

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

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**Manhattan  
Community District  
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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) 2022. 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, 2020.

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 FY22 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

## Manhattan Community Board 5

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## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at [communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov](https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov).

# Manhattan Community District 5 - Land Use

- One & Two Family Buildings

MultiFamily Walkup Buildings

MultiFamily Elevator Buildings

Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings

Commercial/Office Buildings

Industrial/Manufacturing

Transportation/Utility

Public Facilities & Institutions

Open Space

Parking Facilities

Vacant Land

All Others or No Data

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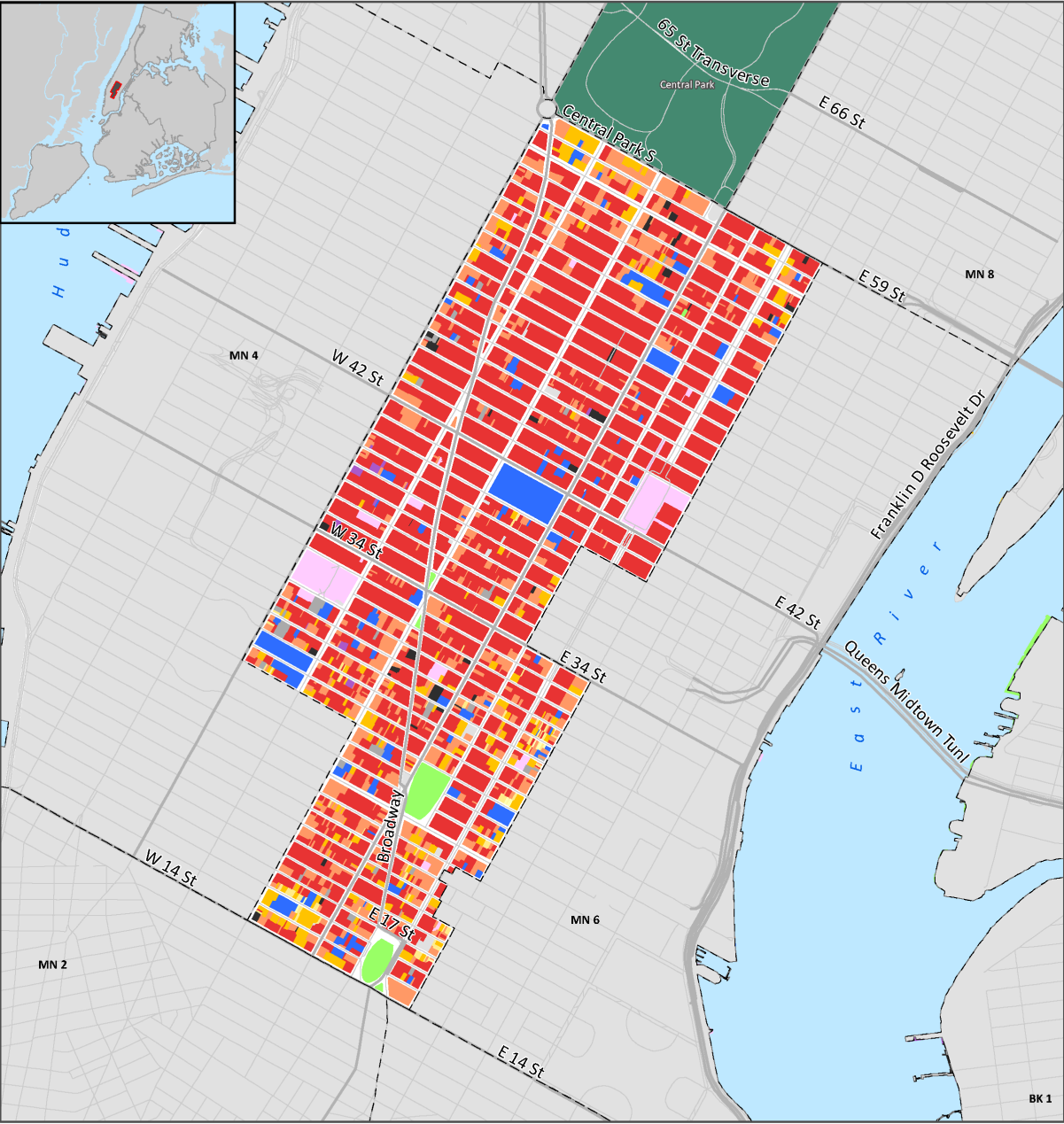
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### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community Board Five (CB5) beats with the pulse of the City in the heart of Manhattan. Our boundaries extend from Lexington to 8th Avenues and 14th to 59th Streets, but the scope of life in our District is a microcosm of New York City (the “City”). All of the ethnic, cultural, economic and social diversity and disparity found across our city is displayed vividly in CB5. We are the City’s midtown central business District as well as the first and last impression of New York City for millions of commuters and tourists who pass through Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal, or who visit Times Square, Herald Square, Union Square, and Greeley Square every day.

Our District connects every borough to each other and to the world. All but three subway lines traverse CB5, and with the Port Authority just outside our western border the District is at the core of the City’s substantial pedestrian and vehicular traffic. We are the destination for millions of tourists who come here to experience New York City’s greatest business, tourist, entertainment and industrial landmarks, all located in CB5. The Broadway Theater District, the Museum of Modern Art, Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, and the Flatiron Building are all here, along with world class shopping destinations such as Macy’s, Saks, Tiffany’s, Cartier and Nordstrom (to name but a few).

In the recent past, our District experienced a boom in hotel construction, particularly in the Flower District and the Broadway corridor. Before the downturn caused by the recent pandemic, new bars and restaurants regularly opened throughout the District to service the increasing number of visitors, generating substantial sales tax and other revenues for the City. Office and residential density expanded given the proximity to the transportation hubs in our District resulting in an appreciation of public and pedestrian spaces by residents and workers alike. Three of the City’s most intensely utilized parks -- Bryant, Madison Square, and Union Square -- are located within the District, as well as Herald and Greeley Squares. Our residents and visitors cherish pedestrian friendly amenities such as pedestrian paths of travel, shared urban pathways, and expanded bicycle lanes. The extraordinary growth and popularity of CB5, combined with our proximity to transportation hubs, commercial centers, and tourist attractions, create unique and substantial budgetary needs and corresponding opportunities.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 5

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Economic development and recovery**

CB5 is a district heavily dependent upon commuters, business and tourists, which have been virtually non-existent during the pandemic. As the City begins to reopen, it is estimated that about one-third of small businesses may not survive and that over 520,000 jobs will be lost, many of them located in CB5. Businesses in the District will require commercial tenant programs, better business programs as well as grants and loans in order to recover from the economic devastation wrought by the pandemic. CB5 encourages public / private collaboration to address the challenges faced by businesses small and large. In particular, CB5 recognizes the important economic role that Broadway Theatre plays in the District and in New York City overall. Theatrical Art organizations require grants, loans and increased marketing supports as well as support for the safety of all theatergoers, residents and tourists.

#### **Homelessness**

The pandemic and the City's decision to utilize hotels in the District to house homeless individuals has highlighted the stunning deficiencies in the City's network of social services for those experiencing homelessness or threatened with it. The homeless, and indeed all New Yorkers, deserve better. Fundamentally, our city needs more affordable housing – in our District and elsewhere. However, we also need high-quality temporary shelters and housing programs now to serve the homeless. That includes comprehensive programming with wrap-around services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as facility improvements to provide for that and enrichment programming on site. CB5 encourages the City and shelter providers to craft solutions that meet the homeless where they are and to address their concerns regarding safety, possessions, pets, significant others and recreation and social space as a means of creating a more comfortable, welcoming and productive environment for those experiencing homelessness.

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

The pandemic has moved Quality of Life issues front and center in our district. The symptoms are as clear as the causes are myriad. Street and sidewalk noise, increasing graffiti, unauthorized street vendors, petty crime, panhandling, loitering and street encampments all detract from the quality of life in the District and feed the perception that the City is not safe. While CB5 believes addressing the underlying issues of education, economic opportunity and homelessness will strike at the roots of these societal issues, consistent enforcement of existing regulations will also help. The goal of enforcement being not to criminalize any social condition but to create an environment where the rights of all are respected and the public space remains dedicated to the public. Visitors and residents alike should expect that existing regulations --for example, prohibiting cars and delivery trucks from double parking or "blocking the box", prohibiting cyclists from riding on the sidewalk or in the opposite direction of traffic, discouraging pedestrians who walk in the bike lane, cracking down on illegal food carts and un-permitted street vendors – will be enforced to help protect the quality of life of all residents and workers in the district. CB5 also continues to seek the removal of old phone booths, street encampments, and Link kiosks where they are redundant, unnecessary or an attractive nuisance. In addition, CB5 believes our air and light are public assets that should not be privatized or monopolized by private developers. Light and air must be approached as any other budget assets and they must be treated and protected as such.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 5

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

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

The most pressing healthcare and human service issue within the District is the provision of services to reduce or prevent homelessness. CB5 has seen a great increase in the number of homeless people throughout the district. Access to health care and mental health, substance abuse treatment and prevention programs are important to assist in alleviating the plight of those on the streets. CB5 has, for many years, directed many of its budget requests to these issues and has done so again this year as we request new affordable housing, supportive housing, as well as mental health and addiction recovery beds and services.

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

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

No comments

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

The district has thousands of households that appear to be aging in place. There was a 26.4% increase in the 65+ age population between 2000 and 2010—bringing the district's population to nearly 6,000.

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

CB5 has become host to over 2,000 homeless men and women who are currently housed in hotels within the district. Additionally, CB5 has seen a marked uptick in the number of street homeless within the district. To-date, there is no clear plan on how to address the needs of these individuals and we need high quality temporary shelters with wrap around services and programming now to serve the homeless. CB5 is seeking additional resources including the development of housing, supportive services, mental health services and addiction services.

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

With the removal of tenant protections and commercial and tenant moratoriums on evictions, there is an expectation that more people will lose their homes and need housing. Year upon year, CB5 has sought affordable housing and housing subsidies for low income New Yorkers within the district and elsewhere and it is needed now more than ever before.

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/29	HHC	<b>Other health care facilities requests</b>	<i>Develop a medical respite program and longer term residential supports to address the needs of individuals with medical conditions released from hospitals and other institutions who cannot be accommodated within the shelter system. Medical respite programs provide hospitals with an alternative to discharging homeless patients to the streets or to unequipped shelters. Medical respite programs seek to improve transitional care for this population and end the cycle of homelessness by supporting patients in access benefits and housing</i>	
11/29	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Create new substance abuse beds and in-patient facilities to address needs of the District</i>	
12/29	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Creation of additional Mental Health beds and in-patient treatment facilities to address needs of the District</i>	
13/29	DHS	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<i>Provide upgrades to the Bellevue Intake Center physical plant</i>	400 East 30 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
14/29	DHS	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<i>Increase and improve security/lockers at Bellevue/congregate shelters</i>	400 East 30 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DHS	<b>Other request for services for the homeless</b>	<i>Funding for enhanced coordination on social services issues such as encampment clean-up, opioid addiction and mental health service</i>	
2/25	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Additional funding for ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) / HEAT teams</i>	

3/25	DHS	<b>Other request for services for the homeless</b>	<i>Additional Case Managers for DHS: funding to provide case managers to homeless individuals and especially families</i>
4/25	HRA	<b>Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers</b>	<i>Funding to streamline the “One Shot Deal” process. Emergency grant applicants may obtain rental assistance in case of impending evictions, assistance with home energy and utility bills, disaster assistance including moving expenses, and the purchase of personal items for health and safety. The City should build upon recent efforts to streamline this process to ensure more people are quickly connected to “One Shot Deal”</i>
5/25	HRA	<b>Provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims</b>	<i>Design &amp; implement a capital campaign on 2 DSS/HRA key initiatives: anti-eviction legal resources for all New Yorkers and safe shelters for victims of domestic violence. City has meaningfully increased the funding for both service initiatives and continues to do so in the coming years. However, outreach and informational campaigns have not reached many corners of the city. If the services are not known, they will not be fully utilized</i>
9/25	DHS	<b>Other facilities for the homeless requests</b>	<i>Establish recreational and activity space on-site for homeless clients currently being housed in CB5 hotels</i>
18/25	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Fair Fares</b>	<i>Restoration and expansion of discount MetroCards for low-income New Yorkers through the Fair Fares Program</i>

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

### **Manhattan Community Board 5**

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

##### **Remote learning and technology**

Due to COVID, some, if not all, curriculum will be delivered to students remotely. With many children within the district attending school on-line at least some of the time, it is imperative that the technology is in place to ensure that students have a seamless way to participate, communicate and be educated remotely. Whether a student pursues synchronous or non-synchronous learning, curriculum should be developed to ensure that the students are engaged and able to easily access their work from home. Teachers need to be provided with the tools to teach effectively in this new remote / hybrid environment and students need to be provided with the laptops, iPads and Wi-Fi that enable them to connect to their classrooms and teachers.

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

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

Access to remote learning and technology, specifically access to wifi, computers and ipads are the most important elements of Youth, Education and Child Welfare within the CB5. District schools have requested additional resources in this area as students study remotely and it is vitally important that they have the tools to participate and communicate with their teachers and other students.

Additionally, CB5 believes that schools within and just outside the District are underfunded in respect to after school programming, internet connectivity, ADA accessibility and mental health care for students, all things that stakeholders within the District have found to be of critical importance.

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>New smartboards for up to 45 classrooms at the Clinton School at \$4,900 each (so up to \$220,500)</i>	10 East 15 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
6/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>800 Computers for School of the Future</i>	127 East 22 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
7/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>60 laptops for Ballet Tech's in-school instruction. The school was able to provide a laptop to every student who needed one for remote learning; however, this completely depleted their supply of in-school technology. Now, as we return to school year 2020-21, students still need the laptops for home instruction, but we have no laptops for in-person instruction.</i>	890 Broadway, Manhattan, New York, NY
8/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>Wireless routers, webcams, and iPad keyboards to support hybrid learning at Baruch College Campus High School, as well as the provision of wireless services to their most at-risk students</i>	55 East 25 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
22/29	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Ensure repairs to make all CB5 schools fully ADA accessible</i>	
23/29	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Fund the 100,000 square foot public school on the Bleecker School site in Greenwich Village on land owned by New York University; utilize this opportunity before it passes back to NYU</i>	
26/29	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Replacement of rooftop playground material at PS340</i>	64 West 17 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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10/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>Increase funding of full Summer Youth Employment program along with the creation of year-long youth employment programs to increase opportunity and combat violence</i>
11/25	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Restoration and enhancement of summer youth camp seats for underserved communities and working families</i>
12/25	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Funding of a mental health professional in every middle and high school</i>

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Manhattan Community Board 5**

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

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

Enforcement of violations is the number one public safety issue within CB5. Stakeholders have repeatedly noted that enforcement of violations are critically important and that increased and timely enforcement of existing rules and legislation would help to address myriad stakeholder concerns. CB5 supports the transition of some routine public safety enforcement roles -- such as traffic and parking enforcement priorities -- from the NYPD control and placed within other Agencies such as DOT.

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

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

CB5 has seen an increase in noise complaints and other quality of life complaints such as unauthorized street vendors, petty crime, panhandling, loitering and street encampments, all of which detract from the quality of life in the District. Residents report that they do not feel safe in public spaces and, whether perception or reality, addressing these complaints will help to attract the residents and tourists back to the district. This should, in turn, spur the economic activity necessary for CB5's and the City's recovery.

And while CB5 needs enforcement of quality of life violations it does not believe that such enforcement lies solely with the NYPD. Instead, CB5 would like to see other agencies handle minor infractions. For example, DOT could handle traffic and bicycle violations and DOB could become responsible for noise violations. CB5 further hopes the City will explore other programs such as Cahoots, which would require mental health professionals, rather than the NYPD, to respond to complaints involving individuals with mental health issues.

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

Growing community requires adequate emergency services. With the many new residential and commercial developments coming online in and on the borders of CB5, the emergency services may become overly burdened as the ratio of person to EMS vehicle changes and the City must be cognizant of this and monitor for any increased budget needs. FDNY has asked for \$280,000 to install additional fire alarms across the city and CB5 supports that request, in addition to their desire for additional funds for more trainings and CPR trainings.

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**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**

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

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Manhattan Community Board 5

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

##### **Noise pollution**

Year upon year, noise has consistently been the number one complaint within the district and so it remains for this year. CB5 would like to see the enforcement of noise complaints transitioned to a specific enforcement unit outside of the NYPD. CB5 also requests that any unit responding to complaints be provided with the necessary noise measuring equipment. Having this equipment at hand will allow any enforcement action to be addressed immediately and will help protect the quality of life of all residents and workers in the district.

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

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

Water runoff in the 29th Street bike lane is an ongoing problem.

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

Overflowing garbage cans and debris on the streets around them has always been an issue in CB5. However, it has become much worse after the City's disastrous cut in services (now partially restored) in early 2020. Large institutions, BIDs, resident associations and individual citizens have all called for additional sanitation services to ensure the removal of street litter and the timely collection of full litter bins. The increasing number of homeless individuals has also triggered the need for corresponding additional public sanitation services including a significant increase in the frequency of corner trash pick-up. Our District needs many additional litter baskets, recycling and composting bins. This responsibility is uniquely a City responsibility. It cannot be delegated or ignored and, when paired with our other priorities this year – quality of life and actions to address homelessness on our streets – offers a dramatic opportunity for visible and lasting improvement in the district. Electronic waste and composting services have also been reduced or eliminated during budget cuts and desperately need to be restored.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/29	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Expansion of NYCCAS air pollution monitors throughout NYC at ground level, including at areas undergoing capital construction projects</i>	
21/29	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Additional noise / sound meters that NYC DEP inspectors use when they take noise measurements in response to noise complaints - for use by non-NYPD responders</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/25	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>Reinstate full litter basket and curbside garbage collection. Litter baskets have been overflowing leading to the trash left on curbs and an increase in vermin</i>	
16/25	DSNY	<b>Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</b>	<i>Provide or expand NYC organics collection programs. Establish and operate at least three organics drop-off sites in each community district. The Department of Sanitation temporarily suspended the curbside organics composting service on May 4th, 2020. An organics drop-off site would allow residents to dispose of organic waste in an environmentally friendly manner and its a major priority for it to be resumed in 2022</i>	
17/25	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Funding for procurement and maintenance of DSNY Clean Curb pilot program and containers on curbs</i>	
25/25	DSNY	<b>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</b>	<i>Funding for additional sanitation baskets throughout CB5</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Manhattan Community Board 5

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

##### **Small business services/support**

More than any other community, CB5 relies upon its small businesses, commercial concerns, landmarks and cultural institutions for its vibrancy. Small businesses are an essential piece of the CB5 community and a powerful engine for its economic growth and employment. CB5 encourages every initiative — from commercial tenant rent solutions to public/private collaborations such as the NYC small business network — to help small businesses address the current challenges and navigate the way forward. It is only through the renewal and creation of small businesses that CB5 can begin the rebuilding which is critical to economic recovery of the district and the City. Broadway Theatre brings over 100,000 jobs to the District and plays an especially important role here, as well as for all of NYC. All of the theatrical arts organizations within the District require assistance to bring back the tourists, theatre audiences and museum goers that help support all of New York City. These organizations need grants and funding to address their physical plants, but also supports for advertising and a plan to ensure that patrons feel safe when attending any art or theatrical events throughout the District.

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

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

CB5 believes our air and light are public assets that should not be privatized or monopolized by private developers. Light and air must be approached as any other budget assets and they must be treated and protected as such.

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

Affordable housing is one of the single most important issues identified by stakeholders within the District. Not only low and moderate-income families, but increasingly also the middle class is in dire need of affordable housing. The enormous amount of construction within the District and the loss of small buildings owned by individual landlords, the cost of housing vis-a-vis income and income inequality have all stoked great interest in preserving and creating affordable housing programs. Additional supportive housing is also a critical need, as these developments enable a steady progression of homeless individuals and families from the streets, to shelters, and finally to permanent homes with the services they need to live healthful and independent lives. Without sufficient supportive housing, this population can become trapped in cycles of homelessness, mental illness, and/or antisocial behavior that devastates individual and collective quality of life.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic and related economic shutdowns and shifts in business and consumer behavior have also devastated small businesses, restaurants, bars, theaters, and other cultural institutions in CB5 more than any other part of the city. Travel restrictions, work-from-home policies, and health and safety regulations in the pandemic era have spurred mass business closures, economic losses, and high unemployment that threaten to irrevocably harm CB5. The announced theatre, cultural and performance space closures through much of 2021 and the ancillary loss of business and economic activity that these sectors generate for both local and citywide revenue is of particular consequence for CB5. Significant policy and legislative action - backed by substantial funding - is needed to support our neighborhood's businesses, employees, and institutions.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Restore HPD Capital Budget reduction from FY2020 in FY2022 budget and allocate it to supportive housing loan program</i>	
2/29	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Increase budget for HPD's Our Space Initiative which funds new construction rental units for the formerly homeless - The extra subsidy will help finance more new construction rental units at shelter rent allowance and create more units for the homeless</i>	
3/29	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Mold Remediation at the Citileaf Supportive Housing Site</i>	50 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/25	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Create a project-based rental subsidy for homeless set-aside units, separate from supportive housing</i>	
7/25	EDC	<b>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</b>	<i>Increased support for small business with loans, grants and other programs</i>	
8/25	SBS	<b>Other expense commercial district revitalization requests</b>	<i>Fundraising, promotion and back end support (ala NYCGO) to generate NYC tourism</i>	

## TRANSPORTATION

### Manhattan Community Board 5

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

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

The inadequacy of current traffic and parking enforcement is an extremely common issue attached to almost every street reconfiguration and transportation issue at CB5. We suggest a budget allocation to DOT to provide resources that would allow the city to return parking and traffic enforcement, including enforcement of activities that threaten pedestrians and cyclists, to DOT control instead of NYPD. This would address the NYPD's current non-responses to traffic and parking enforcement priorities as well as the widespread desire not to overburden the NYPD with routine issues that should be devolved to other departments. This was actually the state of affairs before the mid-90's and it has been publicly endorsed by traffic experts such as Sam Schwartz. Bicycle and pedestrian safety is paramount and any enforcement efforts should also be focused on Vision Zero policies and those activities that keep cyclists and pedestrians safe.

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

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

No comments

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

Highly frequented subway stations in CB5, such as the 4/5/6 at Union Square and S at Times Square, are not ADA compliant, limiting accessibility for residents and visitors alike.

In addition, our District has a high traffic flow with several complex intersections, which are in need of improved traffic safety as evidenced by high annual collision rates, poor pedestrian safety, and several conflicting traffic patterns. The District welcomes the newly created bike routes, but the safety of bikers, pedestrians, and drivers depends on active enforcement of regulations. Assigning the role of bike lane and traffic enforcement to agencies outside of the NYPD is supported by CB5. The disruption of normal commuting patterns caused by the pandemic has only increased the prevalence of biking citywide, and CB5 feels strongly that the City must capitalize on these changes in behavior to dramatically increase protected bike lanes and emphasize enforcement of safe driving, cycling, and pedestrian behavior as this transition away from cars continues.

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/29	DOT	<b>Other capital traffic improvements requests</b>	<i>15. City Lights Phase II Installations \$844,000 - 2008 streetscape beautification</i>	
16/29	DOT	<b>Upgrade or create new plazas</b>	<i>Flatiron Plaza Reconstruction (Total Project will be over \$40M when design completed – only ~\$10M currently allocated in City capital budge</i>	
17/29	DOT	<b>Upgrade or create new plazas</b>	<i>New modular outdoor seating that would be placed on the 47/48 Plaza in Times Square as an amenity for visitors, as well as totem sign holders for wayfinding in the plazas. The seating costs \$25,000 and 4 totems total \$12,000</i>	
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20/25	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Traffic Analysis and Streetscape Design Plan for 6th Avenue (23rd Street to Herald Square)</i>
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## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Manhattan Community Board 5**

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

##### **Other**

CB5 has seen the expansion of residential and commercial buildings which has heightened the awareness and need for public spaces and how these are managed. Unfortunately, there is no one Agency that has a handle on the overall planning of the City when taking into account issues such as shadows, access to green space, public toilets and other factors affecting public spaces. The Director of the Public Realm role is one which is desperately needed to take on this complexity to holistically manage the streets, sidewalks and plazas in a data driven way. CB5 believes that this office will rectify the current lack of cohesion in city planning and allow stakeholders to have a direct way to voice their views. CB5 appreciates that this role will highlight the importance of light and air as a public commodity that should be considered as any other commodity when making decisions concerning the public realm.

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

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

Parks—Privately managed parks are an important feature of the district. There is a need to maximize use of public spaces for recreational use by residents and workers within the context of allowing these management organizations to have self-supporting financing mechanisms to cover maintenance and park programming. Privately-Owned Public Spaces—The Department of City Planning and DOB need to coordinate to ensure that properties receiving density bonuses through provision of a plaza are fulfilling all of their obligations to afford a true public amenity. The City should make unexpected inspections of all privately owned public spaces each year, issue warnings to owners violating the terms of their bonus and remove the DOB occupancy permits for bonuses floor area for owners who do not bring their plazas into compliance within a reasonable time frame.

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

Broadway Theatre brings over 100,000 jobs to the District and plays an especially important role here, as well as for all of NYC. All of the theatrical arts organizations within the District require assistance to bring back the tourists, theatre audiences and museum goers that help support all of New York City. These organizations need grants and funding to address their physical plants, but also supports for advertising and a plan to ensure that patrons feel safe when attending any art or theatrical events throughout the District.

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

No comments

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

The issue of funding for the Community Board office has been of particular concern to CB5 and has been its number one budget request for the last two years. The participation of ordinary individuals in the processes that determine how we live in the city is vital, particularly in a time where increasingly such participation is being chipped away. Accordingly, CB5 believes that funding a Board office that can hire competitively and that can robustly handle stakeholder requests is of primary importance.

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

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9/29	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Continuing support for additional park and outdoor amenities, specifically public restroom facilities. DPR should fund the renovation, construction and operation of public restrooms at parks throughout the district. The lack of these facilities is a major contributor to street pollution</i>	
10/29	BPL	<b>Provide more or better equipment to a library</b>	<i>\$1.8 M to replace the HVAC system at the Andrew Heiskell library</i>	40 West 20 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
27/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Upgrade of restroom at Delcorte Theatre in Central Park</i>	
28/29	DPR	<b>Other street trees and forestry services requests</b>	<i>Identify, purchase and plant shadow resistant trees and plants in areas of Central Park covered by skyscraper shade</i>	Central Park West, Manhattan, New York, NY
29/29	DCLA	<b>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</b>	<i>Fund conversion and provision of HVAC for air filters for Broadway Theatres and Arts organizations</i>	

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

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24/25	DCLA	<b>Support nonprofit cultural organizations</b>	<i>Funding for the promotion and support of a reinvigoration of the Broadway Theatre industry</i>	

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

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13/25	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Funding of staff (Executive Director, coordinator and administrator) for new Office of the Public Realm. The Office would be under the Office of the Mayor</i>	
23/25	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Remove all non-working phone booths as well as those sited next to LINKS kiosks. DOITT</i>	

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Restore HPD Capital Budget reduction from FY2020 in FY2022 budget and allocate it to supportive housing loan program</i>	
2/29	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Increase budget for HPD's Our Space Initiative which funds new construction rental units for the formerly homeless - The extra subsidy will help finance more new construction rental units at shelter rent allowance and create more units for the homeless</i>	
3/29	HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Mold Remediation at the Citileaf Supportive Housing Site</i>	50 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
4/29	HHC	<b>Other health care facilities requests</b>	<i>Develop a medical respite program and longer term residential supports to address the needs of individuals with medical conditions released from hospitals and other institutions who cannot be accommodated within the shelter system. Medical respite programs provide hospitals with an alternative to discharging homeless patients to the streets or to unequipped shelters. Medical respite programs seek to improve transitional care for this population and end the cycle of homelessness by supporting patients in access benefits and housing</i>	
5/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>New smartboards for up to 45 classrooms at the Clinton School at \$4,900 each (so up to \$220,500)</i>	10 East 15 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
6/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>800 Computers for School of the Future</i>	127 East 22 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

7/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>60 laptops for Ballet Tech's in-school instruction. The school was able to provide a laptop to every student who needed one for remote learning; however, this completely depleted their supply of in-school technology. Now, as we return to school year 2020-21, students still need the laptops for home instruction, but we have no laptops for in-person instruction.</i>	890 Broadway, Manhattan, New York, NY
8/29	SCA	<b>Provide technology upgrade</b>	<i>Wireless routers, webcams, and iPad keyboards to support hybrid learning at Baruch College Campus High School, as well as the provision of wireless services to their most at-risk students</i>	55 East 25 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
9/29	DPR	<b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Continuing support for additional park and outdoor amenities, specifically public restroom facilities. DPR should fund the renovation, construction and operation of public restrooms at parks throughout the district. The lack of these facilities is a major contributor to street pollution</i>	
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11/29	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Create new substance abuse beds and in-patient facilities to address needs of the District</i>	
12/29	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Creation of additional Mental Health beds and in-patient treatment facilities to address needs of the District</i>	
13/29	DHS	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<i>Provide upgrades to the Bellevue Intake Center physical plant</i>	400 East 30 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
14/29	DHS	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<i>Increase and improve security/lockers at Bellevue/congregate shelters</i>	400 East 30 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
15/29	DOT	<b>Other capital traffic improvements requests</b>	<i>15. City Lights Phase II Installations \$844,000 - 2008 streetscape beautification</i>	

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19/29	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Expansion of NYCCAS air pollution monitors throughout NYC at ground level, including at areas undergoing capital construction projects</i>	
20/29	DOT	<b>Improve mobility options, including bike share</b>	<i>Districtwide bike corral and bike storage installations (with the greater use of bikes in midtown south for commuting purposes and the big increase in bike theft, more secure parking locations are needed)</i>	
21/29	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Additional noise / sound meters that NYC DEP inspectors use when they take noise measurements in response to noise complaints - for use by non-NYPD responders</i>	
22/29	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Ensure repairs to make all CB5 schools fully ADA accessible</i>	
23/29	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Fund the 100,000 square foot public school on the Bleecker School site in Greenwich Village on land owned by New York University; utilize this opportunity before it passes back to NYU</i>	
24/29	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Installation of traffic cameras to address "block the box" violations</i>	
25/29	DOT	<b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>	<i>Traffic congestion is an issue that is repeatedly mentioned by people within the district and lights for buses would significantly improve traffic.</i>	5th Avenue

26/29	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Replacement of rooftop playground material at PS340</i>	64 West 17 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
27/29	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	<i>Upgrade of restroom at Delcorte Theatre in Central Park</i>	
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1/25	DHS	<b>Other request for services for the homeless</b>	<i>Funding for enhanced coordination on social services issues such as encampment clean-up, opioid addiction and mental health service</i>	
2/25	DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Additional funding for ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) / HEAT teams</i>	
3/25	DHS	<b>Other request for services for the homeless</b>	<i>Additional Case Managers for DHS: funding to provide case managers to homeless individuals and especially families</i>	
4/25	HRA	<b>Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers</b>	<i>Funding to streamline the “One Shot Deal” process. Emergency grant applicants may obtain rental assistance in case of impending evictions, assistance with home energy and utility bills, disaster assistance including moving expenses, and the purchase of personal items for health and safety. The City should build upon recent efforts to streamline this process to ensure more people are quickly connected to “One Shot Deal”</i>	
5/25	HRA	<b>Provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims</b>	<i>Design &amp; implement a capital campaign on 2 DSS/HRA key initiatives: anti-eviction legal resources for all New Yorkers and safe shelters for victims of domestic violence. City has meaningfully increased the funding for both service initiatives and continues to do so in the coming years. However, outreach and informational campaigns have not reached many corners of the city. If the services are not known, they will not be fully utilized</i>	
6/25	HPD	<b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>	<i>Create a project-based rental subsidy for homeless set-aside units, separate from supportive housing</i>	
7/25	EDC	<b>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</b>	<i>Increased support for small business with loans, grants and other programs</i>	
8/25	SBS	<b>Other expense commercial district revitalization requests</b>	<i>Fundraising, promotion and back end support (ala NYCGO) to generate NYC tourism</i>	



9/25	DHS	<b>Other facilities for the homeless requests</b>	<i>Establish recreational and activity space on-site for homeless clients currently being housed in CB5 hotels</i>
10/25	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	<i>Increase funding of full Summer Youth Employment program along with the creation of year-long youth employment programs to increase opportunity and combat violence</i>
11/25	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Restoration and enhancement of summer youth camp seats for underserved communities and working families</i>
12/25	DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Funding of a mental health professional in every middle and high school</i>
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15/25	DSNY	<b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>	<i>Reinstate full litter basket and curbside garbage collection. Litter baskets have been overflowing leading to the trash left on curbs and an increase in vermin</i>
16/25	DSNY	<b>Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</b>	<i>Provide or expand NYC organics collection programs. Establish and operate at least three organics drop-off sites in each community district. The Department of Sanitation temporarily suspended the curbside organics composting service on May 4th, 2020. An organics drop-off site would allow residents to dispose of organic waste in an environmentally friendly manner and its a major priority for it to be resumed in 2022</i>
17/25	DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</b>	<i>Funding for procurement and maintenance of DSNY Clean Curb pilot program and containers on curbs</i>
18/25	HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance Fair Fares</b>	<i>Restoration and expansion of discount MetroCards for low-income New Yorkers through the Fair Fares Program</i>

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