

***Statements of Community  
District Needs  
and  
Community Board  
Budget Requests***

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## 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) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 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.

## Disclaimer

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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

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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	Percentage 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	Percentage 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 4

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	103,245	100.00	131,351	100.00	28,106	27.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	8,712	8.4	11,444	8.7	2,732	31.4	0.3
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	103,245	100.0	131,351	100.0	28,106	27.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	18,259	17.7	23,249	17.7	4,990	27.3	0.0
White non-Hispanic	62,037	60.1	69,509	52.9	7,472	12.0	-7.2
Black non-Hispanic	6,403	6.2	9,075	6.9	2,672	41.7	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	13,556	13.1	22,933	17.5	9,377	69.2	4.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	610	0.6	1,258	1.0	648	106.2	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,380	2.3	5,327	4.1	2,947	123.8	1.8
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	69,598	100.0	84,357	100.0	14,759	21.2	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,059	87.7	75,001	88.9	13,942	22.8	1.2
Vacant housing units	8,539	12.3	9,356	11.1	817	9.6	-1.2

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 4

Manhattan Community District 4 (“MCD4”) is comprised of three neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen, and Hudson Yards. Bounded by 14th Street in the south; West 59th Street in the north; Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and Eighth Avenue north of 26th Street as its eastern border; and Hudson River to the west. MCD4 borders Greenwich Village, the Flatiron District, the Upper West Side and the Midtown central business district. Portions of several well-known areas exist within MCD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Market Historic District, the Ladies' Mile Shopping District, the West Chelsea Historic District and the Theater District. Other notable sites in MCD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, the Bella Abzug Park, the Vessel and The Shed, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Circle Line, the Javits Center, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Columbus Circle, Maritime Piers 56-99, the Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

## COVID-19

Covid -19 has obviously brought disastrous effects to our entire city but there is no mistaking that MCD4 has also been particularly adversely impacted. The impact to the Theater District and nearby restaurants, and the overwhelming relocation of the city's shelter population to our district, have all negatively impacted our district. The reductions in policing, sanitation, and the increase in vehicular traffic all represent a serious throw back to earlier eras, where homelessness and drug use plague our streets. And while funding was ultimately restored for a number of city-wide enrichment and social service programs, MCD4 still faces significant public safety challenges, a high rate of commercial vacancies and an affordable housing crisis.

## Community District 4 Trends

In addition to acute challenges induced by the pandemic, our district was already undergoing tremendous shifts. Since 2010, the population of MCD4 had grown 27.22%. This comes on the heels of a 20% growth between 2000 and 2010, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth is four times faster than New York City's.

As a result of rezoning, significant new commercial and residential development began to transform formerly industrial areas, leading to a growing stock of hotels and conversions to AirBnB. Large segments of our neighborhoods are under construction. The rapid increase in land value accelerated the displacement of many long-time tenants and small business owners, while the new benefits of development have yet to materialize. Members of MCD4 have strived for balance between the redevelopment of these areas with the preservation and expansion of the district's residential neighborhoods. A major priority, highlighted by the pandemic, is ensuring that new development helps produce more permanently affordable housing.

A consequence of the increased development is the enormous pressure put on existing transportation systems in the area. Overall, the rezonings and subsequent construction has contributed to the deterioration of the quality of life of residents of MCD4 as agencies like Sanitation, NYPD and others are too slow to recognize the trends and catch up on services and infrastructure for such a rapidly growing population. This mass of new construction is exacerbated by the development of large-scale proposals within MCD4, including Hudson Yards, Manhattan West, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel proposal, and the conversion of the Farley Post Office into the new Moynihan Train Station.

Massive increases in truck deliveries and for hire services are disproportionately affecting our district. Litter fills the district's streets as its litter bins overflow on corners, and trash collection continues to be a processed unchanged since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, filling sidewalks with garbage and taking space from pedestrians. Further, traffic congestion

caused by the Port Authority Bus Terminal and by the increased commuting by car through the Lincoln Tunnel are increasingly incompatible with the new residential zoning of the surrounding neighborhoods and more needs to be done to improve transit to drive down car-dependency.

MCD4 is intent on preserving the character of our neighborhoods while taking regional needs and changing dynamics, such as street dining and the legalization of cannabis, into thoughtful account.

## MCD4's Priorities Include:

- Ensuring a safe environment that allows all – residents, visitors and businesses -- to thrive;
- Maintaining neighborhood character and preventing displacement and eviction of residents and small businesses, to enhance diversity and positive neighborhood relations among disparate groups;
- Preserving affordable housing and creating additional affordable housing for people making a broad range of incomes (including Very Low, Low, Middle, and Moderate);
- Maintaining the stability of a long-standing local retail presence in our communities and preserving affordable commercial space for businesses, community, arts and cultural groups;
- Implementing the NYCHA Working Group Recommendations for the Elliot Chelsea, and Fulton Houses NYCHA developments;
- Developing a coherent safe, reliable, accessible, affordable and connected transportation infrastructure for our district, including increasing public safety in transportation, strengthening and improving public bus and rapid transit systems, expanding the NYC ferry network to the west side, and fostering a better balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles, particularly buses, all with the goal of improving air quality;
- Building new elementary and middle schools, to combat overcrowding and accommodate the rapidly increasing (+30%) school-age population;
- Creating additional green spaces to combat the lack of parkland;
- Increasing services to the homeless, seniors, people with disabilities, and youth;
- Addressing the quality of life issues associated with construction, a multitude of bars and restaurants and poor sanitation services; and
- Working with the City to ensure its commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (affordable housing, parks, arts spaces, ) are completed within a timeframe that addresses the looming threats of gentrification.

## Overall Most Pressing Issues:

The tremendous impact of COVID-19 and many ensuing policies and programs have transformed parts of MCD4. The dramatically increased density of at-risk populations, without sufficient planning or investment, has had a deleterious impact on the residents and business of MCD4. Meanwhile, massive rezoning actions on the West Side have created thousands of market rate units and made the neighborhoods of Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen very attractive and expensive. This increasingly expensive supply has accelerated the loss of affordable housing units and it is threatening the preservation of the neighborhood character with loss of diversity in residents as well as in businesses. This increase in population puts additional stress on an underfunded transportation system and has resulted in increased vehicular traffic through the Lincoln Tunnel, which continues to be a major safety and quality of life concern. The three most pressing and persistent issues facing Manhattan Community Board 4, as informed by a recent community wide survey as well as our deep experience as a board, are

1. Affordable housing
2. Public Safety
3. Traffic & Air Quality

Relevant MCB4 Resource Material

[MCB4 Affordable Housing Plan: https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/05/29-HHHS-Updates-to-MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-no-memo.pdf](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/05/29-HHHS-Updates-to-MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-no-memo.pdf)

[MCB4 Community Needs Assessment: https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/)

[https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4\\_ChelseaNYCHA\\_SlideshowEngagement\\_final\\_12-16-20.pptx.pdf](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4_ChelseaNYCHA_SlideshowEngagement_final_12-16-20.pptx.pdf)

## Recently Funded Requests

MCD4 would like to thank the administration, the elected representatives, and various agencies for their complete or initial funding to a number of requests included in MCB4's Statement of District Needs for Fiscal year 2022. Thank you for the following:

- the purchase and distribution of additional remote learning devices for public school students;
- funding to after school programs to conduct their programming virtually and/or in a socially distanced in person environment;
- secured initial funding for needed security cameras at Fulton Houses, 421 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street and P.S. 51 Elias Howe, 525 West 44th Street
- expanded funding for NYC homelessness outreach programs;
- expanded funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter;
- expanded HRA Anti-Harassment Legal Services to Manhattan Community District 4;
- expanded funding for all Open Street Programs;
- conducting a study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along the balance of 8th Avenue from 34th Street to 38th street and 43rd Street to 50th streets; and 9th Avenue North of 34th Street;
- approval for the installation of 4 sidewalk extensions per the study completed by the Community Board/and traffic engineers; and
- The relocation of the NYPD Tow Pound off of Pier 76 and initiated the design of additional park land in the Hudson River Park

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 4

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

For decades, Community District 4 has lost thousands of affordable housing units because of weak regulation of affordable housing by the state and city. This included demolition restrictions, illegal hotel conversion, and harassment of tenants by landlords. Only recently have state laws been strengthened to preserve and protect the existing affordable housing stock. The existing affordable housing has also been confronted by a tremendous increase in the development of new market rate and luxury housing. Through large re-zonings, the MCD4 community has achieved more new affordable housing through recent re-zonings and continued push for more affordable units, but the new numbers do not offset the units lost. Of continued significant importance is the preservation and creation of affordable housing at all income bands. Meanwhile, we must all commit to implementing the NYCHA working group recommendations for Harborview, Elliot Chelsea, and Fulton Houses NYCHA developments.

#### **Crime and public safety**

The impact of COVID and subsequent policies has dramatically increased the prevalence of homelessness and the severity of substance abuse related issues in MCD4. Additional support for mental health outreach, more funding for increased foot patrols, and overall improved coordination with MCD\$ stakeholders is needed in the district. More officers should be patrolling the streets by foot at regular intervals and be visible to the population; an additional goal should be to reduce the response time for complaints and to improve coordination with the community.

#### **Traffic**

Manhattan Community District 4 is home to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and Lincoln Tunnel, both of which greatly contribute to vehicular traffic and therefore pollution in our community. These facilities cause gridlock, diminish air quality, slow public transit, and negatively impact pedestrian safety and space. Additionally, massive new office complexes like Manhattan West and Hudson Yards, and major transportation hubs like Penn Station and the Moynihan annex, have further strained sidewalks, traffic and roadway infrastructure. This year the number of traffic fatalities has doubled and continues to be a very high concern amongst our citizens who engage in the largest share of commuting by foot in the city. Meanwhile, the overall growth in deliveries, and for hire vehicles is compounding the problems specific to our neighborhoods. Our district is home to major citywide distribution centers: USPS with the Farley Annex and major FedEx and UPS facilities on the west side. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic continue to grow, too. While bike lanes are being installed, pedestrians and cyclists regularly confront danger and quality of life issues as they fight for space with vehicles which also impede on public transit. Significant investment in sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements and public transit are needed to mitigate the continued increase in vehicular traffic. Finally, the quality of the commute for pedestrians has degraded, with impassable corners, long delays for sidewalk, bike lanes and corner repairs, poor sanitation due to closed retail stores, and lack of service for all, specifically for bus riders during snow storms.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 4

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Services to reduce or prevent homelessness**

Services to support the homeless and prevent homelessness Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years and significantly exacerbated by the pandemic. Large transportation hubs located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal (where issues of human trafficking occur) and adjacent Penn Station are a natural gathering place for the unsheltered. And, in a situation that only seems to be getting worse, many sheltered and unsheltered homeless people need social services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment. While this is not a new issue (it was noted in the Community Needs Assessment of MCD4 completed in 2020 by Change Impact), the Covid-related emergency relocation temporary hotel shelter sites have highlighted that location, size, and community consultation are important considerations for future new facilities.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

###### **Needs of people living with HIV/AIDS**

Needs for Health Care and Facilities in Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods have consistently been ranked with the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses among all five boroughs, almost four times the citywide rate. The recent re-opening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic along with long-standing community partners in our district, i.e., Ryan-Chelsea Clinton Community Health Center, Callen-Lorde, and Gay Men's Health Crisis, are crucial partners in this fight, but more resources are needed for the efforts to make PrEP, PEP, and rapid HIV testing more accessible to all members of our community district. Public awareness campaigns around safe sex and sexual health should also be expanded.

###### **Needs for Older NYs**

According to the US Bureau of the Census, there are 16,972 individuals (12.1%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the MCD4 partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the performing arts with many constituents living in MCD4), the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1700 unit Section 8

building with over 1100 seniors) to conduct a survey of seniors residing in MCD4. The survey identified several main priorities:

- Education/Outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE
- A campaign to identify and promote Age Friendly local business
- Expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical home visit programs
- Support services for caregivers of the frail elderly A housing agenda for older New Yorkers.

Additionally, the Community Needs Assessment completed in 2020 also concluded that seniors were one of the groups needing additional support specifically related to housing, finances, technology, transportation needs, translation services, and community space.

### **Additional needs for people with disabilities**

According to the 2010 Census there has been an 8.3 percent growth in our district of people with disabilities. The Committee identified several main priorities:

- Affordable Housing: Increase the proportion of affordable housing units in the community for people with disabilities.
- Tenant Education: Making sure residents living with disabilities know federal, state, and local housing laws and property owners' responsibilities to provide ADA access and accommodations.
- Additional city agencies must make all sidewalks and city owned facilities accessible.

### **Needs for Homeless**

Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years and is among the most frequently raised issues since the start of the pandemic. Large public facilities located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Penn Station are a natural gathering places for people without homes. Many of the homeless population need social services specifically around substance use and mental health treatment. The presence of very large homeless shelters, such as BRC, and drug rehabilitation centers has also brought major stress to the community. We are open to homeless shelters in our district, however, significant consideration should be given to the location and size of any shelter opening in our community, as should the need for long term planning around the establishment of a family shelter.

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

According to the NYU Furman Center, MCB4 represents the interests of the neighborhoods with one of the highest levels of income inequality in New York City. Our district is also home to three large public housing developments: the Chelsea-Elliot Houses, the Robert Fulton Houses, and Harborview Terrace.

MCB4's 2020 Community Needs Assessment found that families living in public housing or rent controlled units need affordable retailers such as grocery stores. As stated in an October 2017 letter, the Board is deeply concerned there are only four vendors in our district who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), all who happen to be small businesses. More resources are needed to help MCB4 residents access WIC providers and help more grocery stores become authorized WIC vendors.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>



## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DHS	<b>Provide new homeless shelters or SROs</b>	<i>Establish a standard family with children shelter that can provide a robust level of onsite services and programs in the district.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/54	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>The impact that COVID has had to New York City's economy has resulted in an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 believes further expansion of funds is necessary.</i>	
7/54	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing</b>	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for after placement support staff for homeless individuals and families that are selected through the DHS family preference program for the "Affordable New York" program. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs. Both the families coming from the DHS shelter system and the building management will benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition for a period of up to three months.</i>	
17/54	HRA	<b>Other homelessness prevention program request</b>	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i>	



18/54	DOHMH	<b>Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning</b>	<i>As referenced in the 2018 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave , Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>
20/54	DFTA	<b>Increase home delivered meals capacity</b>	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>
53/54	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>For nearly a year DOHMH inspectors have been dedicated to COVID response. Currently DOHMH has nearly no staff to inspect for rats and other pests. Reports made to the District Office of rat infestations have risen. If DOHMH inspectors are not rededicated to rat and pest inspections during Fiscal Year 2022 then additional funds need to be dedicated to hire pest management inspectors.</i>
54/54	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Increase funding to increase pollution monitors in CD4. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs. Air pollution increases incidents of chronic lung disease. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hells Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, MCD4 most likely is at particular risk from unhealthy air.</i>

## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

### **Manhattan Community Board 4**

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

##### **School and educational facilities (Capacity)**

The current number of existing and planned schools in MCD4 is not meeting the demand for seats of school-age children who are currently living in our community and the expected increase in students from all the new residential developments. As development continues, more children will enter our district schools, impacting schools already operating at full and at over capacity. Funds need to be allocated to both acquire space for new schools and upgrade existing facilities.

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

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

##### **The Challenges Facing Our Public Schools & Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic**

In March of 2020 the New York City Public School System was ordered to shut due to the spreading effects of Covid-19. Over a million students, thousands of teachers and school personnel were affected. The NYC Department of Education changed from a classroom teaching environment to at home virtual learning. Normal family schedules routines were upended. Thousands of devices were needed to be distributed to at home students and needs to be ongoing repair and replacement to these devices.

Teachers had to transition from in person teaching to remote teaching classrooms. Additional teachers and support personnel is needed in addition to continued professional development for remote learning. Cuts to the school budget has forced drastic reduction to all programs with the biggest impact on students with special needs.

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

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

Our schools are experiencing an increasing number of students living in temporary hotel shelters which are located in MCD4. These students bring new challenges and needs to the system. They include: lack of laundry services, lack of social service needs and lack of a housing specialist. Until New York City has eliminated the use of temporary shelters, these schools need to have permanent on-site social workers to address the challenges that these students and their families are experiencing.

In addition, as the population in our district continues to become more diverse, efforts should be made to mirror this diversity in our schools' teaching and administrative staffs, thereby enhancing the social development of our students.

New York City DOE needs to identify and provide additional support for schools with a high number of special needs students. Test preparation should also be available to all students as well as funds to make all schools ADA compliant as required by law should also be provided.

Our priority is to provide our students with the resources to enable them to perform at their best level and develop the skills needed to continue their education.

## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/30	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>Expand funding for reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools within Community District 4. Schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, however, the buildings internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure is inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	
10/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair or upgrades to touchless systems.</i>	
14/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Expand funding to the School Construction Authority for security cameras in the following schools: P.S. 33 Chelsea Prep – 281 9th Avenue P.S. 111 Adolph S. Ochs – 440 West 53rd Street P.S. 212 Midtown West – 328 West 48th Street</i>	
18/30	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Provide funding for needed roof repair at Manhattan Bridges High School at 525 West 50th Street. The leaking roof over the science labs are inhibiting students from utilizing the labs as well as hindering the school from having the out of date labs upgraded.</i>	525 West 50th Street
21/30	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	440 West 53rd Street
24/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Fund needed elevator replacement at the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex at 351 West 18th Street.</i>	351 West 18 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
25/30	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	320 West 21 Street
26/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Expand funding to auditorium upgrade project to include new HVAC system at the Business of Sports High School at 439 West 49th Street.</i>	439 West 49 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

CS	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>With schools operating a full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new district middle schools. Development on the west side, including Hudson Yards, will bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>PS11 Captial Needs: Complete Scope and fund Handicap Lift for universal access to the building. This school of approximately 950 students is not yet handicap accessible.</i>	320 West 21 Street
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>Food and Finance High School: Complete needed funding of \$2 million for a chemistry lab.</i>	525 West 50th Street
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Provide \$75,000 to complete P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street, to Rooftop Garden.</i>	525 West 44 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$100,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.</i>	317 West 52 Street
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>Arts &amp; Craftsmanship High School: Fund 10 Smartboards for classrooms.</i>	439 West 49th Street

## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/54	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>Expand and baseline funding for Licensed Social Workers in all schools within Manhattan Schools District 2, prioritizing Title 1 schools and schools with the highest numbers of Students in Temporary Housing.</i>	
12/54	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>Expand funding to outreach staff to increase the number of placement partnerships with for-profit and non-profit organizations in the city. Workforce development is vital, especially for our BIPOC youth. Tens of thousands of youths are turned away every summer as there aren't enough spots for all who are interested in participating.</i>	

26/54	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Continue and expand funding for DOE technical support to maintain and repair DOE loaned iPads. The DOE Help Desk process needs to be made more efficient and timely. DOE needs to identify schools that do not have replacement iPads for student use and provide those devices.</i>
44/54	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Many schools have set up lending libraries to encourage students and families to take books home for independent reading and read-alouds. Schools anticipate needing to continue to replenish these libraries as well as a continuing long-term need to purchase new publications for these classroom libraries.</i>
46/54	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>High School for Environmental Studies: Expand funding to purchase tablet/stylus sets for our teachers for use in instruction.</i>

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Manhattan Community Board 4**

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

##### **General crime**

Need for Increased Public Safety Measures Since May 2020 Hell's Kitchen has become the temporary home for over 1,800 shelter residents. Without adequate social services and poorly managed providers, the broader community has been confronted by open drug activity, hard narcotics sales and use, verbal harassment, physical assaults, public acts of lewdness, urination and defecation outside our homes and businesses each day. Recognizing NYPD has created the Business District Recovery Initiative focusing on quality-of-life issues in the midtown area, we still need more resources for increased foot patrols and visibility. Additionally, NYPD should be provided resources to help improve response time for complaints and coordination across agencies and community groups. Traffic Violations and Enforcement 83.5% of the district's population does not own a car. A full third of the population walks to work. In the last fiscal year, our community has seen an increase of 100% in fatalities in spite of robust street improvements. It is critical that the NYPD significantly increase its enforcement of speeding, running of red lights, failure to yield and gridlock which prevent pedestrians and cyclists from crossing the intersections safely and provide more traffic agents to protect pedestrians and clear intersections.

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

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

With the development of the Hudson Yards underway, a 50% growth in population in the last 20 years, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, the installation of new tourist destinations (the Vessel, Bella Abzug Park, Whitney Museum, High line) and commuter flows (#7 subway, Lincoln tunnel and Bus terminal), increased deliveries (Whole Foods/Amazon, USPS, FedEx and UPS distribution centers in our districts) and new schools (Avenues, Success Academy, PS 33) our current precincts are stretched to the limit.

The fact that we have four different precincts makes it very difficult to work cooperatively with all their officers. Expanding the resources and reorganizing the precinct footprints to reduce their numbers would go a long way toward an improved collaboration between the population and the precincts.

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

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

The West of Manhattan has become more residential with larger and larger residential buildings being built. Additional FDNY/EMS facilities and services will be needed in this growing area. The impact of global warming has become a significant concern and FDNY/EMS stations must become more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
30/30	FDNY	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/54	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD staff resources requests</b>	<i>Increase funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. More of the CD4 area should benefit from these outward facing crime prevention initiatives.</i>	
3/54	NYPD	<b>Increase resources for other crime prevention programs</b>	<i>Provide additional funding to the four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. These events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships. In particular, targeted outreach to under served populations such as people of color, LGBTQ, and any other under represented populations. These type of events can have positive impacts on both the community and the officers.</i>	

24/54	NYPD	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>Fund and deploy 9 traffic officers to increase enforcement of the following traffic violations: vehicular spill-back, parking in no standing, bus drivers using unauthorized routes, vehicular idling, bicycles riding on sidewalks, wrong way on bike paths and streets, running red lights, Illegal electric bikes, vehicles blocking bike lanes, and unnecessary honking.</i>
48/54	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Manhattan Community Board 4

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

##### **Air quality and pollution**

MCD4 suffers from a disproportionate amount of vehicle-generated pollution because of the Lincoln Tunnel and Port Authority Bus Terminal. Increased reliance on vehicles-for-hire (VFH) and private car use has further clogged our streets and increase air pollution. Street sanitation and littering along all of our avenues has increased. Poor garbage storage and a reduction of basket collection has led to a serious pest control problem and increased litter making its way into streets, waterways, and parks. MCD4 does not have a sufficient number of DSNY staff and trash pickup trucks, despite its rapidly increasing population and the way by which public and private carting is handled in the City exacerbates litter and vermin problems throughout MCD4. Recycling needs to be maintained, and sites for commercial garbage storage must be developed wherever possible off-street to be used until shortly before pick-up. Compost site should also be vastly expanded in parks and in residential buildings in MCD4.

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

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

The entire coastline of MCD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District is categorized as High-Risk Flood Zones. As climate change brings greater threats to the city and our coastline, more of MCD4 will be at higher risk. Our antiquated sewer and water system with combined sewer overflows needs updating, as climate change inundates the system and forces raw sewage into the streets and basements of buildings. Upgrading the sewer system is a decades-long undertaking. MCD4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of MCD4 and the entrances to the Lincoln and Amtrak tunnels. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, MCD4 is at particular risk from unhealthy air affected by emissions from motor vehicles, especially from the diesel engines in trucks and buses. Another major cause of air pollution in MCD4 is carbon emissions from buildings still using "dirty boilers" that burn heating oil #4 and #6. Many of the buildings using these dirty boilers are rent-regulated and cannot (or will not) pay for the cost of converting to cleaner alternatives. Noise complaints from MCD4 consistently rank among the highest registered by DEP and are rising, especially at night, and now with outdoor dining becoming permanent, the problem of street noise and pollution from restaurants is critical as is the potentially conflicting uses of the sidewalks for eating venues and pedestrian walkways.

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

The board is very concerned with the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets that are often overflowing and attracting rodents. This situation has worsened and seen no improvement from previous years and needs immediate attention. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions (multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc.) have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on Ninth Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/30	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	
29/30	DSNY	<b>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</b>	<i>Restore cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for the purchase of additional electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	
CS	DEP	<b>Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds</b>	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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5/54	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</b>	<i>Service cuts to DSNY corner basket pickup must be reinstated to pre-pandemic levels of service. This service level must be baselined in the FY23 budget. CD4 now has just one basket truck operational per shift vs. two trucks before the pandemic, essentially cutting service in half. Funding is needed to staff the second truck and restore pre-pandemic service levels. Resource incremental services like the Precision Cleaning team that addresses overflowing baskets and supports response to sanitation issues reported via 311.</i>
10/54	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Monitor areas where residential trash is piling up, likely due to shifts in residential occupancy patterns resulting from the pandemic. Dedicate additional DSNY resources (more residential pickups) to those problem areas, in order to preserve sidewalk space and maintain sidewalk sanitation.</i>
16/54	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Restore universal curbside organics collection or equivalent availability of drop-off sites within close proximity of all residents in our district in order to bring the program closer to sustainable levels of scale. DSNY is currently targeting 1 drop-off site in each district. The district needs additional sites to make them more accessible to residents (e.g. at least one in Hell's Kitchen and one in Chelsea). MCB4 encourages DSNY to implement a composting education program for residents and building management</i>
19/54	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Syringes are appearing more frequently on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets. DSNY needs to implement faster response times for syringe pick-up. While headcount for this unit has been restored to pre-COVID levels of 12 agents, there is the need to further increase staffing to accommodate current conditions in our district.</i>
30/54	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules</b>	<i>Greater enforcement by sanitation police is needed to increase compliance with alternate side parking regulations. Greater enforcement by sanitation enforcement agents is also needed to ensure business owners comply with responsibilities for commercial trash and sidewalk cleanliness. DSNY enforcement agents are currently tasked with other COVID-related tasks.</i>

40/54	DSNY	<b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b>	<i>E-waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and should be restored in our district. DSNY should also look into other solutions for e-waste collection such as establishing more locations in our district including regular collection periods at DSNY garages.</i>
52/54	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>MCD4 has several DEP\DDC multiyear Sewer\Water projects in the district. Many times, these projects impact small business for multiple months. Funding for additional signage, social media support, and similar program funding needs to be mandated for each of the sewer/water projects.</i>

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Manhattan Community Board 4

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

##### **Affordable housing creation**

Increased pressures from re-zoning and development have diminished existing affordable housing stock and have made the need for new affordable housing even greater. In addition, through illegal demolition, illegal hotel conversion, and harassment, affordable housing stock has shrunk, and the commitments to create new affordable housing continue to be unmet. As a result, more permanently affordable units for individuals and families of different income bands are necessary for our community. The MCD4 Affordable Housing Plan offers a roadmap for fulfilling and developing more affordable housing units to at all income bands.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2021/01/29-HHHS-Updates-to-MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-01.04.21.pdf>

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

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

Years after both Hudson Yards and West Chelsea in 2005 and the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing, but many City commitments remain unfilled. Several items agreed to by the developers, the Administration, and the City Council await completion, including many affordable housing units. They need the commitment of financial resources from both the expense and capital budgets to support staff and implementation from the Department of City Planning), Economic Development Corporation, Housing Preservation and Development, and other relevant agencies.

##### **Needs for Housing**

MCD4's Affordable Housing Plan states that affordable housing within the district is critical to the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage, earners, and seniors. This mixed population includes many of the frailest and isolated members of our community and the backbone of the service and cultural economy essential to NYC. The City must free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in Chelsea & Hell's Kitchen. MCD4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve almost 10,000 units in our district. Unfortunately, MCD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring use in the immediate future. In addition, our district has been plagued by the illegal demolition of buildings that were "protected" by zoning enacted mainly due to the efforts of this Community Board. We have been fighting against these illegal demolitions, but the City needs to step up and do its part. It is unacceptable that 150 affordable housing units have already been lost because of dishonest landlords and inactive agencies. MCD4 faces additional problems from being home to the City's second greatest amount of illegal bed and breakfast conversions. Such usage is prevalent in rent-regulated housing and buildings that benefit from tax abatement programs such as 421- and J-51. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies between 8th and 9th Avenues from W. 42nd to W. 57th Streets. In that area, 62 buildings contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. West 51st Street alone includes 12 buildings with a total of 574 units. West 46th Street has 21 buildings with 289 units.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/02/29-HHHS-Updates-to-MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-no-memo.pdf>

##### **NYCHA and Chelsea NYCHA Working Group**

From the Fall of 2019 through the Spring of 2021 MCB4 participated in the Chelsea NYCHA Working Group. The Group included tenant representatives from the two NYCHA developments in the Chelsea area (Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Developments).

The Group included NYCHA Administration, the Mayor's Office, local Elected Officials, and many other stakeholder groups. The Group's goal was to devise and agree on a future development & financing plan to ensure the two developments had the capital resources they needed and preserve the tenants residents for the future while providing future development to occur.

The Group produced a report which laid out a detailed plan and delivered it to the City (see enclosed). The City issued an RFP and the NYCHA residents are now part of the selection process to choose the developer.

MCB4 feels confident that plan and the process will result in resolving long standing capital and expense needs for both NYCHA administration and residents. For these reasons, MCB4 did not include budget request for Chelsea Elliot and Fulton Houses.

[https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4\\_ChelseaNYCHA\\_SlideshowEngagement\\_final\\_12-16-20.pptx.pdf](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4_ChelseaNYCHA_SlideshowEngagement_final_12-16-20.pptx.pdf)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

### **Needs for Economic Development**

More than a decade after the re-zoning of the Hudson Yards (2005) and West Chelsea (2007), and nearly a decade after the re-zoning of the Western Rail Yards (2009), buildings have been built; residents have moved in. Businesses have opened, but the much-promised resources for housing and infrastructure have not been delivered: many of the City's commitments remain unfulfilled.

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## Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	525 W 55th St
3/30	EDC	<b>Other capital budget request for EDC</b>	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A ship docked for 24 hours can emit the equivalent of 12,000 cars passing through the neighborhood at a time. Creating a facility for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. EDC should work with the cruise ship companies to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	
4/30	NYCHA	<b>Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests</b>	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes cause great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	525 West 55th Street
7/30	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street &amp; 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	500 & 560 West 52nd St
12/30	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	413 West 46 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY



13/30	NYCHA	<b>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</b>	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	525 West 55th Street
15/30	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	
CS	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	495 11 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	EDC	<b>Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts</b>	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	
CS	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for 100% permanent middle and moderate affordable housing at the HPD developments committed to in the Western Rail Yards Points of Agreements. DEP Site: 705 10th Avenue MTA Site: 806 9th Avenue</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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6/54	DOB	<b>Other expense budget request for DOB</b>	<i>Fund and prioritize the updating of the DOB website so to flag and notify the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special District. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>
8/54	NYCHA	<b>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</b>	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>
23/54	DCP	<b>Other zoning and land use requests</b>	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts</i>
29/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>
32/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>
34/54	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>Study the effect of Open Restaurants text amendment on neighborhood character, noise, ADA accessibility and quality of life in Chelsea/Hell's Kitchen. Currently the new text amendment removes references to sidewalk cafes from the zoning text based on the premises that legislation and rules will be substituted, and the DOT will take over the administration of this program, without providing a substitute law to protect the community and without the input of the community</i>

37/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Increase funding for enforcement staffing to pursue due diligence with the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential. In particular, Increase the number of inspectors, community coordinators, and administrative associates.</i>
39/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Continued Support: Expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>
51/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Add resources to the longstanding shed program to address all sheds older than 1 year.</i>

### Manhattan Community Board 4

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

During COVID, drivers have significantly increased their speed on our avenues. Speed cameras should be installed on all avenues to make sure vehicles and motorcycles respect the 25 MPH speed limit. Split phase signals must be installed at every left turn movements, and signals should be coordinated in green waves for cyclists and pedestrians to reduce the running of red lights by cyclists. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. Due to sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete with each other for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic, made even more dangerous with addition of in-street dining structures. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained. Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lines are needed on 9th and 10th Avenue. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Pedestrian safety continues to be a dominant concern that is still not properly addressed. Speed cameras, split phase signals and proper crossing times must be installed as well as cameras to deter gridlock. Due to insufficient capacity and sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning.

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lanes are needed on 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. With numerous high-rise office constructions already completed on the far west side, building the West 41st Street subway station is becoming imperative to reduce the proliferation of jitneys and congestion. Scores of workers coming to and from Brooklyn need additional modes of transportation, such as ferry service must be enhanced to include a route from Brooklyn to the west side. And more ADA enabled taxis and for hire vehicles are needed to improve transit for ADA and seniors.

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/30	DOT	<b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	
6/30	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Convert painted pedestrian islands, extensions and neck downs to permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) including treat pits and trees. As committed by NYC DOT in the 11th Avenue project: 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands and West 57 Street to West 42 Street - convert 25 painted islands to concrete.</i>	
11/30	NYCTA	<b>Other transit infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	West 41 St 10th Ave 10th Ave
20/30	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	9th Ave West 55th St West 55th St
CS	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/54	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Fix 31 dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. At West 36th Street and 9th Avenue, West 45th and 8th Avenue.</i>	

11/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along the balance of 8th Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th streets; and 9th Avenue North of 34th Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow.</i>	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 34th St
14/54	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Install 4 sidewalk extensions per the study completed by the Community Board/and traffic engineers.</i>	
15/54	DOT	<b>Other expense budget request for DOT</b>	<i>Increase funding for enforcement of open restaurants.</i>	
21/54	DOT	<b>Other expense budget request for DOT</b>	<i>Expand Funding for all Open Street Programs. In particular, barricades planters , signage and street design for W21st, W22nd . programs and supplies that provide support to art and cultural organizations, and community partners that participate in the city's Open Streets programs. These groups look to safely socialize and enliven the streetscape.</i>	
28/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.</i>	10th Avenue West 13th Street West 59th Street
31/54	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	9th Ave 44th St 57th St
36/54	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue to create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians.</i>	
38/54	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Install curb extensions on Hudson Boulevard</i>	Hudson Boulevard West 33 Street West 33 Street
41/54	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>	

43/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.</i>	
45/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Relocate northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th street and close Dyer Avenue 10/Dyer north.</i>	
47/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Study the change in direction of W 59th Street to reduce travel time for Mount Sinai ambulances.</i>	
49/54	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Fund Study on pedestrian safety at 11th Avenue from West 20th Street to West 24th Street.</i>	11th Avenue West 20th Street West 20th Street
50/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>	

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Manhattan Community Board 4**

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

##### **Library facilities and access**

Although significant progress has been made in recent years relating to the number of parks and open spaces in MCD4, the huge influx in the number of residents to the District means that even these new spaces are overburdened. Further, the facilities of the Department of Parks and Recreation in our District provide other services, as emergency shelters, and providing support for other city agencies. Thus, support for our parks cannot be an afterthought but must be prioritized.

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

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

While several the parks in our District have received upgrades in recent years, much work still needs to be done. Restroom facilities in three major parks have not been upgraded in years, while other recreational facilities have been. Some parks received a renovation while bathrooms went untouched. This has resulted in bringing more people into our parks but not providing adequate comfort stations. Restrooms must be upgraded at all parks within MCD4. Such upgrades will also allow DPR to provide a full-time, on-site park keeper to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance. Funding should also be dedicated to support Green Thumb Community Gardens, composting, and pruning for street trees. Funding should also be directed towards full-time gardeners, maintenance workers, PEP officers, as well as seasonal aides and playground associates for the summer.

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

According to a study conducted by Innovative Theater Foundation and Columbia University in the Fall of 2008, close to 30% of performance spaces have closed within MCD4 in the last nine years due to development pressures. The presence of performing arts groups develop and give voice to new talent in areas of writing, performing, dancing, choreography, and directing. This vitalizes our New York City and our community, both culturally and commercially, on a block-to-block level. In addition, support services for theater and other artistic services within MCD4 in the areas of rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios have long been located throughout Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen. These services are also losing viable space due to development and real estate costs. The money generated from these industries provides employment and maintains the artistic life of the city. The Board is concerned with the loss of artists' studios in the District and the displacement of working artists.

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

Supporting and expanding the role of libraries as continuous learning and job centers.

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

Since the 1990s, budgets (outside of personnel services) have not been re-evaluated for inflation. Community Boards are repeatedly asked to do more with less and that cannot continue to happen. In the age of Zoom meetings and the need for hybrid meetings, Community board funding must be increased.



## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades. The Parks Department should engage the community in a design planning process to upgrade the facilities throughout and create a 21st Century Park for Hell's Kitchen.</i>	11th Ave. &, W 54th St
16/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Increase funding to an additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court; also drinking fountain and surface area and sidewalks</i>	West 26 Street 8/9 Avenues
17/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of resurfacing. The surface should smooth out and soften the asphalt, which is cracked and split throughout both the small and large dog run areas. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	11th Ave. &, W 54th St
19/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.</i>	
22/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street and between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	
23/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th &amp; 9th Avenues</i>	W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues



27/30	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>Increase funding for street tree pit guards to include existing trees. A number of existing tree pits have been identified as dangerous for pedestrians and for low vision individuals in particular. More tree guards should be used to resolve this problem, which presents a real danger to low-vision pedestrians.</i>	
28/30	NYPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)</b>	<i>Fund the needed elevator work at the Muhlenberg Branch at 209 West 23rd Street for the following amounts: \$110,912 - Elevator Replacement</i>	209 West 23rd Street
CS	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	10th Ave West 48th St West 48th St
CS	DPR	<b>Provide new type and/or specific type of program</b>	<i>Increase funding for fitness recreation equipment.</i>	

#### Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/54	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 20219 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>	
25/54	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park. The parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park.</i>	

27/54	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face.</i>	
33/54	DCLA	<b>Provide more public art</b>	<i>Provide funding for the restoration of the Arnold Belkin Mural at Mathews Palmer Playground, 445 West 45th Street. Current repairs to the wall on which the mural resides are happening now. Full funding in a timely would allow muralists to use existing scaffolding to finally complete the recreation of this important and historic mural in our district. The project getting completed by 2022 would allow it to be celebrated in time for it's 50th anniversary.</i>	445 West 45 Street
35/54	DCLA	<b>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</b>	<i>Fund ChaShaMa organization, and other arts programing and vacant properties programming, which dedicates funding to the transformation of empty retail locations into spaces that enable artists to create and present their work and the community to engage with it.</i>	
42/54	DCLA	<b>Other expense budget request for DCLA</b>	<i>Expand and continue to Fund Open Culture Legislation. Continue to cultivate a larger, more accessible artistic presence in our community for those who need a place to express their creativity and projects. Expanding the program so that more cultural organizations are eligible for the program at little or no cost.</i>	

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/54	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Fund the creation of an Educational Public Awareness Campaign to educate the public about the use of NYPD surveillance technologies and policies. And ensure they are fair and equitable and don't target communities of color.</i>	

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	525 W 55th St
2/30	DOT	<b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	
3/30	EDC	<b>Other capital budget request for EDC</b>	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A ship docked for 24 hours can emit the equivalent of 12,000 cars passing through the neighborhood at a time. Creating a facility for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. EDC should work with the cruise ship companies to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	
4/30	NYCHA	<b>Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests</b>	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes cause great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	525 West 55th Street
5/30	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>Expand funding for reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools within Community District 4. Schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, however, the buildings internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure is inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	

6/30	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Convert painted pedestrian islands, extensions and neck downs to permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) including treat pits and trees. As committed by NYC DOT in the 11th Avenue project: 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands and West 57 Street to West 42 Street - convert 25 painted islands to concrete.</i>	
7/30	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street &amp; 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	500 & 560 West 52nd St
8/30	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	
9/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades. The Parks Department should engage the community in a design planning process to upgrade the facilities throughout and create a 21st Century Park for Hell's Kitchen.</i>	11th Ave. &, W 54th St
10/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair or upgrades to touchless systems.</i>	
11/30	NYCTA	<b>Other transit infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	West 41 St 10th Ave 10th Ave

12/30	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	413 West 46 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
13/30	NYCHA	<b>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</b>	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	525 West 55th Street
14/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Expand funding to the School Construction Authority for security cameras in the following schools: P.S. 33 Chelsea Prep – 281 9th Avenue P.S. 111 Adolph S. Ochs – 440 West 53rd Street P.S. 212 Midtown West – 328 West 48th Street</i>	
15/30	EDC	<b>Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront</b>	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	
16/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Increase funding to an additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court; also drinking fountain and surface area and sidewalks</i>	West 26 Street 8/9 Avenues
17/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of resurfacing. The surface should smooth out and soften the asphalt, which is cracked and split throughout both the small and large dog run areas. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	11th Ave. & W 54th St
18/30	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Provide funding for needed roof repair at Manhattan Bridges High School at 525 West 50th Street. The leaking roof over the science labs are inhibiting students from utilizing the labs as well as hindering the school from having the out of date labs upgraded.</i>	525 West 50th Street
19/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.</i>	

20/30	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	9th Ave West 55th St West 55th St
21/30	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	440 West 53rd Street
22/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street and between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	
23/30	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th &amp; 9th Avenues</i>	W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues
24/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Fund needed elevator replacement at the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex at 351 West 18th Street.</i>	351 West 18 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
25/30	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	320 West 21 Street
26/30	SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Expand funding to auditorium upgrade project to include new HVAC system at the Business of Sports High School at 439 West 49th Street.</i>	439 West 49 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
27/30	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>Increase funding for street tree pit guards to include existing trees. A number of existing tree pits have been identified as dangerous for pedestrians and for low vision individuals in particular. More tree guards should be used to resolve this problem, which presents a real danger to low-vision pedestrians.</i>	



28/30	NYPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)</b>	<i>Fund the needed elevator work at the Muhlenberg Branch at 209 West 23rd Street for the following amounts: \$110,912 - Elevator Replacement</i>	209 West 23rd Street
29/30	DSNY	<b>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</b>	<i>Restore cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for the purchase of additional electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	
30/30	FDNY	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	
CS	DHS	<b>Provide new homeless shelters or SROs</b>	<i>Establish a standard family with children shelter that can provide a robust level of onsite services and programs in the district.</i>	
CS	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	495 11 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	EDC	<b>Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts</b>	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	



CS	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for 100% permanent middle and moderate affordable housing at the HPD developments committed to in the Western Rail Yards Points of Agreements. DEP Site: 705 10th Avenue MTA Site: 806 9th Avenue</i>	
CS	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>With schools operating at full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new district middle schools. Development on the west side, including Hudson Yards, will bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>PS11 Capital Needs: Complete Scope and fund Handicap Lift for universal access to the building. This school of approximately 950 students is not yet handicap accessible.</i>	320 West 21 Street
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>Food and Finance High School: Complete needed funding of \$2 million for a chemistry lab.</i>	525 West 50th Street
CS	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	10th Ave West 48th St West 48th St
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<i>Provide \$75,000 to complete P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street, to Rooftop Garden.</i>	525 West 44 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DEP	<b>Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds</b>	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	

CS	DPR	<b>Provide new type and/or specific type of program</b>	<i>Increase funding for fitness recreation equipment.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$100,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.</i>	317 West 52 Street
CS	SCA	<b>Renovate or upgrade a high school</b>	<i>Arts &amp; Craftsmanship High School: Fund 10 Smartboards for classrooms.</i>	439 West 49th Street

## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/54	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>The impact that COVID has had to New York City's economy has resulted in an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 believes further expansion of funds is necessary.</i>	
2/54	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD staff resources requests</b>	<i>Increase funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. More of the CD4 area should benefit from these outward facing crime prevention initiatives.</i>	
3/54	NYPD	<b>Increase resources for other crime prevention programs</b>	<i>Provide additional funding to the four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. These events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships. In particular, targeted outreach to under served populations such as people of color, LGBTQ, and any other under represented populations. These type of events can have positive impacts on both the community and the officers.</i>	
4/54	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Fix 31 dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. At West 36th Street and 9th Avenue, West 45th and 8th Avenue.</i>	

5/54	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</b>	<i>Service cuts to DSNY corner basket pickup must be reinstated to pre-pandemic levels of service. This service level must be baselined in the FY23 budget. CD4 now has just one basket truck operational per shift vs. two trucks before the pandemic, essentially cutting service in half. Funding is needed to staff the second truck and restore pre-pandemic service levels. Resource incremental services like the Precision Cleaning team that addresses overflowing baskets and supports response to sanitation issues reported via 311.</i>
6/54	DOB	<b>Other expense budget request for DOB</b>	<i>Fund and prioritize the updating of the DOB website so to flag and notify the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special District. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>
7/54	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing</b>	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for after placement support staff for homeless individuals and families that are selected through the DHS family preference program for the "Affordable New York" program. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs. Both the families coming from the DHS shelter system and the building management will benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition for a period of up to three months.</i>
8/54	NYCHA	<b>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</b>	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>

9/54	DOE	<b>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</b>	<i>Expand and baseline funding for Licensed Social Workers in all schools within Manhattan Schools District 2, prioritizing Title 1 schools and schools with the highest numbers of Students in Temporary Housing.</i>	
10/54	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Monitor areas where residential trash is piling up, likely due to shifts in residential occupancy patterns resulting from the pandemic. Dedicate additional DSNY resources (more residential pickups) to those problem areas, in order to preserve sidewalk space and maintain sidewalk sanitation.</i>	
11/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along the balance of 8th Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th streets; and 9th Avenue North of 34th Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow.</i>	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 34th St
12/54	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>Expand funding to outreach staff to increase the number of placement partnerships with for-profit and non-profit organizations in the city. Workforce development is vital, especially for our BIPOC youth. Tens of thousands of youths are turned away every summer as there aren't enough spots for all who are interested in participating.</i>	
13/54	OMB	<b>Other community board facilities and staff requests</b>	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>	
14/54	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Install 4 sidewalk extensions per the study completed by the Community Board/and traffic engineers.</i>	
15/54	DOT	<b>Other expense budget request for DOT</b>	<i>Increase funding for enforcement of open restaurants.</i>	

16/54	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions</b>	<i>Restore universal curbside organics collection or equivalent availability of drop-off sites within close proximity of all residents in our district in order to bring the program closer to sustainable levels of scale. DSNY is currently targeting 1 drop-off site in each district. The district needs additional sites to make them more accessible to residents (e.g. at least one in Hell's Kitchen and one in Chelsea). MCB4 encourages DSNY to implement a composting education program for residents and building management</i>
17/54	HRA	<b>Other homelessness prevention program request</b>	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i>
18/54	DOHMH	<b>Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning</b>	<i>As referenced in the 2018 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave , Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>
19/54	DSNY	<b>Other cleaning requests</b>	<i>Syringes are appearing more frequently on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets. DSNY needs to implement faster response times for syringe pick-up. While headcount for this unit has been restored to pre-COVID levels of 12 agents, there is the need to further increase staffing to accommodate current conditions in our district.</i>
20/54	DFTA	<b>Increase home delivered meals capacity</b>	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>

21/54	DOT	<b>Other expense budget request for DOT</b>	<i>Expand Funding for all Open Street Programs. In particular, barricades planters , signage and street design for W21st, W22nd . programs and supplies that provide support to art and cultural organizations, and community partners that participate in the city's Open Streets programs. These groups look to safely socialize and enliven the streetscape.</i>
22/54	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Fund the creation of an Educational Public Awareness Campaign to educate the public about the use of NYPD surveillance technologies and policies. And ensure they are fair and equitable and don't target communities of color.</i>
23/54	DCP	<b>Other zoning and land use requests</b>	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts</i>
24/54	NYPD	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>Fund and deploy 9 traffic officers to increase enforcement of the following traffic violations: vehicular spill-back, parking in no standing, bus drivers using unauthorized routes, vehicular idling, bicycles riding on sidewalks, wrong way on bike paths and streets, running red lights, Illegal electric bikes, vehicles blocking bike lanes, and unnecessary honking.</i>
25/54	DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park. The parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park.</i>
26/54	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Continue and expand funding for DOE technical support to maintain and repair DOE loaned iPads. The DOE Help Desk process needs to be made more efficient and timely. DOE needs to identify schools that do not have replacement iPads for student use and provide those devices.</i>



27/54	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face.</i>	
28/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.</i>	10th Avenue West 13th Street West 59th Street
29/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>	
30/54	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules</b>	<i>Greater enforcement by sanitation police is needed to increase compliance with alternate side parking regulations. Greater enforcement by sanitation enforcement agents is also needed to ensure business owners comply with responsibilities for commercial trash and sidewalk cleanliness. DSNY enforcement agents are currently tasked with other COVID-related tasks.</i>	
31/54	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	9th Ave 44th St 57th St
32/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>	
33/54	DCLA	<b>Provide more public art</b>	<i>Provide funding for the restoration of the Arnold Belkin Mural at Mathews Palmer Playground, 445 West 45th Street. Current repairs to the wall on which the mural resides are happening now. Full funding in a timely would allow muralists to use existing scaffolding to finally complete the recreation of this important and historic mural in our district. The project getting completed by 2022 would allow it to be celebrated in time for it's 50th anniversary.</i>	445 West 45 Street



34/54	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>Study the effect of Open Restaurants text amendment on neighborhood character, noise, ADA accessibility and quality of life in Chelsea/Hell's Kitchen. Currently the new text amendment removes references to sidewalk cafes from the zoning text based on the premises that legislation and rules will be substituted, and the DOT will take over the administration of this program, without providing a substitute law to protect the community and without the input of the community</i>	
35/54	DCLA	<b>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</b>	<i>Fund ChaShaMa organization, and other arts programing and vacant properties programming, which dedicates funding to the transformation of empty retail locations into spaces that enable artists to create and present their work and the community to engage with it.</i>	
36/54	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue to create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians.</i>	
37/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Increase funding for enforcement staffing to pursue due diligence with the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential. In particular, Increase the number of inspectors, community coordinators, and administrative associates.</i>	
38/54	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Install curb extensions on Hudson Boulevard</i>	Hudson Boulevard West 33 Street West 33 Street

39/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Continued Support: Expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>
40/54	DSNY	<b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b>	<i>E-waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and should be restored in our district. DSNY should also look into other solutions for e-waste collection such as establishing more locations in our district including regular collection periods at DSNY garages.</i>
41/54	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>
42/54	DCLA	<b>Other expense budget request for DCLA</b>	<i>Expand and continue to Fund Open Culture Legislation. Continue to cultivate a larger, more accessible artistic presence in our community for those who need a place to express their creativity and projects. Expanding the program so that more cultural organizations are eligible for the program at little or no cost.</i>
43/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.</i>
44/54	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Many schools have set up lending libraries to encourage students and families to take books home for independent reading and read-alouds. Schools anticipate needing to continue to replenish these libraries as well as a continuing long-term need to purchase new publications for these classroom libraries.</i>

45/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Relocate northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th street and close Dyer Avenue 10/Dyer north.</i>	
46/54	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>High School for Environmental Studies: Expand funding to purchase tablet/stylus sets for our teachers for use in instruction.</i>	
47/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Study the change in direction of W 59th Street to reduce travel time for Mount Sinai ambulances.</i>	
48/54	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>	
49/54	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Fund Study on pedestrian safety at 11th Avenue from West 20th Street to West 24th Street.</i>	11th Avenue West 20th Street West 20th Street
50/54	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>	
51/54	DOB	<b>Expand code enforcement</b>	<i>Add resources to the longstanding shed program to address all sheds older than 1 year.</i>	

52/54	DEP	<b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>	<i>MCD4 has several DEP\DDC multiyear Sewer\Water projects in the district. Many times, these projects impact small business for multiple months. Funding for additional signage, social media support, and similar program funding needs to be mandated for each of the sewer/water projects.</i>
53/54	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>For nearly a year DOHMH inspectors have been dedicated to COVID response. Currently DOHMH has nearly no staff to inspect for rats and other pests. Reports made to the District Office of rat infestations have risen. If DOHMH inspectors are not rededicated to rat and pest inspections during Fiscal Year 2022 then additional funds need to be dedicated to hire pest management inspectors.</i>
54/54	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Increase funding to increase pollution monitors in CD4. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs. Air pollution increases incidents of chronic lung disease. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hells Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, MCD4 most likely is at particular risk from unhealthy air.</i>