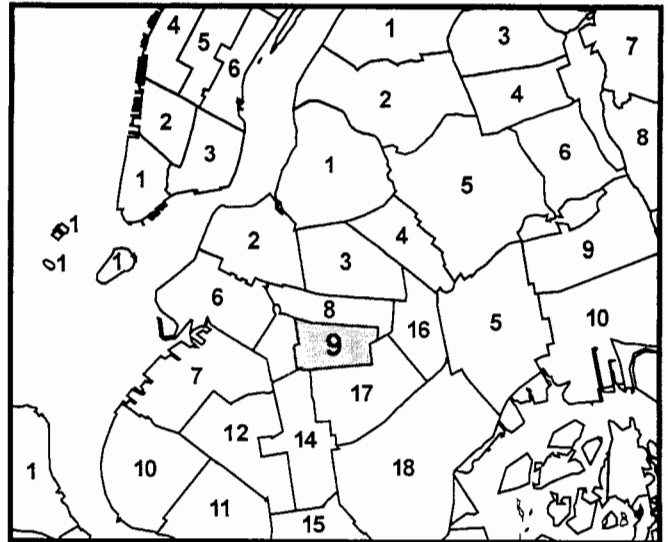
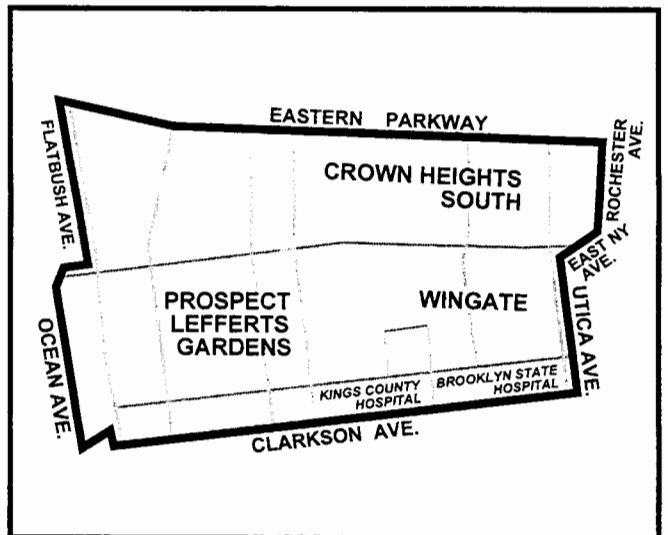


BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9

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



VITAL STATISTICS	1990	2001
Births: Number	2,438	1,802
Rate per 1000	22.0	17.3
Deaths: Number	724	644
Rate per 1000	6.5	6.2
Infant Mortality: Number	36	12
Rate per 1000	14.8	6.7

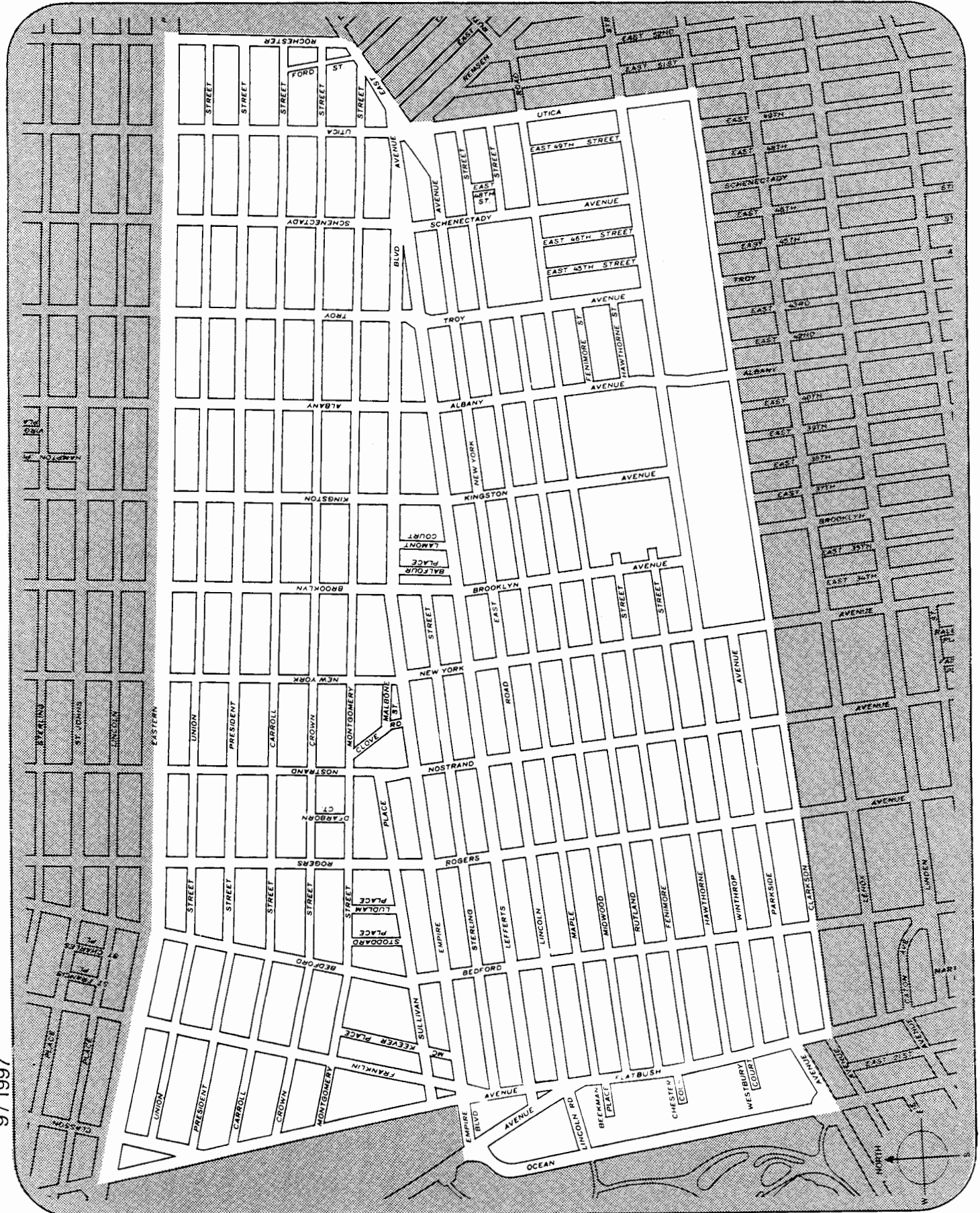


INCOME SUPPORT	1994	2002
Public Assistance (AFDC, Home Relief)	16,105	5,706
Supplemental Security Income	3,923	4,321
Medicaid Only	7,736	15,410
Total Persons Assisted	27,764	25,437
Percent of Population	25.1	24.5

	Lots	Lot Area	
		Sq. Ft. (000)	%
1- 2 Family Residential	4,341	10,699.9	34.7
Multi-Family Residential	1,257	7,752.2	25.2
Mixed Resid. / Commercial	775	2,538.4	8.2
Commercial / Office	93	897.2	2.9
Industrial	34	529.9	1.7
Transportation / Utility	29	381.6	1.2
Institutions	147	6,352.2	20.6
Open Space / Recreation	9	558.4	1.8
Parking Facilities	93	672.4	2.2
Vacant Land	153	401.5	1.3
Miscellaneous	—	37.3	0.1
Total	6,950	30,821.0	100.0

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

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

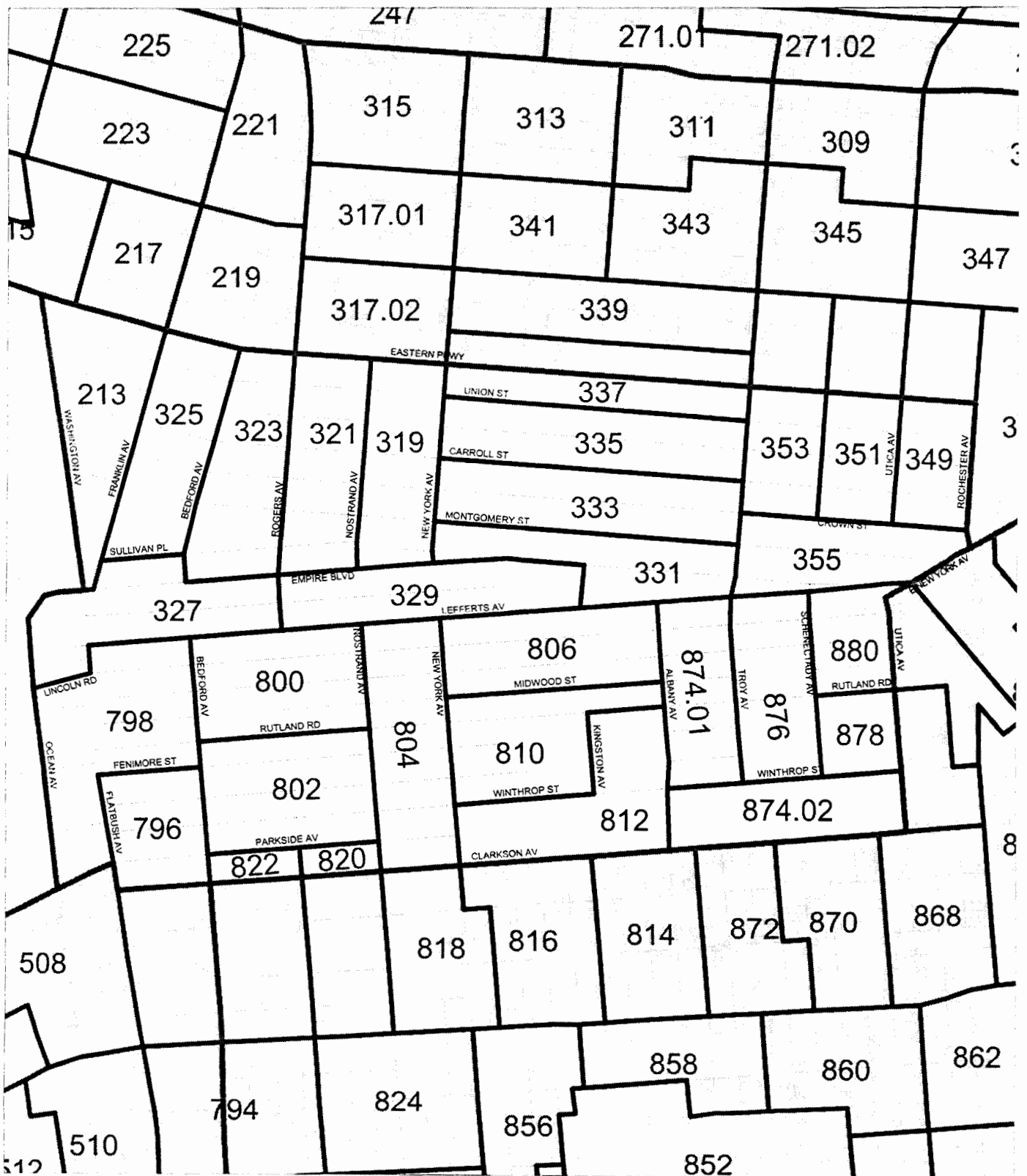
Race categories are from the 2000 Census and are not strictly comparable with categories used in 1990.

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

CENSUS 2000: BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 9



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

**Age and Nativity
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 9**

Census Tract	Total Population	% under 18	% 18 to 64	% 65 and over	% Foreign Born
0213	4,735	28.4	64.2	7.5	39.3
0319	3,850	29.6	57.1	13.3	41.0
0321	5,612	28.5	61.4	10.1	57.0
0323	3,763	25.7	62.9	11.4	45.3
0325	6,641	28.3	63.0	8.7	41.5
0327	3,868	24.9	65.0	10.0	48.6
0329	5,856	27.3	62.2	10.6	55.3
0331	4,725	34.5	57.5	8.0	37.0
0333	4,491	38.3	53.6	8.1	27.0
0335	3,120	32.2	54.6	13.2	29.2
0337 *	4,541	26.2	62.9	10.9	36.6
0349 *	5,572	30.6	62.6	6.8	52.9
0351 *	5,052	31.7	60.5	7.9	52.3
0353 *	5,558	32.3	60.6	7.1	47.4
0355	5,433	30.6	61.7	7.7	53.5
0796 *	10,384	28.2	65.0	6.7	53.1
0798	9,091	26.6	65.5	7.9	46.9
0800	3,927	25.2	62.3	12.5	47.3
0802	4,817	25.8	65.0	9.2	47.3
0804	3,380	26.3	64.3	9.4	50.3
0806	2,770	27.6	63.2	9.2	50.6
0810	2,444	24.3	65.4	10.4	44.0
0812	0	-	-	-	-
0820 *	5,392	28.4	64.1	7.5	62.9
0822 *	7,463	27.3	62.4	10.3	58.5
087401	3,315	26.9	58.8	14.3	41.4
087402	0	-	-	-	-
0876	1,707	29.6	60.7	9.7	38.5
0878 *	3,165	24.2	56.8	19.0	52.7
0880 *	2,721	24.6	63.2	12.2	53.7

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**Income and Education
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 9**

Census Tract	Median Household Income	% Persons below Poverty	% Families below Poverty	Population 25 +	% High School Graduates or Higher	% College Graduates or Higher
0213	\$28,696	22.9	24.2	2,953	70.6	13.1
0319	\$33,738	20.1	20.3	2,395	77.3	27.0
0321	\$28,659	22.8	19.5	3,428	60.0	12.6
0323	\$29,747	20.0	17.7	2,410	74.8	17.2
0325	\$28,111	28.5	26.5	4,061	69.6	12.1
0327	\$33,038	19.5	16.8	2,528	71.2	15.7
0329	\$27,454	27.7	25.9	3,700	68.9	11.4
0331	\$26,954	29.8	28.9	2,439	66.3	17.0
0333	\$35,625	16.4	16.4	2,199	82.9	26.7
0335	\$36,528	28.2	22.6	1,850	77.2	29.9
0337 *	\$30,763	19.3	18.9	2,499	71.7	19.8
0349 *	\$27,981	28.0	27.9	3,215	61.6	9.9
0351 *	\$26,124	27.2	25.1	2,915	64.2	15.8
0353 *	\$27,188	30.3	29.5	3,014	60.2	9.6
0355	\$26,992	25.0	24.0	3,058	60.8	9.4
0796 *	\$29,879	24.9	22.9	6,333	63.9	7.9
0798	\$29,747	25.8	24.4	5,682	69.3	16.6
0800	\$42,225	17.0	13.0	2,536	75.8	20.1
0802	\$31,919	18.1	14.9	3,061	71.5	16.4
0804	\$26,287	24.4	25.4	2,157	74.9	11.5
0806	\$34,831	27.1	24.4	1,633	65.2	11.1
0810	\$32,784	19.9	17.7	1,559	71.3	13.1
0812	\$0	-	-	0	-	-
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
087401	\$23,311	29.8	21.5	2,037	75.2	13.0
087402	\$0	-	-	0	-	-
0876	\$31,958	30.7	33.0	1,072	84.3	25.7
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

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**Employment Status for Population 16 and Over
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 9**

Census Tract	Population 16+	Number of Persons 16+ in Labor Force	% of Labor Force Unemployed	% of Labor Force Female	% of Labor Force Male
0213	3,584	2,246	12.3	57.1	42.9
0319	2,880	1,622	10.7	54.5	45.5
0321	4,251	2,452	13.4	52.6	47.4
0323	2,911	1,938	13.6	59.2	40.8
0325	4,934	2,808	13.9	55.6	44.4
0327	3,132	1,942	15.0	55.0	45.0
0329	4,415	2,676	10.2	58.0	42.0
0331	3,314	1,786	9.8	53.4	46.6
0333	2,993	1,571	6.2	49.1	50.9
0335	2,132	1,209	11.2	52.7	47.3
0337 *	3,479	1,685	15.1	50.7	49.3
0349 *	4,052	2,254	14.3	59.5	40.5
0351 *	3,735	2,102	17.7	52.1	47.9
0353 *	4,058	2,297	18.5	56.5	43.5
0355	4,015	2,483	18.6	56.3	43.7
0796 *	7,788	4,866	17.9	55.1	44.9
0798	6,969	4,195	13.8	56.2	43.8
0800	3,060	1,978	12.6	54.6	45.4
0802	3,723	2,323	11.0	54.8	45.2
0804	2,682	1,569	9.9	57.7	42.3
0806	2,001	1,109	17.0	56.8	43.2
0810	1,935	1,014	16.9	56.5	43.5
0812	0	0	-	-	-
0820 *	4,048	2,503	13.4	59.8	40.2
0822 *	5,718	3,545	14.6	59.8	40.2
087401	2,436	1,353	13.0	55.9	44.1
087402	0	0	-	-	-
0876	1,312	721	15.4	59.1	40.9
0878 *	2,510	1,411	18.3	63.9	36.1
0880 *	2,120	1,310	11.5	55.8	44.2

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

COMMUNITY BOARD DISTRICT 09, 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-530	RECONST & STRUCT REHAB R.R. EDGE PARKSIDE & OCEAN AVE, BROOKLYN	6,852 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	3,924 (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 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (S) 0 (F)
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)
HB-1216	LINCOLN ROAD BRIDGE	CP	12,581 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
HN-K001	MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE, BROOKLYN	CP	334 (CN) 0 (S)	25 (CN) 0 (S)	3 (CN) 0 (S)	0 (CN) 0 (S)	CP
HO-398	MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION OF KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER, BROOKLYN	304,410 (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)	241 (CN)	0 (CN)	525 (CN)	11,558 (CN)
LB-K004	RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION, CROWN HEIGHTS LIBRARY, BROOKLYN	CP	20 (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)
FV-C235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
FV-C236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
FV-D235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	1,925 (CN)	1,500 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
FV-D236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	1,750 (CN)	1,250 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
FV-K235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	425 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
FV-K236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN)	3,137 (CN)	3,553 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
FV-Y262	CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	2,654 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)
FV-235	BROOKLYN MUSEUM, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F) 0 (F)	CP
FV-236	BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, IMPROVEMENTS	CP	800 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	0 (CN) 0 (F)	CP
SE-724	CONSTRUCTION OF COMBINED SEWERS IN FLATBUSH AVENUE, BROOKLYN	2,016 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)	0 (CX)

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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS

Marty Markowitz
Borough President

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Chairman

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District Manager

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.

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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 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 scum;

The search for and the acquisition of a site to relocate Community District 14's sanitation garage began over seventeen 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, Brooklyn. ULURP action to pave the way for the acquisition of this site was completed in 1996. Finally, seven years after the completion of the acquisition process, construction on the garage was scheduled to be completed by July 2003.

The proposed plan, albeit, a short term solution, is to relocate Community Board 9's sanitation garage from Crown Street – thus freeing up the site for Medgar Evers College expansion plans – to the Winthrop Street site, but not before renovations to the facility are made. Community Board 9 is vehemently opposed to a premature move of our district sanitation department to this garage without the necessary renovations and additions to the building that would allow for washing vehicles inside the building. The proposed time frame for the completing renovations to 356 Winthrop Street is August 2004.

This plan for the relocation of Community District 9's Sanitation Garage to 356 Winthrop Street is, as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, a short term solution. 356 Winthrop Street is still an unsuitable location for a sanitation garage, situated as it is, in close proximity to Kings County Hospital and Downstate University Medical Center. Moreover, ground has been broken and construction has begun on the SUNY Downstate Biotechnology Incubator Project, right across the street from the garage. This multimillion dollar facility will introduce to this area a Biotechnology Park that will revitalize this district and be competitive

with Long Island and New Jersey. A sanitation garage at this location is not conducive to the success of this project.

It is obvious that a permanent home, elsewhere, must be found for the Sanitation Garage. The site identified at 1824-44 Atlantic Avenue, aka, 1819-1839 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, is, in the Board's opinion, highly suitable, in terms of space and location for use as a sanitation garage. For the major benefits that this will bring to Community District 9 and the borough of Brooklyn, it is critical that appropriate steps should be taken for the acquisition of this site. We look forward to working with the agency and other parties to make this a reality.

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.

Litter Baskets and Illegal Posting

An additional basket truck is needed to effectively service the litter baskets in the district, especially on busy commercial strips. Additional baskets are needed in several locations to decrease the instances of littering. The agency must enforce against those individuals using the litter baskets to dump household garbage and other debris.

There appears to be an increase in the proliferation of illegal posting on light poles, street trees, traffic signals in the district. The agency must be more aggressive in enforcing against this abuse that creates blight in our community.

Recycling

Just when the community had grown accustomed to recycling, it was no longer necessary to recycle various recyclables. Then the recycling of plastics was restored, but recycling is now being collected bi-weekly. This is confusing to residents. It is important that weekly collection of all recyclables be restored. We urge the City to explore measures that would make recycling collection cost effective.

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 garage facilities 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 its 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 a complete renovation of these facilities. Office furniture, including desks, chairs and cabinets are broken and dilapidated. Attending a meeting at this location 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.

Enforcement is needed at Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue. The large numbers of passenger vans and gypsy cabs – legal and illegal, competing for passengers exiting the Utica Avenue subway station creates a bottle neck at this location that is hazardous to all road users. These vans and cars, park in the bus stops and double park on the service road. Added to this is the proliferation of unlicensed vendors, plying their goods on the south side Eastern Parkway Mall at this location. This all adds up to utter chaos all day long, increasing tremendously during the morning and evening rush hours.

Numerous improvements have been made by the Department of Transportation at this location, yet the chaos continues. There must be continuous enforcement by the Police Department. Occasional enforcement forays at this location will not suffice. Action must be

taken on a sustained, continuous basis that will send a message that these activities are inappropriate for this landmarked street and are unwanted at this location.

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. 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 south side 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 while the mall continues its downward spiral into blight and deterioration.

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: Hamilton Metz Park; Mount Prospect Park.

The Board is pleased that our City Council representative has allocated the remainder of funds necessary to complete the redesign and reconstruction of Hamilton Metz Park. This park is also one that is heavily utilized by community residents. Its complete renovation has been long awaited and is welcomed.

The Board is also pleased with the completion of the paths and stairs at Mount Prospect Park and prior to that the completion of the playground. However, the greater portion of the park is still under-developed. The Board will continue to work with the agency and our elected officials for 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 our 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 the pruning of trees; and the removal of dead trees and tree stumps. These are important quality of life issues which must be addressed to avoid possible loss of life and property damage.

Prospect Park Projects

Community Board 9 supports the ongoing efforts to restore the structures and facilities in Prospect Park. Among the many important projects within the park that are in need of restoration are the Picnic House and Litchfield Villa. We urge that these projects be funded to completion

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.

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 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Community Board 9 Classroom overcrowding, deteriorating buildings, and violence, are some of the negatives that 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 and Middle College High School, which are new schools which were constructed in response to the overwhelming overcrowding in the district, the school buildings in Community District 9 (Community School District 17 – Region 6, Brooklyn), 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 Department of Education to move swiftly to rehabilitate all of our deteriorated school buildings, with priority being given to P.S. 91, P.S. 92. Wingate High School is another of our school buildings that is in dire need of renovation. This school is being phased out to accommodate new “small schools” within the same building. This building has numerous deficiencies which we urge the Department of Education to address in order to allow a smooth transition for these new schools.

AGENCY FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES AGENCY FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

With our significantly new and large immigrant population and a probable Census 2000 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 continues 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 AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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 build 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 five 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 five 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 continue to deteriorate. Not one street in Community District 9 was resurfaced during the last fiscal year. Streets all over the district are being excavated by Cablevision, and the utility companies, yet we have still to obtain from the Department of Transportation a listing of streets in the district that are scheduled for resurfacing. The allocation of adequate funding for a consistent street repair/resurfacing policy will serve to effectively address the pothole repair/street resurfacing needs of the City.

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.

We are pleased that the pedestrian safety improvement for the intersection of Empire Boulevard/Flatbush Avenue/Ocean Avenue will be implemented shortly at this location.

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

The reconstruction of Clove Road and Malbone Street is one of the most important reconstruction projects within Community District 9. All indications from the preliminary research that was conducted by DOT’s consultant are that Clove Road may have huge historic significance in relation to the American Revolution. The ramifications for this district and indeed the entire borough and city are tremendous.

The next phase of research for this location is an archaeological dig. The estimated cost for this dig is approximately \$60,000. To date this phase of the project is not funded and the project is at a standstill. We place an urgent call to our elected officials to provide this minor funding amount so that the archaeological dig can take place.

This location has been submitted to the City’s Landmark Preservation Commission and to the State’s Department of Parks and Historic Preservation for historic designation. It is

extremely important therefore, that these studies be completed and for this roadway to be constructed in a manner that is consistent with its historic nature. We look forward to working with the agency and our elected officials for the preservation of this historic find.

**Reconstruction of Nostrand Avenue
from Eastern Parkway to Clarkson Avenue**

Nostrand Avenue is one of the main thoroughfares in Brooklyn, running through several different neighborhoods. This street is heavily congested with buses, delivery trucks, taxis, cars and other vehicles competing for passage all day long. This street needs to be reconstructed with attention to be paid to generating the free flow of traffic thus alleviating the current congestion.

Replacement of Street Name Signs

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

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.

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 completion of reconstruction project at this 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.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD

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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