

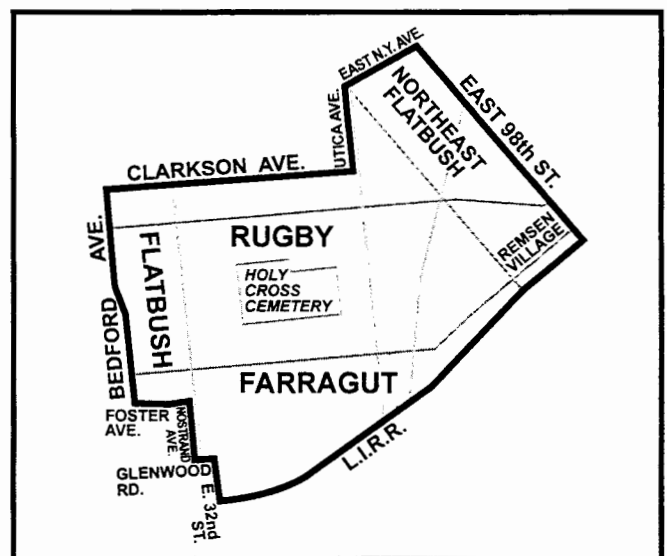
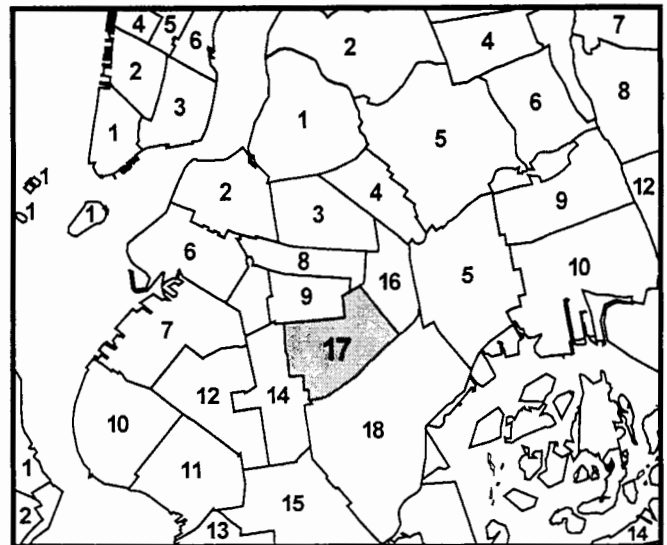
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17

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

VITAL STATISTICS	1990	2001
Births: Number	3,709	2,658
Rate per 1000	23.0	16.0
Deaths: Number	948	906
Rate per 1000	5.9	5.5
Infant Mortality: Number	68	30
Rate per 1000	18.3	11.3

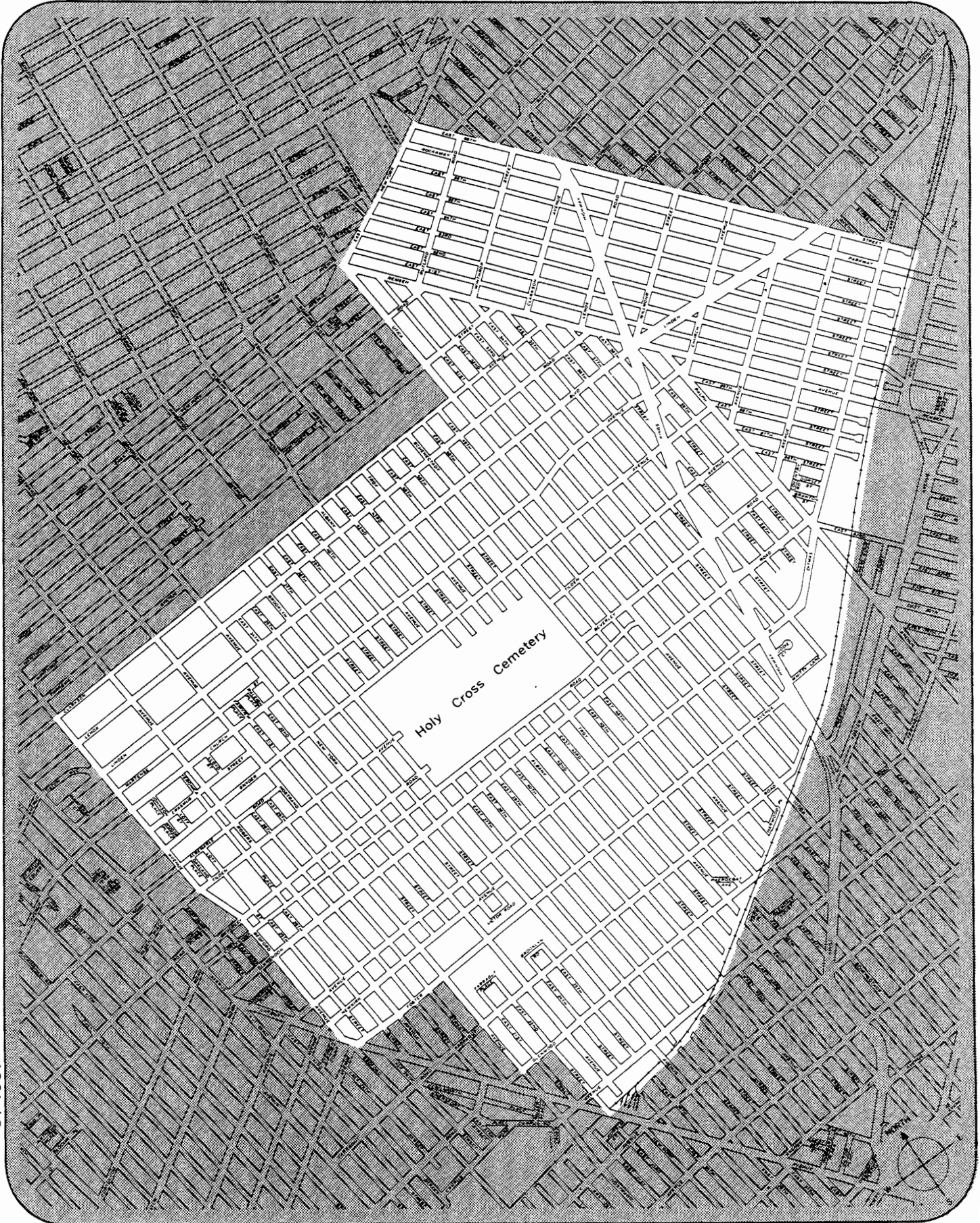
INCOME SUPPORT	1994	2002
Public Assistance (AFDC, Home Relief)	20,769	8,985
Supplemental Security Income	5,444	6,019
Medicaid Only	9,572	21,700
Total Persons Assisted	35,785	36,704
Percent of Population	22.2	22.1

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



	Lots	Lot Area	
		Sq. Ft. (000)	%
1- 2 Family Residential	11,960	27,708.3	45.0
Multi-Family Residential	3,624	14,453.4	23.5
Mixed Resid. / Commercial	1,080	3,009.2	4.9
Commercial / Office	268	1,831.8	3.0
Industrial	228	2,585.8	4.2
Transportation / Utility	114	1,871.1	3.0
Institutions	210	4,054.6	6.6
Open Space / Recreation	15	3,577.4	5.8
Parking Facilities	235	1,247.9	2.0
Vacant Land	333	1,027.7	1.7
Miscellaneous	—	265.9	0.4
Total	18,117	61,633.1	100.0

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17



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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

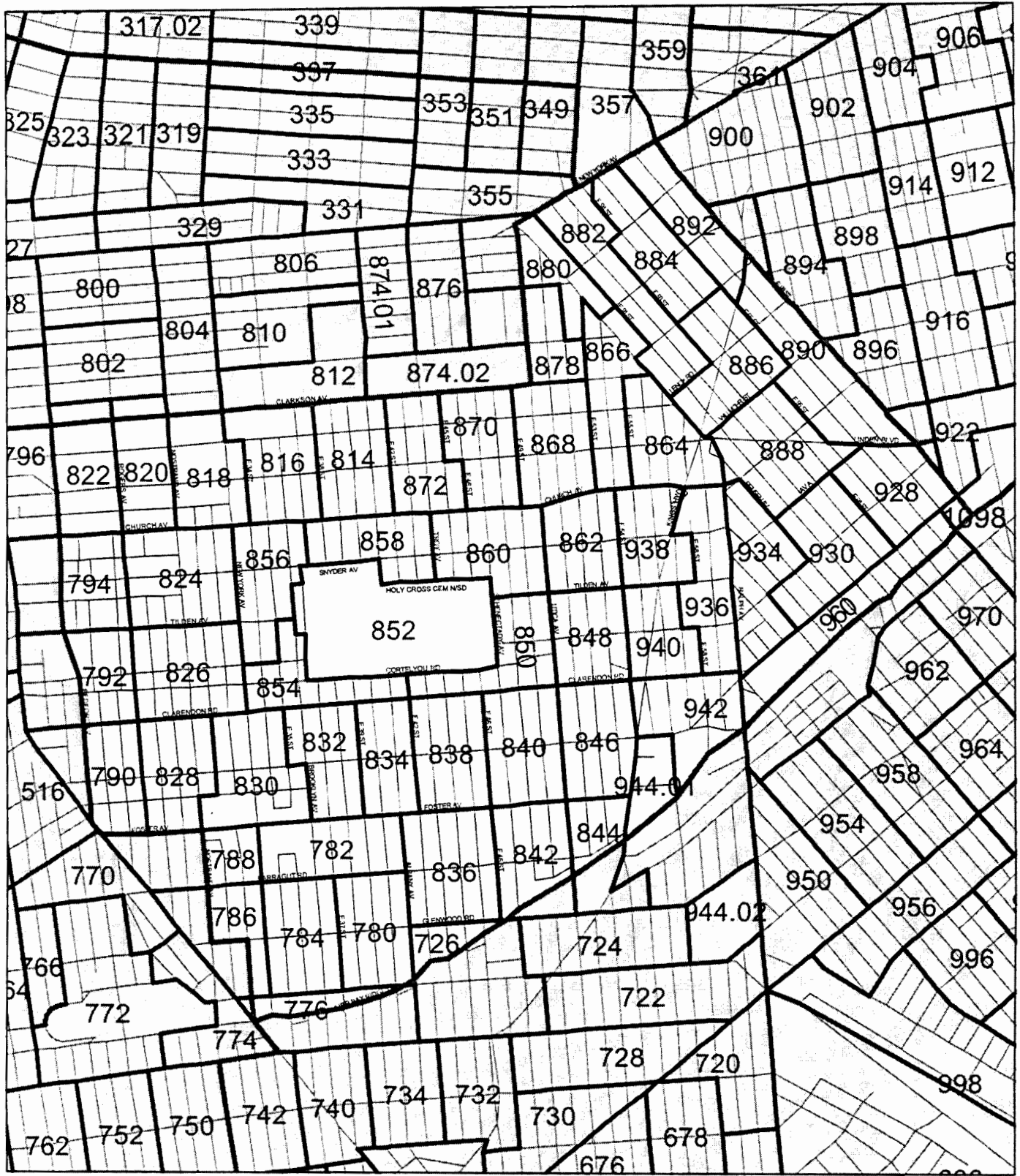
Race categories are from the 2000 Census and are not strictly comparable with categories used in 1990.

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**

Brooklyn Community District 17	Number	Percent
Total Population	165,753	100.0
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
Total Households	56,090	100.0
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	-
Total Housing Units	59,045	-
Occupied Housing Units	56,090	100.0
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

CENSUS 2000: BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17



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

**Age and Nativity
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Total Population	% under 18	% 18 to 64	% 65 and over	% Foreign Born
0726 *	2,535	24.6	66.3	9.1	46.0
0776 *	4,123	24.4	63.1	12.5	46.9
0780	2,555	24.7	66.0	9.3	49.7
0782	4,320	29.7	63.2	7.1	42.0
0784	2,740	25.4	65.0	9.7	47.8
0786 *	4,469	25.8	64.9	9.3	52.7
0788 *	3,775	30.2	62.8	6.9	55.9
0790 *	5,908	29.9	62.0	8.1	59.3
0792 *	3,815	29.7	62.3	8.0	53.0
0794 *	1,932	30.8	61.4	7.8	49.6
0814	3,080	26.7	64.3	9.0	56.8
0816	3,011	26.8	64.1	9.1	61.7
0818	5,253	25.3	67.0	7.7	58.3
0820 *	5,392	28.4	64.1	7.5	62.9
0822 *	7,463	27.3	62.4	10.3	58.5
0824	4,448	27.2	64.5	8.3	61.4
0826	6,051	24.9	66.1	9.0	58.0
0828	3,985	27.0	65.0	8.0	57.8
0830	6,563	31.0	61.9	7.1	55.8
0832	2,563	24.3	66.1	9.6	53.2
0834	2,132	25.4	64.4	10.2	56.6
0836	2,186	27.4	63.5	9.1	48.8
0838	2,521	25.2	64.9	9.8	57.9
0840	2,512	24.2	65.8	10.0	58.0
0842 *	1,260	24.6	63.9	11.5	48.3
0844 *	248	24.6	60.9	14.5	69.0
0846	2,164	22.1	64.7	13.2	51.6
0848	1,792	24.3	63.1	12.7	58.8
0850	1,435	23.3	66.2	10.5	49.9
0852	0	-	-	-	-
0854	2,210	26.6	63.2	10.2	54.4
0856	3,898	25.3	66.0	8.7	61.7
0858	2,443	26.6	63.3	10.2	56.1
0860	3,665	27.3	63.7	9.1	56.6
0862	3,395	28.2	63.2	8.6	61.6
0864	2,134	25.4	63.4	11.2	59.7
0866	3,215	24.9	65.2	9.9	56.8
0868	3,438	27.8	63.8	8.4	63.6
0870	3,216	25.7	64.7	9.5	56.6
0872	3,627	20.4	69.1	10.4	49.4
0878 *	3,165	24.2	56.8	19.0	52.7
0880 *	2,721	24.6	63.2	12.2	53.7
0882	6,767	31.0	60.6	8.3	51.4
0884	5,091	29.0	63.0	8.0	59.4
0886	4,650	29.7	62.9	7.4	51.8
0888	4,124	29.7	63.1	7.3	52.2
0890 *	6,566	29.0	60.0	11.0	49.3
0892 *	4,012	31.3	62.5	6.2	50.4

**Age and Nativity
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Total Population	% under 18	% 18 to 64	% 65 and over	% Foreign Born
0928 *	2,801	25.8	65.5	8.7	50.8
0930	2,775	24.3	65.5	10.1	43.7
0934	2,402	22.3	66.5	11.2	40.2
0936	1,876	23.9	65.6	10.5	51.3
0938	2,654	27.8	62.1	10.0	50.5
0940	1,412	22.0	66.9	11.0	49.9
0942	678	20.5	69.3	10.2	53.2
094401 *	3,198	26.2	65.9	7.8	56.2
0960	3	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
1098 *	1,488	33.3	59.8	6.9	28.0

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**Income and Education
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Median Household Income	% Persons below Poverty	% Families below Poverty	Population 25 +	% High School Graduates or Higher	% College Graduates or Higher
0726 *	\$65,163	6.4	4.3	1,594	82.3	24.5
0776 *	\$41,179	11.6	8.6	2,776	82.5	27.2
0780	\$60,270	8.1	6.9	1,657	83.0	25.7
0782	\$30,678	19.0	19.1	2,574	76.1	16.2
0784	\$51,972	10.4	6.1	1,785	76.0	18.3
0786 *	\$33,822	21.0	18.6	2,904	78.5	21.0
0788 *	\$26,353	27.5	25.4	2,077	65.9	7.9
0790 *	\$32,310	20.7	21.6	3,513	65.2	12.7
0792 *	\$24,878	28.6	26.3	2,362	68.3	10.7
0794 *	\$32,014	33.5	31.3	1,048	50.4	5.6
0814	\$45,179	16.5	16.8	1,900	80.3	18.3
0816	\$39,333	19.9	18.5	1,889	74.2	19.3
0818	\$30,144	20.6	20.0	3,183	69.4	18.6
0820 *	\$28,015	26.3	22.9	3,280	63.9	10.6
0822 *	\$29,091	22.6	20.2	4,661	62.6	7.2
0824	\$31,193	18.0	17.4	2,691	66.0	14.3
0826	\$36,866	15.1	14.7	3,855	67.3	14.6
0828	\$25,946	27.4	25.6	2,487	62.7	10.3
0830	\$27,623	28.3	28.2	3,756	65.0	11.7
0832	\$49,231	9.4	10.7	1,615	74.0	20.1
0834	\$58,990	7.3	5.5	1,352	78.8	12.4
0836	\$45,292	16.3	13.8	1,419	76.7	20.4
0838	\$57,623	6.1	5.6	1,631	77.1	22.0
0840	\$50,125	11.7	10.3	1,644	77.4	20.9
0842 *	\$53,750	9.4	7.8	800	77.4	16.0
0844 *	\$36,500	9.0	5.6	188	62.8	23.4
0846	\$44,569	11.5	11.1	1,429	79.2	18.3
0848	\$47,115	8.4	7.7	1,266	77.6	21.3
0850	\$63,807	13.0	14.1	895	78.8	23.4
0852	\$0	-	-	0	-	-
0854	\$50,817	9.9	7.3	1,412	80.3	19.8
0856	\$33,796	16.5	13.5	2,451	73.9	13.3
0858	\$32,972	15.0	8.9	1,505	65.8	15.1
0860	\$43,548	11.0	10.8	2,396	74.4	13.9
0862	\$30,291	23.5	23.2	2,090	63.6	11.3
0864	\$40,094	27.5	28.2	1,356	69.6	11.7
0866	\$38,646	18.1	15.2	2,040	65.8	16.2
0868	\$33,317	20.8	19.9	2,149	72.6	11.6
0870	\$31,919	14.5	13.3	1,961	73.3	12.7
0872	\$45,429	25.6	19.8	2,600	66.3	19.2
0878 *	\$29,260	25.2	21.7	2,196	64.9	11.6
0880 *	\$37,434	21.6	18.9	1,779	73.3	15.2
0882	\$27,348	27.4	23.6	4,019	71.6	14.9
0884	\$23,879	25.3	22.9	3,040	55.9	8.3
0886	\$29,271	23.7	24.3	2,711	65.3	9.9
0888	\$30,299	24.5	24.3	2,532	66.6	10.7
0890 *	\$23,431	28.9	27.3	3,978	59.9	8.1

**Income and Education
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Median Household Income	% Persons below Poverty	% Families below Poverty	Population 25 +	% High School Graduates or Higher	% College Graduates or Higher
0892 *	\$21,717	35.9	28.0	2,316	63.4	9.7
0928 *	\$38,009	14.4	13.0	1,834	81.6	21.5
0930	\$35,296	24.3	20.5	1,866	69.2	17.7
0934	\$33,142	27.5	28.4	1,586	71.1	13.6
0936	\$47,688	9.2	6.1	1,242	76.9	19.5
0938	\$34,238	11.7	8.8	1,706	73.7	16.4
0940	\$45,357	9.2	10.2	939	78.7	29.4
0942	\$41,324	5.6	0.0	469	77.2	16.2
094401 *	\$50,237	8.5	8.8	1,984	75.8	20.9
0960	\$66,250	0.0	0.0	5	100.0	100.0
1098 *	\$33,750	31.3	22.2	606	50.5	9.1

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**Employment Status for Population 16 and Over
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Population 16+	Number of Persons 16+ in Labor Force	% of Labor Force Unemployed	% of Labor Force Female	% of Labor Force Male
0726 *	1,989	1,436	8.5	56.4	43.6
0776 *	3,223	2,159	8.8	56.1	43.9
0780	2,038	1,284	7.9	58.7	41.3
0782	3,064	2,154	15.8	59.0	41.0
0784	2,157	1,292	10.7	55.8	44.2
0786 *	3,495	2,143	14.5	50.0	50.0
0788 *	2,790	1,768	14.5	57.3	42.7
0790 *	4,371	2,574	7.3	55.5	44.5
0792 *	2,785	1,523	18.4	54.8	45.2
0794 *	1,407	847	17.4	57.6	42.4
0814	2,320	1,581	8.0	54.9	45.1
0816	2,321	1,501	15.1	57.2	42.8
0818	4,083	2,546	11.7	54.8	45.2
0820 *	4,048	2,503	13.4	59.8	40.2
0822 *	5,718	3,545	14.6	59.8	40.2
0824	3,403	2,168	12.7	55.4	44.6
0826	4,709	3,014	10.3	51.5	48.5
0828	3,049	1,670	19.1	49.6	50.4
0830	4,815	3,007	21.4	61.1	38.9
0832	2,043	1,292	8.8	55.8	44.2
0834	1,658	1,176	8.3	50.2	49.8
0836	1,679	1,016	10.3	60.4	39.6
0838	1,967	1,268	13.2	53.9	46.1
0840	1,994	1,278	10.3	56.0	44.0
0842 *	964	668	3.9	57.0	43.0
0844 *	205	128	11.7	33.6	66.4
0846	1,704	1,088	5.1	51.8	48.2
0848	1,457	935	12.0	56.4	43.6
0850	1,169	733	4.8	48.0	52.0
0852	0	0	-	-	-
0854	1,770	1,150	11.0	51.0	49.0
0856	2,991	1,850	11.8	60.4	39.6
0858	1,813	1,184	9.8	52.6	47.4
0860	2,887	1,881	7.3	58.2	41.8
0862	2,520	1,502	10.5	55.2	44.8
0864	1,674	987	15.4	59.8	40.2
0866	2,515	1,532	10.4	58.8	41.2
0868	2,576	1,730	15.1	57.0	43.0
0870	2,465	1,295	7.9	56.1	43.9
0872	3,024	1,599	28.6	45.6	54.4
0878 *	2,510	1,411	18.3	63.9	36.1
0880 *	2,120	1,310	11.5	55.8	44.2
0882	4,856	2,701	14.5	53.5	46.5
0884	3,769	2,070	15.3	49.9	50.1
0886	3,441	2,292	11.0	57.5	42.5
0888	3,049	1,866	17.3	56.9	43.1
0890 *	4,878	2,602	18.6	57.6	42.4
0892 *	2,788	1,667	11.0	62.4	37.6

**Employment Status for Population 16 and Over
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Population 16+	Number of Persons 16+ in Labor Force	% of Labor Force Unemployed	% of Labor Force Female	% of Labor Force Male
0928 *	2,151	1,327	5.2	49.7	50.3
0930	2,220	1,181	8.8	58.5	41.5
0934	1,868	796	13.6	55.7	44.3
0936	1,490	982	4.8	58.2	41.8
0938	2,013	1,189	9.7	58.1	41.9
0940	1,088	736	10.2	52.0	48.0
0942	560	314	3.5	61.8	38.2
094401 *	2,416	1,576	5.8	56.5	43.5
0960	5	5	0.0	0.0	100.0
1098 *	801	373	18.2	50.9	49.1

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GEOGRAPHIC REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET
(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

COMMUNITY BOARD DISTRICT 17, BROOKLYN

BUDGET LINE	TITLE	TOTAL	FY2004 ADOPTED	THREE YEAR PROGRAM			REQUIRED TO
		APPROPRIATION AS OF 5/31/03	CAP BUDGET	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	COMPLETE
HB-535	RECONST & STRUCT REHAB BDGE AVE H & 40TH ST, BROOKLYN	9,805 (CN) 5,884 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)
HB-1208	RECON FOSTER AVE, BMT SUBWAY, BROOKLYN.	345 (CN)	45 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	1,452 (CN)
HO-398	MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION OF KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER, BROOKLYN	304,410 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HW-C032	KINGS HIGHWAY, LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING, BROOKLYN	100 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HW-C056	RECONSTRUCTION OF RALPH AVE FROM EASTERN PKWY TO ENY AVE, BROOKLYN	250 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HW-K975	RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST 55TH STREET, ETC., BROOKLYN	1,810 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HW-576	RECONSTRUCTION CHURCH AVE., REMSEN AVE. TO KINGS HIGHWAY	831 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
LB-C183	RECONSTRUCTION OF RUGBY BRANCH LIBRARY, BROOKLYN	CP	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
LB-183	RUGBY BRANCH LIBRARY, BROOKLYN	518 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
S-199	CONSTRUCTION, GARAGE, SANITATION DISTRICT 17/18, BROOKLYN	26,256 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)



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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS

INTRODUCTION

Community District 17 hereby submits the following Statement of Needs in accordance with § 2800-d(10) of the Charter of the City of New York. The contents of the statement result from local citizen complaints and testimony given at public hearings, as well as long-standing and, yet, unmet needs and priorities.

Community District 17 is comprised of the following neighborhoods: East Flatbush, Northeast East Flatbush, Rugby, Farragut/Hyde Park, Remsen Village, Ditmas Village and the Erasmus area. The geographic district encompasses 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.

According to the 1990 - 2000 census count, our population has risen by about 15,000. However, we strongly believe that we have many undocumented residents who, if counted, would probably double the estimated increases. The white non-Hispanic population has remained steady as the black non-Hispanic population continues to grow. The census count shows that approximately one-third of our population is under 18 years of age. There has been a significant increase in our Asian population. Community District 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, furniture, additional staff, extended hours and special programs to meet the needs of our students and adult population. Community District 17 schools lack libraries and a majority of our students do not meet promotional reading standards. **We are requesting 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 assist them in meeting the new education promotion standards.**

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

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. The library is well-attended and has enjoyed an increasing circulation. Seven years ago, we were told that more study was needed for this request. Seven years seem to be ample time for completing that study. Therefore, we implore our city officials to approve, finance and construct a pre-fabricated second floor to this library before the beginning of Fiscal Year 2005 so that the community residents could receive the much needed service.

We strongly support Brooklyn Public Libraries' priorities which includes 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

The community is concerned that seven years have elapsed and the dangerous floors at Engine Co. 310 located on Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, has not been repaired. The City and the Fire Department must make this request a top priority before a crisis occurs in the near future.

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 and have to discontinue 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 re-institute the annual inspections for multiple dwelling buildings.

We have asked for a feasibility study and after years of gentle persuasion demanded an urban renewal program and development of land near the LIRR. There is currently a salvage yard directly behind a new school and an early childhood learning center. This yard, and an abandoned car lot with car parts and other debris creates an unhealthy surrounding and are harmful to the health of our children. Additionally, a Dying Business that uses highly volatile compounds gives off 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 this request as an emergency item in the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. This request is more than twelve years old. A decade plus years is sufficient time for a positive response.

Community Board #17 supports Flatbush East Community Development Corporation, Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush Inc. and 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 receive 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.

The community is in desperate need of C2 Housing for our aging population which 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 commercial areas, primarily along the Long Island Railroad. Local groups such as the Flatbush East Community Development Corporation and 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 represents 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. 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 evident that this agency is not prepared to develop this area (industrially) 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 a Cultural Market in Community District 17 similar to the market developed on Albany Avenue and Fulton Street in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

There has been an increase in the amount of commercial activities taking place in residential areas, such as, 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 justifiable angry and concerned for their safety, property values and quality of life.

The Buildings Department in the past ten years or more has not met its responsibility of inspecting for reported violations in 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 reinstitutes 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 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 continues in Fiscal Year 2004. Many residents who had meters installed received 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 understandable 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. Many catch basins 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.

Ralph Avenue near the Long Island Railroad overpass continues to be a concern. This location continues to be the scene of numerous accidents. There is constant flooding. The basins in that vicinity have been clogged for years and are inadequate to carry the flood water away. There is heavy traffic on this road and it is also 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 that continues to exist in our community. This condition is two decades old and should not take fifty years to be 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 do a study and provide Community Board #17 with a corrective action plan to address these dangerous and increasing health issues. These health issues 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 with 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. 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 center 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 request 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 dump-out 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 2003 and until August 2004, this activity have increased more than 300%. In 1999 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 an eyesore. 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 remain 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 two day a week pickup becomes a one day scheduled pick-up. 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 pick-up and 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 benefited and appreciated the Department of Parks's 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 prioritize due to the years of deliberate neglect. Our waiting list for tree planting and pruning has increased. Tree pruning and planting must be given top priority for Fiscal Year 2005 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.

The rehabilitation of Paedergat Playground, Tilden Playground and Ditmas Playground (Ditmas between East 91 and East 92 Street) have been completed and are beautiful and in full use. We are requesting that the Parks Department and the Environmental Protection Agency collaborate on a continuous effort to test the air quality in the Kiddy Park because of the exhaust fumes from the auto body shops adjacent to the park

We appreciate 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 2005 and beyond.

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 for the 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 considerably damage to our streets 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 98th Street; Nostrand Avenue/Empire Boulevard to Flatbush Avenue; Rogers Avenue/Glenwood Road to Empire Boulevard; Utica Avenue from Empire Boulevard to Glenwood Road; Linden Boulevard 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 through the community. However, Community District 17 again requests the erection of the appropriate signage throughout the community and especially around our schools, both public and private.

We have cautiously 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 American with Disabilities Act passed by Congress.

An old and very dangerous problem exists at Ditmas Avenue (East 59th 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 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, 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, and isolates 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 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 as under utilized in their budget request response to Community Board #17.

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's 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 67th 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 67th 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.

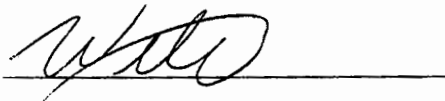
The 67th Precinct desperately needs scooters, marked vehicles and city-funded off street parking for its vehicles and assigned personnel. The Commander constantly reiterates that they lack the same. The entrance to the precinct is in dire need of maintenance. Was the 67th Precinct elevator repaired?

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT

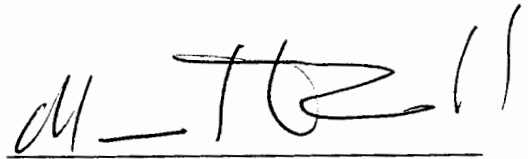
Every effort must be made by this agency to provide adequate transportation for our community residents. We reiterate the need for a rush hour bus route for Remsen Village which is serviced mainly by dollar/commuter vans. There is a need for additional bus service along the following routes: B17, B35 and B46. Additionally, because of the traffic jams and gridlock conditions, along the B35 and B46 routes, serious considerations 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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