

A map of Manhattan, New York City, showing the five community districts. District 2, located in the West Village and Hell's Kitchen area, is highlighted in yellow. The map also shows the Hudson River to the west, the Hudson Waterway to the east, and the surrounding areas of New York City and New Jersey.

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

Fiscal Year  
2027

**Manhattan Community  
District  
2**

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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) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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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 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	90,016	100.00	92,445	100.00	2,429	2.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	7,936	8.8	8,587	9.3	651	8.2	0.5
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	90,016	100.0	92,445	100.0	2,429	2.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	5,593	6.2	7,303	7.9	1,710	30.6	1.7
White non-Hispanic	67,769	75.3	65,968	71.4	-1,801	-2.7	-3.9
Black non-Hispanic	1,650	1.8	2,271	2.5	621	37.6	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	12,493	13.9	11,922	12.9	-571	-4.6	-1.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	401	0.4	828	0.9	427	106.5	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,110	2.3	4,153	4.5	2,043	96.8	2.2
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	56,211	100.0	58,418	100.0	2,207	3.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	50,759	90.3	50,806	87.0	47	0.1	-3.3
Vacant housing units	5,452	9.7	7,612	13.0	2,160	39.6	3.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
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### 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

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Community Board 2 Manhattan ("CB2") remains a diverse community of contrasts. Home to some of the most valuable residential and commercial real estate in the Country and residents of notable affluence, not all of CB2's residents share in the affluence for which it is now renowned, and the District also remains home to those who witnessed the explosion of property values and income levels without participating in them. As a result, housing affordability is a constant issue in our community. In our District, it is thus equally necessary to preserve all existing forms of affordable housing, as well as to seize and maximize every opportunity to increase the supply of affordable housing using every tool and program available.

The District is challenged by the presence and unmet needs of a significant population of chronically unhoused residents, as well as those addicted to various substances, and those who suffer from various forms and degrees of mental illness. CB2 recognizes that these are separate populations with distinct sets of needs, and with behaviors and reactions that occasionally overlap but are at their core different. To this mix are added those who prey mercilessly upon these vulnerable populations.

The impacts of the presence of these vulnerable populations is real and growing. While statistics demonstrate that our District is recovering from the pandemic-era spikes in the most serious types of criminal activity, defined by the "index crimes" tracked by Compstat (e.g. murder, rape, felony assault, robbery, burglary, grand larceny and grand larceny-auto), the perception that our communities are not safe due to the aggressive behavior, obstructions and encampments, and collateral impacts of the presence of these challenging populations is growing.

The service providers and outreach specialists who are on our streets and in our Parks every day building relationships and seeking to persuade the affected populations to accept services have experienced significant successes and regularly exceed targets for placement of vulnerable individuals in appropriate programs and settings. The growth in those needing those services, however, seems to outpace the rate at which service providers can place these individuals.

New initiatives such as Intensive Mobile Treatment teams are essential to expand the delivery of services. Long term, the efforts of those serving those suffering with mental illness and with homelessness require a massive increase in the availability of short-term and long-term facilities for treatment, and an equally dramatic increase in affordable housing as the end-point in the cycle of services.

Recently, the formation of a multi-agency hub or task force has been announced by the Mayor's Office in coordination with the Office of the New York County District Attorney. The program, modeled on successful multi-agency initiatives in other areas of Manhattan, promises a renewed effort to address both the human needs of the vulnerable populations and the need to address aggressive and violent behavior and anti-social presence and behavior that impacts the quality of life and sense of safety and security of residents and businesses.

The creation of this hub and task force, still in formation, represents a marked change in approach to the perceptions of the lack of safety of our District.

The District also is at the forefront of rapidly evolving changes in our society. The first licensed cannabis dispensaries under the State's programs to legalize recreational marijuana use are located in our District, as are additional dispensaries licensed under the portion of the legalization program that focus on dispensaries operated either by not-for-profits or those previously involved in the justice system due to non-violent marijuana offenses. When the State rushed to expand the potential availability of dispensary licenses to a broader group of would-be licensees, our District

was again at the fore, with over 75 applications competing for limited spaces and opportunities in a single month. CB2's Cannabis Licensing Committee, created to address these impacts and develop procedures and criteria to evaluate and make recommendations on this flood of applications while upholding the equity and social justice impetus for the legalization legislation, is continuing to balance the residential and business communities' needs and concerns with the still-unclear directives from the relevant State agencies.

The second half of Fiscal Year 2024 and much of Fiscal Year 2025 are also defined by the transition from the Covid-era Temporary outdoor dining program to the now-permanent Dining Out NYC program. The Temporary Program saw a virtually unrestricted panoply of outdoor dining structures, many of which were at odds with the rules then in place for their size, materials, arrangement and assortment.

Dining Out NYC replaced the Temporary program, establishing new rules that promise to change the size, materials and appearance of roadway setups; alter sidewalk café arrangements to ensure a clear pedestrian path whose width corresponds to the nature of the corridor on which they are located, and are configured in ways that enhance the ability to clean on and under their surfaces and interdict rat and vermin infestations. The new permanent program also limits roadway cafés to the period from April through November, and establishes both filing fees and square footage rental fees for the use of the public realm.

The regulations call for review and opportunities for comment and recommendations from the local Community Board. Despite comments CB2 and other Boards and officials when the new regulations were being drafted, however, the length of time allotted for Community Board review (30 days for roadway cafes; 40 days for sidewalk cafes to include a public hearing) are inconsistent with the ability of Community Boards to receive an application, hear it at a Committee meeting, advance a resolution from a Committee Hearing through a Full Board vote, and forward the resolution for consideration in time to be incorporated in DoT's decision-making.

Planning is further complicated by the inability of DoT to provide Community Boards with access to the portal through which DoT accepts and tracks applications by restaurants. CB2 is grateful that DoT recently shared that there are over 500 pending applications in our District alone, which we believe to be the greatest number of any District. This was predictable, as CB2 was home to the greatest number of Covid-era sidewalk and roadway cafes under the Covid-era Temporary program. Fulfilling CB2's mandate to consider each of these Dining Out NYC applications within the timing required by the regulations will remain an on-going logistical and practical challenge.

The flood of Dining Out NYC applications is expected to be matched by an equivalent flood of applications to the State Liquor Authority for licenses to serve alcohol in outdoor dining cafes. During the Covid-era Temporary program, a licensee was permitted to serve alcohol in any outdoor dining setup appurtenant to its establishment. Under current regulations, all SLA licensees who wish to serve alcohol in sidewalk and roadway cafes are required to seek an alteration to their existing license extending the premises on which alcohol service can be had to the outdoor areas. As one of a few Districts that regularly receives the greatest number of SLA applications, the addition of hundreds of alteration applications for outdoor dining will further complicate an already difficult administrative process.

In addition to these societal and governmental challenges, the residents and service providers living and operating in CB2 continue to struggle to meet the needs and address the impacts of those who suffer from severe mental illness, those who are chemically addicted, those who are chronically unhoused (with significant perceived overlaps among those populations), as well as those who prey upon these vulnerable populations. The persistence of incidents of aggressive behavior toward residents, businesses, students and tourists, among many others, occasionally

resulting in tragedies but always impacting the ability to feel safe and be safe, form a troubling counterpoint to the success of law enforcement to reduce the incidence of more serious index crimes such as murder, arson, felony assault and grand larceny.

There is much work ahead to build and rebuild a sustainable community.

Please review the attached document "DNS FY 2026 - Overview of Community District Item 3" for our complete description and update on the status of our District.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Homelessness

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

The top Human Services concern for CB2 continues to be those who are living without shelter, who suffer severe mental illness, and/or who are addicted to drugs. These are three separate populations, but with significant overlap, and with similar and overlapping impacts on the district. These individuals can be both the target and the perpetrators of aggressive or violent behavior and crime.

The impact on residents and visitors is compassion as well as fear. Witnessing individuals using drugs, suffering from illness or mental distress, and panhandling—as well as stashes of personal belongings, trash, and discarded syringes on sidewalks—erode our sense of safety in the community. These behaviors are difficult for adults and children to see. Our child population consists of approximately 8,460 residents and additional students at our nine public, and many other independent, schools.

These humanitarian concerns have an economic impact as well, to business losses from shoplifting and to the many businesses that cater to theatregoers, diners, and other visitors who rely on the charm and safety of our historic districts.

We appreciate the difficulty of treating this population. The Manhattan Outreach Consortium advises that it can typically take scores of contacts and engagements to build sufficient trust with individuals to persuade them to accept the many services offered by the city and state, such as housing, mental health treatment, substance use treatment, medical services and more.

We are grateful for the many community-based organizations that service this population, both those under contract with the city and those working on their own. We appreciate the New York County District Attorney's Office for forming the Village Interagency Task Force and granting it access to multiple city agencies, and CB2 works closely with the VITF to ensure that its work remains informed by the public interest. We are also grateful for the increased attention that our district has received from the Mayor's office and the NY Police Department.

To address this complex issue, we have hopes for the efficacy of Intensive Mobile Treatment, and we encourage the city to expeditiously conduct an evaluation of this model and then assign an IMT unit to our district. H+H's B-HEARD - Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division – has not yet extended its reach into our district, or even into midtown Manhattan. The need for this feels strong, as it does for the medical services provided by SHOW vans. These programs should be expanded until the waiting list for access is eliminated.

There are problems beyond our district border that have repercussions in our community. Social service agencies of all types have reported to us the ongoing, city-wide problem of the shortage of workers in their field. The Door is working to address this with an innovative collaboration with New York University to provide scholarships to its employees pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work. Perhaps this approach is a good model. To meet the city's need for behavioral health solutions, it will need to invest in creating a pipeline of professional talent, and to lure that talent with competitive salaries and benefits. We might all also benefit from NY state licensing policy changes that permit a broader spectrum of professionals to provide mental health services, and in federal Medicaid policy that reimburses providers for this expertise.

Community District 2 is not alone in needing additional long-term mental health care beds in facilities, supportive housing, and all types of immediate, short-term and transient off-street housing options such as Safe Havens, drop-in centers and longer-term shelters. The demand for Paul's Place's services in our District demonstrates the importance of a low-threshold model that provides rest, food and hygiene, and increased case management services. Neighborhood spillover effects of Paul's Place are being conscientiously addressed by its operator, CUCS, through a Community Advisory Board that works to respond to residents and business owners' concerns.

### **Affordable Housing**

#2: Affordable Housing. Create and Preserve Affordable Housing in our District.

CB2 remains committed to protecting and preserving the affordable housing that we have and supporting opportunities to build new affordable housing where practicable and appropriate. We urge the City to increase direct city investment in 100% affordable housing construction, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, and revise requirements that mandate far greater numbers of affordable housing units with lower median incomes and fewer loopholes than currently under the City's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program CB2's resolution in response to the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity expresses the importance of affordable housing in our District. CB2 also calls for maximal use of publicly owned land for the construction of 100% affordable housing.

The City Council's recent addition to that discussion of additional capital funding for affordable housing is an important contribution to this on-going discussion. CB2 has been leading the effort to maximize the number of affordable units with an appropriate mix of apartment sizes at 388 Hudson Street, one of the very few open lots available for development in our District, and one that is already owned by the City.

CB2 has also called for a better plan for the City-owned plot in the Meatpacking District now called Gansevoort Square. CB2 sees the possibility of a better arrangement of the new museum space for the Whitney and the area allotted for housing. CB2 also calls for maximizing affordable housing on that plot.

With respect to Gansevoort Square, CB2 lists as its top Capital Budget priority funding and facilitating the acquisition of addition open space on which to develop affordable housing by acquiring a greater portion of what is now 10th Avenue, which is no longer needed for its prior industrial uses, and devoting it to the expansion of affordable housing as part of the Gansevoort Square project.

"CB2's budget priority that corresponds to this Top 3 District need provides as follows:

Allocate sufficient funds for the conveyance of the portion of Tenth Avenue between Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets from New York State Department of Transportation to the City in order to de-map Tenth Avenue in that location, which increases the floor area, allowing more affordable housing to be developed at Gansevoort Square. (Agencies: Department of City Planning, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Department of Housing Preservation & Development)."

### **Affordable Housing**

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CB2's 3rd of its Top 3 District Needs echoes the 2nd -- calling for seizing the opportunity to create affordable housing in another neighborhood in our District.

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CB2 calls for the creation of affordable housing to replace a structure now used by the federal government as a parking facility. As expressed in CB2's corresponding budget priority:

"Allocate sufficient funds for the City to pursue and acquire ownership of 2 Howard Street from the federal government for the development of 100% permanently affordable housing, with the Department of Housing Preservation & Development to fund the 100% permanently affordable housing once the site is transferred to City ownership.

"This underused, federally-owned parking garage would make an ideal location for affordable housing. CB2 is a strong supporter of affordable housing and believes money allocated to purchase this property and to develop affordable housing on the site would constitute a significant benefit to our District and our City. CB2 calls on the Mayor's Office to work with the federal government and all federal elected officials to transfer ownership of 2 Howard Street to NYC HPD for development of 100% permanently affordable housing. CB2 encourages all parties to consider providing for current federal parking needs in the base of a new affordable housing building. (Agencies: Department of City Planning, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Department of Housing Preservation & Development)"

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

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 2

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

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## Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

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

#### Healthcare

The newly renamed Northwell Greenwich Village Hospital has expanded its services and is now able to accept emergency stroke victims, which is an encouraging development in light of the recent closure of Mount Sinai Beth Israel. However, NGVH remains primarily an outpatient facility and stand-alone emergency department – the first in Manhattan – and more than ten years after it first opened its doors, merits an impact study to assess the success of this model in serving the needs of our community.

### **Needs for Older NYs**

#### Seniors

Seniors account for 16.5% of our population, a figure that is slightly higher than the city average of 14.1%. Older adults traditionally arrived in Greenwich Village long before it became an affluent neighborhood of extremely high living and housing costs. We value their role in our neighborhood's history and their ongoing contribution to its culture, and we recognize their vulnerability in a shifting landscape.

Our primary provider of adult services is Greenwich House, which provides programming through its network of senior centers. CB2 welcomes increased emphasis on health and wellness and supports funding a shuttle that would facilitate transportation between GH's centers. We would also like the city to support independent organizations such as Visiting Neighbors, as well as adult day care facilities, in order to allow seniors to live independently in their own homes.

### **Needs for Homeless**

CB2 applauds the outreach efforts of Goddard-Riverside and the Manhattan Outreach Consortium. It takes multiple scores of interactions with many unhoused clients to convince them to accept any form of support, including a temporary safe haven placement, shelter, or any form of physical or mental health services. Any meaningful attempt to meet the needs of the chronically unhoused and those often found on our streets exhibiting aggressive behavior and/or chemical addiction benefits from these services.

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

#### Food distribution

Our food pantries serve people from around the city, many of them now able to access a directory through the Plentiful app. St. Joe's operates out of First Presbyterian Church. Red Door Place serves thousands of meals each week but is struggling from the loss of its founding director and



the possible loss of its operation space. It would benefit from city support. CB2 applauds the use of the Northern Dispensary building by God's Love We Deliver to advance its mission of home delivery of meals and fellowship to vulnerable populations.

#### Affordable Housing to Meet the Needs of Low Income New Yorkers

CB2 continues to lead efforts to create affordable housing and associated low-cost services in every parcel where such development is possible. CB2 is aggressively seeking to maximize the number and diversity of affordable units at every potential development site.

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## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	1. Fund Facade Maintenance at Greenwich House
DOHMH	1 / 2	1. Evaluate the Intensive Mobile Treatment Program and Assign a Team to CB2's District
DOHMH	2 / 2	1. Assign a B-HEARD team to include Community District 2, Manhattan, in its catchment area.

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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

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

Fully staffed and properly resourced public schools with adequate space for all programmatic needs and a full complement of academic, remedial and enrichment programs are among the most essential elements of a sustainable community.

The needs of the public schools in our District are many – some of which are susceptible of immediate redress; others require and deserve a longer-term commitment. All are worthy of funding that ensures the needs of our students, families, faculty and staff are met not just in this fiscal year, but sustainably and reliably baselined into the future.

CB2/M places as its first public school priority the need to ensure that high school students in our District have immediate access to the most basic tools essential both for a rich academic experience and for future career and higher education opportunities. In a world in which everything from the telemetry of the ISS to a menu at a café is available to the public through internet portals and codes, facility as a digital native with the every-changing tools for managing and manipulating access to online content and information is no longer optional.

Equity demands that all schools provide meaningful access to these technology resources, yet the reality is that some schools, through access to parent contributions, grant funding and other sources, enjoy greater access to such technology.

As a first step in leveling this playing field, CB2/M prioritizes a capital investment in two high schools in our District. At Harvey Milk High School (M586), these basic needs begin with 30 laptop computers. For Harvest Collegiate High School (M534), the basic needs include 30 laptop computers, plus tablets, peripheral devices and the equipment needed for connectivity.

While CB2/M is highlighting above the most easily addressed needs, these technology deficits are far from the only unmet needs among our CB2/M Schools.

From the Capital Budget, longer term but no less essential projects include:

- Harvest Collegiate High School (M534) needs a chain link fence above the existing wall around the outdoor space so it can be used for recreational purposes.
- NY iSchool (M376) and the co-located Chelsea career and Technical School (Charter school) need an upgrade to the shared gymnasium.
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- Broome Street Academy (M522) needs a new library.
- PS 130 (the DeSoto School) (M130) requires physical plant upgrades including windows and light fixtures.
- Manhattan School for Career Development (751M@323)'s needs include a health & wellness studio, a student success lounge, and a sensory hallway.

In the longer term, CB2/M needs additional capacity. While recent lease renewals and option extensions have postponed the urgency of the request, CB2/M continues to require the additional seats and modernized facilities promised to be a part of the Bleecker Street School to be built at the

corner of Bleecker and LaGuardia based on an option ceded to the City during the 2012 upzoning concerning NYU's expansion. Among other things, that additional capacity is beyond essential to provide space for programs that address the too-often overlooked problem of dyslexia (too often left undiagnosed) and to meet the State mandates for class size reduction.

From the Expense Budget Side, the following needs crave funding:

- Class Size reduction through hiring additional teachers.
- Recruiting, training and retaining teachers through the "NYC Men Teach" program.
- Professional development in the currently-used reading and writing curricula employing a structured literacy approach.
- Baseline funding for arts instruction during the classroom day.
- Adapting and updating the algorithms and tools needed to predict enrollment trends to meet future overcrowding needs.

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

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

Positive afterschool experiences, whether academic, sports or games, are essential to keeping our youth engaged, away from troubling negative influences, and ready for school and progress. These services are needed in CB2's District to ensure that the children of those who do not enjoy the affluence and financial benefits for which the District is known will have a level playing field with those who do.

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## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 1	Technology Improvements Needed at Schools
SCA	1 / 8	Provide technology upgrades and rooftop outdoor recreation space at Harvest Collegiate HS
SCA	2 / 8	Upgrade the Gymatorium shared by Co-Located High Schools
SCA	3 / 8	Upgrade windows and light fixtures at PS 130
SCA	4 / 8	Upgrades needed for Manhattan School for Career Development
SCA	5 / 8	Renovate the cafeteria and lobby at M721 Occupational Training Center
SCA	6 / 8	Create a sensory gym in PS 3
SCA	7 / 8	Create the Bleecker Street School
SCA	8 / 8	Create a HS for Students with Dyslexia and other LBLDs

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 7	Men Teach Program - Increase Funding
DOE	2 / 7	Reduce Class Sizes
DOE	3 / 7	Teacher Professional Development and Training
DOE	4 / 7	Arts Education - Fully Fund and Baseline the Allocation
DOE	5 / 7	Fund a Review and Adjustment of the CEQR Process for Estimating Future Capacity Needs
DOE	6 / 7	Expand the 3K Program to meet demand
DOE	7 / 7	Provide More Before- and After-School Educational Opportunities
DYCD	1 / 2	Expand Food and Nutrition Services at The Door
DYCD	2 / 2	Provide More free before-school and after-school programs

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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

#### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Incidents of aggressive behavior, open drug sales and drug use, and individuals with serious mental illness (some unhoused, some not) have combined to create a pervasive feeling among a wide cross-section of our Community that our streets and neighborhoods are not safe for individual residents, families, patrons of local businesses, students and academics, and visitors.

CB2 applauds the creation of a multi-agency hub organized under the aegis of the Mayor's Office and coordinated and facilitated by the New York County District Attorney's Office to seek a comprehensive effort to address the root causes of the anti-social and aggressive behavior that has been the subject of consistent community activism for many months.

There are zones within our District, including the northwest corner of Washington Square Park, the 6th Avenue corridor between Bleecker and West 14th Streets and along West 8th Street, Crosby Street adjacent to Houston, and others, at which both quality of life issues such as public drug use (and sales), aggressive behavior and unsanitary practices, and encampments challenge both law enforcement and providers of mental and physical health services and the efforts of the Departments of Homeless Services, Sanitation, and Health and Mental Hygiene, among others. The brazen manner in which some of this behavior is visited on residents, businesses, students and faculty, and those visiting our District erodes the quality of life and at times presents serious threats to person and property.

The multi-agency initiative is in the formation stage, and requires significant investment both of human capital by the respective agencies as well as capital and expense funding to ensure that, for example, a success in persuading an unhoused or vulnerable individual to accept shelter or mental health services is not in vain for lack of an appropriate placement or bed in an appropriate facility.

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

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

Our District's needs for public safety focus on the provision of properly resourced and deployed services for the seriously mentally ill, the users of addictive drugs, and the unhoused. Please see the discussions above relating to public safety and human services.

While CB2 is aware that our local NYPD Precincts (the 1st, 5th, 6th and 9th Precincts) are all understaffed relative to their pre-pandemic levels, we are advised that increases in overall NYPD numbers of officers Citywide are unlikely to be assigned in great numbers in our District. We are grateful for the efforts of our 4 Commanding Officers to secure additional uniformed officers.

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

CB2 continues to be concerned that our uniformed services (NYPD, FDNY and EMT) have the full resources they require. Our Precincts have lost significant head counts since pre-pandemic staffing levels. The reality that increasing the budget for NYPD officers will result in additional uniformed officers being hired and then deployed in other communities in no way diminishes CB2's belief that our Precincts should be fully staffed.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

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

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

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



# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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

#### **Preparedness for extreme weather events (incl. coastal flooding, heat waves, cold snaps, heavy wind and rain)**

CD2 is a coastal district, with over a mile of waterfront along the Hudson River and over 10,000 residents living within the FEMA 0.2% chance floodplain. The district was impacted by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, with a portion of the district being inundated by floodwaters, causing significant property damage. As sea levels are projected to continue rising in the coming decades, storm-surge related risks are expected to increase.

Additionally, in summer and fall of 2021, as well as in several instances during the summer and fall of 2023, a series of heavy rain events resulted in significant flooding across much of the city. The effects of climate change are likely to increase the frequency of such events in the future.

The US Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") has recently released a study of the NY-NJ area which includes resiliency recommendations which fall within CD2. However, due to the complexity of overlapping jurisdictions within the floodplain along the Hudson, CB2 believes a more comprehensive, localized study of resiliency and flood risk along the West Side may need to be undertaken that incorporates the wide range of relevant stakeholders including the Community Boards, City agencies (DOT and DEP), State agencies (DOT and DEC), relevant utilities such as Consolidated Edison, and the Hudson River Park Trust. Additionally, with the growing combined risk of coastal and rainwater flooding, CB2 encourages the city to continue working with community stakeholders to develop an overall plan for resiliency within the district (including but not limited to coastal protection), which could include, among other things, greater investment in green infrastructure. Additionally, it is crucial that any allocation of funding for resiliency projects within CD2, as well as the specific design elements of such projects, be coordinated with significant local community review and input, from the earliest planning stages through the completion of such projects.

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

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

New residents, replacing the manufacturers who previously hired private carters, must now rely on collection by the NYC Sanitation Department. With the reopening of international travel and the end of COVID-19 restrictions, tourism is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels and further straining sanitation services. Sanitation District 2's limited staff is hard pressed to meet the community's growing needs as the area has increasingly become home to a twenty-four hour population. In particular, the agency's decision a few years ago to cut the number of supervisors in each district has made it more difficult to clean the streets as thoroughly as they had been cleaned in the past.

While the city has restored many cuts made to sanitation services during COVID-19, sanitation does not adequately service corner garbage bins that see increased usage in many areas from weekend use especially from to go food and drink containers.

The advent of roadside dining has also created impacts on local residential trash pickups and missed collections and roadside dining structures are anticipated to have significant impacts on snow removal operations throughout CB2, in particular on narrow streets and areas where there are multiple eating and drinking establishments on the same block.

We are pleased the City has dedicated significant resources and is now taking a pro-active approach in combating the rat population in our City. In particular, we applaud the Rat Indexing Initiative. We urge the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and particularly the Parks Department to continue these aggressive efforts and to coordinate these efforts to address the recent increase in the rat population due to the growth of the Temporary Open Restaurant program. Additionally, we encourage the city to continue with the expansion of programs that have the potential to further combat the increase in rats as well as improve the overall sanitation situation in CD2, such as "clean curbs" style containerization programs, containerized curbside composting, and more frequent pickups of residential waste and corner bins. In particular, it will be important to monitor the effectiveness in combating the rat population of new regulations beginning in fall 2024 that require trash containerization and universal curbside composting.

Finally, CB2 continues to believe that the restoration of more frequent residential waste pick-ups, as was done in the past, and quicker pick-up of curbside waste at night, would help minimize the amount of time that waste sits on the curb and thus further assist in the effort to reduce the rat population.

Light pollution is another environmental concern which has been growing in severity over the last few years. New methods of advertising including LED lights, neon signs, bright television screens displayed in windows, vehicles serving as "moving billboards" with LED signs attached, and ads projected onto the sides of buildings, can all be found frequently throughout CD2. Many of these advertisements are already against DOB, DOT and LPC rules and should be subject to enforcement from these agencies.

### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

The recent changes from DSNY, including the containerization requirements for residential and commercial trash collection, as well as the expansion of curbside organics recycling / composting, are welcome steps forward in attempting to address the overwhelming and discouraging scourge of rat infestations. To be effective, these efforts must combine progressive policies with outreach and education to convey the common-sense need to halt the outdoor smorgasbord from which rats and vermin feed.

One aspect of these changes that continues to require a meaningful solution is where these various containers are to be placed. Especially in the Greenwich Village, SoHo, NoHo and Little Italy/Nolita areas, which often have compact residential buildings with no basement or indoor storage space for such containers, and are situated on narrow sidewalks, challenge the ability of the containerization movement to achieve its worthy goals.

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## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Hudson Waterfront Resiliency Study
DEP	2 / 2	Build Additional Green Infrastructure
DSNY	1 / 2	1. Further Implementation of Trash Containerization, including "Empire bin" style containers.
DSNY	2 / 2	Study NYC "Smart" Composting Bins

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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

#### **Affordable housing creation**

CB2 remains committed to protecting and preserving the affordable housing that we have and supporting opportunities to build new affordable housing where practicable and appropriate. We urge the City to increase direct city investment in 100% affordable housing construction, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, and revise requirements that mandate far greater numbers of affordable housing units with lower median incomes and fewer loopholes than currently under the City's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program. CB2's resolution in response to the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity expresses the importance of affordable housing in our District and City. The City Council's recent addition to that discussion of additional capital funding for affordable housing is an important contribution to this on-going discussion.

CB2 has been leading the effort to maximize the number of affordable units with an appropriate mix of apartment sizes at 388 Hudson Street, one of the very few open lots available for development in our District, and one that is already owned by the City.

CB2 is also engaged in the early stages of a proposed development of new housing units - some of which are planned to be affordable - at the City-owned parcel in the Gansevoort Meat Market area. While it is too early to opine on the project, which has not yet been finalized and submitted for ULURP, CB2 will again focus on maximizing the delivery of affordable housing in addition to all other essential aspects of the proposal.

CB2 is already home to thousands of existing affordable housing units of various other types. Among them are traditional rent stabilized units, Joint Live-Work Quarters for Artists (JLWQA) units in rent stabilization, Interim Multiple Dwelling (IMD) units currently under the supervision of the Loft Board, previous IMD loft units that are now rent stabilized, Mitchell Lama housing units and project-based Section-8 buildings. Rent stabilized units can be found in great numbers throughout CB2 in almost all of our neighborhoods including in Greenwich Village, the West Village, South Village, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy, Nolita and Chinatown, and to a lesser extent in the Meatpacking District, Union Square South, and Hudson Square.

The passage of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protections Act of 2019 strengthened existing rent stabilization laws and included provisions to end high-rent vacancy deregulation, narrowed the preferential rent loophole, and put in place more protections against unnecessary major capital improvements (MCIs) and individual apartment improvements (IAI). A recent report derived from tax bills indicates that between 2007 and 2020 there was an increase of 1,975 rent stabilized units in CB2. During that same time period, 6,407 units were removed from rent stabilization yielding a net loss of 4,432 affordable units. CB2 supports anti-displacement provisions that: a) prohibit upzoning of any site that has rent-regulated or loft law units because this will create financial incentives for demolition; b) eliminate sites where additional FAR can only be used to add vertical enlargements because this will result in penthouse additions and no affordable housing; and c) include Certification of No Harassment provisions before applying for a permit for a change in use or demolition. Reliance on legal remedies that can take years to work their way through the courts to cure displacement by construction, neglect or harassment requires tenants to take often-unavailable time to find and consult with attorney and take off from work to provide testimony and attend related appointments--all while the tenants and their families experience dangerous, sometimes barely livable conditions.

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

## **Needs for Land Use**

The recent re-invigoration of the opportunity to build affordable housing on vacant, City-owned land located at 388 Hudson Street underscores the interrelation between zoning and land use regulations and practices and the achievement of virtually all other social and programmatic goals for our District. While very much still a work in progress, using existing provisions of the Zoning Resolution, and working with partners in the various City Agencies whose jurisdiction overlap with respect to this parcel, demonstrates that Land Use decisions will carry enormous weight in determining the degree to which we will be successful in using the limited opportunities at our disposal to meet the needs of those most affected by the pernicious shortage of affordable housing.

A like focus will be employed by CB2 on using the tools of zoning and land use regulations to maximize the delivery of affordable housing at the Gansevoort Meat Market project.

## **Needs for Housing**

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only encourage projects that provide affordable housing, but also encourage a sense of community and social interactions. Developer amenity packages pose a significant challenge in this regard. Another challenge is the loss of affordable units due to luxury and vacancy decontrols as well as tenant harassment, illegal landlord behavior especially with respect to construction and false DOB filings. In light of the mayor's mandate to add affordable units, the community has been encouraging consideration of a large site that provides access and repair of the underground water infrastructure at 388 Hudson Street (next to a park) as a possible and appropriate affordable housing development site. We had strongly urged the City to consider this site in lieu of the tiny site in Little Italy known as the Elizabeth Street Garden. Our preference has gone unheeded and we continue to pursue the protection of a vital and much-loved garden in a neighborhood starved for open space.

### **Needs for Economic Development**

CB2 continues to prioritize support for local small businesses. The discussions elsewhere in our District Needs Statements about support for unhoused individuals, those with serious mental illness, those addicted to drugs and those engaging in aggressive behaviors are both humanitarian concerns as well as issues that impact the success and vibrancy of our commercial corridors. Support for these human services proposals is also support for our businesses.

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## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HPD	1 / 2	Build More Affordable Housing at Gansevoort Square
HPD	2 / 2	Build Affordable Housing at 2 Howard Street

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCP	1 / 4	Study the Effectiveness of the Hudson Square Rezoning against its original goals, with a focus on housing creation
DCP	3 / 4	Study the Effectiveness of the SOHO/NOHO/Chinatown Rezoning against its original goals, with a focus on housing creation
DCP	4 / 4	Create a holistic study of the Gansevoort Square Proposal Area
HPD	1 / 3	Compile and Share a Dataset of Rent-Regulated Units for Open Data
HPD	2 / 3	Study Units Converted to Rent-Regulated Residential Uses
HPD	3 / 3	Create a holistic study of the Gansevoort Square Proposal Area



## Manhattan Community Board 2

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)**

The safety of all street users continues to be the most pressing Transportation concern in our District. The Holland Tunnel is still one of CB2's major traffic problems with heavy vehicular congestion around the entrance, exit and on the way to the Tunnel which also brings great volumes of private vehicles into the city. The problem is magnified by automotive traffic from all entryways into the city that keeps growing as more and more people choose to drive rather than use mass transit, with increasing crashes, injuries and fatalities. We were looking forward to congestion pricing to help turn this tide, by making our streets safer and quieter with cleaner air and helping to provide necessary support for transit. We are still hopeful that it can be quickly resolved and reinstated.

Trucks remain a major concern, using our narrow streets to travel from the Hudson River to the F.D.R. Drive, south to the Financial District and to the outer boroughs. Online shopping has led to extensive local commercial deliveries that flood our streets and consume our curb space. Our fragile network of narrow streets is vulnerable to these trucks' heavy impact on our infrastructure, while those who walk our streets are at risk of colliding with them, which already has resulted in serious injuries and fatalities. We've been asking for the use of cargo bike/delivery cart bicycle vehicles and, if trucks must be used, to employ smaller, electrically powered ones with "Direct Vision" cabs that give total visibility to activities outside the trucks. We also support off-hours deliveries, at night if feasible, and Neighborhood Loading Zones. We are encouraged by DOT's new Smart Curbs program that focuses on balancing curb space for other uses besides parking, e.g. loading zones, bike corrals, seating and planters.

Our District is also swept up in the on-going debate concerning a host of delivery and other electric-powered vehicles, too many of whom do not cede sidewalks to pedestrians, and who ride in ways that create a feeling of great danger in pedestrians even where the actual risk is materially different from the perceived risk. The absence of appropriate enforcement exacerbates this concern.

The proliferation of tour buses on our small, historic streets has produced a host of negative impacts, including dangerous conflicts with pedestrians, air and noise pollution, traffic congestion, and broken street beds. CB2 calls for increased regulation, enforcement, and relocation of tour bus routes to larger, more accommodating thoroughfares. A new tour bus route-plan is long overdue.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

There is a growing need for an equitable balance of street space to accommodate the diverse mobility modes that now exist and are changing our street environment. Just as the advent of the motor vehicle necessitated a complete restructuring of public space and transportation operations, the advent of new micro-mobility modes and an emphasis on alternatives to driving requires a similar retooling. We support in-depth assessment of how our streets are currently being used with evaluation of how they should be redesigned to meet current multi-modal needs, e.g., with what types of parking spaces and how many, size and allocation of travel lanes, required signage and signalization, fitting amenities, and especially, adequate provision of safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling access and facilities, with pilot testing, followed by quick implementation.

The importance of responding and adapting to change to better serve the community also is revealed on Route 9A/West Street which is very different now from when it was constructed 30 years ago. The Hudson River Park and Greenway, adjacent to 9A, are now built out, and there's a vast increase in pedestrians and cyclists who require safety measures to protect them both moving across 9A and along the Greenway, especially from e-bikes and fast delivery bikes. There's the danger of flooding (increased by climate change), and with the large population increase from new residential, commercial and recreational activity, there's now a need to extend the M12 bus route south of 14th Street. A study to revamp the area is required to meet these current needs, which is being conducted by the NY State Dept. of Transportation and which we welcome.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

Disabled access in our subway stations is greatly lacking, with not even a handful of stations in the CB2 District providing either elevators and/or escalators to enable the many physically challenged in our area to use the subways. Although MTA now plans to have 95% of NYC's subway stations ADA accessible by 2055, that is far in the future and still won't include every station. Every one of the subway stations in CB2 should be furnished with the elevators and escalators that will give all of our citizens the rightful access they need to get around. In addition, every effort needs to be made to repair and rehabilitate our deteriorating subway stations for users' comfort and safety.

Community District 2 has several internationally known tourist destinations that encourage heavy nighttime and weekend usage of the district's streets, by both cars and pedestrians. New York City Transit should be initiating a major effort to increase the use of public transportation in this context as well as in general by making it more comfortable, convenient, accessible and frequent, and making transit access points more user friendly for both visitors and residents. Public transportation makes more efficient use of space and energy, significantly reduces air and noise pollution, and minimizes pedestrian/vehicular conflicts. Opportunities must be explored and followed through in providing new transit access and routes in areas of need, and sources of funding for our suffering transit system must be pinpointed and secured. In the same way we were looking to congestion pricing to help make our streets more livable, we also were depending upon it to support improvements in our transit system. We continue to hope for a comeback.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 8	Install Additional Safety Improvements on Canal Street
DOT	2 / 8	Make the Morton Street Bike Lane Safer
DOT	3 / 8	Install a Granite Strip Bike Lane on Clarkson Street
DOT	4 / 8	Repair and Replace Belgian Blocks on Morton Street
DOT	5 / 8	Repair and Reconstruct Belgian Blocks on Clarkson Street
DOT	6 / 8	Repair the Belgian Block Surface on Bond Street
DOT	7 / 8	Repair and Replace Belgian Blocks on Wooster Street
DOT	8 / 8	Add ADA Pedestrian Ramps along Wooster Street

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 9	Install a Traffic Light and Crosswalk Across Houston St. at Wooster St.
DOT	2 / 9	Extend Two-Way Bicycle Lane on Lafayette St. from Prince St. to Astor Place. Jersey St. and add Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Protection at Lafayette and Jersey Sts.
DOT	3 / 9	Honor 2021 Rezoning Commitments to Redesign and Expand of Petrosino Sq. and Relocate Citi Bike Station
DOT	4 / 9	Install Protective Barriers for Bicycle Lane on Houston St. btw. Washington and West Sts
DOT	5 / 9	Install Safety Improvements on Greenwich Ave from 6th to 8th Avenues
DOT	6 / 9	Install Safety Improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts. (the Stonewall National Monument)
DOT	7 / 9	Expand the Shared Street on University Place from 13th St. to W. 4th St.
DOT	8 / 9	Study the Intersection of 9th Ave. and 14th St. to Reduce Congestion and Improve Safety
DOT	9 / 9	Study E. 12th St. btw. Broadway and 5th Ave. to Reduce Congestion and Placard Parking Abuses

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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

#### **Insufficient park or open space**

Preserve Elizabeth Street Garden and Build More Affordable Senior Housing at Alternative Site.

Since 2013, CB2 has held seven public hearings and passed five resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets where up to five times as much senior housing can be built, but only if Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved in its entirety.

#### **Neighborhood Underserved by Open Space.**

The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City Planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space.

#### **About the Garden.**

Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring Streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks. The Garden is open to the public, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our District has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the City, and with next-to-no unbuilt lots and the property values for our fully built up land being in the stratosphere, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal.

Meeting the needs of our community for both passive and active recreation space is thus a priority and a challenge. One means to address these needs is to provide a fully functional Recreation Center in the West Village.

Our community requires a Recreation Center and an outdoor pool. The Tony Dapolito Recreation Center has been closed for years. The outdoor pool next to the building has been closed for several summers and will remain closed for several more because the wall of the rec center building is unstable and collapse of it could injure pool users.

We are separating our discussion of the re-opening of the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center into 2 requests and CB2 wants to be part of the process that the city will run to make these decisions:

- o Rec Center: In July of 2024, Community Board 2 passed a resolution asking that the new proposed affordable housing building at 388 Hudson "include a NYC Parks recreation center of at least three floors at the base of the building footprint". Our capital request is to deliver on this request, if funding is required from the city; it is thought that the chosen developers of the new building might provide the funding for the rec center themselves. The July 2024 resolution built upon a series of previous resolutions over more than a decade to restore the crucially needed services of a fully functional and safe Rec Center to our underserved Community.

- o Outdoor pool and mural: preserve and protect the existing Keith Haring mural and preserve or replace the outdoor pool as part of the preservation of the existing Dapolito structure, which is a contributing building in the designated Landmark Historic District in which it is located.

Despite these challenges, important progress has been made in recent years. There has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Passanante Playground and DeSalvio Playground (thanks to support from our elected officials and an active and energetic group of parents) as well as the opening of new improvements at Pier 40 and the Hudson River. The community looks forward to the realization of usable open space at Duarte Square, for which funding is in place, as well as passive open space at a portion of the 388 Hudson Street site. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and Jackson Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience.

These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals recently have been approved, and others are in the planning stages, which collectively will add to the pressure on our parks and playgrounds and exacerbate the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. We now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district.

In addition, the replacement of lost street trees remains a priority for the overall quality of life especially in areas distant from true open space. A recent 5-Borough President initiative provides much-needed support for that effort, and the we are grateful to our Council Members for highlighting locations where additional street trees are needed.

### **Needs for Cultural Services**

Community Board 2 is proud to claim as our own the artistic and cultural resource that the Whitney Museum of American Art in the Gansevoort Market district has infused into our district since opening its doors in May 2015, and also appreciates the institution's regular communications with and support of our Board.

This important institution, which was originally founded in our district, is a great asset to the Far West Village and has helped to re-focus the neighborhood as an art and design district. The Museum is an exciting center of art, with exterior exhibition spaces as well the traditional interior spaces. The Whitney's innovative and cross-genre programming and installations are at the cutting edge of many movements.

Integrated with the High Line Park that runs along the eastern face of the building, the museum offers restaurants, gathering places, and other public areas as part of its overall design, and draws patrons and audiences to other commercial and artistic venues throughout our District. In addition,



our district has several other fine museums, including the NYC Fire Museum, the Children's Museum of the Arts, the Museum of Chinese in America, the Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, the Merchant's House Museum, The Drawing Center, and the Jackie Robinson Museum, among others.

Community District 2 is also home to a unique array of performance spaces, Off-Broadway and independent theaters, film centers, and dance organizations. We take tremendous pride in the vibrant cultural scene that these organizations provide our community. These cultural organizations include: HB Playwrights; Cherry Lane Theatre; HERE; Rattlestick Playwrights Theater; Greenwich House & Greenwich House Pottery; The Gym at Judson; IRT Theater; IFC Center; Film Forum; Angelika; Cinema Village; Quad Theater; Actors Playhouse ; 13th Street Rep; Minetta Lane Theater; Westbeth Center; New Ohio; The Public Theater; Joe's Pub; Ars Nova; Axis Theater; The Duplex; Cornelia Street Cafe, Peridance; Martha Graham Dance Studio; Soho Playhouse; The Greene Space (WNYC Radio); Tenri Cultural Institute; New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture; Lucille Lortel Theater; Village Vanguard; Institutional theaters of NYU and The New School, among others.

While we have a vibrant arts and culture scene in our area, we continue to be concerned about the impact on the downtown arts scene due to the closure of so many of the district's Off-Broadway and small theaters and other cultural spaces. The main causes are the exponential increase in rents and ongoing funding challenges faced by non-profits. Some years ago, we supported a proposal to use tax incentives that would encourage landlords to retain live performance space.

In addition, CB2 strongly supports funding for the arts both in our area and citywide, and increased arts education in public schools, as a growing body of studies presents compelling evidence connecting student learning in the arts to a wide array of academic and social benefits. For example, these various studies continue to indicate that the arts help to improve visual analysis skills and critical judgment, inspire creativity and improve motivation, collaboration, attitudes and attendance.

Arts Advocacy: Advocating for arts organizations and artists located within CB2 and for those that produce, program or present arts and culture within CB2 has been, and remains, a top priority for our board. Our Board has consistently supported non-profit arts organizations located within our district that are seeking funding or restoration of funding from grant organizations and city agencies. We were also the first community board City-wide to write a letter of support for New York City's first comprehensive cultural plan. In addition, we speak out against entities and agencies that seek to utilize our local parks and public spaces for arts-related projects that do not have wide community support, while strongly supporting public arts projects that are in alignment with the spirit of our community and neighborhoods. We also strive to foster connections among arts organizations located within our district to forge stronger cultural alliances.

Finally, as is widely known, CB2 has historically been the home of a wide array of talented artists and, as such, our Board remains dedicated to advocating that the work of these local artists is a part of planned arts programming within our district whenever possible.

### **Needs for Library Services**

CB2 celebrates the renovations and upgrades to the Jefferson Market Library. On that note, we also think it is time for a master plan to renovate the Hudson Park branch library to make its amenities more available. It is an amazing, albeit, somewhat inaccessible facility that has great potential if it was more readily used by the community-at-large.

Finally, we continue to be concerned that the funding necessary to fully staff our branch libraries is not baselined, and must be negotiated and restored year after year. Maintaining consistent hours of operation supported by professional staff is essential to all library users. Branch libraries are a crucial resource to all ages - from young children gaining literacy skills, to teens in need of a safe

and welcoming place especially in afterschool and weekend hours, to those seeking employment services and supports to the elderly seeking all of the above resources. We continue to request that additional funds be allocated to keep the libraries and their community rooms open for as many hours as possible. We also ask that the New York Public Library provide a dedicated staff to create special youth programming.

### **Needs for Community Boards**

Community Board budgets have not received an increase to their baseline funding in years, and yet Community Boards are required to do more with less every year. Community Boards adapted to virtual meetings during the pandemic. The end of the Covid-era emergency declarations required CBs to return to in-person meetings, but the public now expects fully interactive hybrid meetings. We are required to locate venues for large-scale meetings monthly and in response to a succession of public initiatives, yet are provided no resources with which to secure such venues.

CB2 receives as many or more applications for SLA liquor licenses, DoT Dining Out NYC outdoor cafe licenses, and Cannabis Dispensary licenses than any other Community Board in the Five Boroughs. The growth in our workload has not been matched with additional resources with which to handle this demand.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 7	Install Water Access and Rat-Proof Irrigation Systems District-Wide
DPR	2 / 7	Revitalize the "Clarkson Street Corridor" including JJ Walker Park courts, playgrounds and pathways
DPR	3 / 7	Modernize Vesuvio Playground
DPR	4 / 7	Renovate Minetta Playground
DPR	5 / 7	Redesign Downing Street Playground
DPR	6 / 7	Replace the Surface in the Dog Runs
DPR	7 / 7	Include a fully equipped Recreation Center at 388 Hudson Street
NYPL	1 / 2	Replace the HVAC System at the Hudson Park Library
NYPL	2 / 2	Replace the HVAC System at the Jefferson Market Branch Library
NYPL	CS	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 9	Address Staffing Challenges
DPR	2 / 9	Rat Mitigation and Sanitation
DPR	3 / 9	Identify Locations For Dog Parks and Dog Runs
DPR	4 / 9	Skateboarding Opportunities Study
DPR	5 / 9	Pocket Park Maintenance (along Sixth Avenue Corridor)
DPR	6 / 9	Increase Public Art in Parks
DPR	7 / 9	Reconsidering the "Time" Landscape Garden
DPR	8 / 9	Re-imagining Playground of the Avenue of the Americas
DPR	9 / 9	Support for Washington Square Park



## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
Other	1 / 2	DCAS - Affordable Housing At Gansevoort Square
Other	2 / 2	Build Affordable Housing at 2 Howard Street

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
CECM	1 / 1	Study the Effects of Full Street Closures for Commercial Events
DCP	2 / 4	Review CEQR Process for School Enrollment Projections
HHC	1 / 1	Assign a SHOW (Street Health Outreach and Wellness Team to treat individuals in the area of CB2M
MOME	1 / 1	Enforcement of MOME Permit Specifics
OMB	1 / 1	Fund the Hiring of a Urban Planning Expert for Community Boards
Other	1 / 2	Create a City Office of Cannabis Business Services under the Office of the Mayor
Other	2 / 2	Mayor's Office of Community Mental Health - Assign a B-HEARD team to include Community District 2, Manhattan, in its catchment area.
SCA	1 / 1	Review and Revise CEQR Process and Criteria for New School Enrollment Projections

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### School Construction Authority

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| <b>1 of 8</b> | <b>Provide technology upgrades and rooftop outdoor recreation space at Harvest Collegiate HS</b> | <b>SCA</b> |
|               | Provide technology upgrade   |            |

Allocate funds for Harvest Collegiate High School (M534) to provide students with essential technology such as laptops, computers, and reliable connectivity, and to create a safe, accessible rooftop space for fresh air and outdoor learning by installing chain-link fencing above the existing waist-high stone wall.

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| <b>2 of 8</b> | <b>Upgrade the Gymnasium shared by Co-Located High Schools</b> | <b>SCA</b> |
|               | Renovate or upgrade a high school                              |            |

Upgrade the gymnasium shared by Chelsea Career and Technical School M615) and the NYC iSchool (M376) by (a) improving the air conditioning system in the gymnasium, and (b) leveling the flooring and replacing seats with bleachers.

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| <b>3 of 8</b> | <b>Upgrade windows and light fixtures at PS 130</b> | <b>SCA</b> |
|               | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school            |            |

Renovations needed at PS 130 (the DeSoto School): (a) upgrade the windows on the building; and (b) install modern, functioning and energy-efficient light fixtures .

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| <b>4 of 8</b> | <b>Upgrades needed for Manhattan School for Career Development</b> | <b>SCA</b> |
|               | Renovate interior building component                               |            |

The Manhattan School for Career Development (751M@323) requires the following facilities to serve its specialized population: (a) Health & Wellness studio - a multi-purpose recreational space for students to participate in movement and mindfulness; (b) Student Success Lounge - a space to promote literacy, digital citizenship, and success on assessments, requiring electrical reconfiguration, adaptive seating, and technology enhancements; and (c) Sensory Hallway - to include built-in sensory activities in hallways to help students self-regulate as part of the School's SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) Supports for students.

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| <b>5 of 8</b> | <b>Renovate the cafeteria and lobby at M721 Occupational Training Center</b> | <b>SCA</b> |
|               | Renovate interior building component   |            |

Allocate SCA funds to renovate the cafeteria and lobby at M721 Occupational Training Center with: (1) accessibility upgrades, (2) sensory-friendly design elements, and (3) age-appropriate modifications to better serve our special needs students' social-emotional and sensory requirements. (SCA)

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| <b>6 of 8</b> | <b>Create a sensory gym in PS 3</b>  | <b>SCA</b> |
|               | Renovate interior building component |            |

The students in the ASD Horizon D2 program at the PS 3 Charrette School need a "sensory gym" facility. This type of specialized space is designed to provide a safe and stimulating environment for kids with sensory processing challenges and other neurodivergent populations, including those with autism, ADHD or other learning differences such as those served by the ASH Horizon Program at PS3.

**7 of 8 Create the Bleecker Street School****SCA**

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

C16. Create a new elementary school of at least 100,000 square feet to fulfill the long-promised addition of a Bleecker Street School. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's committed to create an option to build the Bleecker School to serve the needs of our District and beyond. While the lease on the existing site at Bleecker and LaGuardia was recently renewed, and the Bleecker Street School Option was extended accordingly, the need for the school remains and should be met, and the value of the commitment made by NYU to the Community should be preserved.

**8 of 8 Create a HS for Students with Dyslexia and other LBLDs****SCA**

Provide a new or expand an existing high school

C15. Students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities (LBLDs) face enormous challenges, starting with the inconsistent and inequitable frequency of testing to diagnose and assess these learning differences, and continuing with inconsistent and inequitable availability of facilities, curriculum and appropriately experienced staff to meet those needs. A new high school is needed in our District that is equipped and staffed to meet those needs, without displacing other currently situated students or needs.

**New York Public Library (NYPL)****1 of 2 Replace the HVAC System at the Hudson Park Library****NYPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Replace HVAC equipment at the Hudson Park Library. While the Hudson Park Library is deserving of a complete renovation and upgrade, this investment of an estimated \$2.5 million is a minimal worthwhile upgrade

**2 of 2 Replace the HVAC System at the Jefferson Market Branch Library****NYPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Replace HVAC fan coils at the Jefferson Market Library. The HVAC system's fan coils and associated equipment need to be replaced. Estimated at \$2.5 million.

**CS Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library****NYPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Allocate funds for a full branch renovation of the Hudson Park Library. The public health, social, and economic challenges of the current moment have rendered NYPL's work more essential than ever. During the COVID-19 pandemic the Library expanded its online presence to ensure access to information, resources, and programs for all New Yorkers through webinars, classes, book clubs, live tutoring, and career/financial counseling that supported schools, job-seekers, and students, among others. Due to the digital divide, NYPL also supplemented these offerings with limited in-person services, maintenance of its WiFi networks, and the distribution of thousands of reading materials.

**Department of Education (DOE)****1 of 1 Technology Improvements Needed at Schools****DOE**

Other capital budget request for DOE

Technology improvements to include Smart Boards and related equipment and software are needed at Harvey Milk HS (M586) and at MS 323 - 75 Morton Street.

**Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)****1 of 2 Build More Affordable Housing at Gansevoort Square****HPD**

Other capital budget request for HPD

Location: 10th Avenue - Gansevoort Street & Little West 12th Street  
Allocate sufficient funds for the conveyance of the portion of Tenth Avenue between Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets from New York State Department of Transportation to the City in order to de-map Tenth Avenue in that location which increases the floor area, allowing more affordable housing to be developed at Gansevoort Square.

**2 of 2 Build Affordable Housing at 2 Howard Street****HPD**

Other capital budget request for HPD

Allocate sufficient funds for the City to pursue and acquire ownership of 2 Howard Street from the federal government for the development of 100% permanently affordable housing, with the Department of Housing Preservation & Development to fund the 100% permanently affordable housing once the site is transferred to City ownership. This underused, federally-owned parking garage would make an ideal location for affordable housing. CB2 is a strong supporter of affordable housing and believes money allocated to purchase this property and to develop affordable housing on the site would constitute a significant benefit to our District and our City. CB2 calls on the Mayor's Office to work with the federal government and all federal elected officials to transfer ownership of 2 Howard Street to NYC HPD for development of 100% permanently affordable housing. CB2 encourages all parties to consider providing for current federal parking needs in the base of a new affordable housing building.

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 8 Install Additional Safety Improvements on Canal Street****DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Canal Street - Bowery &amp; West Street

Along Canal St. from West St. to the Bowery, add additional safety improvements including improved signalization, crosswalks and sidewalk design for pedestrians, protected bicycle lanes that connect to existing bicycle lanes north and south of Canal St., improved access to Hudson River Park and West Street for pedestrians and cyclists, delineated zones for commercial and residential deliveries and traffic calming and congestion improvements.

**2 of 8 Make the Morton Street Bike Lane Safer****DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: Morton Street - West Street &amp; Washington Street

2. To Improve Safety, install Granite Strip Bicycle Lane on Morton St. btw. West and Washington Sts. and Striped Eastward. Replace Belgian block surface with granite strip bicycle lane on Morton St. btw. West and Washington Sts. and striped eastward from Washington St. The current road is so unsafe, cyclists ride on the sidewalk endangering pedestrians. Morton St. is a main route from Hudson River Park going east and provides access to hundreds of middle school students and District 75 students at 75 Morton Street.

**3 of 8 Install a Granite Strip Bike Lane on Clarkson Street****DOT**

Install streetscape improvements

Location: Clarkson Street - West Street &amp; Greenwich Street

To Improve Safety, install Granite Bicycle Lane on Clarkson St. btw. West and Greenwich Streets. Replace Belgian block surface with granite strip bicycle lane on Clarkson St. btw. West and Greenwich Streets to accommodate bicycles in the street and keep them off the sidewalk where they have injured pedestrians.

**4 of 8 Repair and Replace Belgian Blocks on Morton Street****DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: Morton Street - West Street &amp; Washington Street

Improve Safety, Repair and Replace Belgian Blocks on Morton St. btw. West and Washington Sts. and Striped Eastward Repair and replace Belgian block surface on Morton St. btw. West and Washington Sts. Morton St. is a main route from Hudson River Park going east and provides access to hundreds of middle school students and District 75 students at 75 Morton.

**5 of 8 Repair and Reconstruct Belgian Blocks on Clarkson Street****DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: Clarkson Street - West Street &amp; Greenwich Street

Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson Street from West Street to Greenwich Street, including the repair & replacement of its Belgian blocks and the installation of a granite strip to serve as a bicycle lane. The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson Street between West and Greenwich Streets is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs or with other mobility challenges, and those with strollers, as well as to bicyclists and drivers.

**6 of 8 Repair the Belgian Block Surface on Bond Street**  
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

**DOT**

Location: Bond Street - Broadway & Bowery

Allocate funds to repair and replace badly damages and/or missing Belgian blocks on Bond St., between Broadway and the Bowery. Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged, missing or both and need to be restored and/or replaced. The current poor condition is hazardous and a blight to the NoHo Historic District

**7 of 8 Repair and Replace Belgian Blocks on Wooster Street**  
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

**DOT**

Location: Wooster Street - West Houston Street & Canal Street

Repair and replace badly damaged and/or missing Belgian blocks on Wooster St. between Houston and Canal Streets. The current poor condition is hazardous and a blight to the SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District.

**8 of 8 Add ADA Pedestrian Ramps along Wooster Street**  
Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

**DOT**

Location: Wooster Street - Prince Street & Spring Street

Add Pedestrian Ramps on the Southeast Corner of Wooster and Prince Sts. and the Northeast Corner of Wooster and Spring Streets. To enhance accessibility for all pedestrians, add ADA pedestrian ramps on the southeast corner of Wooster and Prince Streets. and the northeast corner of Wooster and Spring Streets. NB: THIS SHOULD BE ROUTED TO DDC (DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, BUT THE DNS PORTAL DOES NOT PROVIDE THAT OPTION.

**Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

**1 of 7 Install Water Access and Rat-Proof Irrigation Systems District-Wide**  
New equipment for maintenance

**DPR**

Goal: Install water source access and rat-proof irrigation systems across multiple CB2M parks to improve plant care and enable sustained volunteer participation while reducing dependency on manual watering. Spaces that lack irrigation or water access make landscape care very challenging. Rat-proof systems prevent infestations and lower maintenance issues. Parks identified as recipients that would benefit include Rapkin Gayle Plaza (DEP site) at Lafayette and Grand Streets, Manuel Plaza (DEP site) on E 4th Street east of Lafayette, Bleecker Playground at Bank Street between Hudson and Bleecker Streets, Time Landscape on LaGuardia Place north of W Houston Street, Mulry Square at Greenwich and 7th Avenues, Little Red Square at Bleecker Street and 6th Avenue, Downing Street Playground and Winston Churchill Square at 1 Downing Street, Minetta Playground at 6th Ave and Minetta Lane and Corporal John A. Seravalli Playground on Hudson Street between Horatio and Gansevoort Streets (plantings on Hudson Street). Commissioner Shimamura expressed strong support for this idea as a district-wide initiative.

**2 of 7 Revitalize the "Clarkson Street Corridor" including JJ Walker Park courts, playgrounds and pathways**  
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

**DPR**

Location: Clarkson Street - Hudson Street & Varick Street

Goal: Support ongoing DPR work to revitalize the "Clarkson Street Corridor" of adjacent park areas (that are located around Clarkson Street from Houston Street, up Hudson Street, across on St. Luke's Place and down Varick Street) and more specifically, to support improvements within James J Walker Park including the playground and walkway in sync with the broader developments, with the hope of avoiding prolonged staggered construction. Rationale: Continue collaboration with Parks Commissioner's office to ensure full funding and timely completion.

**3 of 7 Modernize Vesuvio Playground**  
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

**DPR**

Goal: Renovate play and recreation facilities, including basketball/pickleball courts and pool area in the open space that is located between Thompson and Sullivan Streets and Prince and Spring Streets. Rationale: A high-use, multigenerational community hub multiple features that has not been renovated in roughly two decades.

<b>4 of 7</b>	<b>Renovate Minetta Playground</b> Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<b>DPR</b>
<p>Location: 6th Avenue &amp; Minetta Lane</p> <p>Goal: Comprehensive upgrade and repair of play equipment, surfacing, and safety features as well as fixing broken gates and replacing failing safety flooring and addressing rat issues in the "pocket park" at 3rd St. and Avenue of the Americas.</p> <p>Rationale: Aging infrastructure and high usage make this one of the district's most in-need playgrounds for modernization (supported by data from the Vital Parks tool) and because the area south of West 4th/8th Street subway is struggling with cleanliness and maintenance even though Washington Square Park staff have been diverted to assist when possible.</p>		
<b>5 of 7</b>	<b>Redesign Downing Street Playground</b> Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<b>DPR</b>
<p>Downing Street Playground Safety &amp; Redesign. Goal: Reconfigure the playground layout to improve sightlines and safety including removing or reducing tall walls and dense shrubbery to increase visibility and openness to discourage unsafe activity. Rationale: Frequent reports of substance use and loitering warrant improved design for safety and accessibility</p>		
<b>6 of 7</b>	<b>Replace the Surface in the Dog Runs</b> Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<b>DPR</b>
<p>Washington Square Park Dog Run(s): install turf or natural grass surfacing of both the area for large dogs and the area for smaller dogs.</p>		
<b>7 of 7</b>	<b>Include a fully equipped Recreation Center at 388 Hudson Street</b> Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<b>DPR</b>
<p>C18. Include a fully equipper Parks Department Recreation Center of at least 3 floors, with a pool, at the base of the affordable housing building to be constructed at 388 Hudson Street.</p>		

## Other

<b>1 of 2</b>	<b>DCAS - Affordable Housing At Gansevoort Square</b> Other capital request	<b>Other</b>
<p>To the Department of Citywide Administrative Services: Allocate sufficient funds for the conveyance of the portion of Tenth Avenue between Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets from New York State Department of Transportation to the City in order to de-map Tenth Avenue in that location which increases the floor area, allowing more affordable housing to be developed at Gansevoort Square.</p>		
<b>2 of 2</b>	<b>Build Affordable Housing at 2 Howard Street</b> Other capital request	<b>Other</b>
<p>To the Department of Citywide Administrative Services: Allocate sufficient funds for the City to pursue and acquire ownership of 2 Howard Street from the federal government for the development of 100% permanently affordable housing, with the Department of Housing Preservation &amp; Development to fund the 100% permanently affordable housing once the site is transferred to City ownership. This underused, federally-owned parking garage would make an ideal location for affordable housing. CB2 is a strong supporter of affordable housing and believes money allocated to purchase this property and to develop affordable housing on the site would constitute a significant benefit to our District and our City. CB2 calls on the Mayor's Office and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to work with the federal government and all federal elected officials to transfer ownership of 2 Howard Street to NYC HPD for development of 100% permanently affordable housing. CB2 encourages all parties to consider providing for current federal parking needs in the base of a new affordable housing building.</p>		

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

### Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

**1 of 2    1. Evaluate the Intensive Mobile Treatment Program and Assign a Team to CB2's District    DOHMH**  
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

Conduct a formal program evaluation of the Intensive Mobile Treatment model with consideration of assigning an IMT team to serve CD2 - especially in the Sixth Avenue corridor, the Northwest corner of Washington Square Park, as well as the Crosby Street corridor adjacent to Houston Street - to address unmet needs of individuals with substance abuse and serious mental health issues. CB2 appreciates DoHMH's interest in refining the operation of the IMT program, with a stable cohort of clients, following a recent expansion of its teams. CB2 urges the city to prioritize a timely evaluation of IMT to meet the urgency of this problem in our district. Our request is for the allocation of funds for a cost-benefit analysis and other methodologies that can ensure that IMT succeeds at bringing clients into treatment.

**2 of 2    1. Assign a B-HEARD team to include Community District 2, Manhattan, in its catchment area.    DOHMH**  
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

CB2 appreciates that the assignment of B-HEARD teams has been in response to those precincts reporting high cases of "emotionally disturbed persons." However, the lack of any B-HEARD team in lower or midtown Manhattan relegates thousands to the more intense response by NYPD, which may discourage people from seeking help.

## Department of Education (DOE)

**1 of 7    Men Teach Program - Increase Funding    DOE**  
Other expense budget request for DOE

Allocate funds for the NYC Men Teach to recruit, train, and retain talented non traditional public school educators to close the representation gap between our students and those who teach them. (NYCPS)

**2 of 7    Reduce Class Sizes    DOE**  
Other expense budget request for DOE

2. Allocate funding to reduce class size citywide at an estimated cost of \$137 million for hiring teachers, covering only about 1,300 out of the estimated 10,000 to 12,000 teachers needed. Prioritizing first elementary schools, middle schools then high schools within District 2 within the five-year phase-in period ending in 2028. (NYCPS)

**3 of 7    Teacher Professional Development and Training    DOE**  
Other expense budget request for DOE

Allocate funds for teacher training and for reading and writing curricula aligned with the science of reading and structured literacy practices.

**4 of 7    Arts Education - Fully Fund and Baseline the Allocation    DOE**  
Other educational programs requests

Allocate funds to maintain the most recent baseline funding for arts education. (NYCPS)

**5 of 7    Fund a Review and Adjustment of the CEQR Process for Estimating Future Capacity Needs    DOE**  
Other expense budget request for DOE

Allocate funds for the City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process for funding, siting, and building new public schools. (NYCPS)

**6 of 7    Expand the 3K Program to meet demand    DOE**  
Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs

Allocate funding to expand the 3K Program to meet demand. (NYCPS)



**7 of 7 Provide More Before- and After-School Educational Opportunities****DOE**

Other educational programs requests

Allocate funds for an array of before-and-after school activities across all grade levels that are free of charge to students and families. (NYCPS)

**Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)****1 of 3 Compile and Share a Dataset of Rent-Regulated Units for Open Data****HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

Allocate funds to develop a citywide dataset, going back to at least 2008, of the number of rent stabilized and rent-controlled units (by building), including building-level data such as house number, street name, BBL, BIN, and community district, using data such as Department of Finance tax bills, to be included on the Open Data portal in dataset and map formats, to be updated annually. Where necessary, this dataset should include an extract from the appropriate State-level agency (e.g., NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR)) in order to identify these units.

**2 of 3 Study Units Converted to Rent-Regulated Residential Uses****HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

Ask the NYC Loft Board to create a report identifying the number of units that have been converted from commercial and manufacturing spaces to rent-stabilized residential uses since the creation of the Loft Board. The report should identify building-level detail such as house number, street name, BBL, BIN, and community district. The Loft Board should identify all units that are still in the process of conversion.

**3 of 3 Create a holistic study of the Gansevoort Square Proposal Area****HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

In order to have a more considered process with real community involvement, CB2 recommends studying the Gansevoort Square Proposal Area now to evaluate the land use possibilities to maximize affordable housing, promote design excellence, maximize the use of all the publicly owned land in the immediate area. CB2 has very little public land on which to create affordable housing and needed public services. This area is a precious resource and CB2 urges a better utilization of it.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)****1 of 2 1. Further Implementation of Trash Containerization, including "Empire bin" style containers.****DSNY**

Other expense budget request for DSNY

Evaluate the quantity and condition of trash and recycling containers, as well as evaluate collection schedules, and to make adjustments as necessary. In particular, DSNY should monitor the effects of the new containerization rules which came into effect in the fall of 2024. Within CD2 and other districts with a historic streetscape and a heterogenous landscape of narrow sidewalks and streets, special study is needed to determine the optimal way to containerize trash without placing an undue burden on residents and without impeding the pedestrian right-of-way. In particular, DSNY should evaluate and place "Empire bin" style large containers, which have been piloted in other districts, in appropriate areas of CD2. In addition, new designs are needed for rat resistant trash containers. Rat remediation also requires more frequent litter basket collection, especially on weekends and around spaces that attract large numbers of people.

**2 of 2 Study NYC "Smart" Composting Bins****DSNY**

Provide or expand NYC organics collection program

Allocate funds to study the future utility and need for "Smart" Composting Bins after curbside compost collection is fully implemented, with a particular focus on communities such as CD2/M that include many streets with narrow sidewalks and smaller residential buildings that may make challenging the storing and placing out for collection the curbside composting "brown bins."

**School Construction Authority**

**1 of 1    Review and Revise CEQR Process and Criteria for New School Enrollment Projections****SCA**

Other expense request for SCA

Allocate funds to review and revise the City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process for funding, siting, and building new public schools. (NYCPS)

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 9    Install a Traffic Light and Crosswalk Across Houston St. at Wooster St.****DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: West Houston Street &amp; Wooster Street

Allocate funds to install a traffic light and crosswalk on Houston St. at Wooster St., the only Houston St. intersection without a light, which is always hazardous, now more so with heavy traffic increase, to provide safe crossing to its numerous, many vulnerable users, in accessing the multifold activities along that corridor.

**2 of 9    Extend Two-Way Bicycle Lane on Lafayette St. from Prince St. to Astor Place. Jersey St. and add Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Protection at Lafayette and Jersey Sts.****DOT**

Provide new bike lanes

Location: Lafayette Street - Prince Street &amp; Astor Place

Extend the Two-Way Bicycle Lane currently on Lafayette St. from Spring to Prince Sts. north to Astor Place, which will connect Lafayette St. to east and west bicycle lanes on Bleecker, 3rd and 4th Sts. and provide a safe southbound cycling alternative to Broadway. At the intersection of Lafayette and Jersey Sts., add pedestrian and bicycle safety protection.

**3 of 9    Honor 2021 Rezoning Commitments to Redesign and Expand of Petrosino Sq. and Relocate Citi Bike Station****DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Petrosino Square - Cleveland Place - Spring Street &amp; Kenmare Street

Allocate funds to complete the 2021 promised study to Reimagine Petrosino Sq., from the Points of Agreement for the SoHo NoHo rezoning. The goal is to redesign and expand Petrosino Sq. and at the north end of Petrosino Sq., restore the originally planned rotating public art installation program and relocate the Citi Bike station there elsewhere. (DPR and DOT).

**4 of 9    Install Protective Barriers for Bicycle Lane on Houston St. btw. Washington and West Sts****DOT**

Provide new bike lanes

Location: West Houston Street - Washington Street &amp; West Street

Allocate funds to install temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. btw. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway, until more permanent safety improvements can be added. (DOT)

**5 of 9    Install Safety Improvements on Greenwich Ave from 6th to 8th Avenues****DOT**

Add street signage or wayfinding elements

Location: Greenwich Avenue - 6th Avenue &amp; 8th Avenue

Allocate funds to identify and install safety improvements along diagonal Greenwich Ave. from 6th to 8th Aves. including improving pedestrian crossings and clarifying vehicular movement with design, signalization and pavement marking changes. This includes a. Greenwich and 8th Aves. at Jane St. and at the intersection of W. 13th St./Greenwich Ave./Horatio St., b. Mulry Sq at the intersection of Seventh Ave. So., Greenwich Ave. and West 11th St., c. Greenwich Ave. and W. 10th St. and d. Greenwich and W. 8th St / 6th Aves to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and the intersection of W. 8th St. and 6th and Greenwich Aves. (DOT).

<b>6 of 9</b>	<b>Install Safety Improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts. (the Stonewall National Monument)</b>	<b>DOT</b>
Other traffic improvement requests		

Location: Christopher Street - Waverly Place & Grove Street

Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts. (Stonewall Natl. Monument area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, improved directional signage, while also incorporating improvements to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the nearby southwest side of Christopher St. and Greenwich Ave., the major approach to the Stonewall area. (DOT)

<b>7 of 9</b>	<b>Expand the Shared Street on University Place from 13th St. to W. 4th St.</b>	<b>DOT</b>
Conduct traffic or parking studies		

Location: University Place - 14th Street & Washington Square South

Allocate funds to expand the shared street currently on University Pl. btw. 14th and 13th Sts. all the way to W. 4th St., as soon as feasible, considering provision for deliveries, drop-off/pickups, emergency and other necessary access. (DOT)

<b>8 of 9</b>	<b>Study the Intersection of 9th Ave. and 14th St. to Reduce Congestion and Improve Safety</b>	<b>DOT</b>
Address traffic congestion		

Location: West 14th Street - 9th Avenue & West Street

Allocate funds to conduct a study of the 9th Ave. and 14th St. intersection to improve traffic signalization to avoid excessive backups and ensure safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. (DOT).

<b>9 of 9</b>	<b>Study E. 12th St. btw. Broadway and 5th Ave. to Reduce Congestion and Placard Parking Abuses</b>	<b>DOT</b>
Address traffic congestion		

Location: East 12th Street - Broadway & 5th Avenue

Allocate funds to address continuing congestion problems on E. 12th St., focusing on the problem area on 12th St. btw. Broadway and 5th Ave. problem area and placard parking abuses on 12th St. btw. University Pl. and Broadway. (DOT)

## Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Fund the Hiring of a Urban Planning Expert for Community Boards</b>	<b>OMB</b>
Other expense request		

Allocate funds for CB2 to hire an urban planning expert on a case-by-case basis to evaluate applications and make reports to the Land Use and Housing Committee.

## Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

<b>1 of 2</b>	<b>Hudson Waterfront Resiliency Study</b>	<b>DEP</b>
Other expense budget request for DEP		

Location: West Street - Canal Street & West 14 Street

Allocate funds for the City to sponsor and conduct a more localized study of coastal resiliency options for the west side of the District along Hudson River Park, coordinating with relevant constituencies including the Hudson River Park Trust and the State Department of Transportation, to allow for more effective resiliency efforts. In the aftermath of the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, compounded by Climate Change, it has become clear that the Hudson River waterfront is dangerously vulnerable to storm surges, extreme weather and tidal events. There has, however, been opposition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposals for abatement of the effects of these phenomena, because among other things the USACE recommendations do not take into account local conditions. The newly created Waterfront Code Committee could also potentially be part of this process. After making this request in previous years, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed - without undertaking such a study or indicating what aspects of the problem should be studied. This effort needs City sponsorship to coordinate among all relevant constituencies.

**2 of 2 Build Additional Green Infrastructure****DEP**

Other expense budget request for DEP

Allocate funds to explore funding and building green infrastructure within CB2.

**Department of City Planning (DCP)****1 of 4 Study the Effectiveness of the Hudson Square Rezoning against its original goals, with a focus on housing creation****DCP**

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

Fund a Study to identify the development projects that have actually been planned and/or completed within the boundaries of the 2013 Hudson Square Rezoning. The report should identify the number of residential units, floor area of residential, number of affordable and market rate, and for the affordable units, identify the duration of the affordability (e.g., permanent, 20- year, etc). Per building, the report should identify the AMI levels for the affordable housing, and differentiate between rentals and home ownership units. The report should also identify those buildings that were proposed as residential, but resulted in commercial development. The report should evaluate the success of the Hudson Square Rezoning in terms of its original goals, particularly the creation of housing stock (affordable and market rate). Based on the results of the study, identify methods available to rebalance or course-correct the rezoning in order to produce additional residential housing stock, with a focus on affordable versus market rate. Identify what tools (e.g., tax abatements, affordable housing frameworks) would be appropriate in order to achieve these goals.

**2 of 4 Review CEQR Process for School Enrollment Projections****DCP**

Other expense request for DCP

Allocate funds to review and revise as needed the City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process for funding, siting, and building new public schools, including with respect to enrollment projections.

**3 of 4 Study the Effectiveness of the SOHO/NOHO/Chinatown Rezoning against its original goals, with a focus on housing creation****DCP**

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

The five-year mark is approaching for this rezoning and we are starting to see land use applications for this area. CB2 was particularly concerned by the application for a new building on 43 Bleecker Street. The application did not properly account for the past existence of residential lofts in the building and the developer may not be providing the amount of required affordable housing on site. There are several other new buildings coming on line in this area and each one has required detailed analysis. CB2 is concerned about the impact of this rezoning on increased displacement, the loss of existing affordable housing, the danger of not producing required new affordable housing, and the lack of accountability. As part of this study, CB2 wants an evaluation of the impact of the changes on existing rent-regulated loft residences. CB2 does not want this rezoning to increase displacement of any from any of the existing affordable housing resources. CB2 fears that the loss of existing affordable housing may offset any increases coming from housing created under the new rezoning. CB2 has previously asked for a report identifying the number of units that are currently being converted or have been converted from commercial and manufacturing spaces to rent-stabilized residential uses since the creation of the Loft Board. The report should identify building-level detail such as house number, street name, BBL, BIN, and community district. This information would enable a true analysis of the impact of the SoHo/NoHo/Chinatown rezoning.

**4 of 4 Create a holistic study of the Gansevoort Square Proposal Area****DCP**

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

In order to have a more considered process with real community involvement, CB2 recommends studying the Gansevoort Square Proposal Area now to evaluate the land use possibilities to maximize affordable housing, promote design excellence, maximize the use of all the publicly owned land in the immediate area. CB2 has very little public land on which to create affordable housing and needed public services. This area is a precious resource and CB2 urges a better utilization of it.

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)****1 of 1 1. Fund Facade Maintenance at Greenwich House****DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

Allocate funding to support the ongoing costs for the upkeep of the exterior of Greenwich House's historic building at 27 Barrow Street in Manhattan.

## Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

### 1 of 2 **Expand Food and Nutrition Services at The Door**

**DYCD**

Other expense budget request for DYCD

Allocate funds to support the expansion of The Door's Food and Nutrition Services to meet its goal of distributing 12,000+ meals

### 2 of 2 **Provide More free before-school and after-school programs**

**DYCD**

Other expense budget request for DYCD

Allocate funds for an array of before-and-after school activities across all grade levels that are free of charge to students and families.

## Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management (CECM)

### 1 of 1 **Study the Effects of Full Street Closures for Commercial Events**

**CECM**

Other expense budget request for CECM

E30. Allocate funds to enable SAPO (the Street Activities Permit Office) to study the effects that full street closures for commercial events have on neighboring businesses and residents. CB2 remains disturbed by the endless proliferation of promotional and commercial events, some with permits; some not; which are occurring regularly especially in SoHo and NoHo. The study should include the impacts on pedestrian access, traffic flow, and the creation of "hot spots" at the confluence of multiple street closures in close proximity, as compared with other Districts.

## Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME)

### 1 of 1 **Enforcement of MOME Permit Specifics**

**MOME**

Other expense budget request for MOME

E43. Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. Allocate funds to enable MOME to conduct enforcement and require compliance with film and television permit specifics. As the number of film shoots in our District continues to proliferate, so does the number of complaints from our residents and businesses. CB2 feels strongly that MOME needs to have enforcement staff that track film shoots in real time and proactively ensures that all holders comply with all permit specifics.

## Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

### 1 of 9 **Address Staffing Challenges**

**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Address Staffing Challenges: particularly additional gardeners and maintenance staff and Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers. Explanation: historically, only one gardener has been employed to cover 65 downtown parks, green spaces and DOT sites. Gardeners make a major difference in park health, but staffing levels are inconsistent and not guaranteed. Volunteers can supplement, but trained gardeners are essential for plant health and sustainability, so resources to employ more gardeners would be valuable. PEP officers tasked with enforcement of rules and improved security presence help maintain order and deter unsafe or inappropriate activity.

### 2 of 9 **Rat Mitigation and Sanitation**

**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Location: Sixth Avenue - West Houston Street & West 9th Street  
Rat Mitigation and Sanitation: funds to expand rat control and sanitation programs in high-impact areas, including Washington Square Park and the Sixth Avenue pocket parks, such as Rat-Proof Trash Receptacles - continue installing rat-resistant trash bins ("Big Belly" style) and ensure regular maintenance and collection schedules.

### 3 of 9 **Identify Locations For Dog Parks and Dog Runs**

**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Dog Parks and Dog Runs Study: fund a district-wide study and implementation plan to identify and create additional dog parks or runs, including some with grass surfaces.

<b>4 of 9</b>	<b>Skateboarding Opportunities Study</b> Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<b>DPR</b>
Skateboarding Opportunities Study: allocate funding to identify and develop designated skateboarding areas, reducing conflicts in existing parks and public spaces.		
<b>5 of 9</b>	<b>Pocket Park Maintenance (along Sixth Avenue Corridor)</b> Other park maintenance and safety requests	<b>DPR</b>
Location: 6th Avenue - West Houston Street & West 9th Street Pocket Park Maintenance (along Sixth Avenue Corridor): allocate funding to maintain and improve small green spaces such as Minetta Green, Golden Swan, and Minetta Triangle, focusing on proper bench installation, soil stability, and cleaning.		
<b>6 of 9</b>	<b>Increase Public Art in Parks</b> Other park programming requests	<b>DPR</b>
Public Art in Parks: our committee has reviewed and approved and enjoyed a series of public art installations in parks and plazas in recent years and would welcome funding that could further increase the number of such events which reflect the district's cultural heritage and enhance public engagement. (Note: this may overlap with existing city programs, but inclusion reflects strong community interest.)		
<b>7 of 9</b>	<b>Reconsidering the "Time" Landscape Garden</b> Other expense budget request for DPR	<b>DPR</b>
Location: LaGuardia Place - West Houston Street & Bleecker Street Reconsidering Time Landscape Garden: long-term volunteer(s) have provided great, diligent support and we do not have a proposal to consider changes to the space, but resources to do a study to reconsider the use and then development and/or maintenance would be valuable.		
<b>8 of 9</b>	<b>Re-imagining Playground of the Avenue of the Americas</b> Other expense budget request for DPR	<b>DPR</b>
Location: Sixth Avenue & West Houston Street Reconsidering Playground of the Americas: the space may not be optimally used as it exists today and there were concerns expressed about impact on adjacent residences and DPR asked not to change it during work at Downing Street playground, but funds to investigate community ideas for potential renovations in the future would be useful to start reimagining this space for wider use		
<b>9 of 9</b>	<b>Support for Washington Square Park</b> Other expense budget request for DPR	<b>DPR</b>
Support for Washington Square Park: due to the importance of this space in our district, it was suggested that improvement needs should be considered a priority including safety and lighting, water/irrigation systems, shade trees, seating, maintenance funding, rat mitigation, and funds to support arts/public programming - beyond what has been pledged by the Washington Square Park Conservancy. Additional challenges repeat ideas listed above, including number and role definitions of PEP officers, limited gardening staff and volunteer support constraints.		

## Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Assign a SHOW (Street Health Outreach and Wellness Team to treat individuals in the area of CB2M)</b> Other expense request for HHC	<b>HHC</b>
Assign a SHOW van (Street Health Outreach and Wellness) to treat individuals in the area of CD2. Health + Hospitals reports that individuals receiving treatment at a SHOW van are more likely to seek further primary care and less likely to visit a hospital emergency room.		

## Other

**1 of 2    Create a City Office of Cannabis Business Services under the Office of the Mayor****Other**

Other expense request

Allocate funding to establish the Office of Cannabis Business Services as proposed by City Council Int 0285-2022, and with full funding and implementation of the office. CB2M emphasizes that the Office of Cannabis Business Services should actively work with and support community boards, local licensees, applicants, elected officials, and city agencies to ensure equitable participation in the cannabis industry, promote social and economic equity for communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition, provide legal, technical, and financial assistance, and monitor and evaluate the implementation of cannabis regulations across the City.

**2 of 2    Mayor's Office of Community Mental Health - Assign a B-HEARD team to include Community District 2, Manhattan, in its catchment area.****Other**

Other expense request

Assign a B-HEARD team to include Community District 2, Manhattan, in its catchment area. CB2 appreciates that the assignment of B-HEARD teams has been in response to those precincts reporting high cases of "emotionally disturbed persons." However, the lack of any B-HEARD team in lower or midtown Manhattan relegates thousands to the more intense response by NYPD, which may discourage people from seeking help.