

History of Efforts to Relocate the 70th Precinct House

- 1985 - CB14 writes to Commissioner Benjamin Ward in support of a site selection analysis
- 1987 – Site selection analysis completed: 1326 Ocean Avenue identified
- 1987 – Land Use Review Application submitted
- 1988 – City Environmental Quality Review Completed: Negative Declaration
- 1989 – Department of City Planning (DCP) adopts resolution to acquire site
- 1996 – Approval to release city funds is granted
- 2004 – Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Division of Real Estate Services removes all capital projects that are not underway to meet mandated citywide budget cuts
- 2006 – NYPD Capital requests that DCAS renew property acquisition
- 2007 - \$30 million earmarked for property acquisition; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) commits to identifying additional capital funding
- 2008 – Environmental Assessment Statement completed
- 2011 – Design deadline
- 2013 – Construction Start date
- 2014 – CB14 writes to Commissioner Bratton to renew the project
- 2015 – Construction begins on a market-rate residential development at 1326 Ocean Avenue
- 2018 – NYPD Capital begins a \$1million scoping project (CPSD) to assess a potential knock-down and rebuild of the precinct house at the current location
- 2018 – NYPD Capital determines that the building is feasible, but the location is inadequate due to traffic concerns
- 2019 –NYPD requests a renewed off-location site search. OMB does not approve.
- 2020 – NYC fails to include a new precinct house in the Citywide Statement of Needs
- 2023 - The SON includes the 70th Police Precinct house. The criteria require space for a 45,000 square foot building and 90 parking spaces.
- 2023 – CB14 requests a review of specs given the dearth of space in CD14 (current house = approx. 18,000 ft²); and a list of sites that have been reviewed and the basis for the rejection of those sites? The CSON notes that the current site at 154 Lawrence would not be relinquished.
- 2024 – 2026 – continued advocacy of the above (letters to new PCs), inclusion in the Community District Needs Statement and top Capital Budget Priority
- 2026 – The CSON omits the 70th Precinct House again. CB14 replies to Citywide Statement of Needs and the Preliminary Budget Register.

April 17, 2026 – 70th Police Precinct Council organizes a Legislative Breakfast. Elected Officials asked to elevate advocacy efforts.

Goals:

- Ensure that 70th Precinct Station House is recognized by DCP in the Citywide Statement of Needs.
- Ensure that OMB budgets a site search and commits to funding site acquisition and new build in the five-year budget plan.
- Ensure that NYPD Capital Budget Team acknowledges the 70th Precinct as a priority and advocates accordingly. Review specs for a new build in the confines of the precinct (currently 40,000 ft² + parking is the stated requirement; 154 Lawrence is 18,000 ft² and no dedicated parking). Consider the possibility of buying out property on Lawrence to expand vertically.