

# 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

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## Housing Authority

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### **BROOKLYN 2**

The community board was also instructed to contact the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) regarding the redevelopment of 71, 75, 99 and 110 Waverly Avenue (202201202C). "In light of Mayor de Blasio's commitment to construct or preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing, the time has come for these properties to be restored," I wrote NYCHA Chair Shola Olatoye on February 18, 2015. I have not to date received a response.

### **BROOKLYN 3**

**Funding for more officers in PSA3.** The quality of life for residents in NYCHA is a disgrace. Although crime throughout the city has been decreasing, safety and security in housing developments remain high. The commanding officer of PSA3 should be given the appropriate resources to mobilize an effective community-police response.

### **MANHATTAN 7**

**Tracking Code:** 307200803E

**Request:** Allocate Additional Funds for Skilled Trades Personnel at Amsterdam Houses, Frederick Douglass Houses, Wise Towers and DeHostos.

**Agency Response:** Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

**Reply:** The unmet maintenance and repair needs at our NYCHA facilities create conditions that no one should have to endure, least of all those aging in place in these developments.

Applicable rules already require NYCHA to hire from within its residents' ranks where possible.

The funding sought here is key not only to meeting the maintenance and repair goals, but to the mission of public housing by ennobling its residents in learning useful skills and putting them to work in their immediate communities.

### **MANHATTAN 10**

❖ **Priority 4 – 310201503C:** Provide funds for the full installation of cameras at New York City Housing Authority Buildings Polo Grounds

**Explanation:** Camera installations have been made at the Polo Grounds Development, however not completely i.e. only half the elevators. As a result crime is still happening in the locations where cameras are not installed.

**Agency Response:** In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.

**Community Board Comments:** Community Board 10 will be in communication with our local elected officials regarding Capital request 4.

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❖ **Priority 8 – 310201504C:** Provide funds to repair New York City Housing Authority building intercoms.

**Explanation:** Too many intercoms are out of service.

**Agency Response:** Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

**Community Board Comments:** Community Board 10 will be in communication with our local elected officials regarding Capital request 4.

## **QUEENS 5**

The provision of safe, adequate housing is overwhelmingly the responsibility of individuals and landlords. Yet, because of a lack of new housing in the City and the preference for reasonably safe Queens neighborhoods, many families are living in sub-standard apartments. Residential buildings have been sub-divided and thousands of people are living more than half underground. We have blocks where more than half the residential buildings are overcrowded. While our population and that of other communities is bursting, communities, especially in sections of Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan, have had large tracts of vacant land that has been ripe for well-planned residential development of affordable housing.

**Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens,** moderate and low-income families and single persons should be developed with State and Federal loans and grants, in addition to City government funding commitments.