# EXCERPTS FROM COMMUNITY BOARDS' "STATEMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET" FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Reactions to Agency Responses listed in the FY '16 Register of Community Board Budget Requests are collectively listed under Agency Subheading

# Dept. of Small Business Services

## BROOKLYN 14

**BUSINESS SERVICES/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Proposed funding for revitalization projects received a response that further study is required for the property at 2274-2286 Church Avenue. This was the same response as the prior year and it is hoped that such study will be forthcoming. This site is located in an economically developing part of the District. The current building is dilapidated, boarded up and fenced off and as such is anathema to economic development. The RFP for 851 East 15th Street has been out for nearly two years. Incentives must be enhanced in order to attract proposals.

## MANHATTAN 3

Expense Request # 21 (303201607E): Request: Allocate funding from SBS's budget to implement a project to work with local stakeholders and create a plan to revitalize the shrinking diversity of businesses and rejuvenate the commercial corridors in Manhattan Community District 3

- Sponsor group should apply to agency through its funding process. Call DSBS for more details.

*Community Board 3 needs to work with SBS to address economic development issues affecting local small businesses and the community as a whole. Rising rents have resulted in spaces financially accessible only to chains, banks, and destination nightlife businesses. This in turn has resulted in accompanying loss of diversity of businesses serving the community and streets that are barren during the day. This in turn creates a vicious cycle of not attracting new businesses. Community Board 3 is committed to working with local businesses to find ways to attract a diversity of new businesses that will both attract daytime businesses and support the retail needs of the local residents while enabling those businesses that are a part of our business community to be able to remain in business in the community. Community Board 3 is seeking a way to work with the City to implement this very important economic development project affecting our small businesses.*

## MANHATTAN 7

**Tracking Code:** 307201606E
**Request:** Coordination of City regulations and services for small businesses. -- $2MM.
**Agency Response:** The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

**Reply:** CB7 is grateful that SBS will meet these important needs, and stands ready to partner with the agency on these initiatives.