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Within my community in Bushwick Ave Brooklyn New York; There are a few places that provide support services such as women's shelters, urgent care, churches, libraries, precincts, and schools. While observing my neighborhood, I've noticed that they have opened more liquor stores and that can harm my neighborhood. Having access to liquor stores fuels addictive behaviors by keeping people confined to alcoholism creating conflict both internally and externally. I have also noticed that a lot has been going on with people in my neighborhood who like to smoke in public. Cigarette use can cause many health problems and contain harmful chemicals that can make children get sick and get asthma and Respiratory conditions. I walked past the women's shelter and noticed that people like to smoke cigarettes putting the environment in danger since the air of the smoke flows everywhere leaving a strong smell that makes my nose feel uncomfortable so I tend to hold in my breath for a couple of seconds until the smell of the cigarettes goes away. I feel like it makes others uncomfortable while they walk through there to

buy their necessary things. In My neighborhood, I did see urgent care where they just opened. I like how they have support services for people who get sick or hurt; they are very polite and caring which is good because some places take hours to attend to you or do not administer the patient's proper treatment plan.

As I observe my neighborhood and get to know my community better I see that nothing has changed over the past few years as a resident in Bushwick Brooklyn. The streets are still the same, with unfixed sidewalks. While walking around my neighborhood we have two precincts by where I live but usually, they're not officers around guarding our community, they are always driving around to see if there is anything suspicious; around here daytime is alright in Bushwick but when outside late there are usually more assaults and gun violence that I hear when the Citizen App notifies me and the community to stay safe and to be aware of that area Overall, I have some support services around my area but I've noticed that there more liquor stores and more smoke shops too that can affect my community with these kinds of behavior that can cause addiction and causing harm to my neighborhood. According to Pix 11 news WPIX NEW YORK CITY, NY Brooklyn robbery: Man put in a chokehold, mugged on Bushwick street by Aaron Feis September 29, 2022 “The victim,29, was walking along star street near Irving avenue around 8:45 pm. Sept 21 when the duo approached him and pinned him against a parked car, officials said Thursday”. It is important to know that it is not safe around my neighborhood at night time since things like these are happening now. This tells me that I have to be aware of my surroundings, especially since I have my son. I have to be more careful now and be aware. NYC doesn't feel safe anymore now I feel that it should be a change for this neighborhood because

there are a lot of smokers and people drinking in the streets or parks knowing that parks are for children to play and not be surrounded by these influences and I have seen this happen when I go to the park with my parents and my son I seen so many things that can affect my neighborhood with these types of a toxic environment for the children who play in the park and are trying to have fun so it is important that our community stays safe and have a clean environment. We must keep our children safe and others as well because I care for my family and friends who live in this neighborhood. However, my neighborhood is a big community but I wish that they have more support services around my area so that children with special needs or anyone who needs support services can get them because I know what its likes not getting enough support from anyone, especially that I come from immigrants parents who also need services such as medical attention and many other but since they aren't from here they can enough of services that they suppose to get like we do in New York or not having enough services in my neighborhood we have to travel to get the services that we need. I noticed around my neighborhood, they are building more housing than the support services that we need. The rent around the neighborhood is increasing, making the community leave the residents because of the rent problems and issues that are increasing every quarter a day. According to the New York Times Why these New Yorkers stopped paying rent? By Miller Zaveri Oct 21, 2021 “The economic crisis caused by the pandemic has placed the city’s housing woes in stark relief. But one group of Brooklyn Tenants has been fighting back”. As we can see the pandemic did play a role in my neighborhood and the people as well because now some are struggling to payments of the rent or having problems with the landlord by causing these types of problems it affects children and the parents because

children need a place where to live and a home as well for support systems around my neighborhood because there are a lot homeless and people who need help with drugs addiction and alcoholism in my neighborhood and make better the women's shelters and be more aware of my neighborhood when walking home at night or going to the park with our kids as well we don't want to see people getting drunk at the park or smoking toxic chemicals that put our environment in danger.

In conclusion, What I would propose is to help children and their families with exceptionalities by reducing more liquor stores and smoking shops and improving better environments for our children with special needs and everyone's families. Neighborhoods should be able to feel safe to continue walking with my son while I run errands. Seeing too much going on the streets made me realize that we more support services to stop these kinds of crimes or assaults happening in my neighborhood and the same for the community parks and hospitals as well because going into emergency triage takes so long and hours for the doctors to attend us so my question is how we can better our my community? Since the police don't do as much anymore as before everything seems different ever since. I want my neighborhood to be safe and have more support services for parents of children with special needs who need help with support services for people who have alcohol problems and drug addiction in my neighborhood. Also, having proper accommodations for children and families and better environments for our community for the parks as well as hospitals too.

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