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Community Board  
Budget Requests***

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY23 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

## New York City

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

## The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

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

## Bronx Community District 4

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	146,441	100.00	150,436	100.00	3,995	2.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	42,624	29.1	37,858	25.2	-4,766	-11.2	-3.9
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	146,441	100.0	150,436	100.0	3,995	2.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	92,338	63.1	97,804	65.0	5,466	5.9	1.9
White non-Hispanic	2,193	1.5	3,240	2.2	1,047	47.7	0.7
Black non-Hispanic	47,344	32.3	43,227	28.7	-4,117	-8.7	-3.6
Asian non-Hispanic	2,232	1.5	2,596	1.7	364	16.3	0.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	952	0.7	1,460	1.0	508	53.4	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,382	0.9	2,109	1.4	727	52.6	0.5
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	51,652	100.0	54,022	100.0	2,370	4.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	49,285	95.4	52,006	96.3	2,721	5.5	0.9
Vacant housing units	2,367	4.6	2,016	3.7	-351	-14.8	-0.9

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District Four, the Capital District, is made up of the following neighborhoods: *Mt. Eden, Highbridge, West Concourse, East Concourse, and Concourse Village*. Our district is bounded by the Cross Bronx Expressway to the North, East 149th Street to the South, Webster to Park Avenue on the East and the Harlem River on the West. Over 150,000 residents call Community District Four home. We celebrate their distinct cultures and points of view. Our district is a great place to visit, work and live. We are the host to the world-renown Yankee Stadium, Bronx Terminal Market/Gateway Center, the Borough's Court System, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the future home of the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum. An astounding array of architecture styles are on full display including revivalist styles such as Tudor, Renaissance, and Colonial Revival, and Art Deco buildings within the Grand Concourse Historic District. We continue to attract public and private investment leveraging our locational advantages; we are 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan, have excellent transit access including multiple subway lines, regional access with the Metro North and Major Deegan Expressway, and an extraordinary network of open space and recreational facilities. Bronx Point, which will be located along 149th Street and the Harlem River, will include new amenities at Mill Pond Park, 1,000 units of affordable housing and the future home of the Universal Hip Hop Museum. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan approved by City Council in March 2018 resulted in \$189 million invested for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, design and construction of new open space and a new state-of-the art middle school. Advocacy to support the additional density resulted in the MTA announcing installation of an elevator at 170th Street station on #4 train as part of 2020-2024 Capital Plan. Many of those investments are well underway including the construction of nearly 1,000 units of affordable housing (including 69 Senior units) and designs of Corporal Irwin Fischer Park, Goble Playground and Grant Park. While we welcome these investments, many of which are long overdue, the after affects of COVID-19 presents a number of challenges for all residents.

Unemployment nationally is 5.2% and 7.4% in New York State respectively. Unemployment in the Bronx is 13.4%, which means that unemployment in Community District Four is closer to 25%. In a District where many people struggle on a day-to-day basis, we need to invest and allocate more resources to job training/development and job creation to provide a robust employment network for area residents. This includes making significant investments in our young people through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and other mechanisms to better prepare them for a variety of different career paths.

The eviction moratorium will expire in January 2022, creating a world of uncertainty for tens of thousands of New Yorkers. The state received \$2.7 billion in federal funding to assist tenants in arrears and landlords. That funding must make its way into the hands of those who need it with extreme urgency through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP). New York City has seen more than 2,800 small businesses shutter their doors over the last year, 30% of those being restaurants. Just like residential tenants, the fear of eviction for commercial tenants looms large.

COVID-19 continues to hit communities of color at alarming and disproportionate rates. Vaccination rates in the district are just above 60% which is on par with the Borough and the national average, however vaccinate rates in Manhattan and NYS outpace the Bronx and the district at 73% and 65% respectively.

Generally, we welcome the construction of new affordable housing at a wide range of incomes to serve everybody in the district. However, at this moment the preservation of our existing housing stock is on the critical path. Nearly 80% of all rental housing units in the district are rent stabilized. Once the rent moratorium expires in January 2022, we need to find long-term solutions to ensure that those people do not join the nearly 50,000 people (including more than 14,000 children in families) that are currently part of our homeless shelter system. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, the primary cause of homelessness, particularly among families, is lack of affordable housing. On a related note as we look to address the homeless crisis head on we must invest more money and resources into mental health.

Quality of life issues including crime, graffiti, public safety and sanitation are major concerns for area residents. Enforcement of traffic laws and a concerted effort to deter loitering and loud music must become a top priority if the City expects to continue to attract top talent to live and work here. As things have begun to open up traffic congestion once again takes center stage as a concern for area residents and by the summer of 2022 we will once again have to navigate Yankee games, concerts, football, soccer games and tour buses.

Investments in infrastructure is one of our greatest needs. Roads, subways and buses are bursting at the seams. The construction of the 153rd Street Bridge would not only provide relief for traffic congestion; it would create significant economic development opportunities including good paying jobs for local residents and transform the landscape of the South Bronx. It should be noted that the 153rd Street Bridge fits all the criteria for that federal government's infrastructure bill.

The nation and the city continue to face steep challenges economically, socially and politically. We are at a critical juncture. We challenge the new administration to examine the City with a fresh set of eyes and offer up innovative solutions that will support our long-term growth and sustainability.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 4

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

Nearly eighty percent of the housing stock in the district is rent-stabilized. The preservation of our current housing stock is on the critical path for area residents. The City must make a concerted effort to support those tenants in arrears and assist landlords in maintaining their buildings. The City invests hundreds of millions of dollars in construction of new affordable housing. Currently, HPD estimates more than 3,600 affordable housing units based on developer interest in their pipeline (According to latest estimates, May 2021). We implore the City to implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that any new affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. The pandemic has forced hundreds thousands of New Yorkers into rent arrears. An analysis of census data from late June and early July by the National Equity Atlas, a research group associated with the University of Southern California, estimated that more than 830,000 households in New York State, the majority in New York City, were behind on rent, with a total estimated debt of more than \$3.2 billion. Almost half of the renters in those households were unemployed and more than three-quarters earned less than \$50,000 a year, according to the analysis. It is estimated that less than 8% of the \$2.7 billion allocated for rent relief has been distributed. (NY Times, August 25, 2021) It is on the critical path that those funds get into the hands of tenants in need and landlords immediately.

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

Crime and public safety have become a hot-button issue across this nation, and NYC is no exception. The dissolution of the NYPD anti-crime unit has accelerated the unprecedented number of guns currently on our streets and increased crime across the city. This summer was slightly better than last in some respects, however crime particularly gun violence is disturbing. Unsanctioned block parties, barbecues in the park and on city streets continue to be the norm. In September 2021, a crowd of more than 200 people gathered in Claremont Park, the largest park in the district. A 24 year-old man and three others were injured including an 11-year old boy. As of October 4, 2021, year-to-date, NYC has seen a 36% increase in murder, 41% increase in burglary and 62% increase in Grand Larceny Auto (Compstat). The 44th precinct has seen a 50% increase in murder, 21% increase in robberies and 18% increase in Grand Larceny Auto. This includes a 49% increase in shooting victims (45 versus 67). It should be noted that last year we saw an increase from 23 to 45 from the previous year. Statistics indicate that things continue to worsen not just in the 44th precinct but citywide. Street homelessness is a contributing factor in public safety issues, as residents are sometimes harassed for money and food. There has also been a significant increase in drug use and the sale of narcotics in broad daylight across the district. which can be a factor in large, boisterous gatherings that can lead to unruly behavior and sometimes violence.

#### **Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)**

The ongoing issue of noise complaints-- (particularly in the summer months--) is a result of large groups of people congregating and hanging out on residential blocks thereby impeding residents' ability to coexist peacefully and enjoy the sanctity of their homes. The severe increase of on-street activity, parties, loud music and noise has time and time again tried the patience of local residents. Year-to-date there have been more than 56,000 311 complaints filed. The two leading categories by far are Noise on the Street/Sidewalk and Noise Residential which account for more than 30% of all 311 complaints filed. However, it has been reported by several residents that complaints are not being properly addressed and many are simply closed with no visible evidence that anyone has attempted to address the issue. The issue seems to persist with no real concrete long-term solutions. Residents and businesses continue to suffer making some parts of the district unbearable for many who have either relocated or are in the process of relocating. If a concerted effort is not made to make serious inroads as it relates to Quality of Life issues the mass exodus from the district and the city will continue.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Bronx Community Board 4

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

##### **Chronic diseases prevention and management (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)**

The prevalence of obesity which can lead to diabetes and hypertension factor prominently in the health profile of many local residents. Poverty also plays a key role, as thirty-two percent of area residents live in poverty as compared to twenty-percent of NYC residents. According to the 2018 Community Health Profile, the adult obesity rate is 34% higher than the rest of NYC. Obesity can lead to high-blood pressure, diabetes and other chronic diseases. Seventeen percent of residents have been diagnosed with diabetes and 42% of adults have been diagnosed with hypertension. These and other factors contribute to the high prevalence of chronic diseases that are not well managed in the district. While the vaccine has been readily available for more than six months, we still see a significant difference between how the virus adversely affects people of color compared to other ethnic groups. Findings from a study conducted by the University of Michigan shows that Black patients experienced the lowest physician follow-up post-discharge and the most protracted delays (35.5 days) in returning to work. The report noted that hospitalization rates for Black and Latinx patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 are approximately three times higher than those of similar white patients. "It is therefore unsurprising that of the 216,635 COVID-19–related deaths in the United States to date for which we have race and ethnicity data available, 29.3% have been Black (34,374) or Latinx (29,063), which correlate with US population norms. We advocate for community-based education, programming and services focused on health and wellness with a focus on access to healthy food and active living. COVID-19 has underscored the dire need for area residents to seek and obtain preventive care and improve their overall health profile. The vaccination rate in the district is 60% which still leaves a great deal of room for improvement in combating the Delta variant and possible new strains. DOHMH in collaboration with CDOT and DPR and a strong network of community-based organizations can effectively work to improve the District's health profile. While we are asked to identify the "Most Important Issue" related to Health Care and Human Services in these unprecedented times we cannot ignore the needs related to food access and healthy foods, mental health, services for seniors, victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable populations. Our overall health and wellness are the keys to success in all areas of life.

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

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

Lack of health care facilities and services available to area residents has taken center stage during the pandemic. High percentages of residents with pre-existing conditions and the high positivity rates and deaths related to COVID-19 make the siting of new health care facilities extremely important. In particular in the Highbridge neighborhood where residents are isolated with limited access to services and programming.

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

As seniors age in place in the district we must ensure that they are given consideration in all facets of everyday living including transportation, affordable housing and health and wellness. We need to advocate for more funding and the creation of more affordable senior housing so that those who have worked and contributed to the district are able to benefit from its transformation. We also need to ensure that we are actively engaged in programs and services that address the health and wellness of our senior population.

##### **Needs for Homeless**

Community District Four is second only to Community District Six city-wide in terms of the number of homeless facilities and homeless people it shelters. Homelessness is a serious issue in New York City and we have done our part in working with organizations that provide supportive housing in our community and taking on more than our fair share of these types of facilities. We hope that the new administration will continue to make reducing the homeless population and the process for siting facilities in our district and citywide more equitable. Last year, DHS announced they would be utilizing a Ramada Inn located on Gerard Avenue and 153rd Street to isolate some of the most vulnerable residents. It should be noted that since its utilization as temporary housing for vulnerable shelter residents there have been numerous complaints of loitering, smoking and garbage. COVID-19 has impeded thousands of people's ability to work and earn an income. These types of one off situations cannot and will not be tolerated in our district. The concept of "fair share" continues to be flawed as there appears no real mechanism to enforce that policy. We will continue to reiterate our position that we are uninterested in the siting of any new facilities in our district or increasing the number of homeless families and individuals we house. Street homelessness has steadily been on the rise. HOMESTAT should be continued and expanded to provide the type of wrap around services needed by this extremely vulnerable population. We hope that there will a greater emphasis on those with the potential to be evicted to ensure that the numbers of homeless families and individuals does not increase once the rent moratorium ends in January 2022. In addition, we hope that DHS will continue to partner with HPD and other relevant agencies on out-of-the box solutions to the homeless crisis.

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

Housing and food access have become extremely scarce for area residents during the pandemic. While the rent moratorium provides some relief, the reality is around the corner. This coupled with lack of employment, unemployment and the high cost of food paints a stark picture for area residents. The City should focus on a public service campaign encouraging students and their families to shop healthy (vegetables, fruit,etc). There also needs to be a concerted interagency effort to support job training, development and placement. SBS, DHS,HRA, EDC and HPD should be working together to create a job pipeline for area residents.

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## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/28	HHC	<b>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</b>	<i>The gap in health programs and services necessitates the need to provide more facilities. There are any number of city-sponsored/funded projects where the City could partner with BronxCare or another healthcare provider to site new health centers in the district. Highbridge should be an area of focus. Westside Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing (WSFSSH) has a site in design near Corporal Fischer Park. There are also several other city-sponsored sites that should be considered as well.</i>	
5/28	HRA	<b>Other capital budget request for HRA</b>	<i>We recommend that DHS continue to strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four ranks second in terms of the number of shelter facilities citywide, and a DHS intake center within its borders.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/29	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>Actions to assist in the reduction in obesity and diabetes among residents in the district Promoting healthy eating options is critical. We support programs such as the DOHMHs Shop Healthy Initiative to help educate store owners on how to provide positive messaging, setup healthier alternatives, and work with distributors to bring healthier foods to the stores.</i>	



9/29	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing</b>	<i>The City continues to grapple with homelessness. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, there are nearly 50,000 people sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of that population which included 14,000 children. The city is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in new affordable housing. We respectfully request that the City ramp up it's efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system and increase access to the Section 8 voucher system. They should also work with HPD to increase the set aside for formerly homeless (currently 10%).</i>
10/29	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>HOMESTAT should receive additional funding and should be expanded to address street homelessness.</i>
22/29	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>	<i>We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individuals and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district we want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. This benefits the individuals and their families as well as area residents. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services.</i>
23/29	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>As nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25 it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition. There should be a focus on targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations and groups. Virtual fitness classes/videos to promote health and wellness (These classes can also be recorded and offered to community at large) Virtual platforms should be leveraged to maximize audience reach. The agency should also partner with DPR to utilize park facilities in the Spring and Summer months.</i>



25/29	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</b>	<i>Unemployment plays a key role in the socio-economic status of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in NYC has leveled off the Bronx and to a greater extent CD4 (13.4 percent and 25% percent) respectively continue to suffer. The loss of jobs particularly in retail and hospitality combined with budget deficits will require creative long-term solutions to unemployment. Community District Four advocates for HRA to work with SBS, the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) and community-based organizations to create more employment opportunities (training and job placement) for District residents. The city should also work with the Prisoner Re-entry Program.</i>
27/29	DFTA	<b>Increase transportation services capacity</b>	<i>Access and mobility are major concerns for seniors in the District. DOHMH should collaborate with existing providers who operate senior centers and senior housing developments to create additional programs focused on health and wellness in particular. Mid-Bronx Senior Citizen Council, Highbridge Community Development Corporation and BronxWorks are organizations that work with seniors and operate senior facilities in the District. The Agency should utilize mobile vans for more regular health screenings.</i>

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Bronx Community Board 4

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

##### **Educational attainment**

In March of 2020, the world was turned upside down with the spread of COVID-19 worldwide. In an effort to keep us safe the Mayor and the Governor closed NYC schools and students and parents began to learn the technology of remote learning. This was a huge undertaking for the largest public school system in the country. Teachers, students and parents were immediately thrown into chaos. More than a year later the development of several vaccines and a slow down of the spread of the virus has made in person school a reality once again. However, there are lessons to be learned from last year that should inform future planning for schools and school curriculum. Remote learning and technology should be made an equitable priority across all NYC public schools. At the same time we must allocate the proper resources for those who may not thrive in a remote environment. These and many other circumstances influence a young persons ability to learn. In Community District Four, educational attainment for the population aged 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree is 14.7% (ranked 52/59 CD's) compared to seven CD's in Manhattan in the top 5 at 73% and above. In addition CD4 is ranked 5th in terms of population aged 25+ without a high school diploma at 31.7%. (SOURCE: NYU Furman Center, State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods 2019) It is difficult to pinpoint a singular issue because they are all interrelated and affect the current education landscape in the district. School capacity and remote learning greatly affect young people's ability to excel academically (educational attainment) as does their circumstances related to home life (runaway and homeless youth). Ultimately the message is or should be that the City needs to make greater strides in a number of key areas to provide our young people with the tools to best succeed in life.

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

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

In March of 2020 the world was turned upside down with the spread of COVID-19 worldwide. In an effort to keep us safe, the Mayor and Governor closed NYC schools; students and parents began to learn the technology of remote learning. This was a huge undertaking for the largest public-school system in the country. Teachers, students and parents were immediately thrown into chaos. Six months later, the development of a vaccine and a slowdown of the spread of the virus seem in the distant future at best. We implore NYC DOE to truly invest in remote learning and technology not just during this crisis but for the future to ensure that our children receive the quality education they deserve and lay a solid foundation for their future We are currently living a very different and uncertain world. Everything from where and how we work to where and how we educate ourselves has changed. COVID-19 has underscored the importance of the upkeep and maintenance of our educational facilities. We have numerous facilities in the district requiring repairs and upgrades, and the need to properly ventilate buildings has become more of a priority with the spread of COVID-19. Distance learning has become the norm and will continue to play a role in the education of children not only in NYC but around the world. NYC DOE must invest in the resources for students and teachers to effectively execute distance/remote learning. DOE must ensure an adequate supply of laptops for students to effectively engage in remote learning. Students in CSD's 7 and 9 face several challenges from poverty to unemployment to overcoming a language barrier as an immigrant. If you know better, you do better. We know our kids deserve better and it is incumbent upon us to do better for them. Every student is entitled to a quality education. COVID highlighted the ability to teach remote though not without its challenges. We should be preparing our young people for the future and that means helping them obtain skills in technology. Distance learning requires greater attention to detail, more work for teachers and the need to ensure that students and teachers maintain their health at school and home. DOE needs to reevaluate its curriculum and policies as it relates to remote learning and technology. We need to create more pathways to employment for our young people. The reintegration of trade schools and trades into the curriculum will create more opportunities for all.

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

Nearly thirty percent of Community District Four's residents are under the age of 18, and many of these residents are immigrants or children of immigrants who live below the poverty threshold. With an Area Median Income of \$29,000, the City must make every effort to support our district's low-income families in every way, via a wide variety of services and programs relating to children and child welfare. The City should restore SYEP and expand the program to year-round. The City should also increase funding for the NYC Explorers and incorporate trades back into the public-school curriculum. It is imperative that we expand the career options to accommodate the skills and desires of all our young people. Additionally, more should be done to collaborate with the unions on apprenticeship programs as well as working with private companies on internship programs. The District's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. Given the current climate, DYCD and partner organizations should find creative ways to engage students during the pandemic safely. Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two- or four-year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our youth.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/28	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity . As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. SCA has released its 2020-2024, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>The pandemic has made it necessary for the majority of our students to either do 100% distance learning or a hybrid. Given the severity of the pandemic, we urge DOE to ensure that all low-income students are equipped with laptops/computers plus wi-fi access to help facilitate distance learning with special attention given to our young people who are in the shelter system.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/29	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$29,000) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and make it year round. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and throughout the school year as well.</i>	

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19/29	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</b>	<i>Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs. We also encourage the agency to find ways to employ youth constructively on a year-round basis.</i>
21/29	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two or four year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our young men and women.</i>

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Bronx Community Board 4**

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

##### **General crime**

In January 2019, it was reported that the 44th Precinct was one of six identified to have violent crime rates at least twice as high as the City average. Unfortunately that trend continued in 2020 and 2021. Year-to-date over 2020 we have seen increases in a number of areas including a 49% increase in shooting victims, a 40% increase in shooting incidents and a 50% increase in murders. Arrests for Felony Assault, Grand Larceny and Grand Larceny auto are up 14%, 98% and 16% respectively. The 44th Precinct does an outstanding job with its available resources. During the warmer weather, people being at home with limited options for outdoor recreation and entertainment has resulted in greater utilization of City parks and a much greater propensity to "hang out" on the street resulting in a significant increase in street activity. An investment in more officers assigned as Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) and more to the newly formed Public Safety Unit will help to address our needs during this unique period in history.

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

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

The Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) program (which is loosely based on the Senior Lead Officer Program in Los Angeles, where senior lead officers help organize and direct crime-fighting and quality-of-life initiatives in each of the Los Angeles Police Department's 22 divisions) has been extremely well-received by Community District Four. We continue to have an excellent rapport with the NYPD's 44th Precinct. They are committed, professional, and very responsive. We want them to be equipped with sufficient and adequate personnel to handle the activity in the District as we focus on working together with the precinct to stem all crimes, improve quality of life, and provide a safe environment for all community residents.

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

There are plans for a new EMS Station #17 to be built at 1257 Morris Avenue (Bronx Block 2450, Lot 42). This would replace the facility currently located at 1080 Ogden Avenue. We support the relocation of the existing facility and construction of the new facility to support the needs for FDNY EMS workers. In addition, we advocate for the creation of mixed-use development on the current site to include affordable housing and a youth/community center to serve the residents of Highbridge.

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/28	FDNY	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<i>In a previous fiscal year, the City allocated funding for a new EMS Station#17. Currently this project is on hold. We want to underscore our support for this project and request that once the new facility is operational that the city engage the Community in a substantive conversation about the use of the site. We advocate for new affordable housing and a community center on the site.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/29	NYPD	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. We specifically would like to see an increase in NCO's and officers in the Public Safety unit.</i>	
6/29	NYPD	<b>Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</b>	<i>The increase in violent crime continues and quality of life continues on a downward spiral as sidewalk parties, booming music from life-size speakers continued loitering have become the norm. We urge the city to deploy more resources to make our city streets safe once again and improve our Quality of Life.</i>	

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Bronx Community Board 4

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

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

Overflowing garbage bags, sticky candy wrappers, used needles, broken beer bottles, shards of glass, dirty streets and filthy parks are not just a public nuisance; much like all else related to the pandemic and recession, they pollute and otherwise negatively affect New York's poorest areas—and residents—disproportionately. While the City was able to restore much of the \$100 million dollar it removed from the budget in the previous fiscal year, the limited personal and decrease in pickups and street cleaning still leaves us with a city that is a shell of its former self pre-pandemic. The results of the Scorecard Inspection program, which reports on street and sidewalk cleanliness across the city, illustrates how swiftly those cuts impacted our community. The Score for Sidewalks and Streets for the 1st Quarter of FY2021 indicates that sections BX041 and BX043 dropped from 97% to 86% and 87% respectively. We urge the City to pursue public/private partnerships to bridge the funding and personnel gap for DSNY. Additionally, we encourage the City to explore new/different types of receptacles that can hold more garbage as pickups have decreased but that are also safe and keep rodents out. There are best practices and examples in other cities and countries that could provide insight.

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

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

No comments

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

The cleanliness of the Capital District has taken a considerable turn for the worst over the last year. Garbage receptacles across the district continue to overflow daily. Local parks are over run by mounds of garbage and rats are in command of local streets. We must get back to basics in terms of more regular pickups, street cleanings and more receptacles in high traffic areas. Community District Four experienced difficulties with irregular cleaning and maintenance schedules for the extraordinary number of underpasses, step streets and sitting areas located in our district. Now we are forced to deal with less service overall and a significant increase in garbage. We recommend a concerted inter-agency approach to address high traffic areas. While we understand that resources are limited for a number of reasons we ask that given the increased levels of on-street activity that high traffic areas be given considerable attention and that resources be allocated accordingly.



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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/29	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.) and other high traffic locations within the district.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Bronx Community Board 4

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

##### **Housing support services (for tenants and homeowners)**

Nearly 80% of the housing stock in the district is rent-stabilized. The preservation of the existing affordable housing stock is essential for the long-term sustainability for area residents. The City must make a concerted effort to support those in arrears and assist landlords in maintaining their buildings. We urge the City to expeditiously disburse the \$2.7 billion allocated for rental assistance. Currently the City invests hundreds of millions of dollars in the construction of new affordable housing. Subsequently, HPD estimates that there are more than 3,600 affordable housing units, based on developer interest, in their pipeline (According to HPD estimates, May 2021). We request that the City implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that new affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity as it relates to new housing. We would be remiss if we did not mention the high unemployment rate in the district. The national unemployment rate is roughly 5.2% while unemployment in the Bronx overall is estimated at 13.4%. Unemployment in the district is estimated anywhere between 25-30%. The City must leverage every resource available to create opportunities for job training and development. Partnerships with local employers such as BronxCare, WhedCo and the Hope Program and other non-profit organizations could help deliver hundreds if not thousands of good paying jobs to the district. We must also ensure that valuable resources such as city-owned property are utilized in a way that maximizes community benefit and that any future plans and proposals for these valuable resources involve a substantive community engagement process and ultimately any plans or proposals are reflective of community need.

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

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

Community District Four continues to evolve through a series of land use changes over the past several years including: Lower Concourse North (aka Bronx Point) and the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan has committed considerable resources to the development of affordable housing, new open space and improvements to transportation infrastructure. Bronx Point will lead to the development of more than 1,000 units of affordable housing, more than 2 additional acres of open space through the expansion of Mill Pond park and improvements to key intersections on 149th street and Exterior Street. Over time as these changes come to fruition, the landscape in these areas and surrounding blocks will be significantly altered. Today more than 150,000 people reside in Community District Four. This growth will continue while the community faces a number of challenges including high unemployment, rising rents, access to fresh food, open space, transportation and mobility, health and wellness and affordable housing. The district has a number of city-owned properties currently used for parking. These properties are a woefully underutilized public resource. Many of the aforementioned issues and challenges could be addressed by changing the use of these parcels to better serve area residents needs. In October 2019, on behalf of Community Board Four the Urban Land Institute (ULI) conducted a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) to develop ideas/recommendations around the redevelopment of these city-owned parcels. Community Board Four supports the results of the panel's findings particularly those related to transportation, connectivity etc and encourages the City to pursue those recommendations regardless of development of a soccer stadium. Given the devastation to our district due to COVID-19 now more than ever it is critical that these properties are leveraged in a manner that reflects the current needs of the community and maximizes the return on investment of these valuable public resources. When the City decides to redevelop these properties there are a number of initiatives we want included as part of any comprehensive plan for redevelopment of these sites. They include but are not limited to the following: Provide paid apprenticeships for Bronx and Community District Four residents to obtain viable pathways to skilled trades and high paying job opportunities within the construction field. This should begin in earnest so that when construction begins area residents can be employed across the district in a variety of fields.

(Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing) HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate the development of affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. Conduct an on-street parking study throughout the district and pilot a permit parking program to mitigate traffic and parking impacts during stadium events, as well as general solutions to parking issues district-wide. Creation of a youth-based campus along the waterfront parcels adjacent to the future home of the Bronx Children's Museum to include an innovation lab, middle school and high school as well as a youth/community center and the creation of a state of the art Health & Wellness Center.

### **Needs for Housing**

Achieving economic diversity in the district is critical to it's growth and well-being; accordingly, we request that the City implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. Additionally we request that the City invest in the development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. The immediate need is to ensure that current tenants remain in their homes, that buildings are properly maintained and that the number of homeless families in the NYC shelter system does not increase.

### **Needs for Economic Development**

The district benefits from the regional draw of the 161st Street/Capital District area, including: the Bronx County Court; Bronx Supreme Court; the 161st Street BID; waterfront access; Bronx Terminal Market's million square feet of retail; and Yankee Stadium, which normally draws more than 3.5 million visitors per year. Major employers include Bronx Lebanon Hospital, the Yankees and Hostos Community College. The pandemic has significantly altered the landscape. No fans were allowed at Yankee Stadium last summer representing hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue for retail shops, bars and restaurants that rely on Yankee game patrons. Unemployment rates in the district are at unprecedented levels not seen since the Great Depression. Furthermore, a large number of area residents are underemployed. In order to increase the income levels and improve the socio-economic status of local residents we request significant investments in job training, job placement, skills assessment and business development. Related to jobs and skills development we advocate for skilled trade/licensed apprenticeships that can provide paid apprenticeships for Bronx and area residents to obtain skills for viable pathways to skilled trades and high paying job opportunities within the construction field and other well-paying careers. Currently, the closest Workforce One Center is located in Hunts Point or on Fordham Road, both of which are inconvenient for area residents. In order to serve the thousands of job seekers in the immediate area, existing and future business owners the city should develop a new Workforce One Center. Such a center would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on the linguistic and educational needs of the district's large Latin, Caribbean, African-American, and West African immigrant populations. In lieu of bricks and mortar we propose a virtual Workforce One Center to help people navigate city contracting, become an MWBE and develop job skills. We also request that SBS make their mobile unit available in various locations to bring their broad array of services and programs to the district. Lastly, we request that EDC, HPD and SBS support the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) whose mission/goal is to bring about inclusive economic growth and sustainability for local residents, employers and workers impacted by the Jerome Avenue rezoning.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/28	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>The city need to fast track disbursing federal funds provided to assist tenants in arrears and for landlords who have lost revenue due to tenants inability to pay their rent in order to facilitate the upkeep and maintenance of their buildings.</i>	
6/28	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging: ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. It is in the interest of our Community District to promote economic diversity within our community. We strongly advocate for City and State funds for the middle-income new construction program and the creation of independent living facilities for seniors. We strongly encourage the use of public funds at the city and state level for permanent affordable housing and home ownership, not supportive housing (DHS related).</i>	
8/28	SBS	<b>Other capital budget request for SBS</b>	<i>A Workforce One Center or an equivalent is still needed in our district, but its offerings should engage many sectors (not just the auto-industry) affected by the pandemic; the service and food/beverage industries were hit particularly hard by the loss of spring and summer business. The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry for example. This request could be accommodated on any number of city-owned sites in the district (SEE Housing &amp; Land Use) or city-funded project.</i>	
CS	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/29	HPD	<b>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</b>	<i>The city should provide funds for individuals and families impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic to help pay arrears as a result of lost incomes and avoid displacement and evictions</i>	
7/29	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) conducted in October 2019, made a number of recommendations that would improve existing conditions in the district. a new development. While, not endorsing a soccer stadium, the Board likes the recommendations and implementation strategies in the report and urges the city to leverage the TAP as a guide for future development of the area. In particular we would like the city conduct a parking study for on-street parking throughout district, and implement a pilot program for on-street parking permits for area residents. (REPORT ATTACHED)</i>	
8/29	EDC	<b>Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses</b>	<i>We should support the sustainability of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them. They should think outside the box to create new programs and incentives that address the needs of area residents. They should partner with local financial institutions like Spring Bank.</i>	
11/29	SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<i>SBS, EDC and HPD should continue to support and collaborate with the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) to create economic development opportunities for area residents and small businesses.</i>	
15/29	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing: HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. They should explore the affordability levels for the "Open Door" term sheet to either create more flexibility in the income bands or create a new term sheet to address lower income tiers.</i>	

**Assist with on-site  
business compliance  
with City regulations**

*The average merchant in the district is currently at least \$60,000 behind on rent by the end of June, according to Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz said. The unemployment rate in the Bronx is currently 14 percent. Work directly with business owners to remediate violations and licensing to increase their compliance.*

### Bronx Community Board 4

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

##### **Traffic congestion**

We are steadily returning to normalcy as the courts and schools are fully open and with that there are new challenges and issues related to traffic and traffic congestion. The new dynamic is focused on double-parking and not merely for alternate side parking. Vehicles double park for hours with many of them unattended. This creates serious issues for FDNY and EMS vehicles, particularly on narrow one-way streets. The District's traffic-related challenges will be exacerbated by new residential development, stadium life and an increase in film and television permits, if an investment in traffic management and mitigation measures is not undertaken immediately. While we welcome economic activity with enthusiasm, area residents must benefit and certainly not be further disadvantaged by that activity. Traffic congestion is a serious issue that negatively impacts residents' quality of life and the end benefit for residents remains to be seen. We also request that those with parking placards not create additional parking in areas not designated for parking and adhere to the same rules as all other drivers. This issue has ballooned along the medians on the Grand Concourse (between 149th Street and 161st Street on the Grand Concourse and on the Grand Concourse between 165th Street and McClellan Street.) We recognize that this is more of an NYPD enforcement issue, but ask that DOT collaborate with NYPD on these issues as is feasible. We ask for cooperation from traffic enforcement to ensure the aforementioned and other rules and procedures are followed. Lastly and most importantly as previously stated in the Housing & Land Use section we continue to press the issue of residential permit parking. The circumstances surrounding the Yankee Parking lots and their lack of benefit for area residents, coupled with the chaos created for navigating local streets during Yankee games and events warrants a fresh look at the impacts and creative solutions. Growth must be accompanied by the appropriate level of investments in programming and services. If residential permit parking is not the solution we need to understand why and more importantly we need to city to propose alternate solutions to the issue. We cannot continue to accommodate population growth and increased foot traffic without the proper mitigation tools.

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

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

We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. While we understand the project remains in the projected capital plan, it is unfunded. We stand firm in our support for the bridge development, which we believe would ease traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets, as well as create much needed jobs and be an economic development driver for the district. In 2006 construction was to commence and the Department of Transportation received the Art Commission Award for Excellence in Design. The proposed bridge is a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. It would have been the first new bridge built in 50 years and the first cable-stayed vehicular bridge in New York City. Bronx Point which will include 1,000 units of affordable housing, retail, office space and the Universal Hip Hop Museum, the Bronx Children's Museum and the potential redevelopment of city-owned land subleased to Bronx Parking Development, underscore the critical need to develop the 153rd Street Bridge. It should be noted that none of the aforementioned projects were contemplated at the time the bridge was slated to be constructed. We should also note that City Island, an area with far less density rejected a state-of-the art design for a bridge and subsequently settled on a more straight-forward bridge that was completed several years ago. Additionally, the passage of the Federal Infrastructure bill would provide the funding needed to jumpstart this economic catalyst.

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

Access and mobility throughout the area is key. The MTA currently operates at 468 subway stations citywide and 230 bus routes. More than 80 percent of District residents use public transportation to commute to work and for other official/personal engagements. This includes the #4 train (one of the busiest in the entire network, which currently operates over capacity with no quantifiable plans to mitigate the issue), the B/D trains, and the Bx1/2 (the 6th busiest bus route in the city). It should be noted that the Bronx has the largest bus ridership of the five boroughs. Additionally, the District's population has increased nearly 22 percent between 2000-2020, and continues to grow with recent rezonings and expansion of commercial facilities. Consequently, improvements to existing transportation infrastructure—including increased service; increased accessibility for residents living with disabilities and families operating strollers; improvements to local streets; enhanced lighting, and the resurfacing of the 161st Street Corridor are top priorities. We request an increased investment in bus priority streetlights along Grand Concourse, 161st Street, 167th Street, 149th Street and 170th Street to move vehicles more quickly. We also request the city to study expanding subway ridership by extending the B train to the Bronx for all hours of operation and by exploring capital improvements such as creating a rail link under 149th Street to connect the 4 train to the 2 line so that the 3 train could be extended into the Bronx.

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. This is the type of project that would meet the criteria for the Federal Infrastructure bill.</i>	153rd Street and Park Ave
10/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request upgrades of the 168 Street Step Street (Shakespeare &amp; Edward L Grant Highway.) Including new handrails, lighting and landings. We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
15/28	DOT	<b>Install streetscape improvements</b>	<i>We request streetscape improvements be made around commercial corridors including painting, lighting, seating and improved circulation and mobility. (167th Street, 170th Street and Mount Eden)</i>	
17/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street at Shakespeare and Anderson Avenue (167th Street.) We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
19/28	DOT	<b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request identical treatments for curb cuts and pedestrian ramps as Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2021.</i>	Exterior Street 150 150

22/28	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request that DOT mimic all new capital infrastructure investments being made as part of the Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in fall 2022.</i>	Exterior Street 150 150
24/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Carroll Place step street. We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
27/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street on Jerome Avenue near Anderson (behind PS 73). We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
CS	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.</i>	Jerome Avenue 161 Street 161 Street
CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from Macombs Dam Road to Park Avenue.</i>	
CS	NYCTA	<b>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</b>	<i>In February 2020, MTA announced the installation of an elevator on the #4 train at 170th Street. This is part of the \$54.8 billion 2020-2024 Capital Program. The project costs is \$39 million and will take 26 months to complete. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020 and completion in 2022.</i>	

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/29	NYCTA	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	<i>Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.</i>	
24/29	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Increased bus service in areas such as Highbridge to improve access for area residents and merchants -Bx3, BX11, Bx36 or Bx18, BX6, Bx35, BX36, extent line along BX32 to 167th street, BX40/41, BX42</i>	

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

### **Bronx Community Board 4**

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

##### **Park care and maintenance**

Community Board Four represents the Bronx's Capital District -- which includes the County Seat and significant parkland including Franz Sigel, Joyce Kilmer, Mullaly, Mill Pond, Macombs Dam and Claremont parks. We are very excited about the future investments to Grant Park, expansion of Mill Pond Park and the development of Corporal Fischer. Given the existing open space network and pending additions to our parks portfolio, we respectfully request that the NYC Parks Department and local elected officials invest in the maintenance of the District's many parks, playgrounds, and green spaces. Community Board Four is also home to Yankee Stadium, which draws over three million visitors worldwide each year. The stadium hosts more than 80 home games, the annual Pinstripe Bowl (NCAA), college football games, boxing, hockey and soccer matches and concerts annually. In addition, a number of significant parks/cultural/community facility-related capital projects are underway in the District, including Bronx Point which includes upgrades and the expansion of Mill Pond Park and the Universal Hip Hop Museum, the opening of the Bronx Children's Museum and the expansion of the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The cleanliness and upkeep of the district's parks, cultural assets, and community facilities are essential to the overall health and well-being of the District and are critical to the enjoyment of area residents and millions of visitors to the area each year. In order to properly maintain our open space we support the Parks Department request for the following: additional staffing including Permanent City Parks Workers and City Seasonal Aides, who clean the park on a regular basis requesting additional Gardener's and Associate Park Service Workers, Park Supervisors and additional City Seasonal Aides for peak season work April through October, increased number of Park Enforcement Officers, Additional Playground Associates, Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers and vehicles to replace aging fleet vehicles.

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

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

Open space and greening play an important role in quality of life for area residents and workers. Utilization of the district's green spaces has increased exponentially over the last few months. Community District Four benefits from some of the most active open space resources in the Borough with its proximity to Yankee Stadium which hosts baseball, soccer, hockey and football year-round and sees millions of visitors every year. We also have the greatest number of parks properties in the Borough (101) and counting. In recent years parks we have added Mill Pond Park to our portfolio, the redevelopment of Macomb's Dam Park and capital investments in various other parks throughout the District. As we look to increase our portfolio with the development and expansion of Grant Park, development of Corporal Fisher and the expansion of Mill Pond Park, maintenance and upkeep are critical for residents and visitors to benefit from our vast open space portfolio and to continue to attract tourists and public and private investment. Now more than ever the role of a Parks Administrator, additional PEP officers, maintenance and horticulture staff are on the critical path to maintaining the Capital District's competitive edge.

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

We need to expand the education and recreation opportunities available to everyone in the district, particularly our young people. The Bronx Museum of the Arts, BronxWorks, and the Bronx Children's Museum are valuable resources for arts and culture that provide a tremendous resource to the district and should receive consideration for additional staff and funding and programming. In addition to monetary resources, we encourage partnership with cultural groups to promote positive programming in neighborhood parks.

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

Community District Four has three branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Grand Concourse, High Bridge, and Melrose. According to NYPL statistics (below), in Fiscal Year 2018 the libraries in CB 4 had 340,986 visits. The District expects thousands more residents stemming from rezoning efforts. With programming ranging from early literacy classes and technology training, to citizenship assistance and English language courses, as well as

unlimited access to free internet and laptops and computers; NYPL consistently provides a depth and breadth of free, essential services that simply cannot be matched. These programs are extremely important to residents, especially our immigrant, elderly and underserved communities, as they often cannot otherwise afford access to commercial alternatives. As you know, libraries are often the first place that communities turn to for help and information, and our branches are uniquely positioned to provide relevant and up to date information to New York's most vulnerable populations. Libraries are a place for learning and for safe and open access to information.

### **Needs for Community Boards**

The pandemic created an environment where Community Boards were asked to step up and do considerable more with less. We quickly pivoted from in-person to virtual meetings with very little technical support and essentially trained 40+ Board members on virtual meeting platforms. There is no centralized budget that is allocated each fiscal year for critical items that every other city agency has including funding for hardware, software, upgrades and training. If a Board wants any of these, they must be purchased from their own budget. There are 59 Community Boards with a District Manager and at least one staff member and a minimum of 30 Board members. If you aggregate all of those that is larger than several city agencies with budgets far more robust than Community Boards. We cannot continue to operate under these conditions. COVID-19 has transformed how we do business overnight. The internet, social media and virtual meeting platforms are now an integral part of our day-to-day operations. We are experiencing an economic downturn of epic proportions and the essential work of Community Board is more important than ever; service delivery and advocacy are essential. Now more than ever, we are called upon with greater urgency to fill the gaps without the adequate financial resources to support those endeavors. We are currently operating on an internal budget of \$257,507 for a district with more than 150,000 residents. Much of the Board's budget is pre-allocated for fixed expenses including rent, telephones and personnel. We are essential to community engagement and participation in all facets of city government and we believe wholeheartedly in fulfilling our mission to the best of our ability. We have tremendous and important work ahead of us as we pick up the shattered pieces of the district. With adequate fiscal support, Community Boards can go beyond essential service delivery and become an even more valuable resource for the community, the borough and the city.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/28	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Claremont Park reconstruct and repair the sidewalks.</i>	
7/28	DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had preliminary discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Furthermore we request that the future redevelopment of any city-owned property be given consideration for new relocation</i>	575 Exterior Street
9/28	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.</i>	
11/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations</i>	
13/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Mount Eden Mall: Benches required repair and / or replacement of weathered wood seating.</i>	
14/28	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Repair and reconstruction of the retention walls in Claremont Park.</i>	Claremont Park

16/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Macombs Dam Park-Reconstruction of synthetic turf field and add lighting.</i>
18/28	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Add a barrier to protect patrons from highway at Summit Park.</i>
20/28	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.</i>
21/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.</i>
23/28	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Additional BBQ zones within the District are requested along with better signage clearly stating the Parks Departments barbeque policy. Mill Pond is the only park within the entire District that is designed with barbeque grills on the park grounds. Mill Ponds limited grills, which are greatly enjoyed, fall short of the demand for such amenities throughout the District. This unmet demand is compounded by the fact that Mill Pond is remotely situated under the Major Deegan Expressway which, assuredly serves as a deterrent to travel to the location. Consequently, every weekend from late Spring through the end of Summer, the Districts marquis parks (Claremont, Franz Sigel, Mullaly and Joyce Kilmer) are overrun with unmanageable barbeque gatherings.</i>



25/28	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Inwood Park - Asphalt and painting</i>
28/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Replace/upgrade all park benches in Claremont Park.</i>
CS	NYPL	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)</b>	<i>We ask the city to maintain capital funding for our (3) branches Grand Concourse, Highbridge and Melrose. The capital funding will ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement Current priority capital needs in Bronx CB 4 - include: -Melrose Library \$ 1,220,000.</i>
CS	DPR	<b>Improve access to a building in a park</b>	<i>Grant Park was to be completed in stages to permit continued use by children of some areas of the park. However, the development of a series of large sink holes in the children's play area in the park's southwestern quadrant has effectively shut down the entire park indefinitely. This adversely impacts the entire community the park has historically served. Currently nearly \$30 million (\$25.7 through NDF) has been allocated for reconstruction of the park, roadbed, playground and basketball court.</i>



CS	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Corporal Irwin Fisher Park is approximately 1.5 acres of gated, unimproved NYC Parks green space that has never been accessible by the community since its acquisition some twenty years ago. The Community and the Community Board urge the city to fund the design and development of this park and target pre-teens (teenagers can use the ample Nelson Avenue Park facilities two blocks away.) This park will serve a community that continues to grow and provide recreational space that our children rightfully deserve. Through the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF) \$4.62 million was allocated.</i>	WEST 169 ST
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Goble Playground Replace playground equipment and repave/paint asphalt.</i>	
CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Both the Skate park and bike park in Mullaly Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovation. We respectfully request funding for renovation for both.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DPR	<b>Other park programming requests</b>	<i>The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. Under the supervision of the Bronx Borough Commissioner this individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming. This position would be very similar to the Parks Administrator at Crotona Park.</i>	

13/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Increase City Park Workers for enhanced park maintenance. In order to increase the level of service and parks and to keep up with new additions to the parks system, 68 City Park Workers are requested to service the parks throughout the borough. These CPWs will be fix posts and be placed on mobile crews as well as cut grass.</i>
16/29	NYPL	<b>Other expense budget request for NYPL</b>	<i>During the pandemic libraries served as polling sites, cooling centers, and COVID-19 testing sites. Moving forward, libraries will play a critical role in helping the City with their in-person and remote learning plan as schools reopen in the fall. Libraries are often the first place that communities turn to for help and information, and they will continue to play an important role as the city recovers and reopens. We ask that that city support our libraries by maintaining baseline funding and restoring non-baselined funding.</i>
20/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>CB4 respectfully requests additional PEP officers be assigned to Borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months.</i>
26/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Increase the number of Horticultural Employees. Over the years, the horticultural elements throughout the borough have increased in size and scale. These gardens and landscape have made the borough more beautiful, but they require an immense amount of maintenance. In order to maintain these gardens, 30 additional employees are needed.</i>
28/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, Thirty-Six (36) additional Playground Associates are requested for the entire borough.</i>

**Provide better park  
maintenance**

*Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers*  
*Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. Twelve (12) Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.*

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/29	DOITT	<b>Telecommunications related requests</b>	<i>The city must provide Community Board staff and Board members with the tools and resources to conduct business virtually. The past fiscal year we purchased Adobe Pro (a basic program) from our budget, in addition to 6 tablets and (2) laptops. The desktops purchased two years ago for the office are not equipped with cameras or microphones which precludes District Managers and staff from participating in virtual meetings other than dialing in. There should be centralized funding provided each fiscal year for technology (software and hardware) upgrades.</i>	

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. This is the type of project that would meet the criteria for the Federal Infrastructure bill.</i>	153rd Street and Park Ave
2/28	HHC	<b>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</b>	<i>The gap in health programs and services necessitates the need to provide more facilities. There are any number of city-sponsored/funded projects where the City could partner with BronxCare or another healthcare provider to site new health centers in the district. Highbridge should be an area of focus. Westside Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing (WSFSSH) has a site in design near Corporal Fischer Park. There are also several other city-sponsored sites that should be considered as well.</i>	
3/28	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>The city need to fast track disbursing federal funds provided to assist tenants in arrears and for landlords who have lost revenue due to tenants inability to pay their rent in order to facilitate the upkeep and maintenance of their buildings.</i>	
4/28	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Claremont Park reconstruct and repair the sidewalks.</i>	

5/28	HRA	<b>Other capital budget request for HRA</b>	<i>We recommend that DHS continue to strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four ranks second in terms of the number of shelter facilities citywide, and a DHS intake center within its borders.</i>	
6/28	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for medium income households</b>	<i>Implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging: ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. It is in the interest of our Community District to promote economic diversity within our community. We strongly advocate for City and State funds for the middle-income new construction program and the creation of independent living facilities for seniors. We strongly encourage the use of public funds at the city and state level for permanent affordable housing and home ownership, not supportive housing (DHS related).</i>	
7/28	DCAS	<b>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</b>	<i>Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had preliminary discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Furthermore we request that the future redevelopment of any city-owned property be given consideration for new relocation</i>	575 Exterior Street

8/28	SBS	<b>Other capital budget request for SBS</b>	<i>A Workforce One Center or an equivalent is still needed in our district, but its offerings should engage many sectors (not just the auto-industry) affected by the pandemic; the service and food/beverage industries were hit particularly hard by the loss of spring and summer business. The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry for example. This request could be accommodated on any number of city-owned sites in the district (SEE Housing &amp; Land Use) or city-funded project.</i>	
9/28	DPR	<b>New equipment for maintenance</b>	<i>Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.</i>	
10/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request upgrades of the 168 Street Step Street (Shakespeare &amp; Edward L Grant Highway.) Including new handrails, lighting and landings. We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
11/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations</i>	
12/28	FDNY	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<i>In a previous fiscal year, the City allocated funding for a new EMS Station#17. Currently this project is on hold. We want to underscore our support for this project and request that once the new facility is operational that the city engage the Community in a substantive conversation about the use of the site. We advocate for new affordable housing and a community center on the site.</i>	
13/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Mount Eden Mall: Benches required repair and / or replacement of weathered wood seating.</i>	
14/28	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Repair and reconstruction of the retention walls in Claremont Park.</i>	Claremont Park

15/28	DOT	<b>Install streetscape improvements</b>	<i>We request streetscape improvements be made around commercial corridors including painting, lighting, seating and improved circulation and mobility. (167th Street, 170th Street and Mount Eden)</i>	
16/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Macombs Dam Park-Reconstruction of synthetic turf field and add lighting.</i>	
17/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street at Shakespeare and Anderson Avenue (167th Street.) We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
18/28	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Add a barrier to protect patrons from highway at Summit Park.</i>	
19/28	DOT	<b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request identical treatments for curb cuts and pedestrian ramps as Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2021.</i>	Exterior Street 150 150
20/28	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.</i>	
21/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.</i>	



22/28	DOT	<b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request that DOT mimic all new capital infrastructure investments being made as part of the Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in fall 2022.</i>	Exterior Street 150 150
23/28	DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Additional BBQ zones within the District are requested along with better signage clearly stating the Parks Departments barbeque policy. Mill Pond is the only park within the entire District that is designed with barbeque grills on the park grounds. Mill Ponds limited grills, which are greatly enjoyed, fall short of the demand for such amenities throughout the District. This unmet demand is compounded by the fact that Mill Pond is remotely situated under the Major Deegan Expressway which, assuredly serves as a deterrent to travel to the location. Consequently, every weekend from late Spring through the end of Summer, the Districts marquis parks (Claremont, Franz Sigel, Mullaly and Joyce Kilmer) are overrun with unmanageable barbeque gatherings.</i>	
24/28	DOT	<b>Repair or build new step streets</b>	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Carroll Place step street. We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
25/28	DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Inwood Park - Asphalt and painting</i>	
26/28	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity . As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. SCA has released its 2020-2024, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.</i>	

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28/28	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Replace/upgrade all park benches in Claremont Park.</i>	
CS	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing</i>	
CS	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>The pandemic has made it necessary for the majority of our students to either do 100% distance learning or a hybrid. Given the severity of the pandemic, we urge DOE to ensure that all low-income students are equipped with laptops/computers plus wi-fi access to help facilitate distance learning with special attention given to our young people who are in the shelter system.</i>	
CS	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.</i>	Jerome Avenue 161 Street 161 Street
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CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Goble Playground Replace playground equipment and repave/paint asphalt.</i>
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CS	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Both the Skate park and bike park in Mullaly Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovation. We respectfully request funding for renovation for both.</i>

## Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DPR	<b>Other park programming requests</b>	<i>The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. Under the supervision of the Bronx Borough Commissioner this individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming. This position would be very similar to the Parks Administrator at Crotona Park.</i>	
2/29	NYPD	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<i>The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. We specifically would like to see an increase in NCO's and officers in the Public Safety unit.</i>	
3/29	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>Actions to assist in the reduction in obesity and diabetes among residents in the district Promoting healthy eating options is critical. We support programs such as the DOHMHs Shop Healthy Initiative to help educate store owners on how to provide positive messaging, setup healthier alternatives, and work with distributors to bring healthier foods to the stores.</i>	
4/29	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$29,000) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and make it year round. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and throughout the school year as well.</i>	

5/29	HPD	<b>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</b>	<i>The city should provide funds for individuals and families impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic to help pay arrears as a result of lost incomes and avoid displacement and evictions</i>
6/29	NYPD	<b>Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</b>	<i>The increase in violent crime continues and quality of life continues on a downward spiral as sidewalk parties, booming music from life-size speakers continued loitering have become the norm. We urge the city to deploy more resources to make our city streets safe once again and improve our Quality of Life.</i>
7/29	DCP	<b>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</b>	<i>The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) conducted in October 2019, made a number of recommendations that would improve existing conditions in the district. a new development. While, not endorsing a soccer stadium, the Board likes the recommendations and implementation strategies in the report and urges the city to leverage the TAP as a guide for future development of the area. In particular we would like the city conduct a parking study for on-street parking throughout district, and implement a pilot program for on-street parking permits for area residents. (REPORT ATTACHED)</i>
8/29	EDC	<b>Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses</b>	<i>We should support the sustainability of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them. They should think outside the box to create new programs and incentives that address the needs of area residents. They should partner with local financial institutions like Spring Bank.</i>

9/29	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing</b>	<i>The City continues to grapple with homelessness. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, there are nearly 50,000 people sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of that population which included 14,000 children. The city is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in new affordable housing. We respectfully request that the City ramp up it's efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system and increase access to the Section 8 voucher system. They should also work with HPD to increase the set aside for formerly homeless (currently 10%).</i>
10/29	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>HOMESTAT should receive additional funding and should be expanded to address street homelessness.</i>
11/29	SBS	<b>Other workforce development requests</b>	<i>SBS, EDC and HPD should continue to support and collaborate with the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) to create economic development opportunities for area residents and small businesses.</i>
12/29	DOITT	<b>Telecommunications related requests</b>	<i>The city must provide Community Board staff and Board members with the tools and resources to conduct business virtually. The past fiscal year we purchased Adobe Pro (a basic program) from our budget, in addition to 6 tablets and (2) laptops. The desktops purchased two years ago for the office tare not equipped with cameras or microphones which precludes District Managers and staff from participating in virtual meetings other than dialing in. There should be centralized funding provided each fiscal year for technology (software and hardware) upgrades.</i>
13/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Increase City Park Workers for enhanced park maintenance. In order to increase the level of service and parks and to keep up with new additions to the parks system, 68 City Park Workers are requested to service the parks throughout the borough. These CPWs will be fix posts and be placed on mobile crews as well as cut grass.</i>



14/29	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</b>	<i>This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.) and other high traffic locations within the district.</i>
15/29	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing: HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. They should explore the affordability levels for the "Open Door" term sheet to either create more flexibility in the income bands or create a new term sheet to address lower income tiers.</i>
16/29	NYPL	<b>Other expense budget request for NYPL</b>	<i>During the pandemic libraries served as polling sites, cooling centers, and COVID-19 testing sites. Moving forward, libraries will play a critical role in helping the City with their in-person and remote learning plan as schools reopen in the fall. Libraries are often the first place that communities turn to for help and information, and they will continue to play an important role as the city recovers and reopens. We ask that that city support our libraries by maintaining baseline funding and restoring non-baselined funding.</i>
17/29	NYCTA	<b>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</b>	<i>Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.</i>
18/29	SBS	<b>Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations</b>	<i>The average merchant in the district is currently at least \$60,000 behind on rent by the end of June, according to Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz said. The unemployment rate in the Bronx in is currently 14 percent. Work directly with business owners to remediate violations and licensing to increase their compliance.</i>



19/29	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</b>	<i>Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs. We also encourage the agency to find ways to employ youth constructively on a year-round basis.</i>
20/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>CB4 respectfully requests additional PEP officers be assigned to Borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months.</i>
21/29	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two or four year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our young men and women.</i>
22/29	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>	<i>We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individuals and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district we want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. This benefits the individuals and their families as well as area residents. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services.</i>

23/29	DOHMH	<b>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.</b>	<i>As nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25 it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition. There should be a focus on targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations and groups. Virtual fitness classes/videos to promote health and wellness (These classes can also be recorded and offered to community at large) Virtual platforms should be leveraged to maximize audience reach. The agency should also partner with DPR to utilize park facilities in the Spring and Summer months.</i>
24/29	NYCTA	<b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>	<i>Increased bus service in areas such as Highbridge to improve access for area residents and merchants -Bx3, BX11, Bx36 or Bx18, BX6, Bx35, BX36, extent line along BX32 to 167th street, BX40/41, BX42</i>
25/29	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</b>	<i>Unemployment plays a key role in the socio-economic status of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in NYC has leveled off the Bronx and to a greater extent CD4 (13.4 percent and 25% percent) respectively continue to suffer. The loss of jobs particularly in retail and hospitality combined with budget deficits will require creative long-term solutions to unemployment. Community District Four advocates for HRA to work with SBS, the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) and community-based organizations to create more employment opportunities (training and job placement) for District residents. The city should also work with the Prisoner Re-entry Program.</i>
26/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Increase the number of Horticultural Employees. Over the years, the horticultural elements throughout the borough have increased in size and scale. These gardens and landscape have made the borough more beautiful, but they require an immense amount of maintenance. In order to maintain these gardens, 30 additional employees are needed.</i>

27/29	DFTA	<b>Increase transportation services capacity</b>	<i>Access and mobility are major concerns for seniors in the District. DOHMH should collaborate with existing providers who operate senior centers and senior housing developments to create additional programs focused on health and wellness in particular. Mid-Bronx Senior Citizen Council, Highbridge Community Development Corporation and BronxWorks are organizations that work with seniors and operate senior facilities in the District. The Agency should utilize mobile vans for more regular health screenings.</i>
28/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, Thirty-Six (36) additional Playground Associates are requested for the entire borough.</i>
29/29	DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. Twelve (12) Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.</i>