandate, then the agency should revert back to the old system of having Buildings Department Violations answerable in criminal court. This action, we believe, will ensure a higher percentage of compliance.

CONCLUSION

It is Community Board 9's belief that quality of life begins with good health and the nurturing of a built environment, set in aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods and reinforced with educational and economic development.

We believe that there is much to be done to enhance the quality of life for our current and future residents. Our goal is to revitalize our neighborhoods to provide a safe and healthful setting. A place of tranquility and respite from the tasks of assimilation and striving to succeed. In order to accomplish these goals, the Board will continue to work with the City's agencies, elected officials and community to address the needs identified here.


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