

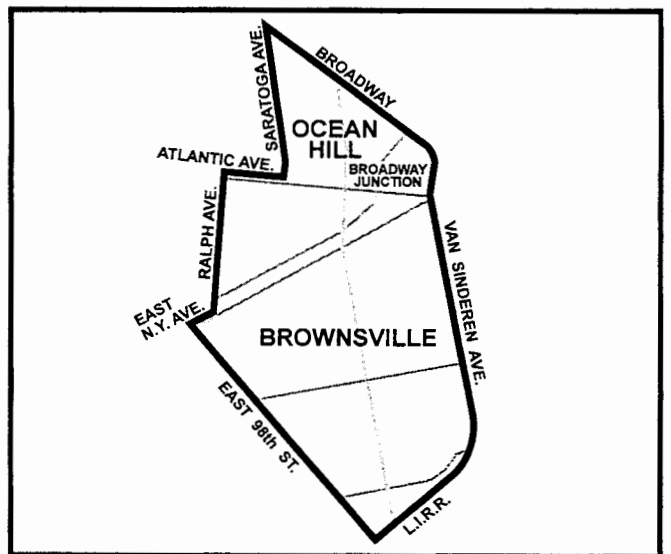
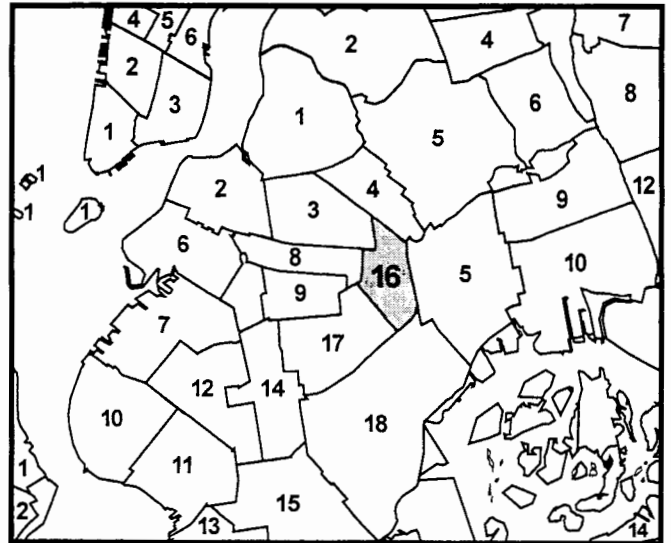
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 16

TOTAL POPULATION	1980	1990	2000
Number	73,802	84,923	85,343
% Change	—	15.1	.5

VITAL STATISTICS	1990	2001
Births: Number	2,202	1,498
Rate per 1000	25.9	17.6
Deaths: Number	823	632
Rate per 1000	9.7	7.4
Infant Mortality: Number	41	19
Rate per 1000	18.6	12.7

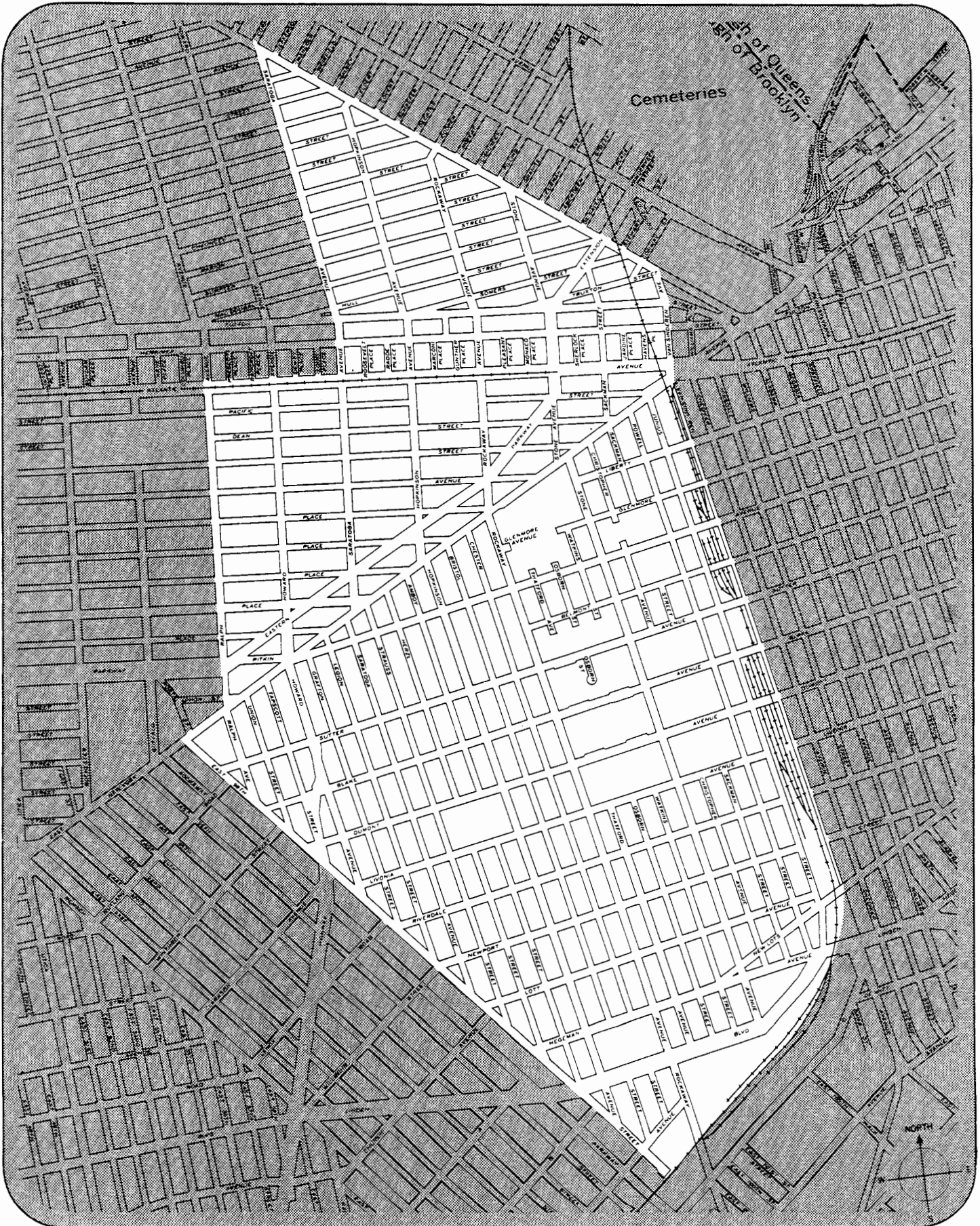
INCOME SUPPORT	1994	2002
Public Assistance (AFDC, Home Relief)	29,234	13,118
Supplemental Security Income	6,087	6,812
Medicaid Only	4,199	13,311
Total Persons Assisted	39,520	33,241
Percent of Population	46.5	38.9

TOTAL LAND AREA	
Acres:	1,230.6
Square Miles:	1.9



	Lots	Lot Area	
		Sq. Ft. (000)	%
1- 2 Family Residential	3,432	7,323.3	21.6
Multi-Family Residential	1,956	11,373.3	33.5
Mixed Resid. / Commercial	608	1,766.5	5.2
Commercial / Office	275	1,328.5	3.9
Industrial	128	1,647.5	4.9
Transportation / Utility	125	1,063.5	3.1
Institutions	191	2,995.0	8.8
Open Space / Recreation	30	1,629.7	4.8
Parking Facilities	197	960.4	2.8
Vacant Land	1,082	3,482.8	10.3
Miscellaneous	—	352.1	1.0
Total	8,110	33,922.6	100.0

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 16



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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 16	1990		2000		Change 1990-2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	84,923	100.0	85,343	100.0	420	0.5
Nonhispanic of Single Race:	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Nonhispanic	760	0.9	589	0.7	(171)	-22.5
Black/African American Nonhispanic	68,747	81.0	66,712	78.2	(2,035)	-3.0
Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	352	0.4	542	0.6	190	54.0
American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic	234	0.3	228	0.3	(6)	-2.6
Some Other Race Nonhispanic	182	0.2	191	0.2	9	4.9
Nonhispanic of Two or More Races	-	-	1,701	2.0	-	-
Hispanic Origin	14,648	17.2	15,380	18.0	732	5.0
Population Under 18 Years	29,951	100.0	30,939	100.0	988	3.3
Nonhispanic of Single Race:	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Nonhispanic	162	0.5	151	0.5	(11)	-6.8
Black/African American Nonhispanic	23,971	80.0	24,059	77.8	88	0.4
Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	92	0.3	138	0.4	46	50.0
American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic	75	0.3	70	0.2	(5)	-6.7
Some Other Race Nonhispanic	67	0.2	75	0.2	8	11.9
Nonhispanic of Two or More Races	-	-	473	1.5	-	-
Hispanic Origin	5,584	18.6	5,973	19.3	389	7.0
Population 18 Years and Over	54,972	100.0	54,404	100.0	(568)	-1.0
Nonhispanic of Single Race:	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Nonhispanic	598	1.1	438	0.8	(160)	-26.8
Black/African American Nonhispanic	44,776	81.5	42,653	78.4	(2,123)	-4.7
Asian or Pacific Islander Nonhispanic	260	0.5	404	0.7	144	55.4
American Indian and Alaska Native Nonhispanic	159	0.3	158	0.3	(1)	-0.6
Some Other Race Nonhispanic	115	0.2	116	0.2	1	0.9
Nonhispanic of Two or More Races	-	-	1,228	2.3	-	-
Hispanic Origin	9,064	16.5	9,407	17.3	343	3.8
Total Population	84,923	100.0	85,343	100.0	420	0.5
Under 18 Years	29,951	35.3	30,939	36.3	988	3.3
18 Years and Over	54,972	64.7	54,404	63.7	(568)	-1.0
Total Housing Units	28,485	-	30,780	-	2,295	8.1

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Other Nonhispanic	419	0.5
Two or More Races Nonhispanic	1,701	2.0
Hispanic Origin	15,380	18.0
Female	48,199	56.5
Male	37,144	43.5
Under 5 years	7,884	9.2
5 to 9 years	9,086	10.6
10 to 14 years	8,892	10.4
15 to 19 years	7,981	9.4
20 to 24 years	6,468	7.6
25 to 44 years	23,543	27.6
45 to 64 years	14,983	17.6
65 years and over	6,506	7.6
18 years and over	54,404	63.7
In households	82,807	97.0
In family households	73,368	86.0
Householder	20,157	23.6
Spouse	6,192	7.3
Own child under 18 years	23,606	27.7
Other relatives	20,598	24.1
Nonrelatives	2,815	3.3
In nonfamily households	9,439	11.1
Householder	8,148	9.5
Householder 65 years and over living alone	2,541	3.0
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Family households	20,157	71.2
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Households with one or more persons 65 years and over	5,546	19.6
Persons Per Family	3.50	-
Persons Per Household	2.93	-
Total Housing Units	30,780	-
Occupied Housing Units	28,305	100.0
Renter occupied	23,851	84.3
Owner occupied	4,454	15.7
By Household Size:		
1 person household	7,214	25.5
2 person household	6,358	22.5
3 person household	5,497	19.4
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**Age and Nativity
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 16**

Census Tract	Total Population	% under 18	% 18 to 64	% 65 and over	% Foreign Born
0301 *	2,650	30.9	61.3	7.8	14.9
0303	3,409	37.2	53.6	9.2	16.3
0361	2,533	36.0	55.7	8.3	23.5
0363	3,664	39.4	51.3	9.3	20.5
036501	2,349	29.9	61.6	8.5	21.8
036502 *	996	32.3	62.0	5.6	28.3
0367 *	1,373	37.3	57.8	5.0	39.7
0369	4,912	37.2	57.0	5.8	16.2
0371	3,982	35.2	59.1	5.7	17.6
0373	4,199	32.6	54.8	12.6	18.0
0890 *	6,566	29.0	60.0	11.0	49.3
0892 *	4,012	31.3	62.5	6.2	50.4
0894	3,664	33.6	59.2	7.2	45.3
0896	3,654	32.9	60.9	6.2	39.7
0898	1,530	30.5	63.4	6.1	43.4
0900	5,520	37.0	57.8	5.2	23.7
0902	4,884	41.5	52.9	5.6	20.7
0904	915	45.1	50.5	4.4	18.3
0906	4,675	38.7	54.3	7.0	8.1
0908	2,838	37.0	53.9	9.1	11.6
0910	5,642	37.4	48.3	14.3	9.3
0912	7,340	43.7	51.5	4.9	10.6
0914	1,569	39.4	55.8	4.8	21.7
0916	4,238	35.3	58.8	5.9	25.8
0918	2,847	33.3	59.3	7.4	26.6
0920 *	2,892	33.3	60.0	6.7	22.0
0922	2,865	25.4	62.0	12.6	27.5
0928 *	2,801	25.8	65.5	8.7	50.8
1098 *	1,488	33.3	59.8	6.9	28.0
1132 *	1,387	34.4	59.1	6.5	40.4
1138 *	235	35.3	59.6	5.1	16.6

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**Income and Education
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 16**

Census Tract	Median Household Income	% Persons below Poverty	% Families below Poverty	Population 25 +	% High School Graduates or Higher	% College Graduates or Higher
0301 *	\$30,636	26.7	23.8	1,540	70.8	10.0
0303	\$15,020	46.3	40.3	1,729	57.9	8.3
0361	\$17,212	38.5	38.3	1,461	63.0	5.8
0363	\$12,212	53.8	51.3	1,734	55.1	9.4
036501	\$20,948	46.2	40.4	1,433	70.2	7.7
036502 *	\$26,771	43.6	36.6	550	57.6	6.4
0367 *	\$20,714	38.7	35.7	918	64.6	6.2
0369	\$21,170	42.6	40.2	2,601	62.6	6.7
0371	\$23,799	34.4	30.5	2,115	63.1	8.5
0373	\$20,912	32.8	32.1	2,451	68.2	14.9
0890 *	\$23,431	28.9	27.3	3,978	59.9	8.1
0892 *	\$21,717	35.9	28.0	2,316	63.4	9.7
0894	\$32,619	30.4	26.9	2,031	60.4	8.3
0896	\$28,893	25.8	24.9	2,052	67.4	11.7
0898	\$37,331	13.4	9.6	880	78.9	8.4
0900	\$17,869	41.5	41.6	2,817	62.4	3.4
0902	\$18,348	52.3	43.9	2,363	54.5	9.9
0904	\$29,702	35.5	21.2	389	73.8	5.9
0906	\$10,805	63.1	59.0	2,264	54.8	3.3
0908	\$12,899	54.4	50.5	1,623	50.6	3.9
0910	\$7,987	61.4	53.7	2,999	36.8	1.2
0912	\$8,182	54.0	55.2	3,327	46.2	1.1
0914	\$20,677	41.8	42.3	865	63.7	5.3
0916	\$23,967	40.6	39.9	2,105	60.7	9.0
0918	\$24,934	35.3	36.8	1,604	61.6	10.3
0920 *	\$28,125	31.5	29.7	1,590	69.5	11.6
0922	\$30,703	19.0	18.0	1,877	76.0	14.5
0928 *	\$38,009	14.4	13.0	1,834	81.6	21.5
1098 *	\$33,750	31.3	22.2	606	50.5	9.1
1132 *	\$20,288	45.1	43.9	859	60.5	9.3
1138 *	\$12,583	67.9	52.3	117	29.1	0.0

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

Census Tract	Population 16+	Number of Persons 16+ in Labor Force	% of Labor Force Unemployed	% of Labor Force Female	% of Labor Force Male
0301 *	1,851	888	22.6	55.6	44.4
0303	2,295	1,195	28.9	67.1	32.9
0361	1,725	873	18.7	62.2	37.8
0363	2,348	1,003	23.6	61.8	38.2
036501	1,711	850	10.6	52.4	47.6
036502 *	652	300	22.0	52.0	48.0
0367 *	1,130	556	8.8	42.1	57.9
0369	3,242	1,745	21.4	52.1	47.9
0371	2,739	1,609	23.3	59.1	40.9
0373	2,963	1,585	22.3	53.4	46.6
0890 *	4,878	2,602	18.6	57.6	42.4
0892 *	2,788	1,667	11.0	62.4	37.6
0894	2,687	1,616	18.8	56.1	43.9
0896	2,552	1,678	14.3	54.0	46.0
0898	1,124	716	11.2	52.0	48.0
0900	3,781	1,978	22.5	60.2	39.8
0902	3,106	1,425	42.2	56.4	43.6
0904	602	250	10.8	31.2	68.8
0906	3,103	1,104	35.8	64.9	35.1
0908	1,870	779	28.1	56.5	43.5
0910	3,802	1,174	31.2	56.0	44.0
0912	4,503	1,683	34.3	63.3	36.7
0914	1,157	635	19.7	63.6	36.4
0916	2,814	1,533	23.8	52.1	47.9
0918	2,021	970	19.2	65.7	34.3
0920 *	2,195	1,003	22.3	61.3	38.7
0922	2,130	1,074	8.7	53.4	46.6
0928 *	2,151	1,327	5.2	49.7	50.3
1098 *	801	373	18.2	50.9	49.1
1132 *	1,007	580	29.0	57.8	42.2
1138 *	120	19	0.0	31.6	68.4

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

COMMUNITY BOARD DISTRICT 16, BROOKLYN

BUDGET LINE	TITLE	TOTAL	FY2004 ADOPTED	THREE YEAR PROGRAM			REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
		APPROPRIATION AS OF 5/31/03	CAP BUDGET	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
HB-1034	BRIDGE REHABILITATION, LIBERTY AVENUE, ETC., BROOKLYN	6,058 (CN)	2,047 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HB-1097	RECON OF PITKIN AVE BRIDGE OVER LIRR BAY RIDGE LINE, BROOKLYN	7,451 (CN)	2,698 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HB-1201	RECONSTRUCTION OF ATLANTIC AVE/LIRR ATLANTIC AVE BRIDGE, BROOKLYN	10,581 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	70,963 (CN)	0 (CN)
HD-151	NEHEMLAH HOUSING	27,729 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HD-158	NEHEMLAH PROGRAM, ASSOC. COSTS, BROOKLYN AND THE BRONX	33,962 (CN)	3,445 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
HO-398	MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION OF KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER, BROOKLYN	304,410 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
P-C605	BETSY HEAD PLAYGROUND, BROOKLYN	1,062 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
P-C885	RECONSTRUCTION OF BROWNSVILLE RECREATION CENTER, BROOKLYN	430 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
P-885	RECONSTRUCTION OF BROWNSVILLE RECREATION CENTER BROOKLYN	11,756 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)

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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS FOR FY' 2005

OVERVIEW

Community District #16 is located in East Brooklyn and encompasses the neighborhoods of Ocean Hill and Brownsville. It is comprised of 1,230.6 acres of land and is bounded on the north by Broadway, on the east by Van Sinderen Avenue, on the south by the Long Island Railroad, and on the west by East 98th Street, East New York Avenue, Ralph Avenue, Atlantic Avenue and Saratoga Avenue.

Ocean Hill-Brownsville is home to 85,343 people of which 78.2% are Black, 18% are of Hispanic origin, and 3.8% are of another descent. Our population continues to increase with the ongoing construction of housing units.

The residential properties consist of one- to three-family homes, 4-story walk-ups, Section 8 multiple dwellings, Mitchell-Lamas, cooperatives, condominiums, SRO and family shelters, and New York City Housing Authority buildings.

Personal service shops, small retail clothing, appliance, and furniture stores, bodegas and fast food eateries comprise most of our commercial properties along Pitkin Avenue, Belmont Avenue, Rockaway Avenue, and Broadway.

As we reflect on prior years and prepare for Fiscal Year 2005, we find that our needs have not changed drastically. We continue to need more affordable housing, safe community facilities, improved infrastructure and transportation, regular sanitation services, more commercial and industrial revitalization, and quality health care and support services.

HOUSING

We need permanent housing, not shelters which provide temporary housing. Permanent housing that is affordable to all income levels continue to be a priority.

The ongoing housing construction is changing our landscape from large tracts of vacant land to new housing. We are pleased with this activity and encourage the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, as well as private-owners to continue building.

We continue to support the New York City Housing Authority's HOPE VI project to rehabilitate Prospect Plaza Houses and construct townhouses to replace the units being lost by the demolition of one of the Prospect Plaza buildings.

Small parcels of vacant City-owned land remain to be developed and we encourage the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to continue with plans to construct housing units on these lots.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Our parks and playgrounds provide the only recreation for many of our residents. We need regular maintenance to prevent their deterioration from wear and tear of daily use.

Callahan Kelly Park is in dire need of rehabilitation. New play equipment and safety surfaces are needed. The water fountains are also in need of repair.

Brownsville Recreation Center is heavily used by all age groups. The weight room is a favorite of seniors and weight conscious adults. This facility needs expanding. A security system needs to be installed at the Center to improve monitoring and safety of those using the facility.

Football and soccer are gaining popularity in our community. We need a dedicated field for these two sports.

We urge the Department of Education to continue with plans to rehabilitate our school buildings and provide a safe environment for our children and teachers.

Our day care centers also need capital improvements to make them safe for our children. Additional day care services are needed to meet the growing needs of working parents.

We need job training centers and vocational schools to equip our young adults with skills to enhance their employability.

We request funding for a conflict resolution center to address violence amongst adolescents who are prone to settling offhand insults, errant glances, and disputes with guns, knives, and other life-threatening means.

Many of our gifted youngsters and adults are unable to display their creative talents while others lack exposure to the artistic resources of our community. We encourage the development of a comprehensive cultural and performing arts center where our residents can display their talents, learn about cultural diversities, and foster better community relations in our neighborhood and City.

The importance of providing adequate and well-equipped educational facilities and programs cannot be over emphasized, especially in our attempt to attract middle-income families with children. The educational facilities, coupled with quality programming, are important determinants for those families contemplating residence in a community.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

Regular maintenance of catch basins are needed. During heavy rainfall, flooding and ponding conditions are common at a number of heavily trafficked locations throughout the district.

Potholes and depressions continue to imperil traffic. The Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection need to jointly inspect these locations to identify the origin of the condition.

With the new housing construction, the volume of traffic is increasing. We need the Department of Transportation to conduct a districtwide survey to determine locations for new traffic lights and All-way stop signs.

Some of our streets are dimly lit. The intensity of our street lights need upgrading especially underneath the elevated train lines along Broadway and Livonia Avenue, and bus routes.

Truck traffic is increasing throughout the district. Residential blocks, instead of designated truck routes, are being used by 18-wheelers which are destroying our streets and creating congestion.

SANITATION AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

New families are moving into the community as new housing is built. We need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets.

Community District #16 continues to remain at the bottom for recycling. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

Illegal dumping in vacant lots and on sidewalks in front of vacant buildings and lots continue to obstruct pedestrian traffic and create a nesting place for rodents. We need regular Sanitation Police patrol of chronic dumping locations to apprehend violators. We also need manpower and equipment to keep these areas clean.

Our schools and New York City Housing Authority buildings generate tons of garbage and they have limited storage space on site. Consequently bags of garbage are placed on the sidewalks daily. We need daily pick up of this garbage.

We also need more bulk collections to prevent the dumping of household debris on sidewalks in front of vacant buildings and in vacant lots.

Large rats are attracted by garbage on our streets and in vacant lots. Excavations for housing units are also unearthing them. We need Pest Control to bait these areas.

STREET TREES

We need a districtwide pruning of street trees. On many of our streets, tree limbs are blocking street lights and hanging low in the path of pedestrians.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION

Our commercial strips along Rockaway Avenue between East New York Avenue and Newport Street, Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and Mother Gaston Boulevard, Broadway between Saratoga Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Atlantic Avenue between Howard Avenue and Mother Gaston Boulevard, Fulton Street between Saratoga Avenue and Van Sinderen Avenue, and Saratoga Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway are in dire need of revitalization. Many of the vacant properties are City-owned. We appeal to the New York City Economic Development Corporation to proceed with marketing these parcels.

As our housing stock grows, so does our need for quality supermarkets, meat markets, bakeries, dry cleaners, pharmacies, hardware stores, family restaurants, and clothing stores. We appeal to businesses to come into our community and request that tax incentives be given to developers to encourage their investment.

We applaud the efforts of OBUSTY Local Development Corporation along Broadway and the Local Development Corporation of East New York in the Industrial Park to bring new businesses and jobs into the community.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Statistics reflect a decrease in the major crime categories in the 73rd Precinct. However, unreported crimes and injuries from street justice continue to impact on our community. Gun violence is an increasing problem. We need continued police presence on our streets, in the subways, and in our New York City Housing Authority buildings.

After hours and social clubs in basements on residential blocks continue to be a problem in the community. These establishments need to be identified and property owners made to comply with fire and building codes.

SUPPORT SERVICES

According to data compiled by the Human Resources Administration, as of October 2002, approximately 33,241 individuals in Community District #16 receive income support. We continue to need an array of social services to meet the needs of this population.

Many of our elderly and infirm adults who live alone need escort services to accompany them on shopping trips and medical appointments. They also need assistance with personal care, housekeeping, and financial management as they strive to live independently in their own homes.

We need continued funding of senior citizen centers which provide daily meals and socialization for many seniors who do not have the family support and would be left isolated in their homes.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Quality health care services for all ages continue to be a priority in our community. We need expansion of geriatrics, obstetrics, pediatrics, mental health, HIV and AIDS services.

The campaign to enroll uninsured children and families in a health plan must continue.

We seek assistance for adults who are experiencing financial hardship due to escalating costs of prescription medication. Our senior citizens, in particular, are finding it most difficult to pay out-of-pocket costs for prescriptions.

A healthy diet is paramount to the well-being of an individual. We need nutrition education outreach in the community to identify and assist persons who are not eating properly.

Teenage pregnancy continues to be a major concern to us. We need programs to outreach to our adolescents and educate them about the consequences of engaging in premarital sex. We also need resources to identify and assist those in need of prenatal care. Infant mortality is one of the leading causes of death in our community.

Asthma is also on the rise in our community and we need services to address this problem.

SUMMARY

The collective efforts of the Community Board, elected officials, and the City Administration have resulted in positive changes in our community. Throughout Ocean Hill-Brownsville are signs of renewal. The blighting conditions of a few years ago is being replaced with new housing.

There's new energy flowing through the community and we call upon our elected officials, the City Administration, and private investors to work with us to continue building permanent housing, develop our commercial corridors and bring the much needed resources to stabilize our community and provide a better quality of life for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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