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FISCAL YEAR 2026

**Statement of Community**

# **DISTRICT NEEDS**

**and Community Board Budget Request**

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**Manhattan  
Community District 7**

# INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### **1. Overarching Community District Needs**

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

### **2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

### **3. Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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*Budget Requests:* Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

*Budget Priorities:* Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

*Supporting Materials:* Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Manhattan Community Board 7

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## **2. 2020 CENSUS DATA**

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

## New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

## Manhattan

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	1,585,873	100.00	1,694,251	100.00	108,378	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	234,435	14.8	232,511	13.7	-1,924	-0.8	-1.1
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	1,585,873	100.0	1,694,251	100.0	108,378	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	403,577	25.4	402,640	23.8	-937	-0.2	-1.6
White non-Hispanic	761,493	48.0	793,294	46.8	31,801	4.2	-1.2
Black non-Hispanic	205,340	12.9	199,592	11.8	-5,748	-2.8	-1.1
Asian non-Hispanic	177,624	11.2	219,624	13.0	42,000	23.6	1.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	7,882	0.5	16,112	1.0	8,230	104.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	29,957	1.9	62,989	3.7	33,032	110.3	1.8
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	847,090	100.0	913,926	100.0	66,836	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	763,846	90.2	817,782	89.5	53,936	7.1	-0.7
Vacant housing units	83,244	9.8	96,144	10.5	12,900	15.5	0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

## Manhattan Community District 7

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	209,084	100.00	222,129	100.00	13,045	6.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	30,997	14.8	32,905	14.8	1,908	6.2	0.0
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	209,084	100.0	222,129	100.0	13,045	6.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	31,347	15.0	32,844	14.8	1,497	4.8	-0.2
White non-Hispanic	140,850	67.4	139,967	63.0	-883	-0.6	-4.4
Black non-Hispanic	15,834	7.6	14,946	6.7	-888	-5.6	-0.9
Asian non-Hispanic	15,933	7.6	22,826	10.3	6,893	43.3	2.7
Some other race, non-Hispanic	947	0.5	2,163	1.0	1,216	128.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	4,173	2.0	9,383	4.2	5,210	124.9	2.2
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	120,694	100.0	126,397	100.0	5,703	4.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	109,058	90.4	110,770	87.6	1,712	1.6	-2.8
Vacant housing units	11,636	9.6	15,627	12.4	3,991	34.3	2.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

### Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 7 (MCD7) encompasses Manhattan's Upper West Side, from 59th Street to 110th Street, and from Central Park West to the Hudson River. Our District is home to 226,988 people (according to the 2022 ACS Census) up from 209,084 in 2010. The Upper West Side is a vibrant community. Residents and millions of visitors are attracted to its cultural institutions, parks, retail, restaurants, and diverse architecture. Prominent points of interest include Central Park, Riverside Park, the American Museum of Natural History, the New York Historical Center, the Bard Center, the Children's Museum, Lincoln Center, the Beacon Theater, Symphony Space, Time Warner Center and numerous houses of worship. Even though tourism was greatly reduced during the pandemic, residents and tourists are now venturing out in greater numbers.

Public Transportation is easily accessible with 5 major subway lines, 4 crosstown bus lines, and 5 north-south bus lines. There are 3 dedicated bike lanes (Amsterdam, Columbus and Central Park West) and several unprotected bike lanes on cross streets. Pedestrian safety is a concern with the increasing number of moving vehicles running red lights, pedestrians jay walking and bikes, ebikes, scooters etc not obeying traffic rules (riding in the wrong directions, riding on sidewalks, speeding, not stopping for traffic lights).

Yet sadly there are too many in our community struggling in pockets of poverty. While median household income in 2023 was \$145,620 in the District, which is much higher than the average for the City, over 10.5% of households in the District live below the poverty line and over 25% are food insecure. The district has the third largest proportion of seniors in the City, many with limited resources and a variety of special needs (seniors make up 20.4% of the population) Over 32.3% of the population is rent burdened and 21.3% of renter households pay over 59% of their income for housing. The district continues to lose its stock of affordable housing, making it harder for the working poor and the middle class to remain in the district. Over 6,000 units of public housing for low income residents are in desperate need of major repair and upgrading. Cuts to programs and services during the Pandemic have created serious problems for vulnerable children and adults.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is the district's most critical need and its lack contributes to a myriad of other issues facing district residents -- homelessness, food insecurity, social and emotional problems, inadequate health care and domestic violence. Only 26% of housing is considered affordable. Over 23% of Manhattan Community Board 7 (MCB7) residents are severely rent burdened, paying more than 50% of their income on rent. The District continues to lose affordable housing stock, and the apartments in the NYCHA developments continue to deteriorate; additionally a significant percentage of units are illegally warehoused. The vacancy rate in MCD7 is almost double that of the City as a whole (12.4% versus 6.9% for New York City). The recent end of the State-imposed moratorium on evictions from residential and commercial properties sets the stage for greater dispossession and homelessness, further deepening the personal crises facing many MCB7 families. There are 110,770 housing units in the District. 87.6% are occupied, the other 12.4% are unoccupied. Owner occupied housing is 32.9%, renter occupied is 67.1%. Over the last decade 5,249 rental units were built - but we don't know how many units were eliminated to create new buildings. Eighty-five % of the new units are rented at market rate, The change median gross rent outpaced medial household income by 20.5%. Total occupied units: 46.7% occupied by 1 person households, 31.6% occupied by 2 person households, 11.1% occupied by 3 person households, 8.3% are occupied by 4 person households, and 3.3% are occupied by household with 5 or more people.

#### Schools

The most vulnerable children in our district face the steepest barriers to accessing local educational, social and mental health resources. The estimated percentage of children under 18 living in poverty in the district has grown. Inflation has also increased the number of children and families that are food insecure. There are 22,000 students in public schools (pre-K through 12 grade) in Community District 7 (CD7), who comprise most of Community School District 3 (CSD3), which continues north into West Harlem with a few schools not in CD7. CSD3 is among the most diverse districts in the New York City public school system, whether measured by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status or student performance, yet many of the schools in the district do not reflect that diversity. Free and reduced-price lunch eligibility, a Federal measure of poverty, comprised 43.9% of K-8 students and 54% of high school students in CSD3. Increased overcrowding is caused by the rising influx of migrant children. These racial and economic disparities mean that many children are in schools that are underserved by the school system and by after-school programming. To address these equity problems, there is an urgent need to target the budgets of the Department of Education and the Department of Youth and Community Development in Community District 7. Increased funding is needed for afterschool programs, Summer School and summer programs, and to increase the number of professional staff and to provide appropriate professional training.

#### Social services

Food insecurity: Over twenty five percent of Community District 7 (CD7) residents are food insecure. The Meal Gap, New York City, measure of food insecurity, represents families and individuals, missing meals that result from inadequate household food budgets. In CD7, the annual Meal Gap is 4 million meals, up from 3.3 million pre Pandemic. This gap directly impacts community health and health care costs. Every person needs stable, reliable access to food that meets their specific nutritional requirements. Many seniors rely on meals at their local Senior Center and/or from food pantries. Children rely on free meals at public schools, but lack food on the weekends and school holidays. Hunger impacts a child's nervous system and prevents that child from learning and staying focused. Food insecurity is also a leading cause of lifelong health and mental health issues. Meal programs and food pantries face ongoing increases in costs of meals (due to labor and

raw food costs) without a corresponding increase in government funds and donated food. The need for increased government support is compelling. Westside Campaign Against Hunger has provided over 300,000 meals in the past year

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 7

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)**

Community District 7 is home to an increasing number of senior citizens and to Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) which receive funds targeted for aging populations. A NORC at Douglass Houses (where there are more than 1000 underserved seniors) is needed. Lack of health and household services and visitor contact contributes to the institutional placement of many seniors who otherwise would have been able to stay in their home. Extended In-Home Service to the Elderly Program, which provides homemaking for vulnerable homebound seniors not eligible for Medicaid, has seen a drastic budget cut. The Adult Social Day Services Program, which provides therapeutic programs for seniors who are disabled (many with dementia) was eliminated. Funds for Elder Abuse Prevention Programs and Geriatric Mental Health Initiatives have not increased with the growing number of seniors. United Neighborhood house funding has remained stagnant. Volunteers and funds are needed to fill in many gaps.

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Health coverage and public benefit enrollment assistance. At St. Luke's and Mt. Sinai West, a "HEAL" office assists patients who do not have insurance in enrolling in insurance or Medicaid; and offers payment plans for services according to Medicare rates. The Ryan Center charges patients based upon their income. Additional sites offering similar services are needed to reach all CD7 residents.

More access to financial counseling and legal assistance is needed for people who are unable to pay medical bills (e.g., reports to collections, litigation).

More information and access to comprehensive and preventative care is needed for low-income patients, including for infant nutrition and to support pregnant mothers.

More funding for mental health services in jails and for justice-involved youth transitioning from jails. District Need: Health care access for out-of-school/out-of-work (OSOW) youth. According to census data 11 percent of youth aged 16 to 24 in Community District 7 are considered "disconnected" or OSOW. Over the decade prior to the pandemic, the city's OSOW population declined by nearly 40 percent, largely due to sustained improvements in the high school graduation rate and consistent job growth, but remained at one in eight 16 to 24 year-old New Yorkers before Covid-19.. The OSOW population in the City is overwhelmingly black and hispanic.

Increase education and programs, such as NYC Smoke-Free, to prevent and reduce vaping (use of e-cigarettes) and other forms of addiction. While the sale and distribution of e-cigarettes, vapor products or liquid nicotine to persons under age 21 is now prohibited in New York State, and use among high school students has declined, E-cigarettes remain a cause of negative health impacts, including lung damage. NYC Smoke-Free works with schools in CD7 and would benefit from more support to have greater reach and impact.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene needs to collect and report more information to the public and Community Board on lead poisoning, including any initial positive test, any retest results, and results six months later; as well as findings of investigations.

We embrace the clubhouse model of rehabilitation for people with mental illness. Goddard's Top Clubhouse is a center where people with mental illness find opportunities for friendship, employment, housing, education, and medical and psychiatric services in a caring and safe environment. It is crucial that the funding for this program continue.

### **Needs for Older NYs**

A large percentage of seniors in the district reside in New York City Public Housing. District Need: Senior centers, a necessary lifeline for seniors to maintain connections to necessary health and social services, must be adequately funded, kept in good repair and maintained. The Department For The Aging must always ensure that they are properly staffed.

Thousands of seniors and residents eligible for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) are not currently enrolled in those programs, and therefore may be paying more rent than necessary despite their limited incomes. This underenrollment is of particular concern as many seniors are outliving their retirement savings. Community Board 7 urges the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to expand community outreach to senior centers and non-profit organizations and provide more information, including informational sessions, to ensure that every qualified resident is getting proper rent increase exemptions.

Additionally many seniors need to be enrolled in SNAP benefitss, NORCs need additional funding for nurses and contractors. All programs need Cost of Living (COLA) adjustments.

### **Needs for Homeless**

Provide technology devices, infrastructure and support. Shelter and supportive housing residents as well as those living outside in Community District 7 need access to technology: including Wifi, cell service, and hardware,. They need training on how to use the technology. This ia needed to enable residents to communicate with medical and mental health providers and to access care . The technology also provides educational and economic opportunities. Children and youth experiencing homelessness need technology access for remote learning.

Provide Consistent preventive services and treatment in shelters.. People experiencing homelessness are particularly vulnerable to Covid-19, the seasonal flu and other communicable diseases due to lack of consistent access to appropriate sanitation facilities and supplies.of test results;

Provide funding to maintain current services for supportive housing facilities in Community District 7, including case management services, social work, mental health services, health services related to medication, nutrition, and social activities. Supportive housing is another effective way to end homelessness for individuals and families, especially those living with physical and psychiatric disabilities. There is not sufficient supply to meet the record demand. Providing housing enables people to begin to put their lives together. Research has shown a 50% decrease in alcoholism when homeless people are appropriately housed. Provide designated housing for specific homeless populations. Additional designated housing is needed specifically for women, victims of domestic violence, people who identify as transgender or gender nonconforming, and people with HIV. In addition, more housing is needed which would allow residents to keep pets, as animal prohibitions are often a barrier to entering shelters. And more designated space for families is needed to ensure children have the stability they need for growth, mental health, and educational equity. Monthly data for our district is needed to enable us to understand what is happening, including: shelters by type, residents'

demographics, and resources available to shelter residents.

Homeless Street outreach teams. provided by Goddard need additional funding

### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

Families and individuals with low incomes face myriad difficulties including access to affordable housing, healthy nutritious food, quality education, as well as health and social services. Because too many households in the District are rent burdened they are also food insecure; many aren't able

to afford necessary medication. The City needs to incentivize developers to include a mix of income levels in all new developments. (See section on Housing). The threat of eviction and homelessness is a major concern.

The New York City Public Housing developments in the District need to be adequately repaired and maintained, including all individual apartments and all buildings. Elevators, security systems, heat and hot water, front doors and grounds all need to be in proper working order.

Social service providers lack funding to provide programming and services for the specific and unique needs of this population including training, help accessing resources, child care, access to health care and medicine and access to educational and vocational opportunities. District need: Provide access to technology including Wi-Fi and internet service and hardware to enable residents to have access to health services, educational and employment opportunities and other services.

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## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 27	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP
2 / 27	DHS	Expand street outreach
21 / 27	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs
22 / 27	DFTA	Other senior center program requests
23 / 27	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA
24 / 27	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers
25 / 27	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs

# **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

## **Manhattan Community Board 7**

### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Educational attainment**

Schools in Community District 7/Manhattan are again facing shrinking budgets, raising questions about whether they will have the funding required to provide the support needed to address the needs created by adverse conditions and trauma caused by the Pandemic. Enrollment is a central component in how the Department of Education (DOE) provides funding; it is presently complicated by the increasing enrollment of children of asylum seekers. While adequate funding does not translate directly to student achievement, it is a necessary precondition. The Department of Education's Fair Student Funding (FSF) formula determines a dollar amount for each student weighted for the costs associated with the services that student requires. Additionally there is a rising number of unhoused students. There are increasing needs for language programs, social and medical services. Not every school has a dedicated nurse and social worker. There are issues with Title 1 funding. Many schools in the district do not meet the cut-off that determines eligibility for Federal title 1 Funding, the principle source of dedicated resources for poor students (in Manhattan schools must have 50% of their students eligible for free or reduced lunch). Schools that are not eligible may have 40% or more of their students living in poverty requiring additional services without dedicated funds. The needs of the students have not waned; indeed the learning losses due to school closures and remote learning and the trauma experienced by so many public school students has increased the need for academic and social/emotional supports for many years to come. The Districts' educational programs require continued attention and support .

### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

The Covid pandemic challenged all areas of our educational system and, as in so many other areas of civic life, called into even starker contrast and exacerbated pre-existing inequities in public education.. Public school students continue to have unprecedented levels of academic and social/emotional need, requiring unprecedented levels of support as the City seeks to mitigate the impact of the Pandemic, combat learning loss, and ensure that students have the tools they require to be successful, both in the classroom and in life. The goals as laid out in the New York City Universal Academic Recovery plan, combined with the full funding of the Fair Student Funding formula, align with many of the most critical needs currently being experienced by the schools in our District. Sustaining these services into FY 2026 however, will require finding alternative funding sources as one-time federal funds are depleted.

Not all public schools have air conditioning, this lack makes it impossible for most students to concentrate during hot weather. It is especially difficult for children with special needs. The Joan of Arc Complex lacks air conditioning, as do many other schools in the district.

#### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Community District 7/M families with children have long relied heavily on services provided by the City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Access to DYCD funded services addresses both the needs of students and the needs of parents for a safe, enriching environment for their children during the afterschool and summer workday. Programs that care for children and youth when schools are not in session are crucial to the wellbeing of young people in MCD7, providing a safe refuge for children and youths who would otherwise be prey to dangerous influences, including gang activity. These programs provide remedial and enrichment learning opportunities, physical activity, productive "downtime", plus social and emotional support crucial to the physical and mental health of young people, especially the most vulnerable. These DYCD programs are coordinated with community-based organizations and within schools as after class activities and serve the elementary, middle and high school levels, as well as young adults to the age of 24yrs. They include the BEACON, COMPASS and CORNERSTONE programs, Adult Literacy,

Homeless Youth Services, Street Outreach, Drop-in Service Centers, Residential Services, Services for Immigrants and Immigrant Families and Workforce Development. Their continuation is critical to the well-being of families in Community Board 7, particularly the most needy.

Modify funding formulas for afterschool programs to acknowledge pockets of poverty, not just area average household income. Service providers report challenges procuring funding for afterschool programs for elementary age children from low-income families in Manhattan Community District 7 due to metrics which factor in average household income in the populations they serve. Upper West Side neighborhoods have significant income disparity, requiring more refined metrics to serve low income students equitably. District Need: More research to determine community needs and availability of mental health services for youth, including depression, anxiety, and suicide risk assessment and prevention. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, intentional self-harm (suicide) is one of the leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

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## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 20	DOE	Air Conditioners for Joan of Arc Complex
18 / 20	SCA	Renovate interior building component

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 27	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD
4 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
5 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
6 / 27	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material
7 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
8 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
9 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
10 / 27	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE
11 / 27	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE
12 / 27	DYCD	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests
26 / 27	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Manhattan Community Board 7

### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Traffic violations and enforcement**

CB7/M has for many years requested enforcement to all traffic rules: motor vehicles failing to yield, motor vehicle speeding, ebikes failing to yield, e-bikes speeding, any bikes and scooters etc. riding on the sidewalks, bikes and motorized scooters etc riding the wrong way in bike lanes and on streets. There have been several fatalities and multiple injuries to both pedestrians and passengers of other vehicles. Special attention needs to be given to schools, older adult centers, parks and playgrounds, and many busy intersections. CB7/M hears from multiple groups and constituents that this is a major issue for them. Unfortunately most people who are impacted by any of these issues have no way to report incidents - so there are no records of near misses, minor mishaps, accidents not requiring hospitalizations etc.

### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Needs for Public Safety**

Safety is a major concern for residents and visitors in our community. All public spaces need to be safe for all users.

Restore overtime funding for the New York Police Department in the 20th, 24th and Central Park Precincts. Overtime is an effective way to supplement the ability of the police to respond to changing circumstances and create a presence when needed. With the use of certain data models for permanent assignment of officers, the use of overtime is needed to fill in gaps of coverage, respond to exigencies, and evenly distribute workflow, and will enable officers familiar with their own precincts to be the ones to respond to such exigencies and needs. Additionally more officers are needed to be on the street in various locations where these problems are most egregious.

#### **Needs for Emergency Services**

The pandemic highlighted the importance of emergency services in the District. The Fire Department played a major role along with the Police Department in keeping the community safe. EMT and the ambulances of area hospitals worked tirelessly to provide care and get patients safely to hospitals. Local hospitals and medical facilities, and pharmacies have been invaluable in caring for residents, providing Covid-19 vaccination and testing sites. We are indebted to and proud of the continuing courageous work by our Fire and Police officers. They work closely with other City agencies to maintain the public safety during storms, floods, fires, and infrastructure breakdowns. They are too often the unsung heroes.

Provide sufficient funds for the Fire Department for overtime and for infrastructure.

More funding is needed for the NYPD Sex Crimes Unit to increase staffing and reduce caseloads.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Manhattan Community Board 7

### Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

The rat population has expanded dramatically.. Speculation is that rats relocated from the central business district as workers moved to remote work. Outdoor eating, and its attendant garbage has expanded in the Upper West Side, so did the rat population. Community District 7/M has many buildings with signs of rats and failed inspections compared to other districts. In addition to expanding current initiatives (such as the expansion of rat-proof trash cans by the Department of Sanitation), new approaches to the rat problem would include working with businesses to eliminate rat-friendly conditions, shifting pickup times to make sure trash is not left out overnight, continuing and publicizing education programs like the Rat Academy, and prioritizing high-risk areas using GIS and data tracking to target trouble spots and pinpoint rat dens. In addition, education of building managers, tenant associations, block associations and enforcement by the Department of Sanitation are essential to controlling the pest population in a safe and effective manner.

### Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

Factors that complicate efforts to address the impacts of climate change on our District include the fact that most development is allowed to proceed as-of-right without robust environmental review. Storm drains, roadways and open spaces are frequently flooded by the increased frequency of major storms.

it is incumbent upon the City to require all new development to review existing loads for water, sewage, electrical and sanitation (composting and garbage collections). The City needs to develop more incentives to encourage energy efficient and green design construction. This will require changes to the Zoning Resolutions and funding for these initiatives for those who are barely able to conform to current regulations.

The City needs strategies to address forecasts that climate change - rising sea levels and more frequent catastrophic storms - will overwhelm storm sewers and drainage runoff systems, which then discharge human and solid waste into the Hudson River.

The City needs to continue upgrading its water pumping stations and network of pipes.

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Because the rat population continues to increase, additional solar trash compactors and trash cans are needed, and it is essential to maintain litter basket collection at 7 days a week. The increase in Park visitors has also increased trash volume, which contributes to flooding by clogging drains. The exposed waste, mostly food, has led to an explosion of the rat population. Solar trash compactors (such as the "Big Belly" are needed in Verdi, Strauss, and Riverside Parks, as well as a variety of playgrounds in the district. Additionally, more trash cans are needed throughout the district - at least two on blocks with greenmarkets and one on all other blocks.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
15 / 27	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
18 / 27	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Manhattan Community Board 7

### Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Condition of public housing**

The lack of affordable housing is the highest priority issue in Community District 7, contributing to a range of social and economic crises among residents. The three major complexes in the district run by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) -- Amsterdam Houses, Stephen Wise Towers and Frederick Douglass Houses -- together comprise a significant portion of the local affordable housing stock. Recently NYCHA placed Wise Towers and many of the small buildings in its vicinity into a Rental Assistance Demonstration program which will maintain and manage those buildings. The remaining buildings, which will continue to be managed by NYCHA, have been poorly maintained for decades. Problems include the need for improved security, facility repairs, non-working boilers, unreliable elevators, need for effective and efficient mold and lead remediation, and lack of affordable, reliable broadband service necessary for connecting residents to educational programming, tele-health, social services and workforce opportunities. The complexes suffer from inadequate resources for youth and senior programs and poor sanitation services. In addition, residents and local officials face a lack of accountability from NYCHA management and a labyrinthine process for troubleshooting and redressing on-going maintenance needs. Community District 7 requests increased capital and expense funding for NYCHA to address these problems as well as more responsiveness to tenant and community concerns.

#### **Needs for Housing**

See budget requests.

### Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Needs for Land Use**

Preserving the character, place and quality of life for all is a guiding principle of urban land use. In the past few years there have been lawsuits against excessively high, non-contextual buildings and zoning lot mergers in Community District 7. The construction on these sites was unexpected, leading to vigorous community opposition, and creating negative environmental impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, including loss of air and light as well as permanent shadows on parks and playgrounds at various times of the day.

Greater community involvement in rezoning is critical. All zoning loopholes permitting out-of-scale construction should be closed. Reforms to the Bureau of Standards and Appeals should support this effort. The Lincoln Square Special District requires rezoning to include the former properties where ABC has had their studios on Columbus Avenue, West 66 and West 67th Streets. Community Board 7 has joined with Landmarks West in supporting a ULURP application to that effect.

Provide funds for inspection of sidewalk sheds and scaffolding to ensure that sheds and scaffolds are not left in place for unreasonably long times while no work is being done.

Provide funds to the Department of Buildings for additional inspectors to inspect buildings during construction.

#### **Needs for Housing**

The City should expand the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program to all new residential and mixed-use buildings rather than confine it to a few rezoned areas in poorer neighborhoods. New buildings would be required to allocate 20 percent of floor area to permanent rent-restricted apartments for lower- and middle-income households. New affordable housing is needed on a vast scale, with availability in diverse areas with differing economic structures, sometimes known as Universal Affordable Housing. This change would increase needed economic diversity.

Developers need to be incentivized to include a mix of income levels in any new developments in the District. There has been a significant reduction in the availability of housing that is accessible to those with incomes at 100-150 percent of Area Median Income. Rents are at an all-time high, making homes inaccessible to young adults (including those who cannot afford to live in the communities in which they grew up), as well as to young families and older people who have lived in the neighborhood for decades. New construction all too often creates residential units that sell or rent at luxury rates beyond the reach of many New Yorkers with moderate incomes.

The City could require special permits for buildings over a certain size to provide permanent affordable housing in those buildings based on the amount of additional height resulting from zoning lot mergers and transfers of air rights. District Need: The City needs to investigate the potential for funding the conversion of vacant and/or underutilized hotels into permanent affordable apartments, with supportive services if needed, managed by a local service provider, thus providing permanent housing for families and single adults.

The City needs to survey publicly-owned land in the district and under-built lots, including lots containing one-story firehouses, police stations, libraries and other community resources which have the potential to be developed into new facilities for these City agencies, incorporating affordable housing above.

The SROs that are currently threatened with conversion should be purchased by the City through the Neighborhood Pillars Program creating rent-regulated units managed by nonprofit housing providers.

Prevent landlords from warehousing apartments to make them available to renters.

Funds are urgently needed to provide legal assistance to the increasing number of residents facing evictions.

### **Needs for Economic Development**

Prior to the pandemic it was becoming difficult for many retail and local small businesses to survive. Both "mom-and-pop" and chain stores were shuttering at an alarming rate. Banks started shuttering branch offices and large chain pharmacies did as well. Those who are still able to work from home rely heavily on shopping on the internet and using services like insta-cart for home delivered food and supplies. Delivery businesses are thriving, while local merchants suffer. Double parked delivery trucks clog the already congested streets. Bike delivery personnel are timed by how fast they deliver food to customers, which creates havoc in busy bike lanes and on the street. New rules by the Department of Transportation have been a big help to local restaurants, coffee shops and bakeries, allowing them to create outdoor dining in protected areas on the street.

Our local cultural institutions are attracting local residents and tourists. The City and State need to continue to ensure that businesses, restaurants and cultural institutions are able to thrive in our District. Our three Business Improvement Districts have been working around the clock to keep their areas clean and safe and to improvise on ways to help their area businesses.

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## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 20	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments
2 / 20	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD
3 / 20	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## Manhattan Community Board 7

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.)**

Community District 7/M is seeing increasing numbers of bicycles, ebikes, scooters, escooters, motorcycles, skateboard, eboards motorized vehicles, and delivery trucks competing for space. Not all vehicles and pedestrians follow the traffic rules. The Department of Transportation has taken numerous steps to address the increased congestion and potential for injury, including implementing safety upgrades at many intersections, including the West End Avenue Corridor. Manhattan Community Board 7 supports the use of tools that will improve safety, including: curb extensions, pedestrian islands, protected bike lanes, mid-block bulb-outs, split-phase signals, leading pedestrian intervals, raised crosswalks, left turn bans, Barnes Dances, narrowed lanes, abrupt changes in road surface, and lower speed limits - all tools which, when implemented district-wide, could reduce speeding and failure to yield (two leading causes of pedestrian deaths). Continuous and consistent enforcement of the 25 mile per hour speed limit, and the 20 mile per hour speed limit around all schools, would improve pedestrian and student safety. Major concerns are the failure of all vehicles, bikes, ebikes, scooters etc to yield to pedestrians, running red lights, and bikes, ebikes, scooters riding the wrong way and riding on sidewalks. Protected crosstown bike lanes are needed.

### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

See budget requests.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Managing Competing Street Uses The "Complete Streets" on Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues create new challenges to balance the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and local businesses. Loading Zones are a serious concern for local businesses and residents, because they reduce curbside parking. Some have argued that raising the price and timing of metered parking would increase turnover at available curbside spaces. Double Parking is a problem on all the Avenues in CD7/M. . The mixing zones where motor vehicles enter the bike lanes to turn create a danger for cyclists who are often in the blind spot for the driver of the vehicle, and there have been some serious injuries.

Pedestrian Islands provide refuge and shorten crossing distances for pedestrians and thrill gardeners who enjoy tending the tree pits.

Shared Sidewalks are Overcrowded The proliferation of food trucks and sidewalk vendors frustrates Upper West Siders because of the lack of enforcement and/or licensing. Street furniture (newsstands, bus shelters, bike racks, news boxes, mail boxes, benches, etc.) and sidewalk cafes. Community Board 7/M encourages a comprehensive approach to optimizing shared use and management of sidewalks to eliminate obstructions and visual clutter. .

Car ownership by residents of the district is down, and there is excellent public transportation in the District. Increasing the amount of free parking would likely contribute to increased pollution, congestion, frustration, etc. The goal is to balance the need for access to motor vehicles while minimizing the negative aspects.

Responsibly Regulate Emerging Technologies Explore new technologies that can be implemented in the district as a way to safely and more equitably move people, goods and services within the District and throughout the City. These technologies include bike share, pedal-assist and motorized bikes, ride share/ride hail, electric scooters, autonomous vehicles.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

During the pandemic the MTA made major cuts to train and bus service. Ridership went down. Ridership is still not back to pre-pandemic levels. Community District 7 had the third largest number of subway riders in the City. Service cuts have caused off-peak trains to be overcrowded.

More frequent service on all subway I lines, especially the C. Many people are afraid to use the subway due to the increase in reported crime

Transit signal prioritization is needed on major bus routes.. Additional bus lanes with enforcement cameras are needed. Additional on-street supervisions to improve Transit's response to operating conditions, especially on weekends; the M104 service should be extended back to East 42nd Street; M11 service level needs to be expanded to meet the new levels of ridership by seniors; M60 Select Bus Service needs to be extended South to 96th Street; and the M96 bus route needs to upgraded to Select Service.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
11 / 20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
12 / 20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
13 / 20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
14 / 20	DOT	Upgrade or provide new Select Bus Service (SBS) routes
15 / 20	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests
16 / 20	DOT	Brick and Stone Treatment on West 94th
CS	DOT	West 94th Brick and Stone Treatment

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
19 / 27	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests
20 / 27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Manhattan Community Board 7

#### Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Quality of parks and park facilities**

Each child in Community District 7 needs a nearby playground in good working condition that is clean, updated and inviting. With the stresses on young people from disrupted school and family life during the pandemic, access to safe places to exercise is more important than ever. Unhappily, the quality of play space across the district is dramatically uneven. Equity and inclusion are increasingly recognized as issues in park funding and management. Certain parks, most notably Central Park through the Central Park Conservancy, and to a more modest extent Riverside Park through the Riverside Park Conservancy, enjoy access to private donations and independent fundraising. Smaller neighborhood parks in Community District 7, like many similar spaces throughout our City, have no or limited access to such funding. Within Community District 7/M, the disparity in access to funding and its impact on the experience in public open space can readily be demonstrated by a comparison of the overall conditions of playgrounds north of West 96th Street versus those to the more affluent south. Community Board 7/M urges the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide funds to prioritize upgrades to -- Frederick Douglass Playground. . It is used by a large population because it is adjacent to Frederick Douglass Houses (a large public housing complex) and several area schools. This project is ideal for the Community Parks Initiative, which decentralizes the task of meeting local needs by inquiring directly of local users and neighbors of parks and playgrounds what resources they most value, and in what priority certain investments should be made.

##### **Needs for Parks**

See budget requests.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Needs for Parks**

The parks, playgrounds and public plazas provide essential outdoor space for residents and visitors to the district. They are essential to health and well being. They became even more valuable resources during the pandemic. One of our guiding principles is that everyone have access, within walking distance, to outdoor space. There is a need to re-imagine how play and other spaces can be organized and used to provide for a variety of users and abilities. Environmental impacts must also be taken into account in both planning and upkeep of facilities. Critical funding for all parks in the District that are equitable and inclusive.

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

Museums, theaters and other cultural institutions are important for our community offering education, entertainment, and social outlets for residents and tourists. They are essential to the economy of the District. Visitors to these institutions spend money in local shops and restaurants, helping these businesses to remain open.: The City needs to provide adequate funding for these important cultural and economic resources.

##### **Needs for Library Services**

Manhattan Community District 7 hosts four branches of the New York Public Library System (NYPL), including three circulating branches--St. Agnes, Bloomingdale and Riverside---and a research branch, Library for the Performing Arts, that serves local and city-wide needs in support of the cultural activities of the City. The role of Libraries in the district has expanded over the past decades as the needs of their constituents changed. No longer the primary source of reading material, libraries have taken on the role of "community center". They provide access to classes in technical training, career building, social and recreational outlets and educational advancement. Recently they have served as polling stations, cooling centers and Covid-19 vaccination sites. Service has been expanded to serve senior centers, nursing homes, places of incarceration and a

Bookmobile service. The Covid-19 Pandemic forced libraries to become more innovative in programming, moving many services online. In collaboration with Lincoln Center, an outdoor reading room was created. The Department of Education used the St Agnes Library as a learning lab/day care center. Manhattan Community Board 7 endorses the NYPL request for FY2026,

### **Needs for Community Boards**

Manhattan Community Board 7, as for all public agencies, serving the community has required ingenuity and flexibility, as Board meetings and outreach to the public became hybrid.

Uncertainties regarding future changes to the Open Meeting Law continue to impede planning.

Technical support from the Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications and the Manhattan Borough President on managing hybrid meetings is an ongoing need. Additionally operating costs continue to rise.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
5 / 20	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
6 / 20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
7 / 20	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
8 / 20	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
9 / 20	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
10 / 20	DPR	New Public Restrooms in Parks
19 / 20	NYPL	Upgrades for Performing Arts Library
20 / 20	NYPL	Community Facilities at Bloomingdale Library
CS	DPR	Public Restrooms in Parks
CS	NYPL	Doors for Performing Arts Library
CS	NYPL	Upgrade Switchgear at Performing Arts Library
CS	NYPL	New Doors at Performing Arts Library
CS	NYPL	New Doors at Performing Arts Library

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 27	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL
14 / 27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
16 / 27	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
17 / 27	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
27 / 27	OMB	Other expense request

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### 1 of 25 More affordable housing

Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households

HPD

Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of: Mitchell-Lama, Section 8 housing, as well as rent-controlled and rent-regulated apartments, has caused areas in CD6 to become increasingly more income segregated. Statistics from ANHD indicate that almost 43% of renters in our district are rent burdened, and (through SPARC and Innovation East) the City and State are now dedicating large parcels to other uses that CB6 had anticipated using for housing, resulting in a net loss of permanent affordable housing. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to preserve and develop NEW low- and moderate-income housing in CD6.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Thank you for this request. We agree that your district needs more affordable housing development. HPD will continue to maximize the use of all affordable housing tools, including but not limited to subsidy, tax exemptions, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to projects in our development pipeline in your district and throughout the Five Boroughs.*

#### 2 of 25 Public Bathroom Facilities

Other capital budget request for DOT

DOT

CB6 continues to receive complaints about individuals, many of them New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, urinating and defecating in parks, POPS, and the street. Individuals do not relieve themselves in public as a choice; they are forced to do so as the City has failed to provide them with public restrooms and handwashing stations. We note that constructing new public restrooms is a priority for the Manhattan Borough President and a coalition of Manhattan Community Boards, but progress has been slow. We ask that the City construct at least three new public restrooms in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) in the coming year, including by finding suitable sites to place a few of the automatic public toilets purchased over a decade ago that currently sit in a DCAS warehouse waiting to be installed. Our highest priority is a restroom facility, or more than one, in the vicinity of Bellevue South Park, Bellevue Hospital Center, the Men's Shelter, and the Children's Center.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. The agency is planning new installations of Automatic Public Toilets (APTs) citywide and has identified a potential site near the 34th Street Ferry landing. We have also heard from SolarOne regarding their interest in installing public facilities around Stuy Cove Park. However, our team has identified additional complications with the site at 34th Street. Additionally, the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is planning to build a bathroom for Parks at the playground/tee ball field located at 18th Street and Avenue C. This facility is currently in the procurement process and is expected to open in at least a year, bringing a permanent restroom option to the area. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is open to considering other locations and is willing to collaborate with the Community Board to identify suitable sites.*

#### 3 of 25 Provide more supportive housing

Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless

HPD

CB6 asks that additional supportive housing facilities be built in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), with allocated funds from the supportive housing that has been funded through New York State's budget. As CD6 currently has only one supportive housing facility, Kenmore Hall (with one more under construction), and especially given CD6's proximity to many public health facilities that support this population, CB6 asks that additional supportive housing units be built in CD6.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD will continue to fund the construction of supportive housing from the development pipeline to maximize available resources.*

**4 of 25 Provide More Housing for Seniors and the disabled**

HPD

Provide more housing for seniors

There is little supportive housing dedicated to seniors in CD6. While some privately-funded accommodations are available, they are expensive and out of reach for most seniors. CB6 is currently reviewing potential sites for senior housing and asks the City to join us in filling this important need in our community and give significant weight to community input in the selection of the type and location of such services.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. HPD would welcome the opportunity to hear further from the Board on potential locations where supportive housing can be located. If the Board is in touch with property owners that are interested in advancing supportive housing or senior housing projects within CB6, we would also welcome the connection and/or encouragement for them to contact HPD for an intake meeting.*

**5 of 25 ADA-compliant subway stations**

NYCTA

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan which got delayed because of the COVID pandemic. We urge that these upgrades be made as soon as possible.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**6 of 25 New Park in Community District 6**

DPR

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The Department of City Planning confirms Manhattan Community District 6 has "the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts". To remedy this, three underutilized City-owned sites along the East River should be repurposed as park space. There are two prime City-owned waterfront spaces at 34th Street: an 11,000 sq ft property that is currently used as a parking lot and a 40,000 sq ft heliport that adversely impacts the quality of life of nearby residents and was the origin of the helicopter that crashed into a Midtown office building on June 10, 2019, killing the pilot. There is also the approximately 60,000 sq ft of City-owned waterfront space (the former Water Club site) at 30th Street that is now vacant and would better serve the community as park space.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. We are working with EDC to transform the parking lot at 34th Street into a passive recreation space available to the community.*

**7 of 25 Municipal facilities for CD6**

DCAS

Other capital budget request for DCAS

While CB6 secured a 10-year lease on office space as of 5/29/2018, the space is not large enough to accommodate our monthly Full Board meetings, which are mandated by Sec. 2800(h) of the City Charter. CB6 holds 11 meetings every month, some of which convene as many as 100 people. Venues in the district are unwilling to allow public meetings, are too expensive to rent, or lack the technological setup to effectively host meetings, so CB6 frequently struggles to find meeting space. CB6 therefore requests a larger office at a city-owned site within the district. We request that the city consider adding space for CB6 at 425 E 25th St and 455 1st Ave, which are currently slated for redevelopment by EDC. A 5,000 sq. ft. office space with a 100-seat capacity meeting room would meet CB6's needs.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DCAS does not have a conceptually approved Space Request for this. The community board should submit a Space Request to DCAS/OMB for OMB conceptual approval. The CB should contact DCAS Real Estate Services, Hannah Marcus at hmarcus@dcas.nyc.gov for information on completing a Space Request Form*

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

CB6 requests repair of the underlying structure of the park which has deteriorated with visible sink holes developing. The project is listed as a capital project on the Parks Department Capital Project tracker, with a design completion date of December 2023. We ask that this project be started immediately.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The design work was completed last June, and the project is currently in the post-design phase until all the permits are approved by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYC Department of Small Business Services. Please note that Parks is not in control of the regulatory agency permit review and approval schedules. After the permits are approved, the project will go through the procurement phase, during which bids will be solicited and the contract hopefully awarded. Construction is expected to begin Fall 2026 and to last for 18 months. This project will structurally repair the waterfront bulkhead but does not include topside improvements so the existing sinkholes will need to be addressed separately.*

**9 of 25 Access to water at East River Esplanade (from East 36th – 41st St.)**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The five-block existing area (aka Glick Park) lost power and water after Hurricane Sandy and 11 years later, only the electricity has been restored. Adding water infrastructure along this five-block area would open up opportunities for a wide range of uses including watering of plantings and cleaning that are not feasible at this time and most importantly green this waterfront park.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We are going to try to fix the problem between 36th - 38th Streets and turn the water back on in the spring. We will look into whether a water line can be installed in the next three blocks ("New Wave Pier") as part of a future capital project.*

**10 of 25 Install/remediate drainage for curb cuts at intersections**

Install streetscape improvements

It is our understanding that the City has not completed its ADA obligation to install pedestrian ramps and curb cuts at various locations within our District. We can work with the City to identify the areas of most significant need and recognize budget constraints on such projects, but there is a pressing need to provide street accessibility to all residents. In addition, drainage at curb cuts can be an issue that cannot be left to an arbitrary review and work timetable. Inspection at the time of significant rainfall or snow/ice thaw is essential in adapting the schedule to the actual need as soon as possible.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The Pedestrian Ramp Program plans pedestrian ramps for construction after a particular street has been resurfaced. In the borough of Manhattan, a total of over 2,707 corners have been constructed since July 1, 2017. From this number, 2,479 corners are upgrades, and 228 corners are new installations. DOT received \$1.2B to fund capital pedestrian ramp contracts fully through FY 31. You can find more information about the construction status of pedestrian ramps and more info about our program by visiting our website and accessing our program progress map on our website.*

**11 of 25 Capital Improvements at Stuyvesant Square Park**

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Public safety and environmental health upgrades are needed at Stuyvesant Square, with restoration of park buildings, lighting and electricity repair the park priorities. The east building requires electricity, plumbing, and structure repairs to be used for storage and staffing. ConEd reports that it will not run electrical lines to the east building until building electrical repairs are made. The west building also needs repairs. LED lighting is needed for park lampposts on both sides of the park. The irrigation system and east fountain require repaired electricity. During a drought in 2022, the demise of a tree and many other plants in the park was attributed to the broken irrigation system.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The design process for the renovation of the parkhouse on the east side is underway. We are seeking funding in the FY 26 budget for the renovation of the parkhouse on the west side. The lighting has been upgraded to LED lights.*

**12 of 25 Renovations to the 55th St. Park in Sutton Place**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

CB6 requests \$2.6 million for renovations to the 55th St. Park in Sutton Place. The Park is in urgent need of repairs and is being subjected to vandalism. Recently a park bench was thrown in the East River. Improvements to the Park would make it more functional and welcoming to the community.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This project is partially funded. We are seeking the balance of funding that is needed.*

**13 of 25 Make Capital Improvements to Peter's Field**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Located adjacent to MS 104 and regularly used by many students and community residents, Peter's Field has long been in need of an upgrade. Community Board Six has received various complaints that the facility is not up to standard and, as such, decreases the enjoyment of the space--especially the basketball courts--and delivers a perception that the community is a victim of urban blight. The upgrade should be anchored by leveling and repainting the damaged, uneven and potentially unsafe court surface. Peter's Field is home to the only NYC Parks basketball facility in the district that has rims that do not allow nets, so regulation basketball rims, backboards, stanchions and nets should be installed.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Peter's Field received a major upgrade in recent years with the installation of a synthetic turf field, which covers most of the site. Funding is needed to renovate the basketball courts.*

**14 of 25 Lights for the St. Vartan Park Field**

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

CB6 requests lights for the St. Vartan Park Field.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding is needed to install sports lighting at the synthetic turf field.*

**15 of 25 Renovate Ralph J. Bunche Park**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

CB6 requests that the bluestone sidewalk at Ralph J. Bunche Park be reconstructed. The bluestone pavers have been deteriorating for years and are dangerous to pedestrians and those using walkers and wheelchairs. It poses ADA issues and potential liability issues for the City. We also note that this Park is opposite the south end of the UN property and is viewed by and used by visitors to the UN.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding is needed to renovate Ralph Bunche Park, including the bluestone sidewalk.*

**16 of 25 New intergenerational community center**

DFTA

Renovate or upgrade a senior center

Manhattan Community District 6 has a significant senior population, with 18.2% of residents aged 65 or older. The need for community spaces has become increasingly critical, especially in light of the loneliness epidemic exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We propose the establishment of an intergenerational community center in our district to address these challenges. This new center would provide essential services and programming for seniors while fostering connections across age groups. We request that CD6 be included in the decision-making process for the location and facilities of this new center, and we encourage the exploration of partnerships with existing City-owned facilities such as colleges and schools to maximize resources and programming opportunities.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will have to seek funding to develop the scope and cost of this request*

**17 of 25 ADA Accessibility at All Parks**

DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

CB6 requests that the NYC Parks Department comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and ensure that all Parks in New York City are ADA compliant.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Providing accessibility in our parks is a high priority for the Parks Department. It is a key objective of every park renovation and in other park improvements. As one example, we recently worked with the St. Vartan Park Conservancy to construct an accessible entrance and path in the garden at that park.*

**18 of 25 Begin Second Avenue Subway Phase 3**

NYCTA

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Manhattan Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to not delay this work. We understand that federal money and other sources will be challenged for the near term. However, this is an essential infrastructure project that is needed to ensure the vitality of Midtown Manhattan as a business and residential community.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**19 of 25 Renovate locker room/elevator at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

We have been alerted that elevators at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center need to be renovated and that locker rooms are in need of repair and updating. We are supportive of our recreation centers and among the repairs and renovations we would like to see any improvements that might allow faster re-opening of all or part of the facility if there is a future pandemic or required shut down.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This project has been funded.*

**20 of 25 Pickle Ball Courts at St. Vartan Park**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

More than 2500 pickleball and handball players in the St. Vartan Park community are in need of renovated courts in the west end of the park on each side of the handball wall. The four pickleball courts require resurfacing to create regulation-size and level playing surfaces, and appropriate lines for both pickleball and handball. The current courts have cracks and, as such, have been causing player injuries. The surface material currently used for the adjacent basketball courts would be a more appropriate playing surface. As pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport, there is a significant increase in space and time needed for pickleball players. The addition of more court lights and/or lampposts would allow more community members to use the courts.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding is needed to renovate the handball / pickleball courts.*

**21 of 25 Installing Irrigation Capability at Ralph J. Bunche Park**

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Ralph Bunche Park on First Avenue across the street from the United Nations Headquarters is in need of a water irrigation system for the park's plants. During a drought in 2022, the demise of many plants in the park was attributed to the absence of an irrigation system. The current system of volunteers periodically watering plants through hoses and watering cans is insufficient. With scaffolding in the park having been removed, there is a heightened need for care of sun-impacted plants. In 2022, community residents and visitors to what is known as the city's first peace park were denied a thriving park because of the lack of an irrigation system. Visitors include attendees of September's United Nations General Assembly, the world's largest annual assemblage of world leaders.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding is needed for a renovation of Ralph Bunche Park, which would include an irrigation system. The adjacent building has reinstalled scaffolding in the park.*

**22 of 25 Bus parking**

NYCTA

Other transit infrastructure requests

Numerous express buses that originate in the outer boroughs end their routes in or near Manhattan Community District 6. However, these buses have no suitable parking options and therefore park in our district's streets, taking away parking spaces from residents and blocking bus lanes. Residents frequently complain about express buses parking along 34th and 57th Streets, and in the 2nd Avenue bus lane. CB6 has passed resolutions in support of finding layover locations for these buses. A bus depot or other solution will remove obstructions from our bus lanes and increase parking availability.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**23 of 25 Capital Improvements at Peter Detmold Park**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

There are a lot of issues with the infrastructure, and its dog park needs improvement. It is also adjacent to the FDR Drive so safety design concerns have been raised by several members of the community.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The water infrastructure issue at Peter Detmold Park has been addressed by a recently completed capital project. Funding is needed to renovate the dog run and install new fencing.*

**24 of 25 Repair fountains in Glick Park**

DPR

New equipment for maintenance

Location: East River - East 36th Street &amp; East 38th Street

Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The water has been off for years after a storm flooded the pit and shorted out all the pumps. We are going to try to fix the problem and turn the water back on in the spring.*

**25 of 25 Capital Improvements at Asser Levy Recreation Center**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

The community is in need of significant infrastructure upgrades at the Asser Levy Recreation Center building, including the following. Replace, upgrade, and flood proof the center's windows. Locker room renovations are for the men's & women's locker rooms and handicap restrooms. This remodeling will provide new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks. The LED lights are needed for the indoor, intermediate pool. Additional requests include repairing the indoor pool dehumidifier/HVAC system and installing AC throughout the building, and the creation of a multi-purpose room for recreation activities including dance classes.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The upcoming capital project at Asser Levy includes the installation of air conditioning throughout the building. A future project includes replacement of the windows and facade work. Additional funding is needed for the locker room renovations and LED lighting for the pool. We are checking to see whether the dehumidifier/HVAC system for the pool needs to be repaired or replaced*

**CS Construct a Continuous Esplanade**

EDC

Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront

Our waterfront is a significant resource for our city and has for many years been a priority for CB6. Currently our community cannot access large segments of our waterfront because our waterfront esplanade has significant gaps: from 41st - 51st Streets, 54th - 56th Streets, and 57th - 59th Streets. In a city where we live in such close quarters, our outdoor spaces, especially our waterfronts, were lifesavers during the pandemic. The Department of City Planning confirms our district has "the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts". We urgently need an unbroken and accessible waterfront. The East Midtown Greenway will create a waterfront esplanade from 54th to 59th Streets, but CB6 requests a plan for connecting the stalled 41st to 54th Streets segment.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. This request is in progress.*

**CS Build pedestrian bridge to fix the "pinch point"**

DOT

Upgrade or create new greenways

Location: East River Esplanade - East 13th Street &amp; East 15th Street

From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and we hear from constituents that have been hit by bikes at this "pinch point." The Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. The bridge is currently fully funded with \$129M in City capital funds and we advocate for the project's swift progress, as creating a safe space for pedestrians and cyclists is an urgent concern here.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**CS Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

**DPR**

Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This project is currently underway.*

**EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS****1 of 14 Additional traffic enforcement officers in CD6**

Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

**NYPD**

The Mayor has several policies and programs meant to improve traffic flow and traffic safety in New York City, such as more protected bicycle lanes, dedicated bus lanes, and Vision Zero. However, because of a lack of traffic enforcement in our district, those policies and programs are left compromised. Protected bicycle lanes are compromised because of drivers interfering with those lanes. Bus lanes are compromised because other vehicles park in those dedicated bus lanes. Vision Zero is compromised because of vehicles that travel in a dangerous manner, therefore compromising the safety and lives of pedestrians. Additional traffic enforcement officers will be helpful in the carrying out of these initiatives.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**2 of 14 Additional PEP officers to keep CD6 parks safe**

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

**DPR**

Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks which appear to have ramped up during the pandemic; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South. If additional officers are not possible at this time, we urge that the current level of staffing continue and that the Department of Parks consider patrol routes to address changing needs.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Funding for additional PEP officers would be welcomed by the agency. With respect to the request regarding the current level of staffing, we do assign PEP officers to address changing needs in parks.*

**3 of 14 Have DHS police directly provide security at all homeless shelters in our district**

Improve safety at homeless shelters

**DHS**

Due to budget cuts, DHS Police was cut from many shelters in our district in favor of private security, producing poorer results to matters including keeping the shelters safe and de-escalation. CB6 seeks restoration of the DHS police presence directly in shelters.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. The Agency is regularly monitoring security needs at shelters, and responds as needed. DHS Shelter Security Management has a dedicated team of Peace Officers, known as the Provider Assistance Unit (PAU). This team focuses on supporting providers by ensuring that best security practices are followed. PAU assist in training provider security staff and help address security deficiencies at sites.*

**4 of 14 Funds to Research and Contract Restroom and Shower Services**

DHS

Other request for services for the homeless

We ask that the City conduct research on how the nonprofit and corporate sectors could help provide restroom and shower facilities to individuals experiencing homelessness. Models for providing restroom and shower facilities in this way currently exist in New York City, including in northern Manhattan and in Battery Park City, and the Manhattan Borough President has made it a priority to develop solutions to the problem. Research would include identifying appropriate locations, operational success experienced by the organizations, level of security required, costs, and a number of other elements. We hope the research would lead to contracting with one or more providers.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. At DHS drop-in centers, clients can access specialized services that meet immediate needs, such as: Hot meals and clothing; Showers and laundry facilities; Counseling, case management services, and connections to health care, including medical care and mental health care; Help finding a job or applying for benefits*

**5 of 14 Fund age-in-place support services for seniors**

DFTA

Other expense budget request for DFTA

We were pleased to see that some funds have been provided to support seniors living at home. For tens of thousands of seniors in Manhattan Community District 6 who remain capable of independent and semi-independent living, aging in place is the best way to remain in a comfortable and familiar environment, and retain their neighborhood connections and access to services and support. Our district has the third-highest proportion of residents over 65 in Manhattan and the tenth-highest in the city, and that proportion is increasing. As our residents age, we hope the administration will increase funding for this commitment.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Not sure what the request is.*

**6 of 14 Increase frequency of collection from public waste baskets**

DSNY

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

As a consequence of overflowing trash in public trash receptacles, trash ends up in the street creating unsightly and unhygienic conditions. We are requesting an increased frequency of trash collection from public waste receptacles.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.*

**7 of 14 Hire more staff for parks in CD6**

DPR

Provide better park maintenance

Manhattan Community District 6 needs increased staffing at parks, such as a dedicated district gardener, city parks workers, and additional welders. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening and accessibility. Also, non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in our district. The pandemic has resulted in an increase in park usage. And as a district lacking park space, maintaining what little we do have is crucial. We hope to see the budget for the Parks department increased beyond FY2024 levels, making up for the cut in the FY2025 budget.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Additional funding for M&O staff would be welcomed by the agency, but it should be noted that our parks are safer and better maintained than they were last year and we will continue to provide them with the care they deserve. In addition, funding was restored for the Parks Opportunity Program, an important part of our workforce that gives thousands of low-income New Yorkers six-month paid opportunities and training programs each year.*

**8 of 14 Increased enforcement funding for HPD**

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations

Renters in New York City depend on HPD to enforce housing quality and safety codes and to protect tenants from harassment and discrimination, and individuals working in affordable housing construction depend on HPD to enforce certain wage laws. The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) also depends on collaboration with HPD to enforce tenant protections at the state level. We understand that HPD's ability to do this important work depends on adequate funding for monitoring, investigation, and enforcement staff, and we ask that the city increase funding for such staff to ensure that applicable tenant and worker protection laws are enforced.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. The agency appreciates the advocacy for adequate staffing and funding of our Code Enforcement unit. In recent years we have increased our headcount of that division and will continue to support tenants throughout the city.*

**9 of 14 Traffic studies for Queens Midtown Tunnel entrance area**

DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

The entrance area for the Queens Midtown Tunnel is plagued by numerous problems: constant traffic backups, slow buses, and pedestrian safety issues. CB6 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation perform a comprehensive traffic study that can figure out how to best address these issues. CB6 requests a traffic study for the Queens Midtown Tunnel entrance area, with the study area being between 38th and 33rd Streets (north to south) and between the FDR Drive and 3rd Avenue (east to west).

*Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. The agency requests additional information from the Community Board.*

**10 of 14 Increased tenant protection and Right to Counsel funding**

HRA

Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services

Under the Right to Counsel (RTC) law, DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) must provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation and advice. City data shows that 86% of tenants with RTC representation remain in their homes. But New York State court data shows that due to a shortage of available lawyers, thousands of New Yorkers faced eviction proceedings without lawyers every year. Some tenants are also eligible for grants and subsidies that they do not apply for, which could make eviction proceedings unnecessary. We request that the city provide additional funding for DSS, both to completely fulfill its RTC obligation under law, and to support and advocate for tenants in ensuring they receive all the public support for which they are qualified.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Funding is in place to provide legal services for tenants facing eviction.*

**11 of 14 Budget increase for Community Boards**

OMB

Provide more community board staff

An analysis of the 12 Manhattan community board (CB) operating budgets (PS and OTPS only, as rent budgets vary from board to board) on July 1, 2024 by Manhattan CB6 revealed considerable variation in budgets among the boards. CB3, with the highest budget at \$291,434, has almost \$23,000 more to work with than the CB with the lowest budget (CB10). CB6 is 10th out of 12 Manhattan CBs in terms of operating budget. CB operating budgets (PS and OTPS only) should be baselined at \$325,000 and be equal in amount among all CBs. A budget increase to \$325,000, an infinitesimal amount in terms of the City's overall budget, would enable CBs to retain current staff, hire additional personnel, or invest in resources that benefit the community, such as urban planning consulting and current technologies.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. As of the FY 2026 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.*

**12 of 14 Increase library funding**

NYPL

Other expense budget request for NYPL

In previous years we have asked for additional electronic assets for libraries and staffing increases. However, the funding has not been baselined in the budget, making a reliance on future amounts precarious. We ask that the budget for NYPL and particularly for the branches in our district be increased to address upgrades to resources.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. NYPL supports increased expense funding for staffing. With City capital support, NYPL is investing in technology systemwide, including in CD 6.*

**13 of 14 A report to obtain community district level data on elder abuse**

DFTA

Enhance programs for elder abuse victims

With an aging population comes a greater need for attention to crimes perpetrated that are particular to seniors. Combating elder abuse, whether physical (domestic) abuse or the financial kind is critical in a district that has 18.2% of its population over the age of 65 (and growing). CB6 asks for additional funds to be devoted to specialized programs developed by the Department for the Aging to identify and prevent these situations. Additionally, more data on the extent of elder abuse in our city would be helpful in identifying needs in the district and citywide.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request,*

**14 of 14 Comprehensive coastal resiliency and flood risk study**

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

A comprehensive study of coastal resiliency and flood risk is required between E 25th St. and E 42nd St. east of First Avenue. This area houses human services infrastructure critical to the health and safety of Manhattan residents, such as Bellevue and NYU Langone Hospitals, and the 30th Street Men's Intake Shelter. Even a temporary loss of these facilities would put lives at risk and create extensive hardship. There are also residential apartment buildings, schools, medical practice offices, pet shelters, and other services. The DCP Flood Hazard Mapper shows the study area is vulnerable to flooding to varying degrees. The study is urgently required to ensure this area can maintain operations during coastal storms and that CB6 residents do not suffer the loss of essential services.

*Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. DCP notes that this is a repeat request from 2022, and DCP is happy to set up a meeting with our Capital Planning Division, DEP, OEM, and MOECJ to discuss this request. The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request. Please contact the Manhattan borough office.*