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FISCAL YEAR 2026

**Statement of Community**

# **DISTRICT NEEDS**

**and Community Board Budget Request**

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**Manhattan  
Community District 7**

# 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) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*Budget 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 7

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

## Manhattan

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	1,585,873	100.00	1,694,251	100.00	108,378	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	234,435	14.8	232,511	13.7	-1,924	-0.8	-1.1
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	1,585,873	100.0	1,694,251	100.0	108,378	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	403,577	25.4	402,640	23.8	-937	-0.2	-1.6
White non-Hispanic	761,493	48.0	793,294	46.8	31,801	4.2	-1.2
Black non-Hispanic	205,340	12.9	199,592	11.8	-5,748	-2.8	-1.1
Asian non-Hispanic	177,624	11.2	219,624	13.0	42,000	23.6	1.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	7,882	0.5	16,112	1.0	8,230	104.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	29,957	1.9	62,989	3.7	33,032	110.3	1.8
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	847,090	100.0	913,926	100.0	66,836	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	763,846	90.2	817,782	89.5	53,936	7.1	-0.7
Vacant housing units	83,244	9.8	96,144	10.5	12,900	15.5	0.7

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

## Manhattan Community District 7

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	209,084	100.00	222,129	100.00	13,045	6.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	30,997	14.8	32,905	14.8	1,908	6.2	0.0
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	209,084	100.0	222,129	100.0	13,045	6.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	31,347	15.0	32,844	14.8	1,497	4.8	-0.2
White non-Hispanic	140,850	67.4	139,967	63.0	-883	-0.6	-4.4
Black non-Hispanic	15,834	7.6	14,946	6.7	-888	-5.6	-0.9
Asian non-Hispanic	15,933	7.6	22,826	10.3	6,893	43.3	2.7
Some other race, non-Hispanic	947	0.5	2,163	1.0	1,216	128.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	4,173	2.0	9,383	4.2	5,210	124.9	2.2
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	120,694	100.0	126,397	100.0	5,703	4.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	109,058	90.4	110,770	87.6	1,712	1.6	-2.8
Vacant housing units	11,636	9.6	15,627	12.4	3,991	34.3	2.8

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 7 (MCD7) encompasses Manhattan's Upper West Side, from 59th Street to 110th Street, and from Central Park West to the Hudson River. Our District is home to 226,988 people (according to the 2022 ACS Census) up from 209,084 in 2010. The Upper West Side is a vibrant community. Residents and millions of visitors are attracted to its cultural institutions, parks, retail, restaurants, and diverse architecture. Prominent points of interest include Central Park, Riverside Park, the American Museum of Natural History, the New York Historical Center, the Bard Center, the Children's Museum, Lincoln Center, the Beacon Theater, Symphony Space, Time Warner Center and numerous houses of worship. Even though tourism was greatly reduced during the pandemic, residents and tourists are now venturing out in greater numbers.

Public Transportation is easily accessible with 5 major subway lines, 4 crosstown bus lines, and 5 north-south bus lines. There are 3 dedicated bike lanes (Amsterdam, Columbus and Central Park West) and several unprotected bike lanes on cross streets. Pedestrian safety is a concern with the increasing number of moving vehicles running red lights, pedestrians jay walking and bikes, ebikes, scooters etc not obeying traffic rules (riding in the wrong directions, riding on sidewalks, speeding, not stopping for traffic lights).

Yet sadly there are too many in our community struggling in pockets of poverty. While median household income in 2023 was \$145,620 in the District, which is much higher than the average for the City, over 10.5% of households in the District live below the poverty line and over 25% are food insecure. The district has the third largest proportion of seniors in the City, many with limited resources and a variety of special needs (seniors make up 20.4% of the population) Over 32.3% of the population is rent burdened and 21.3% of renter households pay over 59% of their income for housing. The district continues to lose its stock of affordable housing, making it harder for the working poor and the middle class to remain in the district. Over 6,000 units of public housing for low income residents are in desperate need of major repair and upgrading. Cuts to programs and services during the Pandemic have created serious problems for vulnerable children and adults.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is the district's most critical need and its lack contributes to a myriad of other issues facing district residents -- homelessness, food insecurity, social and emotional problems, inadequate health care and domestic violence. Only 26% of housing is considered affordable. Over 23% of Manhattan Community Board 7 (MCB7) residents are severely rent burdened, paying more than 50% of their income on rent. The District continues to lose affordable housing stock, and the apartments in the NYCHA developments continue to deteriorate; additionally a significant percentage of units are illegally warehoused. The vacancy rate in MCD7 is almost double that of the City as a whole (12.4% versus 6.9% for New York City). The recent end of the State-imposed moratorium on evictions from residential and commercial properties sets the stage for greater dispossession and homelessness, further deepening the personal crises facing many MCB7 families. There are 110,770 housing units in the District. 87.6% are occupied, the other 12.4% are unoccupied. Owner occupied housing is 32.9%, renter occupied is 67.1%. Over the last decade 5,249 rental units were built - but we don't know how many units were eliminated to create new buildings. Eighty-five % of the new units are rented at market rate, The change median gross rent outpaced medial household income by 20.5%. Total occupied units: 46.7% occupied by 1 person households, 31.6% occupied by 2 person households, 11.1% occupied by 3 person households, 8.3% are occupied by 4 person households, and 3.3% are occupied by household with 5 or more people.

#### Schools

The most vulnerable children in our district face the steepest barriers to accessing local educational, social and mental health resources. The estimated percentage of children under 18 living in poverty in the district has grown. Inflation has also increased the number of children and families that are food insecure. There are 22,000 students in public schools (pre-K through 12 grade) in Community District 7 (CD7), who comprise most of Community School District 3 (CSD3), which continues north into West Harlem with a few schools not in CD7. CSD3 is among the most diverse districts in the New York City public school system, whether measured by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status or student performance, yet many of the schools in the district do not reflect that diversity. Free and reduced-price lunch eligibility, a Federal measure of poverty, comprised 43.9% of K-8 students and 54% of high school students in CSD3. Increased overcrowding is caused by the rising influx of migrant children. These racial and economic disparities mean that many children are in schools that are underserved by the school system and by after-school programming. To address these equity problems, there is an urgent need to target the budgets of the Department of Education and the Department of Youth and Community Development in Community District 7. Increased funding is needed for afterschool programs, Summer School and summer programs, and to increase the number of professional staff and to provide appropriate professional training.

#### Social services

Food insecurity: Over twenty five percent of Community District 7 (CD7) residents are food insecure. The Meal Gap, New York City, measure of food insecurity, represents families and individuals, missing meals that result from inadequate household food budgets. In CD7, the annual Meal Gap is 4 million meals, up from 3.3 million pre Pandemic. This gap directly impacts community health and health care costs. Every person needs stable, reliable access to food that meets their specific nutritional requirements. Many seniors rely on meals at their local Senior Center and/or from food pantries. Children rely on free meals at public schools, but lack food on the weekends and school holidays. Hunger impacts a child's nervous system and prevents that child from learning and staying focused. Food insecurity is also a leading cause of lifelong health and mental health issues. Meal programs and food pantries face ongoing increases in costs of meals (due to labor and

raw food costs) without a corresponding increase in government funds and donated food. The need for increased government support is compelling. Westside Campaign Against Hunger has provided over 300,000 meals in the past year

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

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 7

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

###### **Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)**

Community District 7 is home to an increasing number of senior citizens and to Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) which receive funds targeted for aging populations. A NORC at Douglass Houses (where there are more than 1000 underserved seniors) is needed. Lack of health and household services and visitor contact contributes to the institutional placement of many seniors who otherwise would have been able to stay in their home. Extended In-Home Service to the Elderly Program, which provides homemaking for vulnerable homebound seniors not eligible for Medicaid, has seen a drastic budget cut. The Adult Social Day Services Program, which provides therapeutic programs for seniors who are disabled (many with dementia) was eliminated. Funds for Elder Abuse Prevention Programs and Geriatric Mental Health Initiatives have not increased with the growing number of seniors. United Neighborhood house funding has remained stagnant. Volunteers and funds are needed to fill in many gaps.

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

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

Health coverage and public benefit enrollment assistance. At St. Luke's and Mt. Sinai West, a "HEAL" office assists patients who do not have insurance in enrolling in insurance or Medicaid; and offers payment plans for services according to Medicare rates. The Ryan Center charges patients based upon their income. Additional sites offering similar services are needed to reach all CD7 residents.

More access to financial counseling and legal assistance is needed for people who are unable to pay medical bills (e.g., reports to collections, litigation).

More information and access to comprehensive and preventative care is needed for low-income patients, including for infant nutrition and to support pregnant mothers.

More funding for mental health services in jails and for justice-involved youth transitioning from jails. District Need: Health care access for out-of-school/out-of-work (OSOW) youth. According to census data 11 percent of youth aged 16 to 24 in Community District 7 are considered "disconnected" or OSOW. Over the decade prior to the pandemic, the city's OSOW population declined by nearly 40 percent, largely due to sustained improvements in the high school graduation rate and consistent job growth, but remained at one in eight 16 to 24 year-old New Yorkers before Covid-19.. The OSOW population in the City is overwhelmingly black and hispanic.

Increase education and programs, such as NYC Smoke-Free, to prevent and reduce vaping (use of e-cigarettes) and other forms of addiction. While the sale and distribution of e-cigarettes, vapor products or liquid nicotine to persons under age 21 is now prohibited in New York State, and use among high school students has declined, E-cigarettes remain a cause of negative health impacts, including lung damage. NYC Smoke-Free works with schools in CD7 and would benefit from more support to have greater reach and impact.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene needs to collect and report more information to the public and Community Board on lead poisoning, including any initial positive test, any retest results, and results six months later; as well as findings of investigations.

We embrace the clubhouse model of rehabilitation for people with mental illness. Goddard's Top Clubhouse is a center where people with mental illness find opportunities for friendship, employment, housing, education, and medical and psychiatric services in a caring and safe environment. It is crucial that the funding for this program continue.

### **Needs for Older NYs**

A large percentage of seniors in the district reside in New York City Public Housing. District Need: Senior centers, a necessary lifeline for seniors to maintain connections to necessary health and social services, must be adequately funded, kept in good repair and maintained. The Department For The Aging must always ensure that they are properly staffed.

Thousands of seniors and residents eligible for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) are not currently enrolled in those programs, and therefore may be paying more rent than necessary despite their limited incomes. This underenrollment is of particular concern as many seniors are outliving their retirement savings. Community Board 7 urges the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to expand community outreach to senior centers and non-profit organizations and provide more information, including informational sessions, to ensure that every qualified resident is getting proper rent increase exemptions.

Additionally many seniors need to be enrolled in SNAP benefitss, NORCs need additional funding for nurses and contractors. All programs need Cost of Living (COLA) adjustments.

### **Needs for Homeless**

Provide technology devices, infrastructure and support. Shelter and supportive housing residents as well as those living outside in Community District 7 need access to technology: including Wifi, cell service, and hardware,. They need training on how to use the technology. This ia needed to enable residents to communicate with medical and mental health providers and to access care . The technology also provides educational and economic opportunities. Children and youth experiencing homelessness need technology access for remote learning.

Provide Consistent preventive services and treatment in shelters.. People experiencing homelessness are particularly vulnerable to Covid-19, the seasonal flu and other communicable diseases due to lack of consistent access to appropriate sanitation facilities and supplies.of test results;

Provide funding to maintain current services for supportive housing facilities in Community District 7, including case management services, social work, mental health services, health services related to medication, nutrition, and social activities. Supportive housing is another effective way to end homelessness for individuals and families, especially those living with physical and psychiatric disabilities. There is not sufficient supply to meet the record demand. Providing housing enables people to begin to put their lives together. Research has shown a 50% decrease in alcoholism when homeless people are appropriately housed. Provide designated housing for specific homeless populations. Additional designated housing is needed specifically for women, victims of domestic violence, people who identify as transgender or gender nonconforming, and people with HIV. In addition, more housing is needed which would allow residents to keep pets, as animal prohibitions are often a barrier to entering shelters. And more designated space for families is needed to ensure children have the stability they need for growth, mental health, and educational equity. Monthly data for our district is needed to enable us to understand what is happening, including: shelters by type, residents'

demographics, and resources available to shelter residents.

Homeless Street outreach teams. provided by Goddard need additional funding

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

Families and individuals with low incomes face myriad difficulties including access to affordable housing, healthy nutritious food, quality education, as well as health and social services. Because too many households in the District are rent burdened they are also food insecure; many aren't able

to afford necessary medication. The City needs to incentivize developers to include a mix of income levels in all new developments. (See section on Housing). The threat of eviction and homelessness is a major concern.

The New York City Public Housing developments in the District need to be adequately repaired and maintained, including all individual apartments and all buildings. Elevators, security systems, heat and hot water, front doors and grounds all need to be in proper working order.

Social service providers lack funding to provide programming and services for the specific and unique needs of this population including training, help accessing resources, child care, access to health care and medicine and access to educational and vocational opportunities. District need: Provide access to technology including Wi-Fi and internet service and hardware to enable residents to have access to health services, educational and employment opportunities and other services.

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## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 27	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP
2 / 27	DHS	Expand street outreach
21 / 27	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs
22 / 27	DFTA	Other senior center program requests
23 / 27	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA
24 / 27	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers
25 / 27	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs

# **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

## **Manhattan Community Board 7**

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

#### **Educational attainment**

Schools in Community District 7/Manhattan are again facing shrinking budgets, raising questions about whether they will have the funding required to provide the support needed to address the needs created by adverse conditions and trauma caused by the Pandemic. Enrollment is a central component in how the Department of Education (DOE) provides funding; it is presently complicated by the increasing enrollment of children of asylum seekers. While adequate funding does not translate directly to student achievement, it is a necessary precondition. The Department of Education's Fair Student Funding (FSF) formula determines a dollar amount for each student weighted for the costs associated with the services that student requires. Additionally there is a rising number of unhoused students. There are increasing needs for language programs, social and medical services. Not every school has a dedicated nurse and social worker. There are issues with Title 1 funding. Many schools in the district do not meet the cut-off that determines eligibility for Federal title 1 Funding, the principle source of dedicated resources for poor students (in Manhattan schools must have 50% of their students eligible for free or reduced lunch). Schools that are not eligible may have 40% or more of their students living in poverty requiring additional services without dedicated funds. The needs of the students have not waned; indeed the learning losses due to school closures and remote learning and the trauma experienced by so many public school students has increased the need for academic and social/emotional supports for many years to come. The Districts' educational programs require continued attention and support .

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

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

The Covid pandemic challenged all areas of our educational system and, as in so many other areas of civic life, called into even starker contrast and exacerbated pre-existing inequities in public education.. Public school students continue to have unprecedented levels of academic and social/emotional need, requiring unprecedented levels of support as the City seeks to mitigate the impact of the Pandemic, combat learning loss, and ensure that students have the tools they require to be successful, both in the classroom and in life. The goals as laid out in the New York City Universal Academic Recovery plan, combined with the full funding of the Fair Student Funding formula, align with many of the most critical needs currently being experienced by the schools in our District. Sustaining these services into FY 2026 however, will require finding alternative funding sources as one-time federal funds are depleted.

Not all public schools have air conditioning, this lack makes it impossible for most students to concentrate during hot weather. It is especially difficult for children with special needs. The Joan of Arc Complex lacks air conditioning, as do many other schools in the district.

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

Community District 7/M families with children have long relied heavily on services provided by the City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Access to DYCD funded services addresses both the needs of students and the needs of parents for a safe, enriching environment for their children during the afterschool and summer workday. Programs that care for children and youth when schools are not in session are crucial to the wellbeing of young people in MCD7, providing a safe refuge for children and youths who would otherwise be prey to dangerous influences, including gang activity. These programs provide remedial and enrichment learning opportunities, physical activity, productive "downtime", plus social and emotional support crucial to the physical and mental health of young people, especially the most vulnerable. These DYCD programs are coordinated with community-based organizations and within schools as after class activities and serve the elementary, middle and high school levels, as well as young adults to the age of 24yrs. They include the BEACON, COMPASS and CORNERSTONE programs, Adult Literacy,

Homeless Youth Services, Street Outreach, Drop-in Service Centers, Residential Services, Services for Immigrants and Immigrant Families and Workforce Development. Their continuation is critical to the well-being of families in Community Board 7, particularly the most needy.

Modify funding formulas for afterschool programs to acknowledge pockets of poverty, not just area average household income. Service providers report challenges procuring funding for afterschool programs for elementary age children from low-income families in Manhattan Community District 7 due to metrics which factor in average household income in the populations they serve. Upper West Side neighborhoods have significant income disparity, requiring more refined metrics to serve low income students equitably. District Need: More research to determine community needs and availability of mental health services for youth, including depression, anxiety, and suicide risk assessment and prevention. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, intentional self-harm (suicide) is one of the leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

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## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 20	DOE	Air Conditioners for Joan of Arc Complex
18 / 20	SCA	Renovate interior building component

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 27	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD
4 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
5 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
6 / 27	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material
7 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
8 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
9 / 27	DOE	Other educational programs requests
10 / 27	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE
11 / 27	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE
12 / 27	DYCD	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests
26 / 27	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Manhattan Community Board 7

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

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

CB7/M has for many years requested enforcement to all traffic rules: motor vehicles failing to yield, motor vehicle speeding, ebikes failing to yield, e-bikes speeding, any bikes and scooters etc. riding on the sidewalks, bikes and motorized scooters etc riding the wrong way in bike lanes and on streets. There have been several fatalities and multiple injuries to both pedestrians and passengers of other vehicles. Special attention needs to be given to schools, older adult centers, parks and playgrounds, and many busy intersections. CB7/M hears from multiple groups and constituents that this is a major issue for them. Unfortunately most people who are impacted by any of these issues have no way to report incidents - so there are no records of near misses, minor mishaps, accidents not requiring hospitalizations etc.

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

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

Safety is a major concern for residents and visitors in our community. All public spaces need to be safe for all users.

Restore overtime funding for the New York Police Department in the 20th, 24th and Central Park Precincts. Overtime is an effective way to supplement the ability of the police to respond to changing circumstances and create a presence when needed. With the use of certain data models for permanent assignment of officers, the use of overtime is needed to fill in gaps of coverage, respond to exigencies, and evenly distribute workflow, and will enable officers familiar with their own precincts to be the ones to respond to such exigencies and needs. Additionally more officers are needed to be on the street in various locations where these problems are most egregious.

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

The pandemic highlighted the importance of emergency services in the District. The Fire Department played a major role along with the Police Department in keeping the community safe. EMT and the ambulances of area hospitals worked tirelessly to provide care and get patients safely to hospitals. Local hospitals and medical facilities, and pharmacies have been invaluable in caring for residents, providing Covid-19 vaccination and testing sites. We are indebted to and proud of the continuing courageous work by our Fire and Police officers. They work closely with other City agencies to maintain the public safety during storms, floods, fires, and infrastructure breakdowns. They are too often the unsung heroes.

Provide sufficient funds for the Fire Department for overtime and for infrastructure.

More funding is needed for the NYPD Sex Crimes Unit to increase staffing and reduce caseloads.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Manhattan Community Board 7

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

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

The rat population has expanded dramatically.. Speculation is that rats relocated from the central business district as workers moved to remote work. Outdoor eating, and its attendant garbage has expanded in the Upper West Side, so did the rat population. Community District 7/M has many buildings with signs of rats and failed inspections compared to other districts. In addition to expanding current initiatives (such as the expansion of rat-proof trash cans by the Department of Sanitation), new approaches to the rat problem would include working with businesses to eliminate rat-friendly conditions, shifting pickup times to make sure trash is not left out overnight, continuing and publicizing education programs like the Rat Academy, and prioritizing high-risk areas using GIS and data tracking to target trouble spots and pinpoint rat dens. In addition, education of building managers, tenant associations, block associations and enforcement by the Department of Sanitation are essential to controlling the pest population in a safe and effective manner.

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

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

Factors that complicate efforts to address the impacts of climate change on our District include the fact that most development is allowed to proceed as-of-right without robust environmental review. Storm drains, roadways and open spaces are frequently flooded by the increased frequency of major storms.

it is incumbent upon the City to require all new development to review existing loads for water, sewage, electrical and sanitation (composting and garbage collections). The City needs to develop more incentives to encourage energy efficient and green design construction. This will require changes to the Zoning Resolutions and funding for these initiatives for those who are barely able to conform to current regulations.

The City needs strategies to address forecasts that climate change - rising sea levels and more frequent catastrophic storms - will overwhelm storm sewers and drainage runoff systems, which then discharge human and solid waste into the Hudson River.

The City needs to continue upgrading its water pumping stations and network of pipes.

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

Because the rat population continues to increase, additional solar trash compactors and trash cans are needed, and it is essential to maintain litter basket collection at 7 days a week. The increase in Park visitors has also increased trash volume, which contributes to flooding by clogging drains. The exposed waste, mostly food, has led to an explosion of the rat population. Solar trash compactors (such as the "Big Belly" are needed in Verdi, Strauss, and Riverside Parks, as well as a variety of playgrounds in the district. Additionally, more trash cans are needed throughout the district - at least two on blocks with greenmarkets and one on all other blocks.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
15 / 27	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests
18 / 27	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Manhattan Community Board 7

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

#### **Condition of public housing**

The lack of affordable housing is the highest priority issue in Community District 7, contributing to a range of social and economic crises among residents. The three major complexes in the district run by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) -- Amsterdam Houses, Stephen Wise Towers and Frederick Douglass Houses -- together comprise a significant portion of the local affordable housing stock. Recently NYCHA placed Wise Towers and many of the small buildings in its vicinity into a Rental Assistance Demonstration program which will maintain and manage those buildings. The remaining buildings, which will continue to be managed by NYCHA, have been poorly maintained for decades. Problems include the need for improved security, facility repairs, non-working boilers, unreliable elevators, need for effective and efficient mold and lead remediation, and lack of affordable, reliable broadband service necessary for connecting residents to educational programming, tele-health, social services and workforce opportunities. The complexes suffer from inadequate resources for youth and senior programs and poor sanitation services. In addition, residents and local officials face a lack of accountability from NYCHA management and a labyrinthine process for troubleshooting and redressing on-going maintenance needs. Community District 7 requests increased capital and expense funding for NYCHA to address these problems as well as more responsiveness to tenant and community concerns.

#### **Needs for Housing**

See budget requests.

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

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

Preserving the character, place and quality of life for all is a guiding principle of urban land use. In the past few years there have been lawsuits against excessively high, non-contextual buildings and zoning lot mergers in Community District 7. The construction on these sites was unexpected, leading to vigorous community opposition, and creating negative environmental impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, including loss of air and light as well as permanent shadows on parks and playgrounds at various times of the day.

Greater community involvement in rezoning is critical. All zoning loopholes permitting out-of-scale construction should be closed. Reforms to the Bureau of Standards and Appeals should support this effort. The Lincoln Square Special District requires rezoning to include the former properties where ABC has had their studios on Columbus Avenue, West 66 and West 67th Streets. Community Board 7 has joined with Landmarks West in supporting a ULURP application to that effect.

Provide funds for inspection of sidewalk sheds and scaffolding to ensure that sheds and scaffolds are not left in place for unreasonably long times while no work is being done.

Provide funds to the Department of Buildings for additional inspectors to inspect buildings during construction.

#### **Needs for Housing**

The City should expand the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program to all new residential and mixed-use buildings rather than confine it to a few rezoned areas in poorer neighborhoods. New buildings would be required to allocate 20 percent of floor area to permanent rent-restricted apartments for lower- and middle-income households. New affordable housing is needed on a vast scale, with availability in diverse areas with differing economic structures, sometimes known as Universal Affordable Housing. This change would increase needed economic diversity.

Developers need to be incentivized to include a mix of income levels in any new developments in the District. There has been a significant reduction in the availability of housing that is accessible to those with incomes at 100-150 percent of Area Median Income. Rents are at an all-time high, making homes inaccessible to young adults (including those who cannot afford to live in the communities in which they grew up), as well as to young families and older people who have lived in the neighborhood for decades. New construction all too often creates residential units that sell or rent at luxury rates beyond the reach of many New Yorkers with moderate incomes.

The City could require special permits for buildings over a certain size to provide permanent affordable housing in those buildings based on the amount of additional height resulting from zoning lot mergers and transfers of air rights. District Need: The City needs to investigate the potential for funding the conversion of vacant and/or underutilized hotels into permanent affordable apartments, with supportive services if needed, managed by a local service provider, thus providing permanent housing for families and single adults.

The City needs to survey publicly-owned land in the district and under-built lots, including lots containing one-story firehouses, police stations, libraries and other community resources which have the potential to be developed into new facilities for these City agencies, incorporating affordable housing above.

The SROs that are currently threatened with conversion should be purchased by the City through the Neighborhood Pillars Program creating rent-regulated units managed by nonprofit housing providers.

Prevent landlords from warehousing apartments to make them available to renters.

Funds are urgently needed to provide legal assistance to the increasing number of residents facing evictions.

### **Needs for Economic Development**

Prior to the pandemic it was becoming difficult for many retail and local small businesses to survive. Both "mom-and-pop" and chain stores were shuttering at an alarming rate. Banks started shuttering branch offices and large chain pharmacies did as well. Those who are still able to work from home rely heavily on shopping on the internet and using services like insta-cart for home delivered food and supplies. Delivery businesses are thriving, while local merchants suffer. Double parked delivery trucks clog the already congested streets. Bike delivery personnel are timed by how fast they deliver food to customers, which creates havoc in busy bike lanes and on the street. New rules by the Department of Transportation have been a big help to local restaurants, coffee shops and bakeries, allowing them to create outdoor dining in protected areas on the street.

Our local cultural institutions are attracting local residents and tourists. The City and State need to continue to ensure that businesses, restaurants and cultural institutions are able to thrive in our District. Our three Business Improvement Districts have been working around the clock to keep their areas clean and safe and to improvise on ways to help their area businesses.

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## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 20	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments
2 / 20	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD
3 / 20	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## Manhattan Community Board 7

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Community District 7/M is seeing increasing numbers of bicycles, ebikes, scooters, escooters, motorcycles, skateboard, eboards motorized vehicles, and delivery trucks competing for space. Not all vehicles and pedestrians follow the traffic rules. The Department of Transportation has taken numerous steps to address the increased congestion and potential for injury, including implementing safety upgrades at many intersections, including the West End Avenue Corridor. Manhattan Community Board 7 supports the use of tools that will improve safety, including: curb extensions, pedestrian islands, protected bike lanes, mid-block bulb-outs, split-phase signals, leading pedestrian intervals, raised crosswalks, left turn bans, Barnes Dances, narrowed lanes, abrupt changes in road surface, and lower speed limits - all tools which, when implemented district-wide, could reduce speeding and failure to yield (two leading causes of pedestrian deaths). Continuous and consistent enforcement of the 25 mile per hour speed limit, and the 20 mile per hour speed limit around all schools, would improve pedestrian and student safety. Major concerns are the failure of all vehicles, bikes, ebikes, scooters etc to yield to pedestrians, running red lights, and bikes, ebikes, scooters riding the wrong way and riding on sidewalks. Protected crosstown bike lanes are needed.

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

See budget requests.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Managing Competing Street Uses The "Complete Streets" on Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues create new challenges to balance the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and local businesses. Loading Zones are a serious concern for local businesses and residents, because they reduce curbside parking. Some have argued that raising the price and timing of metered parking would increase turnover at available curbside spaces. Double Parking is a problem on all the Avenues in CD7/M. . The mixing zones where motor vehicles enter the bike lanes to turn create a danger for cyclists who are often in the blind spot for the driver of the vehicle, and there have been some serious injuries.

Pedestrian Islands provide refuge and shorten crossing distances for pedestrians and thrill gardeners who enjoy tending the tree pits.

Shared Sidewalks are Overcrowded The proliferation of food trucks and sidewalk vendors frustrates Upper West Siders because of the lack of enforcement and/or licensing. Street furniture (newsstands, bus shelters, bike racks, news boxes, mail boxes, benches, etc.) and sidewalk cafes. Community Board 7/M encourages a comprehensive approach to optimizing shared use and management of sidewalks to eliminate obstructions and visual clutter. .

Car ownership by residents of the district is down, and there is excellent public transportation in the District. Increasing the amount of free parking would likely contribute to increased pollution, congestion, frustration, etc. The goal is to balance the need for access to motor vehicles while minimizing the negative aspects.

Responsibly Regulate Emerging Technologies Explore new technologies that can be implemented in the district as a way to safely and more equitably move people, goods and services within the District and throughout the City. These technologies include bike share, pedal-assist and motorized bikes, ride share/ride hail, electric scooters, autonomous vehicles.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

During the pandemic the MTA made major cuts to train and bus service. Ridership went down. Ridership is still not back to pre-pandemic levels. Community District 7 had the third largest number of subway riders in the City. Service cuts have caused off-peak trains to be overcrowded.

More frequent service on all subway I lines, especially the C. Many people are afraid to use the subway due to the increase in reported crime

Transit signal prioritization is needed on major bus routes.. Additional bus lanes with enforcement cameras are needed. Additional on-street supervisions to improve Transit's response to operating conditions, especially on weekends; the M104 service should be extended back to East 42nd Street; M11 service level needs to be expanded to meet the new levels of ridership by seniors; M60 Select Bus Service needs to be extended South to 96th Street; and the M96 bus route needs to upgraded to Select Service.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
11 / 20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
12 / 20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
13 / 20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
14 / 20	DOT	Upgrade or provide new Select Bus Service (SBS) routes
15 / 20	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests
16 / 20	DOT	Brick and Stone Treatment on West 94th
CS	DOT	West 94th Brick and Stone Treatment

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
19 / 27	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests
20 / 27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Manhattan Community Board 7

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

##### **Quality of parks and park facilities**

Each child in Community District 7 needs a nearby playground in good working condition that is clean, updated and inviting. With the stresses on young people from disrupted school and family life during the pandemic, access to safe places to exercise is more important than ever. Unhappily, the quality of play space across the district is dramatically uneven. Equity and inclusion are increasingly recognized as issues in park funding and management. Certain parks, most notably Central Park through the Central Park Conservancy, and to a more modest extent Riverside Park through the Riverside Park Conservancy, enjoy access to private donations and independent fundraising. Smaller neighborhood parks in Community District 7, like many similar spaces throughout our City, have no or limited access to such funding. Within Community District 7/M, the disparity in access to funding and its impact on the experience in public open space can readily be demonstrated by a comparison of the overall conditions of playgrounds north of West 96th Street versus those to the more affluent south. Community Board 7/M urges the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide funds to prioritize upgrades to -- Frederick Douglass Playground. . It is used by a large population because it is adjacent to Frederick Douglass Houses (a large public housing complex) and several area schools. This project is ideal for the Community Parks Initiative, which decentralizes the task of meeting local needs by inquiring directly of local users and neighbors of parks and playgrounds what resources they most value, and in what priority certain investments should be made.

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

See budget requests.

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

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

The parks, playgrounds and public plazas provide essential outdoor space for residents and visitors to the district. They are essential to health and well being. They became even more valuable resources during the pandemic. One of our guiding principles is that everyone have access, within walking distance, to outdoor space. There is a need to re-imagine how play and other spaces can be organized and used to provide for a variety of users and abilities. Environmental impacts must also be taken into account in both planning and upkeep of facilities. Critical funding for all parks in the District that are equitable and inclusive.

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

Museums, theaters and other cultural institutions are important for our community offering education, entertainment, and social outlets for residents and tourists. They are essential to the economy of the District. Visitors to these institutions spend money in local shops and restaurants, helping these businesses to remain open.: The City needs to provide adequate funding for these important cultural and economic resources.

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

Manhattan Community District 7 hosts four branches of the New York Public Library System (NYPL), including three circulating branches--St. Agnes, Bloomingdale and Riverside---and a research branch, Library for the Performing Arts, that serves local and city-wide needs in support of the cultural activities of the City. The role of Libraries in the district has expanded over the past decades as the needs of their constituents changed. No longer the primary source of reading material, libraries have taken on the role of "community center". They provide access to classes in technical training, career building, social and recreational outlets and educational advancement. Recently they have served as polling stations, cooling centers and Covid-19 vaccination sites. Service has been expanded to serve senior centers, nursing homes, places of incarceration and a

Bookmobile service. The Covid-19 Pandemic forced libraries to become more innovative in programming, moving many services online. In collaboration with Lincoln Center, an outdoor reading room was created. The Department of Education used the St Agnes Library as a learning lab/day care center. Manhattan Community Board 7 endorses the NYPL request for FY2026,

### **Needs for Community Boards**

Manhattan Community Board 7, as for all public agencies, serving the community has required ingenuity and flexibility, as Board meetings and outreach to the public became hybrid.

Uncertainties regarding future changes to the Open Meeting Law continue to impede planning.

Technical support from the Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications and the Manhattan Borough President on managing hybrid meetings is an ongoing need. Additionally operating costs continue to rise.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
5 / 20	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
6 / 20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
7 / 20	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
8 / 20	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
9 / 20	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
10 / 20	DPR	New Public Restrooms in Parks
19 / 20	NYPL	Upgrades for Performing Arts Library
20 / 20	NYPL	Community Facilities at Bloomingdale Library
CS	DPR	Public Restrooms in Parks
CS	NYPL	Doors for Performing Arts Library
CS	NYPL	Upgrade Switchgear at Performing Arts Library
CS	NYPL	New Doors at Performing Arts Library
CS	NYPL	New Doors at Performing Arts Library

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 27	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL
14 / 27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
16 / 27	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
17 / 27	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
27 / 27	OMB	Other expense request

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	1 / 20 NYCHA	<b>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</b>	<i>Preserve the New York City Housing Authority as a source of deeply affordable housing in Community District 7 by working to repair and maintain all property and individual apartments, including front doors, elevators and security systems. This housing provides affordable housing for lower income working families and seniors, ensuring the diversity of the neighborhood. Repairs need to be efficient and timely to ensure the safety of all residents.</i>
Other capital budget request for HPD	2 / 20 HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Create permanent affordable housing in Manhattan Valley under HPD's Neighborhood Pillars Program. HPD's Neighborhood Pillars program needs to continue to target buildings in Manhattan Valley for purchase by nonprofit developers, such as Project Find, for renovation. These need to provide long term regulatory agreements to maintain them as affordable rent stabilized units.</i>
Other capital budget request for HPD	3 / 20 HPD	<b>Other capital budget request for HPD</b>	<i>Create permanent affordable housing in SROs threatened with conversion in conjunction with Project Find. The SROs that are threatened with conversion need to be purchased by the City and acquired by non-profit housing providers such as Project Find. The SROs need to be rent regulated through preservation financing; preserved through regulatory agreements ensuring that they are maintained as permanent affordable rental housing. When possible, convert SROs into supportive housing to serve the most vulnerable and help reduce the homeless population.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	4 / 20 DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Provide funds for upgrades to Frederick Douglass Playground. The Frederick Douglass Playground needs a total renovation of the playground, handball courts (\$350K) and a comfort station. It is used by a large population because it is adjacent to the NYCHA complex,</i>

			<i>Frederick Douglass Houses, and several area schools.</i>
Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	5 / 20 DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Reconstruct interior path and perimeter sidewalk from 97th Street to 110th Street in Riverside Park. While \$250K has been allocated for the repair of steps at 108th, the paths and sidewalk are badly deteriorated, and have suffered from lack of maintenance. The project needs to include: improving drainage, repairing and rebuilding retaining walls and steps in the area. The interior paths between 104th and 116th Streets are in greatest need of repair. The sidewalk between 95th and 97th has been reconstructed.</i>
Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	6 / 20 DPR	<b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>	<i>Build a Comfort Station in Riverside Park South at 62nd Street with a Department of Parks and Recreation Maintenance and Operation facility. This facility was included in the designated plans for the Riverside South Park. The final phase of the Park will include a multi-purpose playing field along with other amenities which will result in a strong need for this amenity. Also a public restroom at 66th Street in Riverside Park is needed near the two adjacent restroom. This was also part of the original Phase 5 of the designated plans for Riverside South, but construction is yet to begin. This facility is to include a shade structure.</i>
Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	7 / 20 DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Make entrances into Riverside Park ADA accessible. Several entrances need repair and are presently not ADA accessible making it difficult if not impossible for many to enter into the park</i>
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	8 / 20 DPR	<b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>	<i>Install working cellular service in remote areas of Central Park where there is none. This is crucial for the safety of all inside the park - especially those who are in urgent need of emergency assistance from 911.</i>
Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	9 / 20 DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Create a new inclusive playground at the Joan of Arc Complex. The playground will provide recreational and social opportunities. The play space is used by the public schools during school hours and for the public when school is not in session. The space will be ADA compliant and provide opportunities for</i>

*children with a variety of needs and challenges.*

New Public Restrooms in Parks	10 / 20 DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Provide funding for new public restrooms, and/or renovation of existing restroom within parks and playgrounds in CD7/M. Due to limited financing and the high cost of DPR funded restrooms, users of many parks and playgrounds in our District are deprived of basic, clean, and safe working facilities.. Lack of facilities discourages children, youth and their caregivers and families from returning</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	11 / 20 DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>install raised pedestrian crossing on roadway on Broadway from 72nd to 96th street to protect pedestrians from traffic, especially at: 66, 67, 72, 79, 86, 96, 97, 106 &amp; 107</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	12 / 20 DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Repair or replace curb cuts and resurface the roadway in crosswalks to accommodate the mobility challenges on all crosswalks on Columbus, Amsterdam and West End Avenues. Prioritize Broadway at W60th, Broadway at West 65-66th, Broadway at West 72-73, Broadway at West 96th. Also prioritize bus stops on Central Park West, Columbus, Amsterdam and Broadway</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	13 / 20 DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Complete the in-process proposal for neck-downs along the M79-SBS corridor,</i>
Upgrade or provide new Select Bus Service (SBS) routes	14 / 20 DOT	<b>Upgrade or provide new Select Bus Service (SBS) routes</b>	<i>Install Transit Signal Priority technology on MTA buses on all crosstown bus routes. This will increase traffic flow and safety.</i>
Other traffic improvement requests	15 / 20 DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Install red light and speed cameras at all major intersections and high traffic corridors: W 63-66 on Columbus and Broadway, W65-66 at CPW, W 70-73 at Amsterdam and broadway, W 72 at CPW, W72 at riverside Boulevard, W 79th at CPW and Riverside Drive, W 86 at CPW, W 95-97 at Amsterdam and at WEA and at CPW</i>
Brick and Stone Treatment on West 94th	16 / 20 DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including</b>	<i>Location: West 94th Street - Amsterdam &amp; Central Park Wet Repair and replace in kind, as needed,</i>

		<b>traffic calming</b>	<i>the brick and stone surface treatment on West 94th from Amsterdam to Central Park West, Including the contrasting stone crosswalk markers.</i>
Air Conditioners for Joan of Arc Complex	17 / 20 DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Provide air conditioners for all rooms and facilities for all schools in the Joan of Arc Complex. Children and faculty suffer during the hot days. Children are not only unable to concentrate because of extreme heat, they are at great risk because of dehydration. This is a major problem for all the children, and especially for children with health and neurological issues.</i>
Renovate interior building component	18 / 20 SCA	<b>Renovate interior building component</b>	<i>Make the M44Campus (MS 245, MS 246, PS/MS 334) ada accessible. While there is an elevator in the building it is not accessible from all of the schools in the campus</i>
Upgradest for Performing Arts Library	19 / 20 NYPL	<b>Provide new or replacement equipment to a library, including technology</b>	<i>Replace the HVAC system at the Performing Library \$4,500,000, Replace exterior doors at the Plaza and Amsterdam entrances with ADA accessible doors. Upgrade the Lift \$1,500,000, Replace all components of the Switchgear \$750,000</i>
Community Facilities at Bloomingdale Library	20 / 20 NYPL	<b>Other capital budget request for NYPL</b>	<i>The Bloomingdale Library has a large basement The basement and washrooms need to be renovated to provide additional space for Library programs and for use by community organizations.</i>
Public Restrooms in Parks	CS DPR	<b>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Provide funding for new public restrooms, and for renovation of existing restroom within parks and playgrounds in CD7/M. Due to limited financing and the high cost of DPR funded restrooms, uses of many parks and playgrounds in our district are deprived of basic, clean and safe working facilities. Lack of these facilities discourage youth and families from returning.</i>
West 94th Brick and Stone Treatment	CS DOT	<b>Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps</b>	<i>Location: 94th Street - Amsterdam &amp; Central Park West Repair and replace in kind as needed the brick and stone surface treatment on West 94th from Amsterdam to Central Park West, including the contrasting stone crosswalk markers and the curb cuts</i>

Doors for Performing Arts Library	CS NYPL	<b>Provide more or better equipment to a library</b>	<i>Replace exterior doors on the Plaza and Amsterdam Avenue entrances and upgrade the Lift to make all ADA compliant</i>
Upgrade Switchgear at Performing Arts Library	CS NYPL	<b>Provide more or better equipment to a library</b>	<i>Replace all components of the Switchgear at the Performing Arts Library</i>
New Doors at Performing Arts Library	CS NYPL	<b>Provide more or better equipment to a library</b>	<i>Replace exterior doors at Plaza and Amsterdam entrances with ADA accessible doors and upgrade the Lift to ADA accessible</i>
New Doors at Performing Arts Library	CS NYPL	<b>Provide more or better equipment to a library</b>	<i>Replace exterior doors at the Plaza and Amsterdam entrances with ADA accessible doors and upgrade the Lift to make it ADA accessible</i>

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	1 / 27 HRA	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</b>	<i>Provide funding for programs that address food insecurity, including West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH), Meals on Wheels, DOROT, other food pantries, and Get Food NYC. The Meal Gap, NYC's measure of food insecurity, represents families' and individuals' missing meals that result from inadequate household food budgets. In Community District 7, the annual Meal Gap is 4 million meals, up from 3.3 million pre Pandemic. More than one in four people in Community District 7 is food insecure. WSCAH donates food for 100,000 meals every week. Public Schools provide free breakfast and lunch for children only when school is in session. These children need nutritious food on weekends and when school is not in session. Ensure that everyone who is eligible receive SNAP benefits</i>
Expand street outreach	2 / 27 DHS	<b>Expand street outreach</b>	<i>Homeless Outreach: More funding for the Manhattan Outreach Consortium (MOC), a multiagency effort established by Goddard Riverside, to provide outreach to those experiencing street homelessness. Goddard Riverside</i>

*dispatches MOC teams to respond to 311 calls and Goddard's caseload remains high. It can take up to 200 interactions over months or years to develop relationships with those experiencing street homelessness and provide them with access to healthcare, counseling, nutrition, and shelter. According to Goddard Riverside, since 2007, "the MOC has placed more than 1,500 formerly homeless adults in permanent housing."*

Other expense budget request for DYCD	3 / 27 DYCD	<b>Other expense budget request for DYCD</b>	<i>Provide Cost of Living Adjustment for all staff in Department of Youth and Community Development programs. There have been no cost of living adjustment in many years making it difficult to both hire and retain staff. These programs provide necessary services for children and youth including after school, day care, youth activities, summer rising, physical, emotional and educational support</i>
Other educational programs requests	4 / 27 DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Secure funding to support the programs and specialists to provide services for students with special needs including in school and after school programing. Many of these children were underserved and their needs neglected during the Pandemic.</i>
Other educational programs requests	5 / 27 DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Provide funds to hire and train staff at UPK and Pre-K programs run by Community Based Organizations (CBO) to enable the staff to make timely referrals for children with special needs.</i>
Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	6 / 27 DOE	<b>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</b>	<i>Provide funds for in-oerson professional training for teachers to address gaps from several years of reduced' remote only training. Training needs to include: dyslexia initiatives and differentiated learning from remedial instruction to accelerated learning.</i>
Other educational programs requests	7 / 27 DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Provide Department of Education funding for ongoing socio-emotional training for those who work with students (e.g. teachers, principals, administrators, and any adults in contact with students). Community Board 7 also requests that the Department of Education allocate adequate professional development dollars to</i>

			<i>schools in Community School District 3 for training for teachers and staff on new curriculum and for professional development for teachers at all levels on the design and use of formative assessments to identify and track students so that the appropriate services are provided.</i>
Other educational programs requests	8 / 27 DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Provide funding to support the expansion of CSD3 language access programs including dual language schools and language enrichment programs. A large influx of refugee families makes this need increasingly urgent. These programs include U3K, dual language schools and programs, language enrichment programs, support for English language learners and computer science coursework.</i>
Other educational programs requests	9 / 27 DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Expand Project Open Arms to proved funds for school with students who enter after the id year. The district is being an influx of children of asylum seekers and schools resources are strained</i>
Other expense budget request for DOE	10 / 27 DOE	<b>Other expense budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Provide a nurse in public schools: MS54 Bookert T. Washington, PS859 Special Music School. Every public school needs to have a nurse available during every school day to provide care for the students.</i>
Other expense budget request for DOE	11 / 27 DOE	<b>Other expense budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Each elementary school in CD7 needs a full time social worker. Children are still dealing with emotional problems from the Pandemic, Additionally the increasing number of unhoused children and children of asylum seekers requires resources which social workers are able to provide.. The following schools need a full time social worker: MS421 West Prep Academy, Ps859 Special Music School. The following schools need a second social worker: PS75 Emily Dickinson, PS84 Lillian Weber, PS87, PS165, PS 165, PS166, PS191,MS2475MS256, MS291, PS334, MPS452, PS859, MS862</i>
Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests	12 / 27 DYCD	<b>Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests</b>	<i>Support Promise NYC ealy childhood programs rolled out in response to emergent migrant needs. These programs - in high demand- provide developmental support for young children and their parents.</i>

Other expense budget request for NYPL	13 / 27 NYPL	<b>Other expense budget request for NYPL</b>	<i>Provide additional funding for staffing at the three libraries to increase programming for children and teens who have been adversely impacted by the Pandemic</i>
Provide better park maintenance	14 / 27 DPR	<b>Provide better park maintenance</b>	<i>Restore funding for permanent and seasonal staffing for the parks, as well as additional playground associates and recreation specialists. Parks full time workforce are responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness (City Park Workers, Associate Park Service Workers and Gardeners). Seasonal workers provide additional services to maintain the Parks. Funding cuts have eliminated too many staff. The FY22 budget included the restoration of \$25 million in PlayFair funds. Additional funds are needed to rebuild the agency's permanent year-round workforce and sufficient seasonal workers in Community Board 7.</i>
Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	15 / 27 DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</b>	<i>install additional solar trash compactors, trash cans and sealed garbage collectors in CD7. Increased pedestrian traffic on the streets and in the parks has led to a proliferation of trash. The exposed waste, mostly food, has led to an explosion of the rat populations. Mitigation is needed near parks, green markets and outdoor dining locations.</i>
Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	16 / 27 DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Hire additional Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP) Officers for Riverside Park and Central Park. Community District 7 is covered by the 16 city funded PEP officers who report out of North Meadow in Central Park. They cover both the east and west sides of Manhattan above 59th Street to 125th Street, including Riverside Park. They help cover calls that fixed post officers in Central Park aren't able to cover. In addition there are four fixed post officers, paid by dedicated funding, who are available in Riverside Park only for emergencies. An additional eight officers and a sergeant are needed to improve safety and address graffiti, other vandalism, littering, skateboarding, electric bikes on paths, homelessness, alcohol, dogs off-leash, smoking and other quality of life issues.</i>

Other park maintenance and safety requests	17 / 27 DPR	<b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>	<i>Provide clear signage outside playgrounds to protect children. There have been several incidents involving possible child predators. Signage that only adults are only allowed to enter when accompanying a child are often missing or not prominently displayed</i>
Other garbage collection and recycling requests	18 / 27 DSNY	<b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>	<i>provide more frequent garbage pick up and recycling in high volume areas ifor rat mitigation., as well as improved garbage management</i>
Other traffic improvement requests	19 / 27 DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Fund the study of a possible cross town protected bike lane on west 72nd Street from Central Park to Riverside Park. Additionally look at other cross streets for protected bike lanes. Bicycle traffic is increasing and it is imperative to provide safe lanes for bikes.</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	20 / 27 DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Request enforcement for all vehicles, including cars, trucks, e-bikes and all alternative vehicles for all traffic violations with the intention of reducing death and injuries in Community District 7. Traffic in the district keeps increasing with more types of vehicles vying for space on the streets, in bike lanes and sometimes on sidewalks including: e-bikes, e-scooters, for-rent bikes and motorcycles, in addition to increasing numbers of trucks and automobiles.</i>
Enhance educational and recreational programs	21 / 27 DFTA	<b>Enhance educational and recreational programs</b>	<i>Provide Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all senior programming staff. There have been no adjustments in many years. Staff salaries are no longer equitable with other professionals. Senior programs enable seniors to thrive in their own communities, thereby reducing additional costs to society at large.</i>
Other senior center program requests	22 / 27 DFTA	<b>Other senior center program requests</b>	<i>Provide increase funding for congregated meals at all Senior Centers. Food insecurity is a major problem for seniors living on fixed incomes. The congregate meals provide nutritional meals which are essential for healthy outcomes. Food expenses have risen while funds for the meals have not kept up with the costs.</i>
Other expense budget request	23 / 27 DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Increase funding for home delivered meals for seniors. Home bound seniors</i>

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*are able to stay in their own homes thanks to home delivered meals. The costs of these meals has increase, but funds to providers has not kept up. Also many more home bound seniors need to be enrolled in the programs*

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

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**Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers**

*Ensure that all NYCHA developments have on-going access to broadband, including training. Access to the internet is essential for all residents - children, youth, and adults - to enable them to pursue education, health services, job opportunities, social and emotional serves.*

Enhance educational and recreational programs

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**Enhance educational and recreational programs**

*Provide funding for Intergenerational Programs which pair teens and young adults with seniors. These programs are beneficial to both age groups.*

Other expense budget request for DYCD

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**Other expense budget request for DYCD**

*Increase funding for on-going and additional youth programming. These programs are essential for the children and teens in our community. More programming for teens is urgently needed - especially in underserved areas.*

Other expense request

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OMB

**Other expense request**

*Additional funds are need for the Community Board. Increasing financial demands on Community Boards and staff have not been met. CB7/M need to upgrade its computer system, and install cameras and special equipment in order to run hybrid meetings. Costs for internet access, telephone access, and other necessary services continue to risewithoug an increase in funding , many services may need to be curtailed.*