



What is participatory budgeting?

Participatory budgeting is a new way to make decisions about publicly funded projects in our neighborhoods.

Participatory budgeting gives ordinary people real decision-making power over real money. It's already working in over 3,000 cities all over the world, and now participatory budgeting is being used in New York City.

This year, ten New York City Council Members asked their constituents to decide how to spend capital discretionary funds. Those are funds that can be used for physical improvements that benefit the public, and each district has committed at least \$1 million.

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How does participatory budgeting work?

Last fall, district residents like you came to neighborhood assemblies to identify community needs and suggest projects. Then, volunteers joined delegate committees to develop those suggestions into project proposals, and worked with city agencies to estimate project costs. They put together the proposals you will vote on today.

Now is your chance to vote for the projects you think should get funded. The projects with the most votes, up to at least \$1 million, will be included in next year's city budget, to be built or implemented over the next few years.

You'll get to enjoy the improvements you help make happen. And hopefully, you'll be a part of future participatory budgeting efforts in the city!

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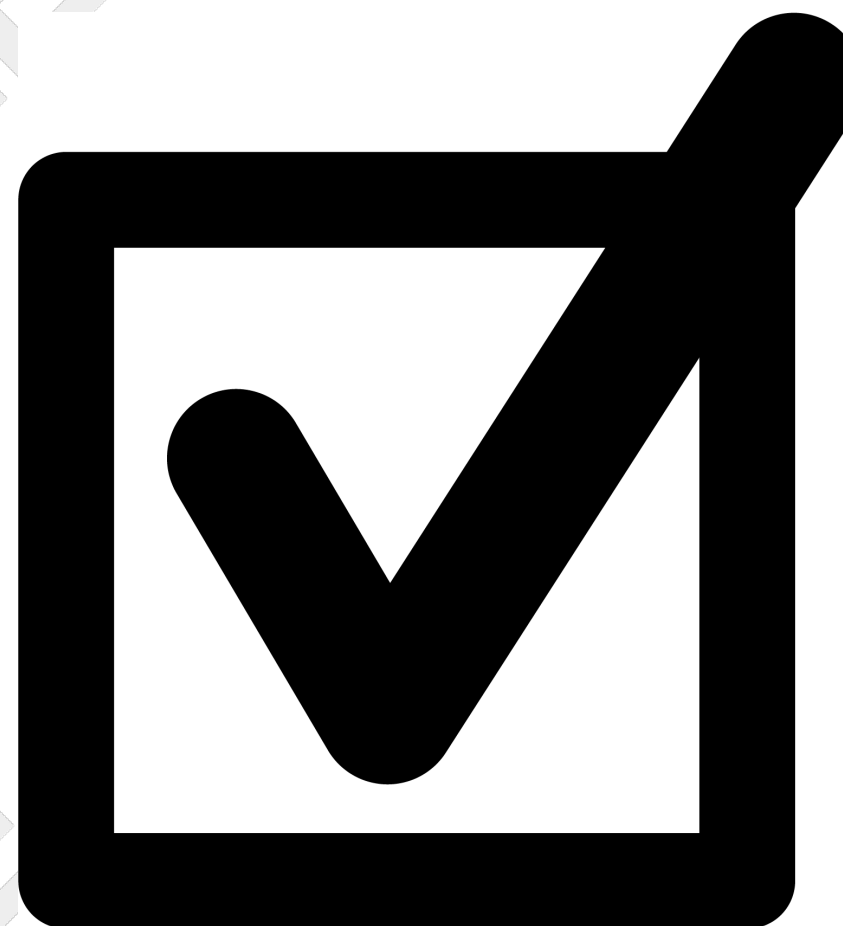
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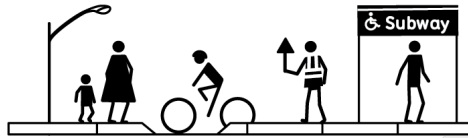
District 44
Borough Park
Bensonhurst
Midwood

Voting instructions

- All residents of the district, age 16 and up, can vote.
- You may vote for up to five (5) projects.
- You can not vote for the same project more than once.
- Ballots marked with more than five votes are invalid and will not be counted.
- Mark boxes clearly with an "X" or check mark, or fully shade them in.
- Use black or blue ink. Ballots marked in pencil will not be counted.



Street, Sidewalk, and Transportation



1. Overhead Warning Lights (Midwood)



D44-01-BQLGHT
\$200,000 (Midwood)
Flashing warning lights along the overpass of the MTA B/Q line East 15th street and East 16th street

2. Resurface the worst streets in Borough Park



D44-02-BFSTRT
\$300,000 (Borough Park)
Street resurfacing in Borough Park TBD

3. Resurface the worst streets in Bensonhurst



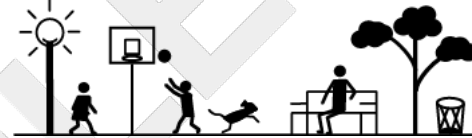
D44-03-BHRST
\$300,000 (Bensonhurst)
Street resurfacing in Bensonhurst TBD

4. Resurfacing the worst streets in Midwood



D44-04-MWSTRT
\$300,000 (Midwood)
Street resurfacing in Midwood TBD

Parks and Recreation



5. Install new benches and fountains in Kolbert Park (Midwood)



D44-05-KPBENCH
\$150,000 (Midwood)
Installation of new benches and fountains East 17th

6. Install new benches and fountains in Colonel Marcus Park (Midwood)



D44-06-CLBENCH
\$150,000 (Midwood)
Installation of new benches and fountains Avenue P

7. Install new benches and fountains in Seth Low Park



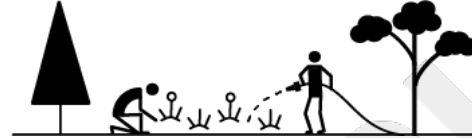
D44-07-SLBENCH
\$150,000 (Bensonhurst)
This project would include the installation of benches and fountains Bay Parkway

8. Install new benches and fountains in Gravesend Park (Borough Park)



D44-08-GPBENCH
\$150,000 (Borough Park)
Installation of new benches and water fountains 18th Avenue

Environmental Protection



9. Beautify the blocks of Borough Park



D44-09-BPBLOCK
\$170,000 (Borough Park)
Beautify the blocks of Boro Park by adding 100 new trees in front of homes, business and parks

10. Beautify the blocks of Bensonhurst



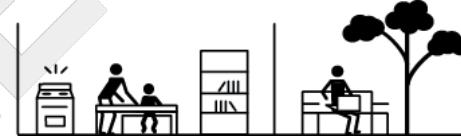
D44-10-BHBLOCK
\$85,000 (Bensonhurst)
Beautify the blocks of Bensonhurst by planting 50 new trees in front of homes, businesses and parks

11. Beautify the blocks of Midwood



D44-11-MWBLCK
\$170,000 (Midwood)
Beautify the blocks of Midwood by planting 100 new trees in front of homes, businesses and parks TBD

Libraries

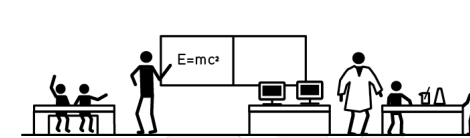


12. Technology Upgrades at Brooklyn Public Library branches of Midwood, Mapleton, an



D44-12-MWBL
\$200,000
New Computers and Technology upgrades at Brooklyn Public Library branches of Midwood(Avenue J), Mapleton(60th St), and Ryder(23rd Ave.)
Midwood Branch(975 E 16th St), Mapleton Branch(1702 60th St), and Ryder(5902 23rd Ave)

Education



13. Electrical Upgrade at P.S. 99 (Midwood)



D44-13-MWLEEC
\$400,000 (Midwood)
Upgrade the school's electrical system so it can support adequate lighting and necessary new technologies
1120 E. 10th St Brooklyn, NY 11230

14. Rewiring at P.S.134 (Midwood)



D44-14-MWIRE
\$200,000 (Midwood)
Rewire the school's electrical system to support air conditioning on the third floor.
4001 18th Ave

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