

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Manhattan Community Board 5's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. Community Board Information

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2. Community District Profile

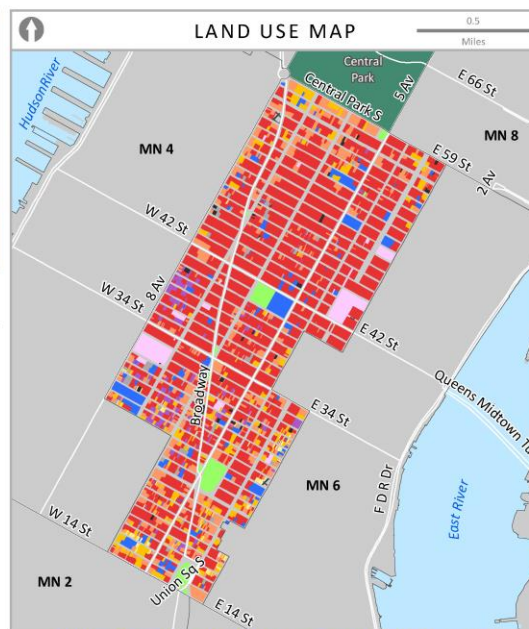
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Manhattan Community District 5



Neighborhoods¹: Flatiron, Gramercy Park, Herald Square, Midtown, Midtown South, Murray Hill, Times Square, Union Square

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
44,028	51,673	+17%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		N/A
Square Miles		1.6
Population Density		32,296/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Manhattan Community Board 5 in 2017:

1. Schools
2. Social services
3. Transit (buses & subways)

To learn more, please read [Manhattan CD 5's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	15	<1%
Multifamily Walk-up	82	1%
Multifamily Elevator	217	6%
Mixed Use	693	12%
Commercial	1,601	64%
Industrial	161	3%
Transportation/Utility	21	3%
Public/Institutional	115	6%
Open Space	11	3%
Parking	50	1%
Vacant	88	1%
Other	19	<1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Manhattan CD 5](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	23
Public Libraries	7
Hospitals and Clinics	17
Parks	9
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
34%	37%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Manhattan CD 5	Citywide Target
94%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
26	31
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	40
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
10%	16%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
87.2	15.7
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

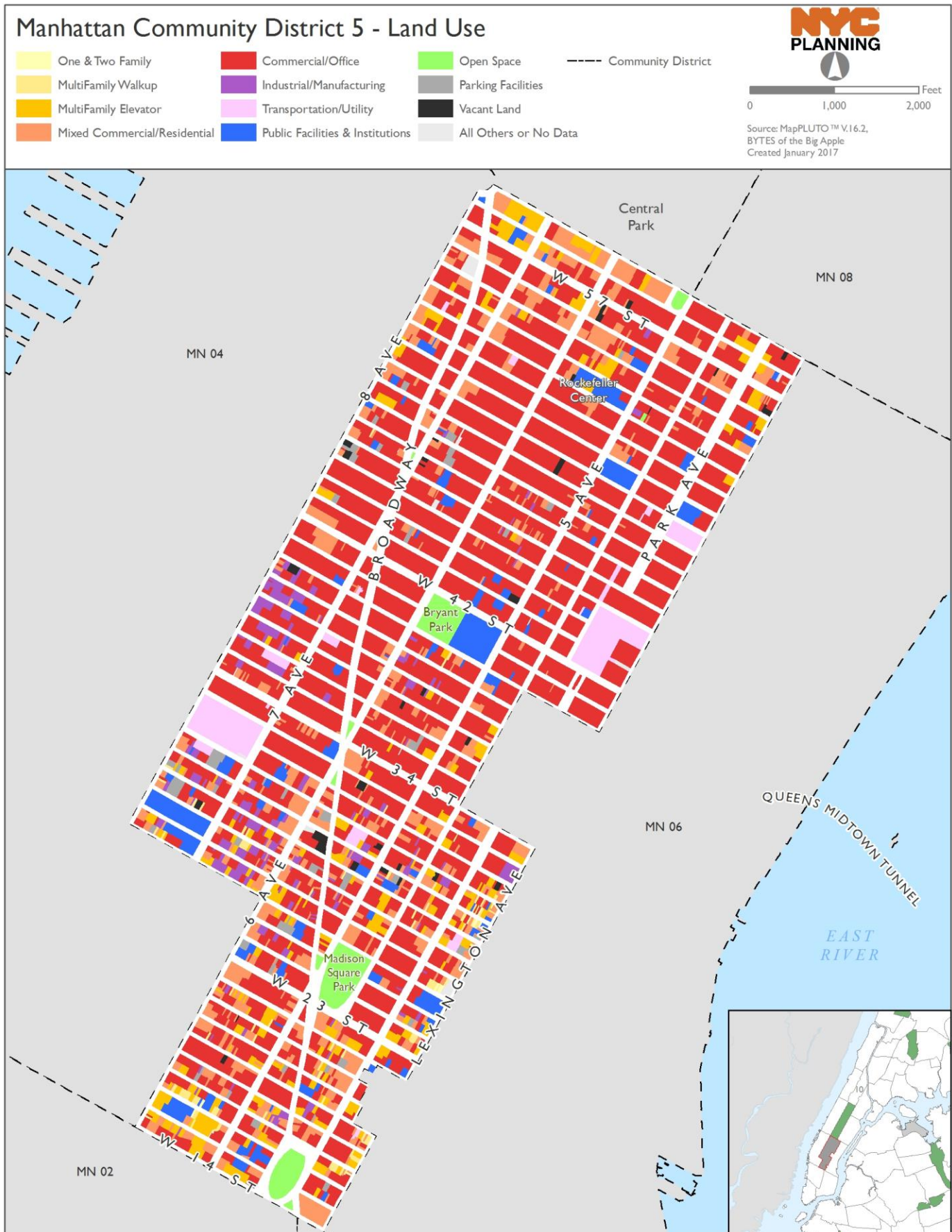
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
73%	60%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
6.1%	7.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Manhattan CD 5	Manhattan
10%	14%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. MN 5 shares PUMA 3807 with MN 4, and the ACS population estimate cannot be reliably disaggregated. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Manhattan Community Board Five (CB5) represents the heart of Manhattan. Its boundaries are largely from Lexington to 8th Avenues and from 14th Street to 59th Street. Encompassing the midtown central business district, it includes world-class cultural institutions and tourist destinations, major universities, retail flagships, major industries and a growing residential population. Taken together, these diverse institutions and groups increasingly place demands upon the district's resources. Though CB5 has the smallest residential population of any of NYC's 59 CBs, it is also among the fastest growing; residential requirements in CB5 frequently are overshadowed as it has the largest business, tourist, entertainment and shopping districts. It encompasses most of NYC's largest transit hubs including Times Square, Grand Central Station, Herald Square, Penn Station, and Union Square; all but three subway lines pass through it, and it handles the majority of pedestrian traffic using the Port Authority Bus Terminal, which sits just outside it's borders. It covers major shopping destinations such as Macy's, Saks, Tiffany's, and Lord & Taylor (to name but a few). Over half of CB5 is covered by BIDs. Tourism is central with the Broadway Theater District, Radio City, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center and innumerable hotels; many of the world's finest restaurants are also in CB5. Three of the most densely utilized parks -- Bryant Park, Madison Square Park and Union Square are in CB5. As a result of these and numerous other unique factors (one of which is the relative attractiveness of CB5 to the homeless), CB5 has unique and substantial budgetary needs.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 5 are:

- *Schools*
- *Social services (including services for the homeless)*
- *Trash removal & cleanliness*

As noted in previous years, CB5 urges the city to increase school capacity in the district due to the growth in child population (especially in the 0-5 ranges). Not only did the residential population increase dramatically between 2000 and 2010 (17.4 %), but increases have been especially pronounced among residents ages 0-5 (54.4%) and 5-9 (24.0%).

Between 2000 and 2010, the residential population within CB5 has grown substantially at 17.36%. This is far higher than the overall 2.08% citywide rate of residential growth between 2000 and 2010. In addition to capacity needs, we also recommend support of additional programming, enhancements to existing facilities, and support services within existing schools. Our district has immense transportation needs given the dense concentration of businesses and the presence in (or bordering) our district of Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and 9 of the top 10 busiest subway stations (MTA Annual Ridership by Station Report). Finally, CB5 has become a destination for a variety of homeless populations, and support and facilities to address this problem which impacts CB5 perhaps more than any other CB is critically needed.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Homeless populations gravitate toward CB5. Though most homeless in CB5 do not originate here, it is nonetheless an issue that impacts CB5 notably. Coupled with homelessness are the mental health and substance abuse factors that are key contributors to homelessness. All of these demand substantial budgetary resources across various services and programs.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Our district's neighborhoods are a major destination for consumers of alcohol and drugs. We have a need for greater resources to proactively treat problems and mitigate the adverse impacts to the neighborhoods of our district. Along with the proposed changes in criminal justice practice, where persons with non-violent offenses and juveniles will be diverted to treatment programs rather than incarceration, there may also be an increase in demands for service in our area. This year we learned that substance abuse services for youth are underutilized, since many programs do not accept persons under the age of 18 years old. Beyond building relationships with service providers, CB5 wants ensure that services are available to meet the existing and emergent needs of our constituents. In 2014, the Governor's office detailed a plan to end the AIDS epidemic in New York State by reducing the number of new HIV infections by 2020. The three pronged approach includes identifying undiagnosed patients and linking them to care, retaining diagnosed patients in care, and prescribing prophylaxis to high risk persons. Data in this plan from NYCDOHMH shows that CB5 ranks high in the city when it comes to the rate of HIV diagnosis.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

The district has a growing street homeless levels. For both the street homeless and sheltered homeless, the City must identify pathways to permanent affordable housing for individuals and families. The existing shelter system, along with the emergency shelter program, must be improved to make them a palatable alternative to populations who select to remain on the streets (generally for safety and security reasons), and support services for mental health, substance abuse and placement out of the homeless system are also imperative.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/18	HHC	<i>Other health care facilities requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for the creation of a Reproductive Rights Clinic within the District.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
3/18	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Address deficiencies in existing infrastructure and facilities to improve quality of life in homeless shelters; address open violations</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>Increase funding for shelter programs, Homeless services including affordable quality housing, mental health services, childcare, drop-in centers, outreach programs and improved shelter programs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
3/25	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>Provide funding to address Mental Health issues, provide treatment, resources and medications specifically for homeless populations</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
4/25	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>There is a need for developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs; provide funding for addiction counseling programs for adolescent and non violent offenders, in light of passage of the raise the age law</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
9/25	DOHMH	<i>Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services</i>	<i>Increase funding for the prevention of HIV/AIDS</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
10/25	HRA	<i>Provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims</i>	<i>Due to the confidential nature of the DV shelters, we do not want to call out specific addresses, however we are aware of DV shelters and services within CB5. Please provide them with the adequate funding to continue to serve victims.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
18/25	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent affordable housing for individuals and families in the shelter system</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare*School and educational facilities (Capacity)*

As noted in previous years, CB5 urges the city to increase school capacity in the district due to the growth in child population (especially in the 0-5 ranges). Not only has the residential population increased dramatically between 2000 and 2010 (17.4 %), but increases have been especially pronounced among residents ages 0-5 (54.4%) and 5-9 (24.0%). While PS 340 (the first public elementary school in our district in at least decades) is a welcome addition, it is imperative that there be better coordination between DCP and SCA planning to ensure residential growth is met with growth in school capacity.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

CB5 requires an increase in school seats, without disrupting current funding levels for existing schools (both traditional public schools and charters). Charter schools may be able to play a role in this so long as they do not displace what would otherwise be zoned schools seats. We also require more adequate for universal pre-k. Lastly, we hope to see improvement in the quality of food available to NYC students. We urge the NYC DOE to go beyond federal standards for acceptable meals, and also remove junk food in vending machines on campuses.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

In collaboration with the Department of Education request for increase in after school programs childcare.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Funding is needed for outreach services for runaway and LGBT teenagers in our district.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/18	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	Funding needed to site, plan and build playground large enough to accommodate kids aged 3 - 5 at PS 340	PS 340
5/18	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	CB5 classrooms do not meet the State standard for class size and funding for additional classrooms/schools should be provided to ensure compliance with Contract for Excellence	Community Wide
6/18	SCA	Renovate interior building component	Fund the creation of cluster rooms for science, arts, music, technology, dance and foreign language	Community Wide
7/18	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide adequate funding for Internet connectivity within elementary, middle and high schools not only within the CB5 district but for all schools serving the CB5 school age population	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Increase funding for after school programming and childcare.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/25	DOE	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	<i>Provide adequate funding for mental health professionals for students at New York City schools; ensure teaching staff are provided with tools to recognize mental health issue and that resources that are available for referral and treatment. Currently many schools share a mental health professional who is not on-site; teachers and principals are not made aware of the resources available for mental health.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
25/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services</i>	<i>Increase funding for outreach for runaway and LGBT teenagers.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)

CB5 is already a priority zone for law enforcement, counter-terrorism, and crime prevention but we where that additional police resources for vehicular and pedestrian traffic management is mandatory. For instance, increasing traffic personnel beyond rush hour to include most of the afternoon, especially during peak tourism seasons, would help prevent pedestrian accidents, regulate traffic flow and increase the presence of uniformed police to mitigate non-emergency nuisances e.g. pedicab/vendor sidewalk obstruction, CD peddlers and other scams targeted at CB5 due to tourist population. With the uptick in construction-related traffic/pedestrian impediments, CB5 has become more difficult to navigate than ever. Thankfully, NYPD is rolling out a traffic task force for the area and we fully support them in whatever capital or expense resources they will need as a result of thier findings.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Maintaining levels of highly-skilled NYPD units and increased vigilance on grand larceny. As the highly-congested, prominent tourism hub, Homeland Security, NYPD and Port Authority have already determined that Midtown is an area the requires hyper-vigilance and thus we already have elite trained squads for counterterrorism and the like. Obviously, we believe that this shall remain, but we also understand that the strategic need for those kinds of crime prevention are determined by a coalition of city, state, and federal government and law enforcement agencies. Therefore, we feel for this exercise of budget needs it is more important to drill down on the local compstats. Grand larceny (e.g. pickpockets, street scams, robbery etc) is the largest issue facing CB5 and thus increased funding to combat this issue would be prudent.

Community District Needs Related to 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.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/18	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Uniformed officers have are using communication equipment that doesnt work in all environments, e.g. communication equipment that doesnt work in Penn Station	Community Wide
8/18	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Support additional funding for Precincts modernization.	Community Wide
9/18	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Renovation/rehabilitation of existing firehouses and EMT stations	Community Wide
10/18	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	The FDNY has request \$280,000 for the installation of additional fire alarms citywide.	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>CB5 is home to many sites that are heavily populated such as Times Square and given current affairs may be a target of terrorists. Funding to hire additional counter-terrorism police personnel particularly within CB5.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
8/25	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increased uniformed officer headcount to address grand larceny, and public nuisance management (e.g., pedicab enforcement, peddlers, and other "scams")</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
14/25	NYPD	<i>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</i>	<i>Interactions between and the police and the community can be fraught and training helps to ensure good relations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
15/25	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Additional funding for Traffic Enforcement Officers; increased traffic issues caused by uptick in pedicabs, vendors, construction, and increased tourism in summer/Holidays has made CB5 the most difficult to navigate. Increased traffic officers would provide better flow and less incidents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
17/25	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Provide funding for additional firefighters in our district to serve additional residents coming into the new supertower condo buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

To maintain NYC's place in the world of business and tourism, water and air quality are high-priority fundamentals. Everyone who lives, works, or visits the district should benefit from this primary function of government - monitoring, reporting, and improving water and air quality. We do not want to imitate the short-sighted failures in Flint, Michigan.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Sanitation needs of our district are immense. The district needs significantly improved corner trash pick-up. There is also a need for more recycling and composting bins—especially in the residential sections of the District. Tourism in the city is at record levels, and we need to ensure Times Square and other key tourist destinations are kept at impeccably clean levels.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/18	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Repair or replace existing storm sewers that cause pooling and backup particularly on Park Avenue and 58th and 5th	58th Street Park Ave 5th Av

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/25	DEP	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Funding to enforce noise complaint and parse the 311 system for noise complaints. Calls logged may not be tagged as noise complaints; current report indicates that there were 0 noise complaints from CB5 residents does not reflect reality.	Community Wide
22/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Increased funding for enforcement staff to ensure safe and unobstructed walkways. Bicycle vendors and others routinely block the sidewalks within the district.	Community Wide
24/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Ensure the recycling of organic waste particularly within CB5 which has many restaurants and food purveyors	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Affordable housing programs

Between 2000 and 2010, the residential population within CB5 has grown substantially at 17.36%. This is far higher than the overall 2.08% citywide rate of residential growth between 2000 and 2010. The City needs to place a greater focus on the existing housing stock in the District as well as consider how future development can best create a more diverse community in the district. The current affordable housing programs are too focused on "buying" affordable housing from a developer (e.g. through tax exemption or voluntary inclusionary zoning) rather than mandating it as a condition for development. We believe that mandatory inclusionary housing requirements are necessary throughout the district to ensure that new construction affords opportunities for low-income and middle-income households.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

1. New Housing Affordable to a Wide Range of Household Incomes—From Central Park South to Union Square, the district is becoming an increasingly desirable place to live. This demand for housing stock in our district can have resulted in a significant increase in residential development, some of which is creating affordable housing units through the Inclusionary Housing Program. Unfortunately, the existing R10 Inclusionary Program is flawed in that it requires far too little affordable housing for the enormous benefit granted in the form of a zoning bonus. The City must alter the ratios to ensure that much more permanently affordable housing is created when new construction occurs.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Our economy is increasingly bifurcated—with high wage financial services, corporate, law, consulting and tech jobs on the one hand, and low-wage retail and service jobs on the other hand. There needs to be careful consideration of how all city policies impact the economic wellbeing of the diverse members of the community. It is important to CB5 that our city's economic policy support a diversified economy within our district. One means of achieving this goal is ensuring that land use policies allow for the growth and flourishing of industries with living-wage jobs in fashion, light manufacturing and other sectors currently using the Class B and Class C office stock of the district.

Workforce Development—The City should identify and pursue policies that enable low-wage workers (thousands of which are in our district) and the unemployed to meet the workforce needs in the city. The City should identify and pursue policies that enable our District workforce to develop skills that employers seek, to improve their career progression and income mobility - and for the lower wage workforce whose numbers are considerable - to enhance their economic stability. This includes the City adopting the principles and recommendations of the Mayor's Jobs for New Yorkers Task Force including the following:

1. Establish Career Pathways as the framework for the City's workforce system;
2. Launch or expand Industry Partnerships in six sectors: healthcare, technology, industrial/ manufacturing, construction, retail and food service;
3. Invest in bridge programs that prepare low-skill jobseekers for entry-level work and middle-skill job training;
4. Triple the City's training investment in career-track, middle-skill occupations, including greater support for incumbent workers who are not getting ahead;
5. Improve and expand CTE and college preparedness programs, adjust CUNY's alternative credit policy, and invest in career counseling;
6. Increase work-based learning opportunities for youth and high-need jobseeker;
7. Create a standard that recognizes high-road employers who have good business practices;
8. Improve the conditions of low-wage work by expanding access to financial empowerment resources and pursuing legislative changes such as increasing the minimum wage;
9. Maximize local job opportunities through the City's contracts and economic development investments



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/18	EDC	<i>Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements</i>	<i>Request Improve streetscapes in business districts including lighting and sidewalk improvements and to attract/encourage commercial activity</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/25	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Ensure all code violations and antiquated Certificates of Occupancy are addressed. Increased funding for enforcement staff.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Pedestrian safety

Our district has immense transportation needs given the dense concentration of businesses and the presence in (or bordering) our district of Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and 9 of the top 10 busiest subway stations (MTA Annual Ridership by Station Report). Pedestrian traffic is also a major concern in CB5. 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 needs improved funding for traffic planning operations to reduce congestion and improve traffic and pedestrian safety including traffic calming.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Conditions on the 4/5/6 lines are extremely overburdened and the City and MTA must find ways to alleviate overcrowding to support a more efficient flow of riders.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/18	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Improve transit infrastructure improvement; provision of elevators/escalators at the following hubs: Union Square, 23rd Street and Bryant Park</i>	<i>Union Sq, 23 St and Bryant Pk</i>
14/18	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Install bicycle corrals to help ensure organized storage of bicycles to maintain safe sidewalks for pedestrians.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/25	DOT	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	<i>Increase efforts to insure the safe and lawful use of the streets by bicycles and bicyclists, including increased enforcement of traffic laws applying to bicyclists, including, without limitation, laws relating to bicycling with the direction of vehicular traffic, stopping at red lights, and not riding on sidewalks. Complaints concerning the behavior of bicyclists who are not obeying the law</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
23/25	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming - at 59th street and 6th avenue This particular intersection is complex, with competing crosswalks and a poorly located bus stop, Central Park entrance, etc. Traffic lights' timing creates danger for pedestrians as the pedestrian lights and car lights are almost simultaneous permitting vehicles to turn at the same time as pedestrians walk</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

For parks and plazas managed by not-for-profit and for-profit entities, the City needs to ensure greater maintenance and benefits for the public. 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.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

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.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

CB5 is home to six branches of the New York Public Library, including two of the four research libraries in New York. The New York Public Library facilities serving the district continue to need additional funding to meet the demand for its services. In the fiscal year 2016, CB5 libraries had 4,769,129 visits, some of the highest levels of use in the City. Libraries in our district provide Internet access to low income residents, out of school programs, early literacy, and events for senior citizens.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/18	NYPL	<i>Provide more or better equipment to a library</i>	<i>Construct an ADA Compliant Elevator for the 58th Street Branch library</i>	<i>58th Street Branch library 127 E 58th Street</i>
16/18	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Increase funding for additional exterminator and gardeners for pest control, monitor tree health, plant substantially more trees on all the avenues particularly on 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th and Madison Avenue as well as cross streets south of times square</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
18/18	DCLA	<i>Provide more public art</i>	<i>CB5 is in an area that includes the theater district and myriad tourist attractions; art has been part of the fabric of this district</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Almost 30 years since there has been an increase for non-personnel costs; with current prices this indicates almost a 50% decrease in funding based on inflation</i>	<i>Manhattan Community Board Five 450 7th Avenue</i>
11/25	NYPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Provide funding to the Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book library such that it can be converted from a 6-day to a 7-day a week schedule</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
19/25	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Maintain funding levels for program groups, small cultural organizations and members of the cultural institutions.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/18	NYCTA	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Improve accessibility through provision of needed funds to speed the repair, maintenance and upkeep of elevators.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/25	DOB	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	<i>Inspections are needed to ensure landlords are fulfilling their responsibility under density bonuses, inspect 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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
20/25	LPC	<i>Funding for additional staff</i>	<i>Enforce and identify violations and address items that may merit designation but are not prioritized. Increased funding for enforcement staff.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 Capital Requests

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/18	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	Provide funding for the creation of a Reproductive Rights Clinic within the District.	Community Wide	
2/18	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Uniformed officers have are using communication equipment that doesnt work in all environments, e.g. communication equipment that doesnt work in Penn Station	Community Wide	
3/18	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	Address deficiencies in existing infrastructure and facilities to improve quality of life in homeless shelters; address open violations	Community Wide	
4/18	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	Funding needed to site, plan and build playground large enough to accommodate kids aged 3 - 5 at PS 340	PS 340	
5/18	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	CB5 classrooms do not meet the State standard for class size and funding for additional classrooms/schools should be provided to ensure compliance with Contract for Excellence	Community Wide	
6/18	SCA	Renovate interior building component	Fund the creation of cluster rooms for science, arts, music, technology, dance and foreign language	Community Wide	
7/18	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide adequate funding for Internet connectivity within elementary, middle and high schools not only within the CB5 district but for all schools serving the CB5 school age population	Community Wide	
8/18	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Support additional funding for Precincts modernization.	Community Wide	
9/18	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Renovation/rehabilitation of existing firehouses and EMT stations	Community Wide	
10/18	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	The FDNY has request \$280,000 for the installation of additional fire alarms citywide.	Community Wide	
11/18	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Construct an ADA Compliant Elevator for the 58th Street Branch library	58th Street Branch library 127 E 58th Street	
12/18	EDC	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Request Improve streetscapes in business districts including lighting and sidewalk improvements and to attract/encourage commercial activity	Community Wide	

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13/18	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Improve transit infrastructure improvement; provision of elevators/escalators at the following hubs: Union Square, 23rd Street and Bryant Park	Union Sq, 23 St and Bryant Pk	
14/18	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Install bicycle corrals to help ensure organized storage of bicycles to maintain safe sidewalks for pedestrians.	Community Wide	
15/18	NYCTA	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Improve accessibility through provision of needed funds to speed the repair, maintenance and upkeep of elevators.	Community Wide	
16/18	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding for additional exterminator and gardeners for pest control, monitor tree health, plant substantially more trees on all the avenues particularly on 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th and Madison Avenue as well as cross streets south of times square	Community Wide	
17/18	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Repair or replace existing storm sewers that cause pooling and backup particularly on Park Avenue and 58th and 5th	58th Street Park Ave 5th Av	
18/18	DCLA	Provide more public art	CB5 is in an area that includes the theater district and myriad tourist attractions; art has been part of the fabric of this district	Community Wide	

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1/25	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Almost 30 years since there has been an increase for non-personnel costs; with current prices this indicates almost a 50% decrease in funding based on inflation</i>	<i>Manhattan Community Board Five 450 7th Avenue</i>	
2/25	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>Increase funding for shelter programs, Homeless services including affordable quality housing, mental health services, childcare, drop-in centers, outreach programs and improved shelter programs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
3/25	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>Provide funding to address Mental Health issues, provide treatment, resources and medications specifically for homeless populations</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
4/25	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>There is a need for developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs; provide funding for addiction counseling programs for adolescent and non violent offenders, in light of passage of the raise the age law</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
5/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Increase funding for after school programming and childcare.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
6/25	DOE	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	<i>Provide adequate funding for mental health professionals for students at New York City schools; ensure teaching staff are provided with tools to recognize mental health issue and that resources that are available for referral and treatment. Currently many schools share a mental health professional who is not on-site; teachers and principals are not made aware of the resources available for mental health.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
7/25	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>CB5 is home to many sites that are heavily populated such as Times Square and given current affairs may be a target of terrorists. Funding to hire additional counter-terrorism police personnel particularly within CB5.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
8/25	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increased uniformed officer headcount to address grand larceny, and public nuisance management (e.g., pedicab enforcement, peddlers, and other "scams")</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
9/25	DOHMH	<i>Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services</i>	<i>Increase funding for the prevention of HIV/AIDS</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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10/25	HRA	<i>Provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims</i>	<i>Due to the confidential nature of the DV shelters, we do not want to call out specific addresses, however we are aware of DV shelters and services within CB5. Please provide them with the adequate funding to continue to serve victims.</i>	Community Wide	
11/25	NYPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Provide funding to the Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book library such that it can be converted from a 6-day to a 7-day a week schedule</i>	Community Wide	
12/25	DOT	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	<i>Increase efforts to insure the safe and lawful use of the streets by bicycles and bicyclists, including increased enforcement of traffic laws applying to bicyclists, including, without limitation, laws relating to bicycling with the direction of vehicular traffic, stopping at red lights, and not riding on sidewalks. Complaints concerning the behavior of bicyclists who are not obeying the law</i>	Community Wide	
13/25	DEP	<i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>	<i>Funding to enforce noise complaint and parse the 311 system for noise complaints. Calls logged may not be tagged as noise complaints; current report indicates that there were 0 noise complaints from CB5 residents does not reflect reality.</i>	Community Wide	
14/25	NYPD	<i>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</i>	<i>Interactions between and the police and the community can be fraught and training helps to ensure good relations.</i>	Community Wide	
15/25	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Additional funding for Traffic Enforcement Officers; increased traffic issues caused by uptick in pedicabs, vendors, construction, and increased tourism in summer/Holidays has made CB5 the most difficult to navigate. Increased traffic officers would provide better flow and less incidents.</i>	Community Wide	
16/25	DOB	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	<i>Inspections are needed to ensure landlords are fulfilling their responsibility under density bonuses, inspect 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.</i>	Community Wide	
17/25	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Provide funding for additional firefighters in our district to serve additional residents coming into the new supertower condo buildings.</i>	Community Wide	
18/25	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent affordable housing for individuals and families in the shelter system</i>	Community Wide	
19/25	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Maintain funding levels for program groups, small cultural organizations and members of the cultural institutions.</i>	Community Wide	
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21/25	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Ensure all code violations and antiquated Certificates of Occupancy are addressed. Increased funding for enforcement staff.	Community Wide	
22/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Increased funding for enforcement staff to ensure safe and unobstructed walkways. Bicycle vendors and others routinely block the sidewalks within the district.	Community Wide	
23/25	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming - at 59th street and 6th avenue This particular intersection is complex, with competing crosswalks and a poorly located bus stop, Central Park entrance, etc. Traffic lights' timing creates danger for pedestrians as the pedestrian lights and car lights are almost simultaneous permitting vehicles to turn at the same time as pedestrians walk	Community Wide	
24/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Ensure the recycling of organic waste particularly within CB5 which has many restaurants and food purveyors	Community Wide	
25/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services	Increase funding for outreach for runaway and LGBT teenagers.	Community Wide	