

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

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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 FY21 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

## Disclaimer

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 2

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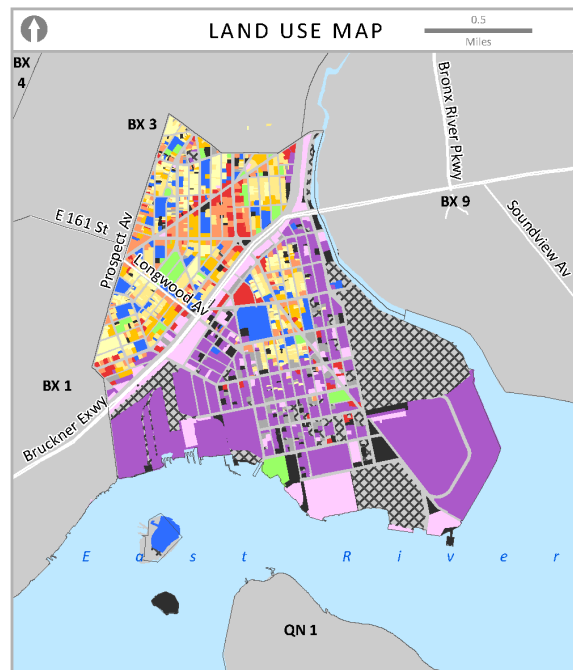
## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

# Bronx Community District 2

See BX 2's profile online at  
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>: Hunts Point, Longwood

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
46,824	52,246	+12%
2013-2017 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		N/A
Square Miles		2.2
Population Density		23,748/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 2 in 2019:

1. Parks
2. Schools
3. Youth and children's services

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 2's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

Website: [www.bx2.org](http://www.bx2.org)  
Email: [bx2@optonline.net](mailto:bx2@optonline.net)

Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	817	4%
Multifamily Walk-up	757	5%
Multifamily Elevator	115	3%
Mixed Use	201	3%
Commercial	111	2%
Industrial	360	32%
Transportation/Utility	108	10%
Public/Institutional	103	6%
Open Space	35	3%
Parking	113	2%
Vacant	190	10%
Other	76	21%

Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

### A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	18
Public Libraries	1
Hospitals and Clinics	18
Parks	16
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

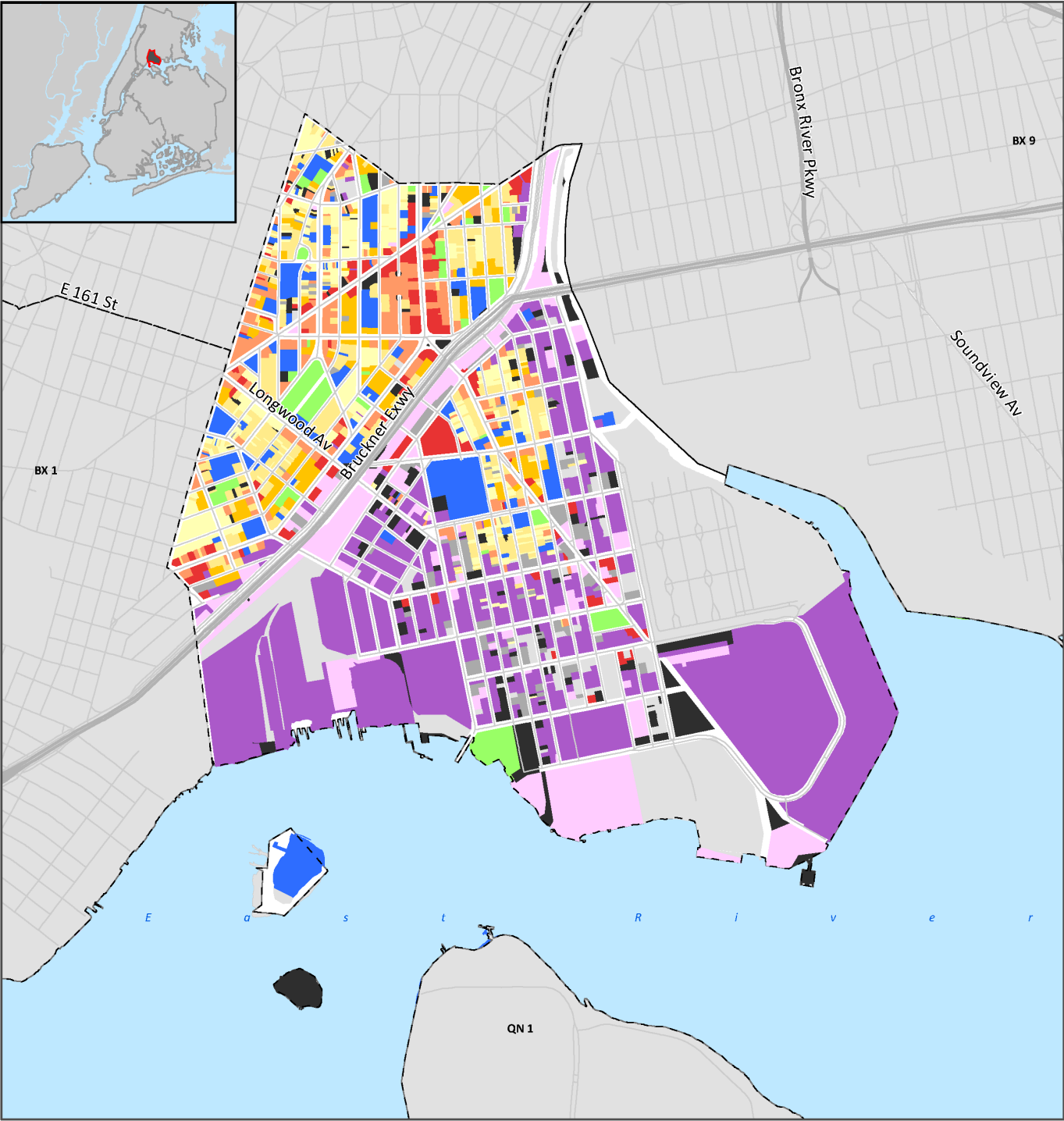
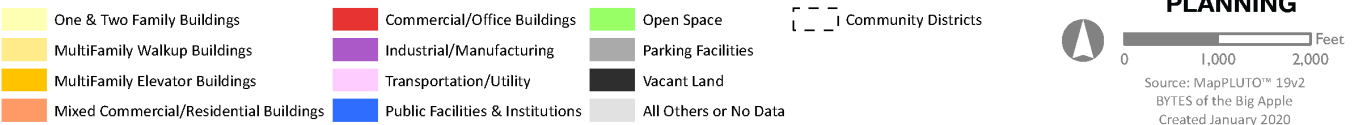
RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
48%	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Bronx CD 2	Citywide Target
97%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK<sup>4, 8</sup>		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY<sup>4</sup>		CRIME RATE<sup>9</sup>	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx	Bronx CD 2	Bronx	Bronx CD 2	Bronx
43	44	30%	26%	20.9	14.3
minutes	minutes	of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC	major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	NYC
	41		23%		11.8
	minutes				
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT<sup>4, 10</sup>		UNEMPLOYMENT<sup>4, 10</sup>		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE<sup>11</sup>	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx	Bronx CD 2	Bronx	Bronx CD 2	Bronx
10%	19%	5.9%	6.9%	31%	26%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC	of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC	of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	37%		4.9%		20%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. BX 2 shares PUMA 3710 with BX 1, and the ACS population estimate cannot be reliably disaggregated. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

# Bronx Community District 2 - Land Use



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District #2 is located in the Southeast corner of the Bronx, bounded by the Bronx River on the east, the East River on the south, E. 149th Street and Prospect Avenue on the west and portions of E. 169th Street, E. 167th Street and Westchester Avenue on the north. It is comprised of the neighborhoods of Hunt's Point, Longwood and the southeastern portion of Morrisania. The Europeans first settled Hunt's Point in 1663. At this time, Edward Jessup and John Richardson arrived on the peninsula and purchased the land from the Wekkguasegeeck tribe indigenous to the area. After Jessup died, his widow, Elizabeth entrusted the land to Thomas Hunt Jr., her son in-law. Once part of West Farms in lower Westchester County, the area was annexed to New York City in 1874 and began to develop after a subway line from Manhattan was extended in 1904. As more people moved to the area, the city's business owners began to realize the advantages of locating to Hunt's Point. Among them were the convenient access to the Tri-State region, the existing rail lines running through the Hunt's Point area and the abundance of space available for the development of industrial and commercial activity. The population was predominantly Jewish along with a few German, Irish and Italian immigrants; later it became largely Puerto Rican and African-American. By the 1960's local housing was deteriorating and many white residents left for the suburbs. Hunt's Point was beset by poverty, drugs, and crime in the 1970's and early 1980's. Characterized by frequent arson and mass abandonment, this period was undoubtedly the low point in the area's rich and diverse history. Living conditions became so difficult that almost 60,000 residents, approximately two-thirds of the existing population left, or were forced out, of the neighborhood during the 1970's. Conditions later vastly improved through the initiatives of SEBCO Development Corp., Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association, South Bronx Development Corp., the Bronx Borough President's Office, and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development which created new housing and rehabilitated existing housing. The success of their efforts are clearly evident. Between 1980 and 1990, the population of the district grew by 14.7 percent, the largest margin of growth of any community in the Bronx. From 1990 to 2000 the Growth rate was 18.7 percent, the second highest in the borough. Since 1992, we have seen the development of over 4,800 new housing units. Of the new units, two-thirds are located in what were once vacated buildings and one-third are newly created low-density housing. So thorough is the development and renovation of the district that no city owned apartment building in the community stands vacant.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 2

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Parks**

This District is in dire need of a recreational playground where the growing number of young men and women can go to be engaged in competitive sports. Youth - Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education. Increase full funding for Summer Youth Programs. This District is in dire need of a recreational playground where the growing number of young men and women can go to be engaged in competitive sports.

#### **Schools**

Schools - The District is having a growth in residents without new seating capacity in the local schools. Also, the District is in dire need of more Pre-K and 3K seating. Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education Increase full funding for Summer Youth Programs.

#### **Youth and children's services**

Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education Increase full funding for Summer Youth Programs.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Bronx Community Board 2

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

###### **Animal and pest control services**

Increase pest control extermination services in our community to include Mosquito abatement, Raccoons, rat abatement and bedbug control.

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

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

No comments

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

Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.

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

Homeless families in shelters in the district are expressing concerns that their providers are not providing adequate services to help them achieve permanent housing and lack of support services. There is also a lack of transparency of properly informing the community when a homeless shelter is coming to the community.

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

Increase the number of Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens.

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## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/8	DOHMH	<b>Other animal and pest control requests</b>	<i>Increase pest control extermination services in our community to include Mosquito abatement, Raccoons, Rat abatement and bedbug control</i>	

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

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

We have an increase in population and need more seating capacity. Also, we need more Pre-k and 3K services. .

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

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

Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education.

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

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/5	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>Construct new Public Schools to address the increase in population</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/8	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Increase funding for after school programs and summer day camp programs operated by Community Based organizations.</i>	
3/8	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music &amp; education</i>	
7/8	DOE	<b>Improve school safety</b>	<i>Increase funds for enhanced school safety/speed zone cameras</i>	

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

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

Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

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

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

- Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

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

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/8	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

**Environmental concerns affecting citizens**

Illegal Dumping

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

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

When there is a rain storm there are certain locations in the district in which flooding is common due to: 1. No Catch Basins 2. Clogged Catch Basins

**Needs for Sanitation Services**

No comments

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## 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
1/8	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</b>	<i>Increase Sanitation enforcement to address illegal dumping within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

##### **Housing support (including tenant protection)**

Affordable housing developments being created in this community is not meeting the needs of our residents because the AMI formula being used does not fit with our financial and economic needs.

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

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

No comments

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

There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

The Hunts Point Workforce One does not provide adequate jobs that meet the needs of our community.

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

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

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

##### **Street lighting**

Fund major improvements including additional lighting and scraping for the Bruckner Expressway underpasses at Brook, St. Ann's, Lincoln and Willis Avenues. These improvements are needed at these locations for the safety of the community.

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

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

No comments

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

No comments

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### Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/5	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Street re-paving needed throughout District on yearly basis.	

### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

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

Parks department personnel in the district is at a bare minimum and more staffing is needed. More PEP is needed to address a recent spike in homeless activity.

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

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

No comments

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

No comments

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

No comments

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

District Service Cabinet meetings are mandated by the NYC Charter in which City Agencies are required to attend. However, there are agencies who do not attend at all: HPD, DOE, HRA, NYCHA and Consumer Affairs

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/5	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center</i>	
4/5	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Provide funding to enhance the Green-way in CB2 to include two high priority items: (1) the development of the unused DOS Marine Transfer Station on Farragut Avenue for use as a "Seaport" attraction and establish a harbor pier patrol site and Water Taxi Stop. (2) Create a Boardwalk promenade along the waterfront parallel to the Green-way with benches and trees</i>	
5/5	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Complete Printers Park Phase III</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/8	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/8	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.</i>	



## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/5	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</b>	<i>Construct new Public Schools to address the increase in population</i>	
2/5	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center</i>	
3/5	DOT	<b>Install streetscape improvements</b>	<i>Street re-paving needed throughout District on yearly basis.</i>	
4/5	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Provide funding to enhance the Green-way in CB2 to include two high priority items: (1) the development of the unused DOS Marine Transfer Station on Farragat Avenue for use as a "Seaport" attraction and establish a harbor pier patrol site and Water Taxi Stop. (2) Create a Boardwalk promenade along the waterfront parallel to the Green-way with benches and trees</i>	
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## Expense Budget Requests

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4/8	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.</i>	
5/8	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	
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