

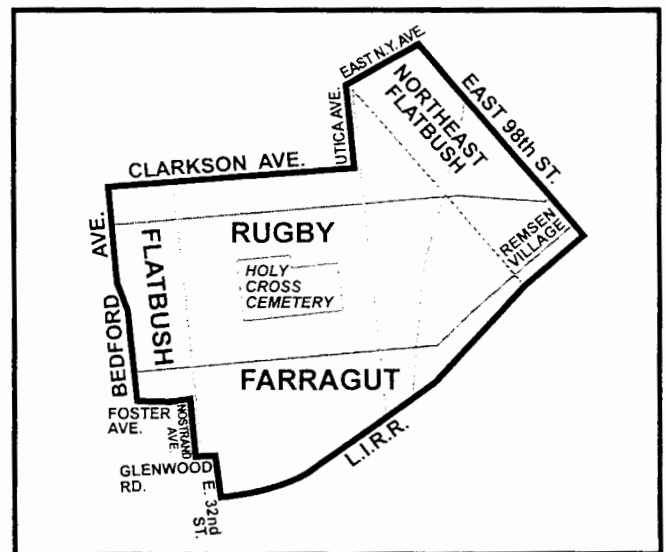
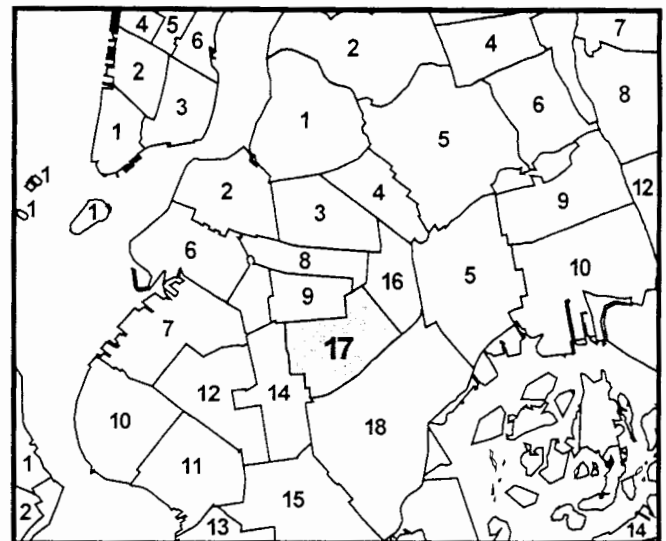
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17

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

VITAL STATISTICS	2000	2002
Births: Number	2,650	2,517
Rate per 1000	16.0	15.2
Deaths: Number	839	845
Rate per 1000	5.1	5.1
Infant Mortality: Number	27	25
Rate per 1000	10.2	9.9

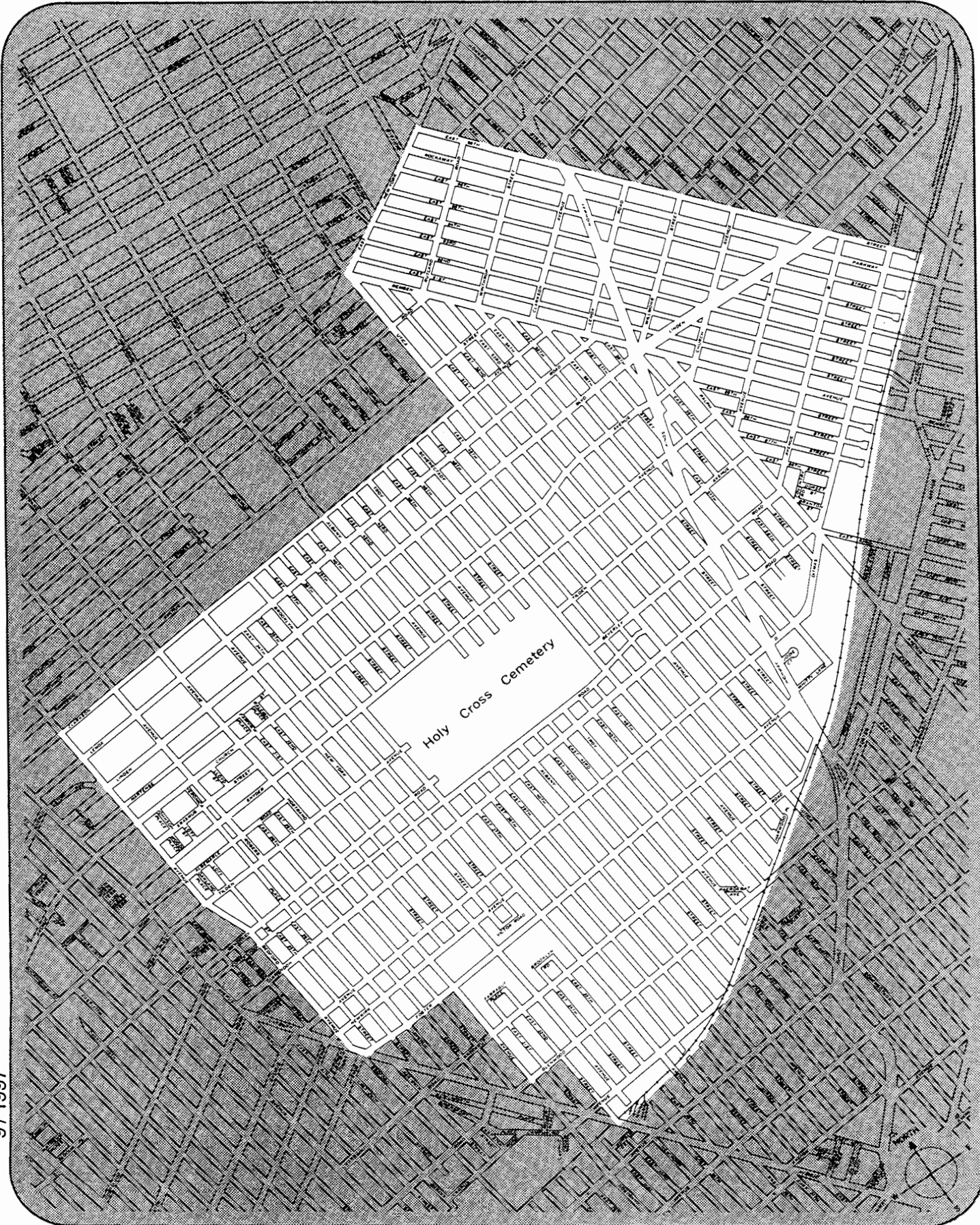
INCOME SUPPORT	2000	2004
Public Assistance (AFDC, Home Relief)	10,116	8,813
Supplemental Security Income	6,279	5,963
Medicaid Only	12,755	39,215
Total Persons Assisted	29,150	53,990
Percent of Population	17.6	32.6

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



LAND USE, 2004			
	Lots	Sq. Ft. (000)	Lot Area %
1- 2 Family Residential	11,888	27,533.8	44.7
Multi-Family Residential	3,709	14,658.7	23.8
Mixed Resid. / Commercial	1,087	3,011.9	4.9
Commercial / Office	273	1,900.8	3.1
Industrial	224	2,598.8	4.2
Transportation / Utility	113	1,869.9	3.0
Institutions	214	4,132.5	6.7
Open Space / Recreation	13	3,477.8	5.6
Parking Facilities	233	1,244.1	2.0
Vacant Land	324	989.7	1.6
Miscellaneous	48	237.9	0.4
Total	18,126	61,655.9	100.0

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17



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**Table PL P-103: 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)

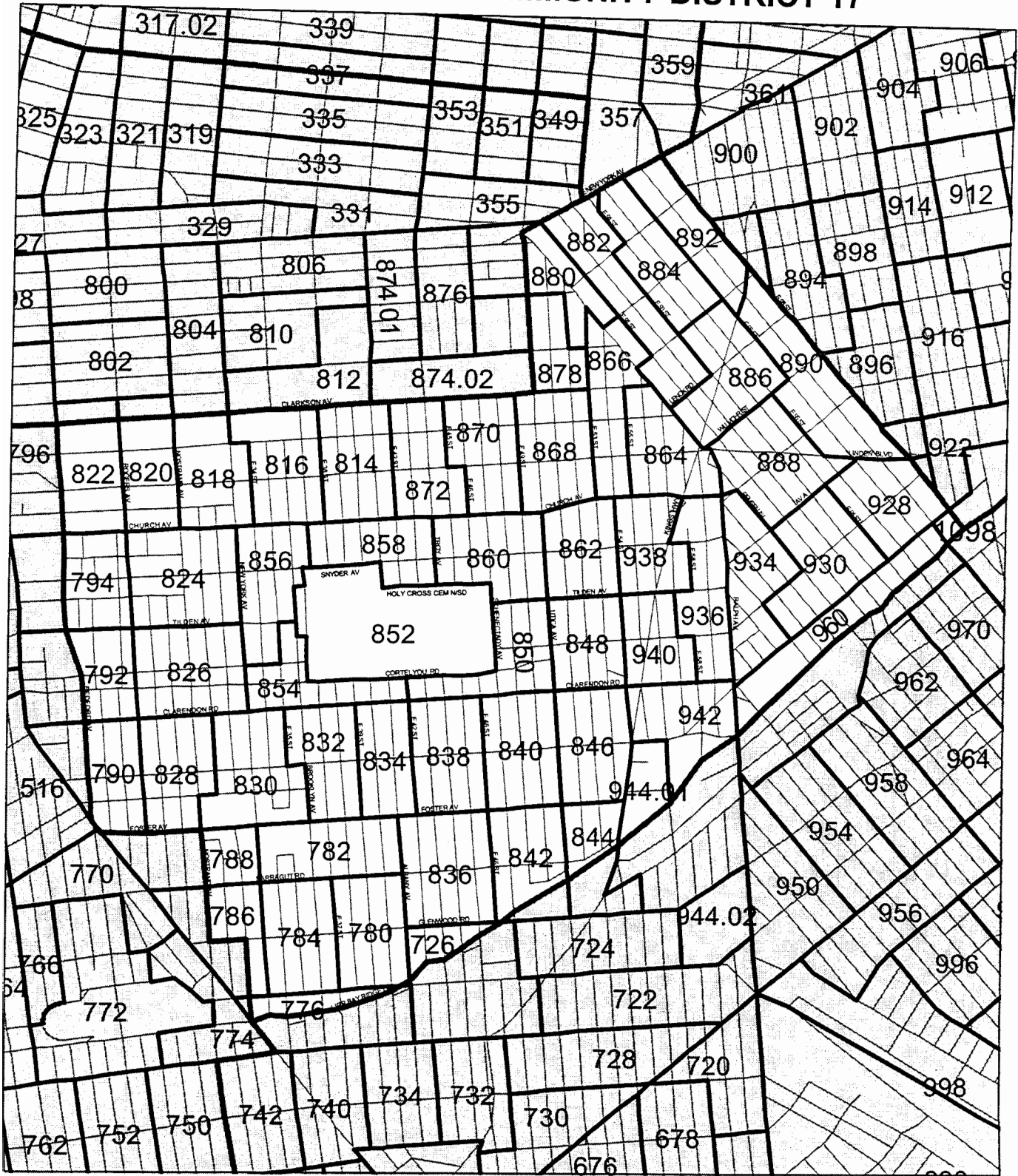
**Demographic Profile - New York City Community Districts
2000 Census SF1**

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census SF1

Population Division - NYC Department of City Planning (Dec 2001)

CENSUS 2000: BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 17



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

**Selected Housing Characteristics
Total Housing Units & Occupancy Status
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Total Housing Units	Occupancy Status			
		Total Occupied Housing Units	% Owner Occupied	% Renter Occupied	% Overcrowded**
0726 *	773	735	76.9	23.1	4.2
0776 *	1,714	1,613	46.2	53.8	13.8
0780	755	748	75.5	24.5	9.6
0782	1,506	1,441	25.1	74.9	20.6
0784	879	838	59.9	40.1	11.9
0786 *	1,822	1,731	22.6	77.4	20.2
0788 *	1,285	1,217	17.8	82.2	26.8
0790 *	1,990	1,871	20.1	79.9	18.5
0792 *	1,398	1,268	22.3	77.7	20.1
0794 *	663	618	30.3	69.7	21.0
0814	1,004	957	37.2	62.8	18.3
0816	982	940	29.1	70.9	18.1
0818	1,901	1,822	13.6	86.4	18.2
0820 *	1,982	1,889	5.4	94.6	21.8
0822 *	2,718	2,633	5.5	94.5	24.2
0824	1,666	1,527	20.9	79.1	17.0
0826	2,097	2,032	23.5	76.5	21.4
0828	1,447	1,331	19.0	81.0	22.5
0830	2,360	2,229	15.5	84.5	24.2
0832	778	760	60.8	39.2	7.5
0834	623	586	75.3	24.7	11.6
0836	777	733	58.4	41.6	4.4
0838	778	734	71.0	29.0	13.8
0840	741	728	64.3	35.7	12.5
0842 *	435	416	65.6	34.4	5.5
0844 *	84	84	73.8	26.2	13.1
0846	796	756	57.9	42.1	7.8
0848	592	570	57.9	42.1	11.1
0850	443	425	79.1	20.9	10.6
0852	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0854	640	640	64.8	35.2	6.7
0856	1,521	1,434	20.5	79.5	17.2
0858	867	788	44.7	55.3	13.1
0860	1,272	1,216	34.5	65.5	15.2
0862	1,201	1,154	26.3	73.7	12.7
0864	730	681	49.9	50.1	14.5
0866	1,184	1,138	32.9	67.1	14.1
0868	1,246	1,174	23.2	76.8	15.5
0870	1,212	1,112	27.8	72.2	17.6
0872	1,075	1,040	45.0	55.0	14.1
0878 *	995	938	15.1	84.9	17.2
0880 *	1,077	1,029	36.2	63.8	14.7
0882	2,527	2,365	16.9	83.1	16.9
0884	2,000	1,855	13.5	86.5	19.1
0886	1,753	1,677	13.8	86.2	22.3

**Selected Housing Characteristics
Total Housing Units & Occupancy Status
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

Census Tract	Total Housing Units	Occupancy Status			
		Total Occupied Housing Units	% Owner Occupied	% Renter Occupied	% Overcrowded**
0888	1,509	1,448	20.4	79.6	18.0
0890 *	2,339	2,220	6.8	93.2	21.7
0892 *	1,587	1,518	2.3	97.7	15.8
0928 *	1,122	1,065	32.5	67.5	12.8
0930	1,014	988	43.8	56.2	8.5
0934	941	875	62.9	37.1	11.3
0936	645	608	55.3	44.7	6.4
0938	983	942	34.0	66.0	12.0
0940	509	486	57.2	42.8	9.9
0942	251	241	50.6	49.4	13.7
094401 *	1,046	1,008	48.3	51.7	13.0
0960	3	3	0.0	100.0	0.0
1098 *	427	351	31.1	68.9	29.3

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

** "Overcrowded" units are those with more than one person per room.

**Selected Housing Characteristics
Number of Units & Age of Structure
by Census Tract, 2000
Brooklyn Community District 17**

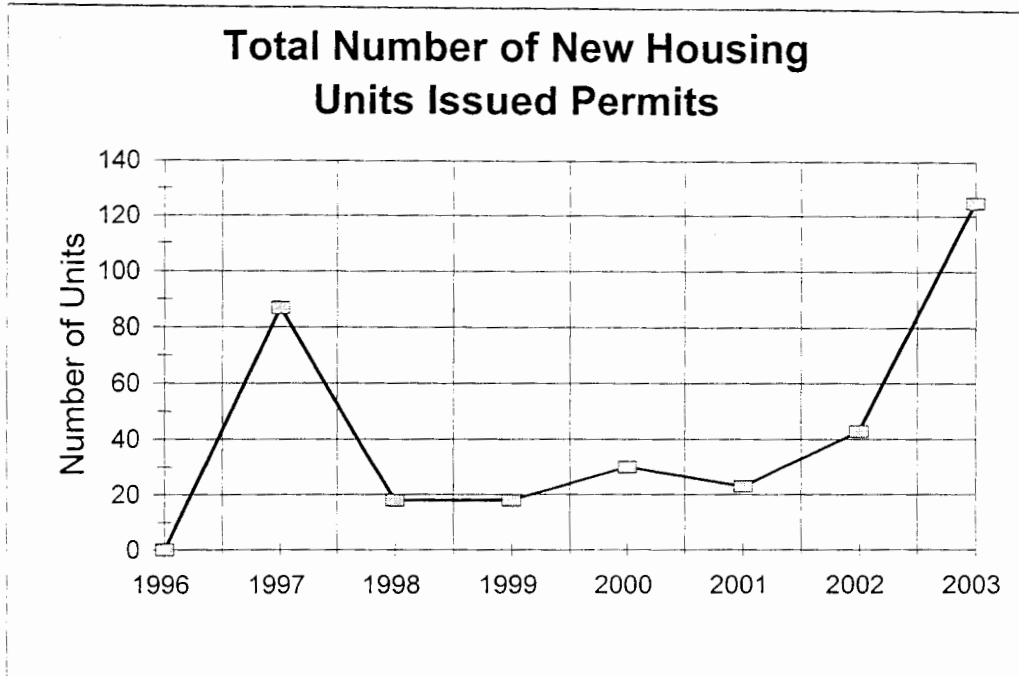
Census Tract	Total Housing Units	Units in Structure			Age of Structure		
		% 1 & 2 Units	% 3-9 Units	% 10 units or more	% Built 1990 to 2000	% Built 1950 to 1989	% Built before 1950
0726 *	773	96.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	46.7	53.3
0776 *	1,714	29.4	5.9	64.7	0.7	44.8	54.5
0780	755	86.9	6.6	6.5	1.2	34.0	64.8
0782	1,506	29.2	4.2	66.6	0.8	47.7	51.5
0784	879	77.0	10.4	12.6	0.0	19.8	80.2
0786 *	1,822	22.2	12.2	65.6	0.9	54.8	44.2
0788 *	1,285	25.8	22.6	51.6	0.8	30.0	69.2
0790 *	1,990	23.8	28.5	47.6	1.0	20.8	78.2
0792 *	1,398	38.6	25.8	35.6	1.6	31.5	67.0
0794 *	663	32.9	49.5	17.6	21.1	21.0	57.9
0814	1,004	50.7	26.6	22.7	0.0	36.2	63.8
0816	982	46.9	12.5	40.5	0.9	29.5	69.6
0818	1,901	22.3	9.9	67.9	3.5	28.9	67.6
0820 *	1,982	7.2	19.4	73.4	0.5	29.2	70.4
0822 *	2,718	10.2	13.4	76.5	0.7	29.1	70.2
0824	1,666	41.1	17.8	41.2	0.0	42.4	57.6
0826	2,097	35.9	22.8	41.3	0.5	43.3	56.2
0828	1,447	28.7	34.3	36.9	0.0	42.3	57.7
0830	2,360	22.3	8.3	69.3	0.9	36.5	62.6
0832	778	82.8	10.5	6.7	0.0	25.8	74.2
0834	623	95.2	3.4	1.4	0.0	26.3	73.7
0836	777	91.2	8.8	0.0	0.0	38.7	61.3
0838	778	94.0	5.4	0.6	0.9	31.2	67.9
0840	741	76.9	2.3	20.8	2.6	30.8	66.7
0842 *	435	87.8	12.2	0.0	0.0	31.3	68.7
0844 *	84	75.0	25.0	0.0	4.8	47.6	47.6
0846	796	84.3	15.7	0.0	3.0	31.0	66.0
0848	592	80.9	15.0	4.1	4.2	22.3	73.5
0850	443	91.9	8.1	0.0	5.0	19.2	75.8
0852	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0854	640	81.1	5.2	13.8	0.0	34.4	65.6
0856	1,521	29.5	14.3	56.1	0.9	48.1	51.0
0858	867	69.3	11.0	19.7	0.0	41.9	58.1
0860	1,272	43.2	33.3	23.5	1.0	48.6	50.4
0862	1,201	40.5	26.6	33.0	3.2	40.7	56.1
0864	730	57.0	34.2	8.8	0.0	44.7	55.3
0866	1,184	43.1	18.6	38.3	0.0	26.7	73.3
0868	1,246	37.5	37.2	25.4	0.0	41.7	58.3
0870	1,212	41.0	33.3	25.7	0.0	32.9	67.1
0872	1,075	56.4	12.9	30.7	0.0	39.3	60.7
0878 *	995	25.7	39.1	35.2	2.7	29.8	67.4
0880 *	1,077	42.7	12.9	44.4	0.0	51.9	48.1
0882	2,527	19.6	29.3	51.1	1.8	52.8	45.4
0884	2,000	16.5	60.9	22.7	0.0	54.1	45.9
0886	1,753	17.3	29.1	53.6	1.4	45.1	53.6

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Number of Units & Age of Structure
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0888	1,509	30.4	37.4	32.2	0.0	47.0	53.0
0890 *	2,339	7.8	37.8	54.4	6.8	44.4	48.9
0892 *	1,587	4.2	30.5	65.3	0.9	39.6	59.5
0928 *	1,122	50.5	34.8	14.7	1.0	51.8	47.2
0930	1,014	81.5	18.5	0.0	0.0	67.3	32.7
0934	941	84.3	15.7	0.0	0.0	58.7	41.3
0936	645	70.5	13.0	16.4	1.1	48.1	50.9
0938	983	52.9	31.1	16.0	0.8	28.2	71.0
0940	509	83.3	7.3	9.4	0.0	41.3	58.7
0942	251	81.7	0.0	18.3	0.0	49.0	51.0
094401 *	1,046	69.3	13.6	17.1	0.0	63.4	36.6
0960	3	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1098 *	427	48.7	47.8	3.5	0.0	41.9	58.1

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**Selected Housing Characteristics
Building Permits Issued For New Residential Construction
Brooklyn Community District 17, 1996 - 2003**



Permits by Building Size

Year	1 & 2 Unit Buildings		3 & 4 Unit Buildings		5+ Unit Buildings		Total Buildings	Total Units
	Buildings	Units	Buildings	Units	Buildings	Units		
1996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	0	0	0	0	1	87	1	87
1998	9	18	0	0	0	0	9	18
1999	9	18	0	0	0	0	9	18
2000	15	30	0	0	0	0	15	30
2001	7	14	3	9	0	0	10	23
2002	11	22	7	21	0	0	18	43
2003	6	12	11	33	1	80	18	125

Source: New York City Department of Buildings

GEOGRAPHIC REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET
(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

COMMUNITY BOARD DISTRICT 17, BROOKLYN

BUDGET LINE	TITLE	TOTAL APPROPRIATION AS OF 5/31/04	FY2005 ADOPTED CAP BUDGET	FY2006	THREE YEAR PROGRAM FY2007	FY2008	REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
HE-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)
HE-1208	RECON FOSTER AVE, BMT SUBWAY, BROOKLYN.	390 (CN)	25 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	1,941 (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)
LE-C183	RECONSTRUCTION OF RUGBY BRANCH LIBRARY, BROOKLYN	CP	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	0 (CN)	CP
LE-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, private day care and pre-school, restaurants and auto repair shops.

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. Additionally, members of the orthodox Jewish Community have been acquiring property strategically in CB 17 and CB 15 to the East.

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 East 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. Eight years ago, we were told that more study was needed for this request. Eight years seem to be ample time for completing that study.

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 eight years have elapsed and the dangerous floors at Engine Company 310 located on Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, has not been repaired. Presently stanchions located in the basement are holding up the floors. THE CITY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MUST MAKE THIS REQUEST A TOP PRIORITY AND AVOID A CRISIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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.

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. Funding to NHS, etc. will assist to stem the tide of foreclosures and family displacements. This community needs all the help it can get to improve, maintain and preserve 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.

Community Board #17 supports the acquisition of the privately owned property located at 2518-2532 Tilden Avenue to be utilized as low-income housing for the seniors instead of the proposed homeless shelter.

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 areas 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.

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 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 reinstates 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. Additionally, some non-offending renovations should be Grand Fathered in as done in DUMBO years ago.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Problems related to water meter billing continues to be a problem throughout CB 17. 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. 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.

There is a long delay in answering complaints about clogged catch basins. This indicates a need for more frequent preventive maintenance. Many catch basins in CB17 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.

DEP must work with the officials (if necessary) to improve on drainage and remedy these troublesome and very dangerous problems that continues to exist in our community.

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 over the past eight years and needs to be expeditiously addressed.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Despite the dubious distinction with Community District 17 has that it ranks at the top for 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 years of unmet requests, it is time that our requests for additional public day care center be honored. 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.

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.

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.

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 85%. 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.

Illegal postering continues to be a problem. During Fiscal Year 2002, 2003 and 2004, this activity has increased more than 100%. Illegal postering is 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 and the problems of vermin and rodent infestation multiplies.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Community District 17 has benefited and appreciated the Department of Park'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 2006 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.

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 2006 and beyond.

The request for the creation of a multi-service community center continues. There is a vacant building at the intersection of Tilden Avenue and Lott Street. This property can be purchased by the City Parks Department and developed as a multi-service community service center for Community District 17. Additionally, this building should be designated a landmark due to the Fresco images on the outside and its architecture. This District lacks every amenity considered routine necessities by other communities.

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.

Community Board #17 supports the acquisition of the privately owned property located at 2518-2532 Tilden Avenue to be utilized as low-income housing for the seniors instead of the proposed homeless shelter.

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. In some commercial areas of the district

the new sweeping signage does not reflect the customary commercial hours. All non-confirming signs must be replaced as soon as possible.

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!!!

DYCD must double its funding and efforts to provide for more Adult Education, Adult Job Training, Youth Education and Youth Job Training in Brooklyn District 17. 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 reinstated for Youth Delinquency Diversion Programs, Summer Youth Recreation Programs, and after-school and evening programs in Community District 17. The Beacon Program, at three of our schools, is most welcome. We would like to see these programs continued and 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 Adults and Youths in our community not only during the summer but all year and in perpetuity.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education have failed our children miserable as it relates to in class instruction on promotion. 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, none were responded to or addressed. 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 was 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.

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 Department 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 Department 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 Department of Education. **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 where applicable.

The Department 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

Community District 17 has 7,500, 911 calls every 30 days, between two and six impact zones and no permanent Beat officers. 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 placed in danger when the officers assigned to the 67 precinct are always reassigned outside of the precinct command on a daily basis. 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 are asking for equal protection by the Police Department.**

Community residents and the commercial establishments have sounded the same complaints for the past ten years that when the police do respond to calls for assistance it is often 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. 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. We deserve and demand the services we are paying for and are not currently receiving. This request is six years old.

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.

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 and B 47. 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.

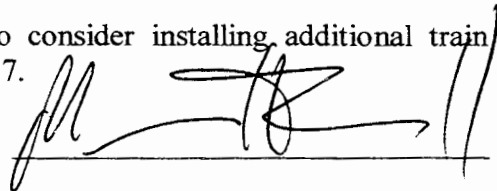
It is quite evident to DOT, the community and the operators of illegal commuter vans, that there is a large population of unserved/underserved community residents that must get to the trains in our area. The New York City Transit Authority should give Community District 17 residents the same consideration 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. The New York City Transit Authority in the past chose to single out one group of students for special consideration while ignoring the needs of the majority of students for the special services desperately needed by all New York City students.

Community Board 17 implores the Transit Authority to consider installing additional train service that will adequately serve the residents of District 17.



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