

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

Fiscal Year  
2019



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**Manhattan  
Community District 02**

## 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 2'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

### Manhattan Community Board 2

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## 2. Community District Profile

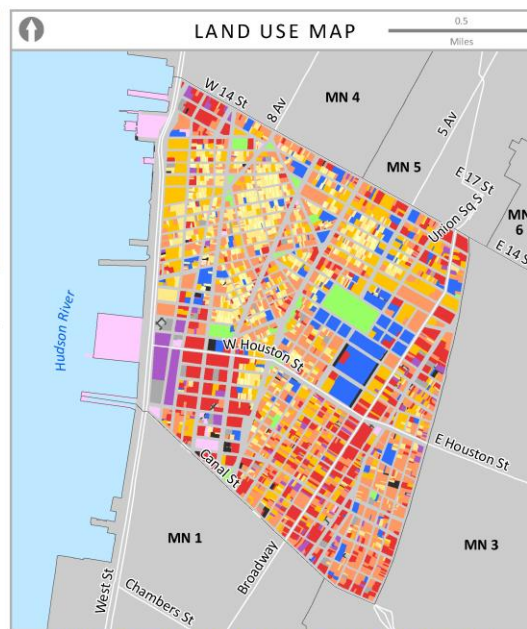
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# Manhattan Community District 2



**Neighborhoods**<sup>1</sup>: Greenwich Village, Hudson Square, Little Italy, NoHo, SoHo, South Village, West Village

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
93,119	90,016	-3%
2011-2015 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		N/A
Square Miles		1.4
Population Density		64,297/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Manhattan Community Board 2 in 2017:

1. Neighborhood preservation
2. Parks
3. Schools

To learn more, please read [Manhattan CD 2'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	596	4%
Multifamily Walk-up	949	9%
Multifamily Elevator	456	13%
Mixed Use	1,662	21%
Commercial	566	15%
Industrial	137	3%
Transportation/Utility	27	16%
Public/Institutional	177	8%
Open Space	30	4%
Parking	61	2%
Vacant	59	5%
Other	40	<1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Manhattan CD 2](#)

## A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	15
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	13
Parks	16
<a href="#">Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer</a>	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>32%</b>	37%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Citywide Target
<b>100%</b>	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>25</b>	31
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	40
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>6%</b>	16%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>25.9</b>	15.7
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>82%</b>	60%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

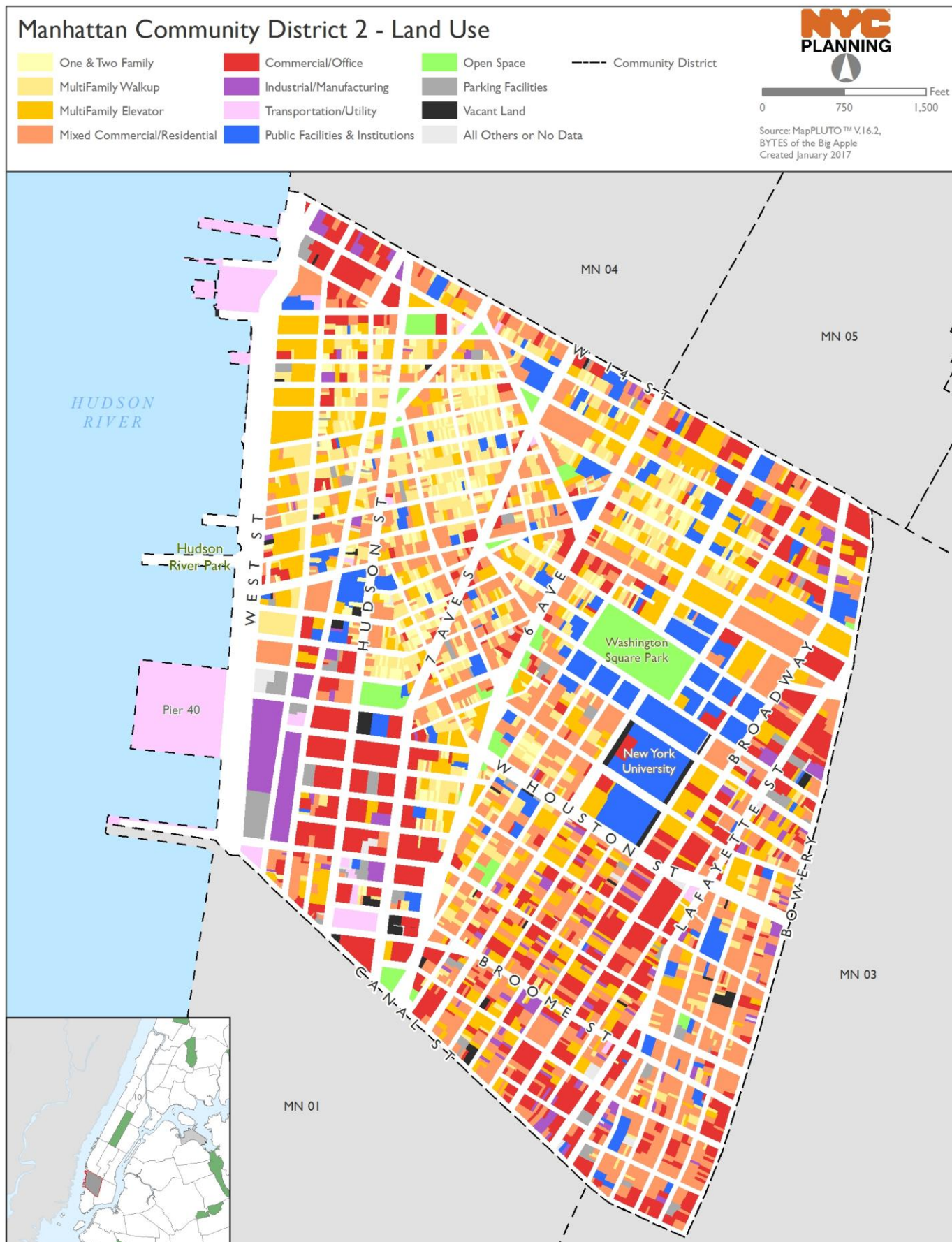
UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>4.4%</b>	7.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
<b>9%</b>	14%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. MN 2 shares PUMA 3810 with MN 1, and the ACS population estimate cannot be reliably disaggregated. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC 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. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2011-2015 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

#### PREFACE

Community Board 2 Manhattan (“CB2”) continues to be greatly concerned that the City has minimized the impact of the district’s rapid changes and has neglected to adequately respond to the need to increase the ancillary services that such changes require. During these years of exponential residential growth in NoHo, SoHo, Chinatown and our Hudson River waterfront, planners have not provided for the necessary amenities that make for a healthy and growing residential community, e.g., public schools, open space and parks, access to health care, adequate public transit opportunities and public transit access, affordable retail space, and general services such as sanitation, police and fire.

Each year, CB2 receives many applications for residential conversions and re-zonings. The complaints and requests that come to CB2 reflect the concerns of this new residential population. Our budget priorities for the past few years have continued to focus on servicing these new arrivals to the district, as well as our long-time residents. More specific assessments of services will be set forth throughout this Statement.

#### I. DISTRICT OVERVIEW

##### A. Geography

Community Board 2 is a diverse district, bounded on the north by 14th Street, the south by Canal Street, the east by the Bowery/Fourth Avenue, and the west by the Hudson River. It is a unique and rapidly expanding community that includes the vibrant neighborhoods of Little Italy, part of Chinatown, SoHo, NoHo, Greenwich Village, the West Village, Gansevoort Market, the South Village and Hudson Square.

##### B. Population

Although the population in Community Board 2 has decreased slightly since the 2000 census, the recent rezoning of Hudson Square and the construction of a new residential complex on the site of the St. John’s Terminal will increase our population by several thousand residents in the coming years. In addition, we have five major universities - New York University, the New School, the Cooper Union, Hebrew Union College, and Cardozo Law School - that add a substantial non-permanent population to our neighborhoods. Several of these institutions are currently in the midst of expansion, with proposals to add many thousand more undergraduate residents to our district, along with additional full time faculty and classrooms that will increase the number of day visitors. While the students that join us every year are welcome, it is clear that the city needs to consider their numbers when looking to allocate services to District 2.

##### C. Income structure

Much of the architecture and history of our district has been maintained by residents who are determined to preserve the middle class, live-work, merchant and artisan atmosphere of our neighborhoods, past and future, but socioeconomic patterns are changing drastically. Median income for Districts 1 and 2 combined for the period 2007-2009 was \$104,305.

##### D. Housing

Rental units that are rent-regulated are 54.6%, and more than 1,300 buildings are registered with rent-stabilized units. District 2’s rank in severe overcrowding rate in rental unit conditions has been elevated from twenty-eight in the City to nineteen. We think that we are losing affordable housing stock, and fear that this will depress our middle class population, that is essential to a healthy, diverse community.

##### E. Tourism/Visitors

Within the boundaries of Community District 2 are some of the most popular tourist attractions in New York City, with



### 3. Overview of Community District

millions of tourists visiting the restaurants and cafes of Little Italy and Chinatown, the galleries and boutiques of SoHo, the jazz clubs and Off-Broadway theaters of Greenwich Village, as well as burgeoning nightlife, night club and cabaret spots of the entire area. A weekend evening stroll through the Meatpacking and waterfront districts in the west, along West 4th Street and Bleecker St. toward the east, through SoHo and Chinatown in the south and on the western edge of the Bowery from Houston to 14th St reveals the nightlife that is attracting record numbers of tourists.

A walk through our landmark districts is an historic delight with many well-preserved buildings dating back to the early part of the nineteenth century. We see many groups conducting walking tours in our neighborhoods, telling stories about our immigrant, arts, and bohemian history. Tour buses travel through our small streets, obstructing pedestrian and bicycle passage as well as emergency access and deliveries, damaging our vulnerable infrastructure, idling and spewing dangerous emissions.

Our street trash baskets are often overflowing, especially on the weekends, and it is up to our citizens and merchant associations to supplement the Department of Sanitation pick-ups. We require more police presence to manage the crowds. The parks in our district require more maintenance because they are not just the outdoor space for our residents, but also appeal to visitors who are looking for a pleasant stop on their way through our district. The High Line Park alone has attracted millions of visitors since its opening.

Tourists are extremely welcome in our neighborhoods. They provide a significant clientele for our small businesses and cultural institutions. However, the influx of thousands of people on a daily basis puts a severe strain on our infrastructure and resources, and these additional needs are not adequately addressed in the budget allocations.

#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 2 are:

- *Neighborhood preservation (development trends)*
- *Parks*
- *Schools*

**NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION:** CB2 has expressed deep concern about the transformation of SoHo from a special mixed use area to one dominated by large retail stores, often many times larger than 10,000 square feet, and often allowed by DOB without the required special permits. Due to this transformation that favors large “high credit” chain stores, many parts of SoHo have already lost their attractiveness for specialty retail, galleries, residential and office uses for which the area is known. Circumventing the Special Permit process allows large stores to be established without demonstrating a lack of harm to neighborhood character and to conforming uses in the area.

**SCHOOLS:** Although overall population in our district has decreased slightly, there has been an explosion of children in our public schools, all of which are over capacity and have more kindergartners than 5th graders. We are thrilled that in March 2014, NYC finally took possession from NYS of the building at 75 Morton St. for conversion to a public middle school and a much smaller self-contained school for children who need special education. It was scheduled to open in September 2017, but due to the recent discovery of significant water damage, it will now open in September 2018. CB2 also is committed to ensuring that the NYC SCA exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker St. site. Per CB2's demographic analysis and projections developed, we have shown a strong need for 600 public school seats at this site. Finally, the rezoning of Hudson Square and the residential development at the St. John's Terminal site will require additional school seats. While there are plans to build a school at Duarte Square, it may accommodate only the new residents of the rezoning and would not alleviate the preexisting dearth of school seats in the District.

**PARKS:** With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, and with its fully built up high-value land, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal.

But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.

Last year, the new park at St. Vincent's Triangle finally opened to the public and the community looks forward to the ribbon-cutting for the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site. In addition, funding is in place for open space at Duarte Square, and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and DeSalvio Playground. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience.

These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the last year, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible.

Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district.



#### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### *Programs, services or facilities for seniors*

Many elders in our district have decided to “age in place”, but services for our older residents have been cut drastically. The meal program at one of our centers (First Presbyterian) was eliminated a few years ago, and our other centers are overcrowded, with multiple seatings. An important part of the meal program, social contact, seems to be ignored completely. We would like to understand the goals of the Department for the Aging because they do not seem to be in accord with our understanding of the needs. We note that several cost-effective programs for seniors – Visiting Neighbors is the most obvious – have lost funding. Again, we are joining our elected officials to work to solve this problem, but we need the City to support Visiting Neighbors, as well as adult day care facilities, in order to allow seniors to live independently in their own homes. Our elderly are vulnerable to the rampant building boom in our community, when landlords seek to push seniors out. New building permits must accommodate the elderly. Many of our seniors continue to live in rent-regulated walk-up apartments. Renovation, not removal, is needed.



#### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

75 Morton After listing a new middle school at 75 Morton Street among our top priorities for nearly a decade, we are thrilled 75 Morton opened in Fall 2017, temporarily co-located at the Clinton School near Union Square. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen construction delays related to extensive water damage, the newly renovated school building will not open until Fall 2018. For 75 Morton, our remaining priorities are the: 1. Opening of the new school building before Fall 2018, 2. Construction of the funded play yard at the rear of the school, 3. Construction of the funded green roof, 4. Re-configuration of the basement space into a usable community and school space now that there are no longer plans for a student Health Center, 5. Increased funding for reduced class size – we favor an “educational excellence model” with no more than 700 students in the middle school, with an additional 60-100 for the special needs school, 6. Funding of after school programs when the school moves to the new site, 7. Identifying a name for the school that recognizes our community’s decade long advocacy for a new middle school at 75 Morton, and, 8. Determining the needs, age and programs for the students to be served by the District 75 school, scheduled to open in Fall 2018.

Duarte Square School in Hudson Square Under a March 20, 2013 Restrictive Declaration by The Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the City of New York (Trinity), Trinity agreed to fund the core and shell of a new 444-seat within a new building (Duarte Square School) to be developed on Trinity’s property fronting Duarte Square Park. The School Construction Authority would fund the remaining costs. The Duarte Square School is listed in the DOE Capital Plan as Project #1, but Trinity currently leases the future school site to Smorgasbord and has not shared publicly their timeframe for construction. In addition, in a March 12, 2013 letter from the Department of Education to the Speaker of the New York City Council, the DOE has the option to build expanded recreation facilities in the Duarte Square site, including a) a double-height, 6,300 square foot gym, b) a 3,500 square foot multipurpose assembly space and c) 2,100 square foot multipurpose space. CB 2 remains concerned that the planned school will be too small for projected student demand. The 444-seat size is based on 3,323 residential units projected to be built in Hudson Square in the FEIS multiplied by 0.12, the Manhattan multiplier used to project new elementary school seats. Using a multiplier of 0.16, the most recent experience in Greenwich Village would result in an 88-seat deficit. CB 2’s priorities for Duarte Square are to ensure that: 1. Trinity and the SCA establish a timeframe for developing the school, 2. The SCA funds the additional recreation facilities and that these are designed with a separate entrance to allow for community use during non-school hours, 3. No charter school claims the site, and, 4. The school designed with a separate gym and auditorium as well as an outdoor playground and no “gymatorium.”

Bleecker School About: Under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by New York University (NYU) and amended by a letter from NYU to Councilmember Chin on October 21, 2014, the NYC Department of Education has an option to build a 100,000 square foot public school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land. To exercise this option, the DOE must fund the school by December 31, 2018 and start construction by July 31, 2020. The DOE may build a school to serve students through 8th grade (not high school students.) If the DOE does not exercise this option, the buildable rights revert to NYU and NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility. In addition, under the Restrictive Declaration, NYU has the right to build up to 70,000 square feet of below grade space. Currently, the Bleecker School is not funded in the DOE Capital Plan for 2015-2019, updated in February 2017.

Need for School Seats: CB 2 recognizes the need for 600 public school seats at the Bleecker School, based on our June 2017 analysis that shows: 1. 148 to 337 seat shortfall from overcrowding at all three CB 2 elementary schools for 2015-2016, based on outdated Blue Book figures that underestimate overcrowding, at 112% at PS 3, 109% at PS 41 and 109% at PS 130 as well as 114% at PS 11, 2. 88 seat shortfall at the Duarte Square School, based on a CEQR multiplier of 0.16, 3. 169 to 225 seat shortfall resulting from the 550 Washington rezoning – approved with out any school seats – based on a CEQR multipliers of 0.12 and 0.16 respectively, 4. 100+ seats to reduce kindergarten class size to comply with Contract for Excellence class size reductions (and 650+ seats for grades K-5), 5. 69 seats to expand pre-kindergarten seats to 50% of the kindergarten cohort, 6. 131 seats to expand 3K programs to 25% of the kindergarten cohort, 7. 44 seats for District 75 students at Duarte Square, 8. 60 seats for District 75 students at Bleecker, and, 9. Additional square footage and seats to comply with physical education requirements,

Next Steps: Community Board 2 is committed to ensuring that the NYC School Construction Authority exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker Street site. To ensure that this happens, NYU needs to reinstate the School Election Notice to 2025, which was NYU’s original proposal. CB 2 also urges the SCA and the DOE to take



into account the demographic analysis and projections developed by CB 2 and fund the Bleecker School in the SCA's next five year Capital Plan. Existing Elementary Schools All three of our current primary schools (P.S. 3, 41, and 130) are overcrowded and in need of regular capital investment to maintain the adequacy of the physical plant. For us, excellent public schools are a priority. In FY 2017, the near term capital needs are for improved technology and new water fountains. Arts Education CB 2 wants to ensure that the DOE allocates funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools. Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline this and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education. Funding, Siting and Building New Public Schools The City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process is flawed for analyzing how new development impacts public schools and overcrowding. Most development projects do not trigger an analysis of their impact on school seats and even when a new development triggers an Environmental Impact Analysis, the CEQR Technical Manual and EIS guidelines to do not accurately estimate the need for new public schools seats. CB 2 recommends that:

1. The Department of City Planning develop new and better formulas, based upon current demographics, that more accurately represent the percentage of families with school age children that comprise our local population, and considers the number of families who can be expected to move into new residential development;
2. The Department of City Planning to institute a policy that would require a school impact study, using local data as required under the 2014 law, on all new residential construction and conversion, regardless of size; and,
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### Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### *Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)*

The most frequent quality of life complaints relate to noise from various sources, including bars, clubs and restaurants that generate unruly crowds, produce excessively loud amplified sound, and/or have exterior HVAC systems that generate noise levels in excess of code limits. Another source is construction activity, especially when the Department of Buildings authorizes extended daytime hours and weekend hours for projects that are adjacent to residential uses in violation of the department's own rules for issuing such permits. Yet another is unregulated engines, on vehicles like food trucks, which produce noxious fumes as well as excessive noise.



#### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### *Water runoff and flooding*

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#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

We recognize the hard work that is done by the DSNY workers throughout our district. However, in the last year, the basket service that was being done by ACE to supplement the DSNY pick-ups in SoHo has ended. Since that time, residents in SoHo, an area that is crowded with shoppers and tourists, have complained about overflowing corner baskets. The local sanitation garage is aware of the problem, but it appears that additional workers may be needed to adequately address the situation in this neighborhood.



#### Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

##### *Building code enforcement*

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### Transportation

#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Subway crowding and quality issues*

In a walking community like CB 2, with a populace that spends much of its time out and about on the streets, the City must continue to encourage improvements for pedestrian and alternative transportation modes with emphasis on design and regulation of streets, including traffic calming approaches and more pedestrian-oriented redesign of complex intersections, lighting and directional information for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, improved safety, enforcement, added bicycle parking both on sidewalks and in selected street spaces. Facilitation of pedestrian and bicycle movements and access between the six major subway lines, bus routes, hospitals, commercial districts, open space, schools, universities, historic districts and residential communities, also needs to be pursued.

#### Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

##### Supporting Materials:

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[DNS T & T Section \(FY 19\)](#)





## Transportation

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to improve the pedestrian environment, minimizing vehicular use and using a more holistic approach to integrating bus priority, walking, and bicycling through design and construction on Broadway between 14th Street and Canal Street. A less piecemeal approach aimed at reducing traffic and integrating alternate transportation modes can create a more functional, people-friendly and less congested corridor. A study and development of a plan and implementation are needed.	Broadway 14th Street Canal Street
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funds to repair Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Avenue with Belgian blocks. (This Action Should Be Coordinated With the Capital Phase of the 9th Avenue Pedestrian Project.) The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. The Gansevoort, Greenwich Street, Little West 12th Street convergence represents one of the few remaining artistically paved, large Belgian block areas that can best be described as a New York City "Piazza". We are hoping to restore the Belgian blocks, where they are missing and/or damaged, to this historically important area. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	Gansevoort Route 9A 8th Avenue
CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to study and institute safety improvements at 7th Ave. S., Carmine, Varick and Clarkson Sts. intersection, including neckdowns, traffic signal changes and repositioning, daylighting, lane reconfiguration, and other geometric improvements. Excessively long pedestrian crossings, poor visibility, motorists driving on the sidewalk, gridlock, blocked crosswalks, hazardous turning movements, intermittent speeding, irregularly angled design and chaotic Holland Tunnel-bound traffic create exceptionally dangerous conditions for the many pedestrians (residential, working, tourists/seniors and children) using this area. A promised improvement plan presentation is awaited.	7th Avenue South Carmine Street Clarkson Street
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funds to repair the area between 9th Avenue and Route 9A on 14th Street with Belgian blocks. The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. Belgian blocks should be restored where they are missing and/or damaged. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	West 14th Street 9th Avenue Route 9A



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

##### *Park access and park facility access*

Elizabeth Street Garden From 2013 to 2016, CB 2 has held four public hearings and passed four resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB 2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets. There is a clear need for additional green, open space in the neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB 2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. In contrast, New Yorkers for Parks, National Recreation and Parks Association, and LEED for Neighborhood Development all recommend that residents live within 0.25 miles of parks. The Garden has been open to the public since June 2013 and volunteers provide regular free public program including wellness classes, music afternoons, movie nights, poetry readings, children's story time and crafts, community gardening workshops and the annual Harvest Festival, attending by more than 1,500 neighbors.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, and with its fully built up high-value land, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal. But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Last year, the new park at St. Vincent's Triangle finally opened to the public and the community looks forward to the ribbon-cutting for the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site. In addition, funding is in place for open space at Duarte Square, and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and DeSalvio Playground. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience. These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the last year, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district. Continuing Upgrade of Parks and Playgrounds and Facilities While most of our parks are in good condition, there are still some that need renovation. DeSalvio Playground, at the corner of Prince and Mulberry Streets, was last renovated in 1996. The park is now run down, uninteresting, and underused despite its location in an area with no other parks and a growing population of families with young children. An energetic group of parents has launched a drive to get the park rebuilt and the council member has allocated some of the required funds. Father Fagan Square is also in the process of being renovated. An active group of local residents has been engaged for several years, funds have been allocated by the City Council, a design has been created, reviewed, revised and recently presented to the community. It received a warm response, so we urge all involved parties to proceed with this project. Trees As an area with very few large parks and burdened by high vehicular traffic, our district greatly values the benefits of streets trees. We support the citywide effort to plant one million new trees. We passed a resolution urging the Parks Department to make the replacement of trees the highest priority for tree plantings in our district and we have seen some replacements. We also requested a policy change whereby tree



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and stump removals automatically generate a high priority request for a new tree without the need for a second 311 request.

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[2 February 2016 Affordable Housing Development](#)

[01 Elizabeth Street Gardens 2014](#)

**Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Passannante Ballfield on 6th Avenue between Houston and West 3rd Streets. The ball field is showing signs of wear and tear. Portions of the fence are missing. Portions of the fence are in disrepair. Additional fencing is needed to protect neighbors' property.	PASSANNANTE BALL FIELD
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate the comfort station in Corporal Seravalli Playground on Horatio Street to ensure compliance with ADA accessibility standards. CB2 supports the accessibility of all our public spaces, including the restrooms in our parks and playgrounds.	Corporal Seravalli Playground
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to develop open space in the vicinity of the new school near Duarte Square. The rezoning of Hudson Square will attract thousands of additional residents to the area. The rezoning included a commitment to build a new school adjacent to Duarte Square. Funds should be allocated to develop additional open space in the area to for recreation by the children attending the school.	Duarte park
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Jackson Square Park, Including upgrading the pavers, lighting and repainting the fence. Despite significant amounts of money raised by the Jackson Square Alliance to maintain the park, there has been serious deterioration that can only be remedied with a capital upgrade. Some of that includes: insufficient electricity for the holiday lights (at times, an extension cord must be run into nearby buildings); the fountain has a large crack that must be repaired; the drinking fountain and benches are not ADA accessible; the Belgian block pavers have deteriorated creating a tripping hazard; and the perimeter fence is rusting and needs to be repainted.	Jackson Square Park

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### Additional Documents

[District Needs FY 19 \(b\)](#)

### Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DCAS	<i>Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of the Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services, on a through lot on Elizabeth Street and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets.</i>	<i>The Elizabeth Street Garden provides a much-loved urban oasis to the least green part of CB2, the only place where grass grows in the densely built blocks from Canal Street to Houston Street, from the Bowery to West Street. Open space once built on can never be retrieved, and this space is no less precious than others in the district such as LaGuardia Corner Gardens or Jefferson Market Garden. CB2 urges DCAS to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department without further delay.</i>	<i>Elizabeth Street Garden Block 493, Lot 30</i>
2/22	SCA	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 square foot Bleecker Street School.</i>	<i>Under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by NYU and amended by a letter from NYU to CM Chin on October 21, 2014, the NYC Department of Education has an option to build a 100,000 square foot public school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land. To exercise this option, the DOE must fund the school by Dec. 31, 2018 and start construction by July 31, 2020. The DOE may build a school to serve students through 8th grade (not high school students.) If the DOE does not exercise this option, the buildable rights revert to NYU and NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility. In addition, under the Restrictive Declaration, NYU has the right to build up to 70,000 square feet of below grade space.</i>	<i>Bleecker Street School Corner of Bleecker &amp; LaGuardia</i>
3/22	HHC	<i>Allocate funds for a new full service hospital with a Level 1 Trauma Center needed by the CB2 community since the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital.</i>	<i>Since the closing of St. Vincent's, CB2 has no full-service admitting hospital, and no Level 1 Trauma care. While Northwell Health Greenwich Village handles emergency department needs, the closest admitting hospital is Mount Sinai Beth Israel, across town in CB6 and moving to CB3. With the imminent significant downsizing of that facility, there is serious concern in the community that hospital stays will happen farther from the community, causing greater distances to needed in-hospital testing and care, and greater distance for caregivers, loved ones and other support to visit patients. This will negatively impact outcomes and cause greater overcrowding in the next-nearest full-service hospitals.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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4/22	DPR	<i>Request for funds to be allocated for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park.</i>	<i>In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it became clear that the Hudson River waterfront was dangerously vulnerable. After making this request last year, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed. We would like to know if any study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
5/22	DPR	<i>Allocate funds to renovate the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.</i>	<i>The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, Community Board 2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the center.</i>	<i>Dapolito Recreation Center 1 Clarkson Street</i>
6/22	NYCTA	<i>Allocate funds to refurbish walls, floors and ceilings in the West 4th Street subway station and add a full disabled access elevator at the northern end of the station.</i>	<i>This station, the ninth busiest in the City and a major hub for seven subway lines, suffers from peeling walls, leaky ceilings, and broken wall tiles. These conditions not only affect local and transient users but also have negative impacts on Greenwich Village's role as an important center of business, tourism and major institutions and needs to be quickly addressed by the MTA's Station Renewal Program.</i>	<i>West 4th Street Subway Station</i>
7/22	DHS	<i>Allocate funds for a homeless youth center, including those who are LGBTQ, where they are safe, respected, counseled and cared for, becoming healthy and productive adults.</i>		<i>Community Wide</i>
8/22	NYPL	<i>Allocate funds to provide ADA accessibility to the landmark-quality Hudson Park Library from the 7th Avenue South entrance, including the creation of an interior ramp and vestibule, installation of a new elevator, modernization of toilet facilities, and m</i>	<i>The Hudson Park Library is an extraordinary resource for the people who live and work in the West Village and Hudson Square. However, it is an old building that does not have any wheelchair access. We strongly urge the NYPL to make the necessary renovations so this facility can be used by all of our constituents.</i>	<i>Hudson Park Library</i>



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9/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W, 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter</i>	<i>The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.</i>	<i>6th Ave W. 8th St Greenwich St.</i>
10/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds for epoxy-gravel sidewalk widening on the northern side of Grove St. bet. W. 4th St and 7th Ave. S. and alongside Christopher Park, and install signage, to avoid dangerous pedestrian and vehicular conflicts at the pedestrian island on 7th A</i>	<i>The Grove St. northern sidewalk (subway island) curb edge doesn't align with the southern tip of the 7th Ave. S. pedestrian island, and allows for a curbside No Parking lane leading directly into the island's protruding southern edge. Many motorists drive in that lane, hitting and/or riding over the island's edge (especially when it snows and the edge is totally obscured), often swerving and skidding, endangering both drivers and pedestrians.</i>	<i>Grove St 7th Ave West 4th Street</i>
11/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the southwest side of Christopher Street and Greenwich Avenue</i>	<i>Pedestrians crossing Christopher St. are endangered by swift-turning motor vehicles from Greenwich Ave., confusing traffic signalization, and obscured visibility. Traffic signal modifications, such as split phase with a dedicated green pedestrian light or a flashing arrow with delayed left turn, and daylighting at the Greenwich Ave. s.w. corner are needed.</i>	<i>Christopher St Greenwich Ave</i>
12/22	DOE	<i>12. Allocate funds for technology improvements for MS 297, PS 3, PS 41 and PS 130.</i>	<i>CB2 feels strongly that our students need to be provided with the most up-to-date technology to prepare them for the future. Funds must be allocated to ensure this necessity is addressed and met.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/22	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets., including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, and improved directional signage.	Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.	Waverly Pl Christopher Street Grove Street
14/22	DOT	Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements, such as added crosswalks and striping, bollards, planters, a speed hump and street re-grading, on W. 4th St. approaching 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas), including Cornelia St., and change the traffic	W. 4th St. is highly irregular approaching 6th Ave. from the west, flaring out after Jones St. and endangering crossing pedestrians, with confusion and danger compounded on the way by traffic feeding in from Cornelia St. and considerable ponding. When vehicular traffic turns left from W. 4th St. onto 6th Ave., it seriously threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing 6th Ave. at the same time (since both have the green light), exemplified by a left-turning tour bus recently striking and seriously injuring a man crossing with the light on 6th Ave.	West 4th St 6th Avenue
15/22	DPR	Allocate funds for redesign of the flagpole and planting area in Vesuvio Playground.		Vesuvio Playground
16/22	DOT	Allocate funds to repair and restore Belgian Blocks on Bond Street from Broadway to the Bowery.	Major construction is over, and Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged or missing and need to be replaced.	Bond St Broadway Bowery
17/22	DOE	Allocate funds to PS 3 to replace ten water fountains with a place to refill water bottles.		P.S. 3 490 Hudson Street

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/22	DOT	Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.	Speeding vehicles at all times of day and blocked visibility threaten the safety of the ever-increasing number of pedestrians who regularly use this street, including families with children, tourists and visitors, working people, and an ever-growing population of neighborhood residents.	Washington St Gansevoort St Horatio St
19/22	DOE	Allocate funds for NYC iSchool Green Roof Program.		Community Wide
20/22	DOT	Allocate funds for capital replacement of Bluestone and brick pavers on the Avenue of the Americas from Houston Street to West 14th Street (excluding the Jefferson Market Library and Ruth Wittenberg blocks) with tinted concrete, along with new granite cur	Twenty-six years ago, DOT fully funded a capital improvement project at this locale, including 3-ft. bluestone pavers, curbs, tree pits, storm water catch basins, ramps and other amenities, intending to maintain them, but this was not done. At this point, the bluestone and pavers have severely deteriorated. They are not only unattractive, but with many loose and missing pieces, highly dangerous to pedestrians and obstructive to the conduct of business.	6th Avenue Houston Street West 14th Street
21/22	DPR	Allocate funds to plant new street trees throughout Community District 2.	Trees are very important to the quality of life along our heavily trafficked streets. Many trees have died over the years and have not been replaced. This causes trip hazards to pedestrians and creates an unmanaged appearance. Property owners eventually remove the pits causing the loss of a valuable tree location and an additional cost to the City when the tree is replanted.	Community Wide
22/22	DOT	Allocate funds to install louvers on the traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St.	A traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. which is one block ahead of a hazardous crossing at Downing St. exacerbates the danger crossing Downing as drivers surge past it to catch the Carmine green light. Louvers on the Carmine traffic light would obscure the green signal, eliminating the impetus for drivers to speed up past Downing St.	Bedford Street Carmine Street Carmine Street

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CS	DOT	Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.	Numerous cars and trucks turn left rapidly from Houston St. onto West St. going north, while vehicles turn east from West onto Houston, all at the same time pedestrians are crossing West St., endangered by the fast-turning traffic and often getting stuck in the narrow West St. median. A separate green light phase for pedestrians and shortened crossings are needed to safeguard the many people traversing West St. to Pier 40 and the Hudson River Park. NYC DOT is urged to work together with NYS DOT on signalization and geometric improvements.	West Street Houston Street Houston Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock e	Broad, oddly angled intersections, long, badly marked crosswalks (or none), shortage of traffic controls and wide street beds endanger the increasing number of pedestrians crossing on Greenwich Ave. between W. 11th and W. 12th Sts. and on W. 12th St. between Greenwich and 7th Aves., heading to the new park, the subway and to school, particularly hazardous at Bank St. and at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and W. 12th St.	Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as painted neckdowns and flexible delineators, speed humps, Stop signs and traffic light screens on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.	Speeding vehicles, sharp curves and varied lane sizes with abrupt turns and changes, an unusually wide entrance from 6th Ave., obscured sight lines (in particular at Downing St.), insufficient signage and markings make Bedford St. exceptionally hazardous for the many pedestrians using these neighborhood streets as well as for motorists.	Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for additional slow zone enhancements around schools in Community District 2.	Traffic safety is paramount for everyone, but especially around schools. A West Village Slow Zone is being implemented, but measures are needed to insure all our school children's safety, such as signage, painting, speed humps, rumble strips and other traffic calming features immediately around all of CB2's schools.	Community Wide

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to widen the sidewalk along the full south side of Houston St. between Crosby and Lafayette Sts., matching the width of the sidewalks bulbout at that block's east end.</i>	<i>The narrow sidewalk, further constricted by two subway stairs, hinders pedestrian passage and causes heavy pedestrian congestion, forcing walkers on the sidewalk into the street, threatening their safety.</i>	<i>Houston Street Crosby Street Lafayette Street</i>
CS	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Wooster Street between Houston and Canal Streets.</i>	<i>This street, part of the SoHo Historic District, is in very poor condition, with many Belgian blocks either damaged or missing. The street's structural base has deteriorated, which affects the Belgian blocks, and a full reconstruction is badly needed. This not only blights a historically important area, but also poses a danger to pedestrians.</i>	<i>Wooster Street Canal Street Houston Street</i>
CS	DOT	<i>Continue to allocate funds to remove z-block crosswalks and pave them over with asphalt on Sixth Avenue (Avenue of the Americas) at the intersections of West 4th, West 3rd, Minetta, Bleecker, King, Van Dam, Prince, Spring, Dominick, Broome, Grand, and Wat</i>	<i>These crosswalks are severely degraded and have sunk lower than street level, making them hazardous to crossing pedestrians and an obstacle to the city buses, commercial trucks, garbage trucks, and other vehicles passing through each day. By hitting the dip in the road, these vehicles also cause thunderous noise and shake surrounding buildings.</i>	<i>6th Avenue Watts Street West 4th Street</i>

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DFTA	<i>Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place by increasing programmatic funding to Visiting Neighbors.</i>	<i>These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DYCD	<i>Restore and increase funds for outreach to LGBTQ youth by increasing programmatic funding for The Door.</i>	<i>Thousands of LGBTQ youth find our neighborhood more accepting than most, and many need help with HIV and other problems that they are unable or unwilling to secure in their home neighborhoods. In addition, educational and vocational needs are often unmet, resulting in hostility and distress among the youth as well as our residents. Increased support for groups that help these youth is needed. We applaud DYCD's Family Therapy Intervention Pilot.</i>	<i>The Door 555 Broome Street</i>
3/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden.</i>	<i>The Jefferson Market Garden is a wonderful community resource that should be made even more available to the public during the spring and summer. Additional funds would allow staff to open the garden earlier and keep it longer later.</i>	<i>Jefferson Market Garden Greenwich &amp; 6th Avenues</i>
4/25	DSNY	<i>Allocate funds to study the quantity and condition of trash containers, evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary, and improve trash removal by providing more frequent litter basket collection.</i>	<i>Community District 2 has many destination neighborhoods, including, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy, Chinatown, Greenwich Village and the Meatpacking District. Consequently, corner baskets are often overflowing creating unsightly and unsanitary conditions. In some areas, basket collection has been abetted by street cleaners funded by local BIDs or elected officials or through the DSNY's Adopt-A-Basket program. However, we feel a comprehensive study is needed to evaluate issues relating to basket pick-up and lead to more effective collection that will meet the needs of overwhelmed locations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
5/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary trash bins in Parks.</i>	<i>Keeping the parks and playgrounds clean should be a primary goal of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to increase the litter patrol and basket pick-up throughout the district, especially on the weekends.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/25	TLC	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and car-for-hire violations in CD2.</i>	<i>There are many areas in Community District 2, including the Meatpacking District, the Bleecker Street area, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown, that attract a large amount of taxi traffic. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about taxi cabs blowing their horns, especially late at night and in the early morning hours, as they cruise the Meatpacking District in search of passengers leaving the late-night clubs. We need more TLC enforcement agents on the street to target violations, particularly noise violations, that adversely impact area residents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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7/25	DOB	<i>Allocate funds to increase staffing levels so the Department of Buildings can respond more efficiently and effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints.</i>	<i>Our Community District shares a liaison with seven other districts in Manhattan and all 3 Community Districts in Staten Island. Given that Manhattan is the densest borough in New York City, it is nearly impossible for the liaison to adequately meet the needs of each District, so we feel it is imperative that an additional liaison is assigned to such a large jurisdiction or the jurisdiction for the current liaison is cut down to only a few Districts.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
8/25	LPC	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional Landmarks enforcement officers.</i>	<i>Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is designated as historic or landmarked. We recognize and applaud the hiring of an additional enforcement staff member last year, but request that additional funds be allocated to increase staffing levels even more so as to effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
9/25	DOE	<i>Allocate funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools.</i>	<i>Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
10/25	DOB	<i>Allocate funding for a study of a) signage, b) illuminated interior retail, and c) merchandising displays, including outward-facing LED, neon and similar fixtures, to determine and implement appropriate illumination limits.</i>	<i>This study is made necessary due to the introduction of technologies such as large LED panels, LCD screens and other display mechanisms used to project images and messages far from their points of origin, often across public sidewalks and streets, and intruding through nearly windows and into residential units.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
11/25	DSNY	<i>Allocate funds to provide and expand NYC organics collection program for more efficient composting by CB2 residents and businesses.</i>	<i>Residents of CD2 were pioneers in the recycling movement and Community Board 2 urges the Department of Sanitation to expand its composting program in our district.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for effective rat control including the use of dry ice throughout downtown parks.</i>		Community Wide
13/25	DOT	<i>Allocate funds for a study to determine and implement pedestrian safety measures, including traffic calming and related traffic controls on both W. 3rd and Bleecker Streets. between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street.</i>	<i>Exceptionally wide crossings, speeding vehicular traffic, numerous delivery and garbage trucks, lack of enough marked safe crossings, with crossing confusion on these lengthy Superblock expanses create a hazardous environment for the many pedestrians traversing these streets on their way to work, play, school, university, senior centers as well as visitors and tourists. The two streets' different characters and configurations require separate analyses, e.g. W. 3rd is 50 ft. wide; Bleecker is 35 ft. with a bike lane and many tour buses.</i>	West 3rd Street LaGuardia Place Mercer Street
14/25	NYPL	<i>Allocate increased operating funding for the New York Public Library by \$34 million to expand 7-day service.</i>	<i>We are pleased that the Jefferson Market Library is now open seven days per week. However, we feel strongly that additional funds should be allocated to enable our two other libraries, Mulberry Street and Hudson Park, to also be open on Sundays.</i>	Community Wide
15/25	DCA	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional DCA inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of sidewalk café regulations.</i>	<i>A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk caf times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times. Finally, will OMB and DCA please stop responding that NYPD is the primary enforcement agent for this request. The NYPD does NO sidewalk cafe enforcement.</i>	Community Wide
16/25	CECM	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct enforcement and compliance of street activity permits.</i>	<i>There has been an explosion in the number of street events receiving permits from SAPO or operating illegally without required permits. The local precincts have not been able to keep up with the proliferation of these events nor do they always have the requisite familiarity with what is permitted. SAPO needs funding to hire additional staff dedicated to monitoring these street events and noting violations when they occur.</i>	Community Wide

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17/25	MOME	Allocate funds to enable the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) to conduct enforcement and compliance of film and television permits.	Film shoots have a huge impact on the streets where they occur. The lost parking spaces, the noise and lights that affect residents during nighttime shoots, the impacts on local businesses concern all affected parties. We believe the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment needs additional staff so it can proactively police film shoot locations and take appropriate action when the production companies exceed their permits.	Community Wide
18/25	DHS	Fund a "Safe Space" Shelter Program for homeless transgender individuals in the NYC Shelter System.	Transgendered individuals are special targets for abuse and violence within the shelter system as constituted now and require separate facilities.	Community Wide
19/25	DFTA	Allocate funds to provide supplemental transit for senior citizens who need to get to a hospital.	With the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, an additional burden has been placed on residents of Community District 2 to get to a hospital when necessary. This burden falls most heavily on our senior citizens. We feel that funds should be allocated to transport these individuals to hospitals in non-emergency situations (i.e. when an ambulance should not be called), but when Access-A-Ride would not be a viable option.	Community Wide
20/25	DEP	Allocate funds to enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs.	Community Board 2 has the second highest number of noise complaints in Manhattan. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) needs to hire additional enforcement agents so they can do more than respond to a call made to "311." When a hot spot is identified, DEP should proactively send enforcement agents into the area to address the problem.	Community Wide
21/25	NYPD	Allocate funds to increase enforcement in CB2 (e.g. traffic policing near the Holland Tunnel, enforcement of idling engine laws and enforcement of motor vehicle laws for trucks and enforcement of distracted driving rules, such as calling and texting on ce	CB 2 is hopeful at the prospect that the agency (NYPD) will try to accommodate this enforcement need within existing resources. The need for enforcement near the Holland Tunnel (whose entrance is reported to have the highest concentration of particulate matter in the City) continues to be of great concern, as it is throughout CD 2, in terms to both alleviate congestion (and thereby air pollution) and avoid pedestrian/vehicular, as well as vehicular/vehicular conflicts.	Community Wide

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22/25	DCLA	<i>Allocate increased operating funding for local non-profit theater spaces and other non-profit arts organizations to better sustain and improve the quality and quantity of performance, rehearsal and office spaces, and spaces for visual artists to create an</i>	<i>While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
23/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds to install low-hanging gates at Washington Square Park entrances.</i>		<i>Washington Square Park</i>
24/25	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to study heavy traffic areas frequented by the elderly and the disabled for the purpose of designating areas for benches.</i>	<i>Street benches are often a practical amenity for our senior constituents as they navigate our streets. We think it would be helpful if DOT could identify locations at which senior citizens are likely to be and evaluate whether benches would improve those locations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
25/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>	<i>This oasis of green amid the asphalt jungle would be enhanced by additional benches that would allow more pedestrians to sit and relax in these enclosures. (There are some benches in the park, but we are requesting that more benches be installed.)</i>	<i>Minetta Triangle Park</i>

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1/22	DCAS	<i>Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of the Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services, on a through lot on Elizabeth Street and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets.</i>	<i>The Elizabeth Street Garden provides a much-loved urban oasis to the least green part of CB2, the only place where grass grows in the densely built blocks from Canal Street to Houston Street, from the Bowery to West Street. Open space once built on can never be retrieved, and this space is no less precious than others in the district such as LaGuardia Corner Gardens or Jefferson Market Garden. CB2 urges DCAS to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department without further delay.</i>	<i>Elizabeth Street Garden Block 493, Lot 30</i>	<i>Friends of Elizabeth Street Garden</i>
2/22	SCA	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 square foot Bleecker Street School.</i>	<i>Under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by NYU and amended by a letter from NYU to CM Chin on October 21, 2014, the NYC Department of Education has an option to build a 100,000 square foot public school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land. To exercise this option, the DOE must fund the school by Dec. 31, 2018 and start construction by July 31, 2020. The DOE may build a school to serve students through 8th grade (not high school students.) If the DOE does not exercise this option, the buildable rights revert to NYU and NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility. In addition, under the Restrictive Declaration, NYU has the right to build up to 70,000 square feet of below grade space.</i>	<i>Bleecker Street School Corner of Bleecker &amp; LaGuardia</i>	<i>Council Member Margaret Chin</i>
3/22	HHC	<i>Allocate funds for a new full service hospital with a Level 1 Trauma Center needed by the CB2 community since the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital.</i>	<i>Since the closing of St. Vincent's, CB2 has no full-service admitting hospital, and no Level 1 Trauma care. While Northwell Health Greenwich Village handles emergency department needs, the closest admitting hospital is Mount Sinai Beth Israel, across town in CB6 and moving to CB3. With the imminent significant downsizing of that facility, there is serious concern in the community that hospital stays will happen farther from the community, causing greater distances to needed in-hospital testing and care, and greater distance for caregivers, loved ones and other support to visit patients. This will negatively impact outcomes and cause greater overcrowding in the next-nearest full-service hospitals.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	



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4/22	DPR	<i>Request for funds to be allocated for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park.</i>	<i>In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it became clear that the Hudson River waterfront was dangerously vulnerable. After making this request last year, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed. We would like to know if any study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
5/22	DPR	<i>Allocate funds to renovate the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.</i>	<i>The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, Community Board 2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the center.</i>	<i>Dapolito Recreation Center 1 Clarkson Street</i>	
6/22	NYCTA	<i>Allocate funds to refurbish walls, floors and ceilings in the West 4th Street subway station and add a full disabled access elevator at the northern end of the station.</i>	<i>This station, the ninth busiest in the City and a major hub for seven subway lines, suffers from peeling walls, leaky ceilings, and broken wall tiles. These conditions not only affect local and transient users but also have negative impacts on Greenwich Village's role as an important center of business, tourism and major institutions and needs to be quickly addressed by the MTA's Station Renewal Program.</i>	<i>West 4th Street Subway Station</i>	<i>Village Alliance</i>
7/22	DHS	<i>Allocate funds for a homeless youth center, including those who are LGBTQ, where they are safe, respected, counseled and cared for, becoming healthy and productive adults.</i>		<i>Community Wide</i>	
8/22	NYPL	<i>Allocate funds to provide ADA accessibility to the landmark-quality Hudson Park Library from the 7th Avenue South entrance, including the creation of an interior ramp and vestibule, installation of a new elevator, modernization of toilet facilities, and m</i>	<i>The Hudson Park Library is an extraordinary resource for the people who live and work in the West Village and Hudson Square. However, it is an old building that does not have any wheelchair access. We strongly urge the NYPL to make the necessary renovations so this facility can be used by all of our constituents.</i>	<i>Hudson Park Library</i>	

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9/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W, 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter</i>	<i>The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.</i>	<i>6th Ave W. 8th St Greenwich St.</i>	
10/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds for epoxy-gravel sidewalk widening on the northern side of Grove St. bet. W. 4th St and 7th Ave. S. and alongside Christopher Park, and install signage, to avoid dangerous pedestrian and vehicular conflicts at the pedestrian island on 7th A</i>	<i>The Grove St. northern sidewalk (subway island) curb edge doesn't align with the southern tip of the 7th Ave. S. pedestrian island, and allows for a curbside No Parking lane leading directly into the island's protruding southern edge. Many motorists drive in that lane, hitting and/or riding over the island's edge (especially when it snows and the edge is totally obscured), often swerving and skidding, endangering both drivers and pedestrians.</i>	<i>Grove St 7th Ave West 4th Street</i>	
11/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the southwest side of Christopher Street and Greenwich Avenue</i>	<i>Pedestrians crossing Christopher St. are endangered by swift-turning motor vehicles from Greenwich Ave., confusing traffic signalization, and obscured visibility. Traffic signal modifications, such as split phase with a dedicated green pedestrian light or a flashing arrow with delayed left turn, and daylighting at the Greenwich Ave. s.w. corner are needed.</i>	<i>Christopher St Greenwich Ave</i>	
12/22	DOE	<i>12. Allocate funds for technology improvements for MS 297, PS 3, PS 41 and PS 130.</i>	<i>CB2 feels strongly that our students need to be provided with the most up-to-date technology to prepare them for the future. Funds must be allocated to ensure this necessity is addressed and met.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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13/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets., including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, and improved directional signage.</i>	<i>Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.</i>	<i>Waverly Pl Christopher Street Grove Street</i>	
14/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements, such as added crosswalks and striping, bollards, planters, a speed hump and street re-grading, on W. 4th St. approaching 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas), including Cornelia St., and change the traffic</i>	<i>W. 4th St. is highly irregular approaching 6th Ave. from the west, flaring out after Jones St. and endangering crossing pedestrians, with confusion and danger compounded on the way by traffic feeding in from Cornelia St. and considerable ponding. When vehicular traffic turns left from W. 4th St. onto 6th Ave., it seriously threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing 6th Ave. at the same time (since both have the green light), exemplified by a left-turning tour bus recently striking and seriously injuring a man crossing with the light on 6th Ave.</i>	<i>West 4th St 6th Avenue</i>	
15/22	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for redesign of the flagpole and planting area in Vesuvio Playground.</i>		<i>Vesuvio Playground</i>	
16/22	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to repair and restore Belgian Blocks on Bond Street from Broadway to the Bowery.</i>	<i>Major construction is over, and Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged or missing and need to be replaced.</i>	<i>Bond St Broadway Bowery</i>	
17/22	DOE	<i>Allocate funds to PS 3 to replace ten water fountains with a place to refill water bottles.</i>		<i>P.S. 3 490 Hudson Street</i>	

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18/22	DOT	Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.	Speeding vehicles at all times of day and blocked visibility threaten the safety of the ever-increasing number of pedestrians who regularly use this street, including families with children, tourists and visitors, working people, and an ever-growing population of neighborhood residents.	Washington St Gansevoort St Horatio St	
19/22	DOE	Allocate funds for NYC iSchool Green Roof Program.		Community Wide	
20/22	DOT	Allocate funds for capital replacement of Bluestone and brick pavers on the Avenue of the Americas from Houston Street to West 14th Street (excluding the Jefferson Market Library and Ruth Wittenberg blocks) with tinted concrete, along with new granite cur	Twenty-six years ago, DOT fully funded a capital improvement project at this locale, including 3-ft. bluestone pavers, curbs, tree pits, storm water catch basins, ramps and other amenities, intending to maintain them, but this was not done. At this point, the bluestone and pavers have severely deteriorated. They are not only unattractive, but with many loose and missing pieces, highly dangerous to pedestrians and obstructive to the conduct of business.	6th Avenue Houston Street West 14th Street	Village Alliance
21/22	DPR	Allocate funds to plant new street trees throughout Community District 2.	Trees are very important to the quality of life along our heavily trafficked streets. Many trees have died over the years and have not been replaced. This causes trip hazards to pedestrians and creates an unmanaged appearance. Property owners eventually remove the pits causing the loss of a valuable tree location and an additional cost to the City when the tree is replanted.	Community Wide	
22/22	DOT	Allocate funds to install louvers on the traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St.	A traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. which is one block ahead of a hazardous crossing at Downing St. exacerbates the danger crossing Downing as drivers surge past it to catch the Carmine green light. Louvers on the Carmine traffic light would obscure the green signal, eliminating the impetus for drivers to speed up past Downing St.	Bedford Street Carmine Street Carmine Street	

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CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funds to repair Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Avenue with Belgian blocks. (This Action Should Be Coordinated With the Capital Phase of the 9th Avenue Pedestrian Project.) The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. The Gansevoort, Greenwich Street, Little West 12th Street convergence represents one of the few remaining artistically paved, large Belgian block areas that can best be described as a New York City "Piazza". We are hoping to restore the Belgian blocks, where they are missing and/or damaged, to this historically important area. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	Gansevoort Route 9A 8th Avenue	
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock e	Broad, oddly angled intersections, long, badly marked crosswalks (or none), shortage of traffic controls and wide street beds endanger the increasing number of pedestrians crossing on Greenwich Ave. between W. 11th and W. 12th Sts. and on W. 12th St. between Greenwich and 7th Aves., heading to the new park, the subway and to school, particularly hazardous at Bank St. and at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and W. 12th St.	Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Jackson Square Park, Including upgrading the pavers, lighting and repainting the fence. Despite significant amounts of money raised by the Jackson Square Alliance to maintain the park, there has been serious deterioration that can only be remedied with a capital upgrade. Some of that includes: insufficient electricity for the holiday lights (at times, an extension cord must be run into nearby buildings); the fountain has a large crack that must be repaired; the drinking fountain and benches are not ADA accessible; the Belgian block pavers have deteriorated creating a tripping hazard; and the perimeter fence is rusting and needs to be repainted.	Jackson Square Park	Jackson Square Alliance

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CS	DOT	<i>Continue to allocate funds to remove z-block crosswalks and pave them over with asphalt on Sixth Avenue (Avenue of the Americas) at the intersections of West 4th, West 3rd, Minetta, Bleecker, King, Van Dam, Prince, Spring, Dominick, Broome, Grand, and Wat</i>	<i>These crosswalks are severely degraded and have sunk lower than street level, making them hazardous to crossing pedestrians and an obstacle to the city buses, commercial trucks, garbage trucks, and other vehicles passing through each day. By hitting the dip in the road, these vehicles also cause thunderous noise and shake surrounding buildings.</i>	<i>6th Avenue Watts Street West 4th Street</i>	
CS	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Allocate funds to study and institute safety improvements at 7th Ave. S., Carmine, Varick and Clarkson Sts. intersection, including neckdowns, traffic signal changes and repositioning, daylighting, lane reconfiguration, and other geometric improvements. Excessively long pedestrian crossings, poor visibility, motorists driving on the sidewalk, gridlock, blocked crosswalks, hazardous turning movements, intermittent speeding, irregularly angled design and chaotic Holland Tunnel-bound traffic create exceptionally dangerous conditions for the many pedestrians (residential, working, tourists/seniors and children) using this area. A promised improvement plan presentation is awaited.</i>	<i>7th Avenue South Carmine Street Clarkson Street</i>	<i>Hudson Square BID</i>
CS	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.</i>	<i>Numerous cars and trucks turn left rapidly from Houston St. onto West St. going north, while vehicles turn east from West onto Houston, all at the same time pedestrians are crossing West St., endangered by the fast-turning traffic and often getting stuck in the narrow West St. median. A separate green light phase for pedestrians and shortened crossings are needed to safeguard the many people traversing West St. to Pier 40 and the Hudson River Park. NYC DOT is urged to work together with NYS DOT on signalization and geometric improvements.</i>	<i>West Street Houston Street Houston Street</i>	
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to renovate the comfort station in Corporal Seravalli Playground on Horatio Street to ensure compliance with ADA accessibility standards. CB2 supports the accessibility of all our public spaces, including the restrooms in our parks and playgrounds.</i>	<i>Corporal Seravalli Playground</i>	<i>Disabled in Action of Metropolitan New York</i>



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CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to improve the pedestrian environment, minimizing vehicular use and using a more holistic approach to integrating bus priority, walking, and bicycling through design and construction on Broadway between 14th Street and Canal Street. A less piecemeal approach aimed at reducing traffic and integrating alternate transportation modes can create a more functional, people-friendly and less congested corridor. A study and development of a plan and implementation are needed.	Broadway 14th Street Canal Street	
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Wooster Street between Houston and Canal Streets.	This street, part of the SoHo Historic District, is in very poor condition, with many Belgian blocks either damaged or missing. The street's structural base has deteriorated, which affects the Belgian blocks, and a full reconstruction is badly needed. This not only blights a historically important area, but also poses a danger to pedestrians.	Wooster Street Canal Street Houston Street	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to develop open space in the vicinity of the new school near Duarte Square. The rezoning of Hudson Square will attract thousands of additional residents to the area. The rezoning included a commitment to build a new school adjacent to Duarte Square. Funds should be allocated to develop additional open space in the area to for recreation by the children attending the school.	Duarte park	
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for additional slow zone enhancements around schools in Community District 2.	Traffic safety is paramount for everyone, but especially around schools. A West Village Slow Zone is being implemented, but measures are needed to insure all our school children's safety, such as signage, painting, speed humps, rumble strips and other traffic calming features immediately around all of CB2's schools.	Community Wide	P.S. 41
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as painted neckdowns and flexible delineators, speed humps, Stop signs and traffic light screens on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.	Speeding vehicles, sharp curves and varied lane sizes with abrupt turns and changes, an unusually wide entrance from 6th Ave., obscured sight lines (in particular at Downing St.), insufficient signage and markings make Bedford St. exceptionally hazardous for the many pedestrians using these neighborhood streets as well as for motorists.	Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street	

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CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Allocate funds to repair the area between 9th Avenue and Route 9A on 14th Street with Belgian blocks. The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. Belgian blocks should be restored where they are missing and/or damaged. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	West 14th Street 9th Avenue Route 9A	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Passannante Ballfield on 6th Avenue between Houston and West 3rd Streets. The ball field is showing signs of wear and tear. Portions of the fence are missing. Portions of the fence are in disrepair. Additional fencing is needed to protect neighbors' property.	PASSANNANTE BALL FIELD	
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to widen the sidewalk along the full south side of Houston St. between Crosby and Lafayette Sts., matching the width of the sidewalks bulbout at that block's east end.	The narrow sidewalk, further constricted by two subway stairs, hinders pedestrian passage and causes heavy pedestrian congestion, forcing walkers on the sidewalk into the street, threatening their safety.	Houston Street Crosby Street Lafayette Street	

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1/25	DFTA	<i>Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place by increasing programmatic funding to Visiting Neighbors.</i>	<i>These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Visiting Neighbors</i>
2/25	DYCD	<i>Restore and increase funds for outreach to LGBTQ youth by increasing programmatic funding for The Door.</i>	<i>Thousands of LGBTQ youth find our neighborhood more accepting than most, and many need help with HIV and other problems that they are unable or unwilling to secure in their home neighborhoods. In addition, educational and vocational needs are often unmet, resulting in hostility and distress among the youth as well as our residents. Increased support for groups that help these youth is needed. We applaud DYCD's Family Therapy Intervention Pilot.</i>	<i>The Door 555 Broome Street</i>	<i>The Door</i>
3/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden.</i>	<i>The Jefferson Market Garden is a wonderful community resource that should be made even more available to the public during the spring and summer. Additional funds would allow staff to open the garden earlier and keep it longer later.</i>	<i>Jefferson Market Garden Greenwich &amp; 6th Avenues</i>	
4/25	DSNY	<i>Allocate funds to study the quantity and condition of trash containers, evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary, and improve trash removal by providing more frequent litter basket collection.</i>	<i>Community District 2 has many destination neighborhoods, including, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy, Chinatown, Greenwich Village and the Meatpacking District. Consequently, corner baskets are often overflowing creating unsightly and unsanitary conditions. In some areas, basket collection has been abetted by street cleaners funded by local BIDs or elected officials or through the DSNY's Adopt-A-Basket program. However, we feel a comprehensive study is needed to evaluate issues relating to basket pick-up and lead to more effective collection that will meet the needs of overwhelmed locations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
5/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary trash bins in Parks.</i>	<i>Keeping the parks and playgrounds clean should be a primary goal of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to increase the litter patrol and basket pick-up throughout the district, especially on the weekends.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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6/25	TLC	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and car-for-hire violations in CD2.	There are many areas in Community District 2, including the Meatpacking District, the Bleecker Street area, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown, that attract a large amount of taxi traffic. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about taxi cabs blowing their horns, especially late at night and in the early morning hours, as they cruise the Meatpacking District in search of passengers leaving the late-night clubs. We need more TLC enforcement agents on the street to target violations, particularly noise violations, that adversely impact area residents.	Community Wide	
7/25	DOB	Allocate funds to increase staffing levels so the Department of Buildings can respond more efficiently and effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints.	Our Community District shares a liaison with seven other districts in Manhattan and all 3 Community Districts in Staten Island. Given that Manhattan is the densest borough in New York City, it is nearly impossible for the liaison to adequately meet the needs of each District, so we feel it is imperative that an additional liaison is assigned to such a large jurisdiction or the jurisdiction for the current liaison is cut down to only a few Districts.	Community Wide	
8/25	LPC	Allocate funds to hire additional Landmarks enforcement officers.	Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is designated as historic or landmarked. We recognize and applaud the hiring of an additional enforcement staff member last year, but request that additional funds be allocated to increase staffing levels even more so as to effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints.	Community Wide	
9/25	DOE	Allocate funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools.	Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.	Community Wide	

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### Manhattan Community Board 2 Expense Requests

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10/25	DOB	Allocate funding for a study of a) signage, b) illuminated interior retail, and c) merchandising displays, including outward-facing LED, neon and similar fixtures, to determine and implement appropriate illumination limits.	This study is made necessary due to the introduction of technologies such as large LED panels, LCD screens and other display mechanisms used to project images and messages far from their points of origin, often across public sidewalks and streets, and intruding through nearly windows and into residential units.	Community Wide	
11/25	DSNY	Allocate funds to provide and expand NYC organics collection program for more efficient composting by CB2 residents and businesses.	Residents of CD2 were pioneers in the recycling movement and Community Board 2 urges the Department of Sanitation to expand its composting program in our district.	Community Wide	
12/25	DPR	Allocate funds for effective rat control including the use of dry ice throughout downtown parks.		Community Wide	
13/25	DOT	Allocate funds for a study to determine and implement pedestrian safety measures, including traffic calming and related traffic controls on both W. 3rd and Bleecker Streets. between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street.	Exceptionally wide crossings, speeding vehicular traffic, numerous delivery and garbage trucks, lack of enough marked safe crossings, with crossing confusion on these lengthy Superblock expanses create a hazardous environment for the many pedestrians traversing these streets on their way to work, play, school, university, senior centers as well as visitors and tourists. The two streets' different characters and configurations require separate analyses, e.g. W. 3rd is 50 ft. wide; Bleecker is 35 ft. with a bike lane and many tour buses.	West 3rd Street LaGuardia Place Mercer Street	
14/25	NYPL	Allocate increased operating funding for the New York Public Library by \$34 million to expand 7-day service.	We are pleased that the Jefferson Market Library is now open seven days per week. However, we feel strongly that additional funds should be allocated to enable our two other libraries, Mulberry Street and Hudson Park, to also be open on Sundays.	Community Wide	

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15/25	DCA	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional DCA inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of sidewalk café regulations.</i>	<i>A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk caf times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times. Finally, will OMB and DCA please stop responding that NYPD is the primary enforcement agent for this request. The NYPD does NO sidewalk cafe enforcement.</i>	Community Wide	
16/25	CECM	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct enforcement and compliance of street activity</i>	<i>There has been an explosion in the number of street events receiving permits from SAPO or operating illegally without required permits. The local precincts have not been able to keep up with the proliferation of these events nor do they always have the requisite familiarity with what is permitted. SAPO needs funding to hire additional staff dedicated to monitoring these street events and noting violations when they occur.</i>	Community Wide	
17/25	MOME	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) to conduct enforcement and compliance of film and television permits.</i>	<i>Film shoots have a huge impact on the streets where they occur. The lost parking spaces, the noise and lights that affect residents during nighttime shoots, the impacts on local businesses concern all affected parties. We believe the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment needs additional staff so it can proactively police film shoot locations and take appropriate action when the production companies exceed their permits.</i>	Community Wide	
18/25	DHS	<i>Fund a "Safe Space" Shelter Program for homeless transgender individuals in the NYC Shelter System.</i>	<i>Transgendered individuals are special targets for abuse and violence within the shelter system as constituted now and require separate facilities.</i>	Community Wide	
19/25	DFTA	<i>Allocate funds to provide supplemental transit for senior citizens who need to get to a hospital.</i>	<i>With the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, an additional burden has been placed on residents of Community District 2 to get to a hospital when necessary. This burden falls most heavily on our senior citizens. We feel that funds should be allocated to transport these individuals to hospitals in non-emergency situations (i.e. when an ambulance should not be called), but when Access-A-Ride would not be a viable option.</i>	Community Wide	



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20/25	DEP	Allocate funds to enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs.	Community Board 2 has the second highest number of noise complaints in Manhattan. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) needs to hire additional enforcement agents so they can do more than respond to a call made to "311." When a hot spot is identified, DEP should proactively send enforcement agents into the area to address the problem.	Community Wide	
21/25	NYPD	Allocate funds to increase enforcement in CB2 (e.g. traffic policing near the Holland Tunnel, enforcement of idling engine laws and enforcement of motor vehicle laws for trucks and enforcement of distracted driving rules, such as calling and texting on ce	CB 2 is hopeful at the prospect that the agency (NYPD) will try to accommodate this enforcement need within existing resources. The need for enforcement near the Holland Tunnel (whose entrance is reported to have the highest concentration of particulate matter in the City) continues to be of great concern, as it is throughout CD 2, in terms to both alleviate congestion (and thereby air pollution) and avoid pedestrian/vehicular, as well as vehicular/vehicular conflicts.	Community Wide	
22/25	DCLA	Allocate increased operating funding for local non-profit theater spaces and other non-profit arts organizations to better sustain and improve the quality and quantity of performance, rehearsal and office spaces, and spaces for visual artists to create an	While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.	Community Wide	
23/25	DPR	Allocate funds to install low-hanging gates at Washington Square Park entrances.		Washington Square Park	
24/25	DOT	Allocate funds to study heavy traffic areas frequented by the elderly and the disabled for the purpose of designating areas for benches.	Street benches are often a practical amenity for our senior constituents as they navigate our streets. We think it would be helpful is DOT could identify locations at which senior citizens are likely to be and evaluate whether benches would improve those locations.	Community Wide	

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25/25	DPR	<i>Allocate funds to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>	<i>This oasis of green amid the asphalt jungle would be enhanced by additional benches that would allow more pedestrians to sit and relax in these enclosures. (There are some benches in the park, but we are requesting that more benches be installed.)</i>	<i>Minetta Triangle Park</i>	

## Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

### Youth, Education and Child Welfare



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<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DFCF7CC2-970E-4628-9B66-4412B25D2327>

### Transportation



DNS T & T Section (FY 19)

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=56E7997A-B9FC-496B-A403-A4346B3BC6D3>

### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



2 February 2016\_Affordable Housing Development

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DECBF2FF-BF7C-4D00-A1D6-92DE04102308>

01 Elizabeth Street Gardens 2014

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### Additional Information and Requests

District Needs FY 19 (b)

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