

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

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**Bronx
Community District
4**

Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

Every year, each of New York City's 59 community boards advocate for the needs of its residents and stakeholders by preparing a Statement of Community District (CD) Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. Through this process, community boards share the top issues impacting their neighborhoods and propose capital and expense requests to address those identified needs. I'd like to thank the volunteer members of our community boards and the District Managers who work so hard in leading this essential process and in preparing these reports.

The annual CD Needs process is the product of months of collaboration and public input and is a valuable tool for New Yorkers to participate in neighborhood planning. At the broadest levels, CD Needs offers a critical window into the challenges faced by New Yorkers, and how those challenges may differ across neighborhoods. At a granular level, it provides a forum through which community leaders specify those needs and make recommendations for spending -- which in turn are used by City agencies, elected officials, advocacy groups, and non-profit service providers, among others, to better understand and meet the individual needs of each community board.

Through this year's submissions, we heard the stories of our communities' biggest challenges, such as the human impacts of our housing crisis. In that vein, community boards again selected affordable housing as the most pressing issue citywide, followed by crime and public safety, and parks and open space. Through our online form, community boards generated more than 3,700 budget requests, and for each, one of 28 City agencies responded to indicate whether the request could be accommodated within the upcoming annual budget. This year, in line with our commitment to increasing transparency across the CD Needs process, we are publishing agency responses to these requests in the final section of these reports.

DCP deeply values our partnership with community boards. We remain committed to supporting them by increasing participation in, and improving the transparency of, the CD Needs process. We have received valuable feedback from our community board partners, and we are excited to work with them to continue improving our online submission form, to connect boards with agencies to advance budget request proposals, and to open the form earlier in the calendar year to allow more time for public input and preparation. We look forward to advancing this work with both community boards and City agencies to ensure this is a valuable and productive way to improve our City's neighborhoods and to respond to local community needs.

Sincerely,



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

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

Bronx Community District 4

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	146,441	100.00	150,436	100.00	3,995	2.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	42,624	29.1	37,858	25.2	-4,766	-11.2	-3.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	146,441	100.0	150,436	100.0	3,995	2.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	92,338	63.1	97,804	65.0	5,466	5.9	1.9
White non-Hispanic	2,193	1.5	3,240	2.2	1,047	47.7	0.7
Black non-Hispanic	47,344	32.3	43,227	28.7	-4,117	-8.7	-3.6
Asian non-Hispanic	2,232	1.5	2,596	1.7	364	16.3	0.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	952	0.7	1,460	1.0	508	53.4	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,382	0.9	2,109	1.4	727	52.6	0.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	51,652	100.0	54,022	100.0	2,370	4.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	49,285	95.4	52,006	96.3	2,721	5.5	0.9
Vacant housing units	2,367	4.6	2,016	3.7	-351	-14.8	-0.9

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District Four, the Capital District, is made up of the following neighborhoods: Mt. Eden, Highbridge, West Concourse, East Concourse, and Concourse Village. Our district is bounded by the Cross Bronx Expressway to the North, East 149th Street to the South, Webster to Park Avenue on the East and the Harlem River on the West. Nearly 160,000 residents call Community District Four home. We celebrate their distinct cultures and points of view. Our district is a great place to visit, work and live. We are the host to the world-renown Yankee Stadium, Bronx Terminal Market/Gateway Center, the Borough's Court System, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the future home of the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum. An astounding array of architecture styles are on full display including revivalist styles such as Tudor, Renaissance, and Colonial Revival, and Art Deco buildings within the Grand Concourse Historic District. We continue to attract public and private investment leveraging our locational advantages; we are 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan, have excellent transit access including multiple subway lines, regional access with the Metro North and Major Deegan Expressway, and an extraordinary network of open space and recreational facilities. Bronx Point, which will be located along 149th Street and the Harlem River, will include new amenities at Mill Pond Park, 1,000 units of affordable housing and the future home of the Universal Hip Hop Museum. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan approved by City Council in March 2018 resulted in \$189 million invested for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, design and construction of new open space and a new state-of-the art middle school. Advocacy to support the additional density resulted in the MTA allocating capital funds for the installation of an elevator at 170th Street station on #4 train which was completed earlier this year. Several other capital investments are well underway including the construction of nearly 1,000 units of affordable housing (including 69 senior units) and designs of Corporal Irwin Fischer Park, Goble Playground and Grant Park. While these additions are welcome, we continue to face numerous challenges. While New York City's jobless rate is 5.6% and unemployment nationally is 3.7 % and 4.3% in New York State respectively, unemployment in the Bronx is 7.2%, which means that unemployment in Community District Four is nearly double that. In a District where people continue to struggle on a day-to-day basis, we need to invest and allocate more resources to job training/development and job creation to provide a robust employment network for area residents. This includes continuing to investment in our young people through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and other mechanisms to better prepare them for a variety of career paths. New York City has seen thousands of small businesses shutter their doors over the last two years, 30% of those being restaurants. As many of these small businesses support families these losses affect not just the local economy but the day-to-day lives of local residents. We are now facing a crisis of epic proportions with more than 20,000 migrants (and counting) straining resources across NYC. At this pace it is estimated that the homeless population in NYC has the potential to reach 100,000 a historic number by years' end. Quality of life issues including noise, loitering, public safety (in particular shooting incidents) and sanitation are major concerns for area residents. Enforcement of traffic laws and a concerted effort to deter loitering and loud music must continue to be a priority for the City. The construction of the 153rd Street Bridge would not only provide relief for traffic congestion; it would create significant economic development opportunities including good paying jobs for local residents and transform the landscape of the South Bronx. The City must continue to seek innovative solutions that will support our long-term growth and sustainability.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 4

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Nearly eighty percent of the housing stock in the district is rent-stabilized. The preservation of our current housing stock is on the critical path for area residents. In addition to the lack of affordable housing for current residents we must now grapple with 20,000 migrants and counting that are now being sheltered in NYC. Some estimates indicate that by the end of 2022 there could be close to 100,000 people in the NYC shelter system. Currently, HPD estimates more than 3,600 affordable housing units based on developer interest in their pipeline (According to latest estimates, May 2021). We implore the City to implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that any new affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) has issued millions of dollars to tenants who were in arrears during the pandemic. Now the challenge becomes making sure the money gets to landlords who need those funds to maintain buildings and pay taxes. As of Sept. 22, 2022 the state had dished out \$2.5 billion to fulfill 197,363 applications, an average award of \$12,667, according to the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which oversees the rent relief program. According to a report issued by the NYC Comptroller's Office, Community District four has lost 202 units of affordable housing from 2018-2022. In addition the 10452 zip code had 5,263 eviction filings between 2018-2022, fourth highest in the city. These facts combined with a 31% increase in the homeless population over the last year and the influx of migrants makes the facilitation and production of affordable housing a top priority.

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

The ongoing issue of noise complaints-- (particularly in the summer months--) is a result of large groups of people congregating and hanging out on residential blocks thereby impeding residents' ability to coexist peacefully and enjoy the sanctity of their homes. The severe increase of on-street activity, parties, loud music and noise has time and time again tried the patience of local residents. The two categories leading all 311 complaints filed continues to be Noise on the Street/Sidewalk and Noise Residential. However, it has been reported by several residents that complaints are not being properly addressed and many are simply closed with no visible evidence that anyone has attempted to address the issue. Residents and businesses continue to suffer making some parts of the district unbearable for many who have either relocated or are in the process of relocating. If a concerted effort is not made to make serious inroads as it relates to Quality of Life issues the mass exodus from the district and the city will continue.

Trash removal & cleanliness

We continue to experience trash piles in discrete locations throughout the district. The streets and sidewalks do not resemble what they did pre-pandemic. We consistently see overflowing trash cans, big bellies and household items left on street corners. DSNY budgets have been restored to pre-pandemic levels but they need more support in terms of staffing and from sister agencies. Additional JTP workers would be a tremendous asset in helping the department maintain the District's Step Streets. Double parking and leaving vehicles parked during alternate side cleaning days is an on-going issue. Traffic summonses and tickets might help curb this behavior which precludes DSNY from adequately cleaning streets, collecting trash and keeping our district clean.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Chronic diseases prevention and management (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

The prevalence of obesity which can lead to diabetes and hypertension factor prominently in the health profile of many local residents. Poverty also plays a key role, as thirty-two percent of area residents live in poverty as compared to twenty-percent of NYC residents. According to the 2018 Community Health Profile, the adult obesity rate is 34% higher than the rest of NYC. Obesity can lead to high-blood pressure, diabetes and other chronic diseases. Seventeen percent of residents have been diagnosed with diabetes and 42% of adults have been diagnosed with hypertension. These and other factors contribute to the high prevalence of chronic diseases that are not well managed in the district. We advocate for community-based education, programming and services focused on health and wellness with a focus on access to healthy food and active living. COVID-19 has underscored the dire need for area residents to seek and obtain preventive care and improve their overall health profile. DOHMH in collaboration with CDOT and DPR and a strong network of community-based organizations can effectively work to improve the District's health profile. While we are asked to identify the "Most Important Issue" related to Health Care and Human Services in these unprecedented times we cannot ignore the needs related to food access and healthy foods, mental health, services for seniors, victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable populations. Our overall health and wellness are the keys to success in all areas of life.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Lack of health care facilities and services available to area residents has taken center stage during the pandemic. High percentages of residents with pre-existing conditions and the high positivity rates and deaths related to COVID-19 make the siting of new health care facilities extremely important. This is particularly important in Highbridge where residents are isolated with limited access to services and programming.

Needs for Older NYs

As seniors age in place in the district we must ensure that they are given consideration in all facets of everyday living including transportation, affordable housing and health and wellness. We need to advocate for more funding and the creation of more affordable senior housing so that those who have worked and contributed to the district are able to benefit from its transformation. We also need to ensure that we are actively engaged in programs and services that address the health and wellness of our senior population.

Needs for Homeless

Community District Four remains in the top ten districts city-wide in terms of the number of homeless facilities and homeless people it shelters. Homelessness is a serious issue in New York City and we have done our part in working with organizations that provide supportive housing in our community and taking on more than our fair share of these types of facilities. The City must take a hard look at the "Fair Share" criteria and reevaluate its efficacy in terms of the equitable distribution of facilities across NYC. During the pandemic, DHS announced they would be utilizing a hotel in the district to isolate some of the city's most vulnerable residents. This site is now being used for migrant families. We will continue to reiterate our position that we are uninterested in the siting of any new facilities in our district or increasing the number of homeless families and individuals we house. Street homelessness has steadily been on the rise. HOMESTAT should be continued and expanded to provide the type of wrap around services needed by this extremely vulnerable population. We hope that the City will reassess policies

related to homelessness in the wake of the complicated affordable housing landscape here in NYC. In addition, we hope that DHS will continue to partner with HPD and other relevant agencies on out-of-the box solutions to solve for the ever-evolving homeless crisis.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Housing and food access have become extremely scarce for area residents during the pandemic. Lack of employment opportunities, high unemployment and the high cost of food paints a stark picture for the district. The City should focus on a public service campaign encouraging students and their families to shop healthy (vegetables, fruit,etc). There also needs to be a concerted interagency effort to support job training, development and placement. SBS, DHS,HRA, EDC and HPD should be working together to create a job pipeline for area residents.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/23	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>CD 4 residents continue to face numerous health challenges that have persisted for decades and have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these issues exist due to a lack of access to consistent, quality health services. The City could enter into a public/private partnership with BronxCare or another established healthcare provider to ensure medical and social services are accessible to residents in areas in which there is a dearth of such services, or where other barriers exist, such as Highbridge. Leveraging expanded use of technology to facilitate telemedicine visits can lessen the barriers often associated with accessing care.</i>	
4/23	HRA	Other capital budget request for HRA	<i>We recommend that DHS continue to strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four ranks first in terms of the number of shelter facilities citywide (26 total facilities), and has a DHS intake center within its borders. Safe, stable, affordable, permanent housing is critical in creating healthy communities.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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3/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Since nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25, it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition, targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations. Wellness in the Schools (WITS) is a successful program providing food nutrition education in school settings and should be considered as a model. Online fitness classes/videos to promote health and wellness should be leveraged to maximize audience reach. The agency should also partner with the Parks Department to expand programming that facilitates the use of parks and outdoor spaces to promote healthy lifestyles.</i>
9/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>The City continues to grapple with homelessness. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, there are nearly 50,000 people sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of that population which includes 14,000 children. We request that the City ramp up its efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system and increase access to voucher programs. HPD should increase the set aside for formerly homeless (currently 10%). Organizations such as Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) have demonstrated success in serving people in transitional housing and supporting their successful transition to permanent housing. This model should be expanded and replicated.</i>

13/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>We must take action to reduce obesity and diabetes among area residents. We support programs such as the DOHMH's Shop Healthy Initiative to bring healthier foods to local stores. Expansion of the FRESH program, which offers benefits to supermarket owners to provide a certain level of affordable fresh produce, would help address the lack of access to healthy food options. More frequent farmers markets would provide residents with access to affordable fresh produce. Lastly, recognizing that poor nutritional habits are often a result of other factors, such as stress, incorporating mental health education and coping techniques with nutrition education can prove beneficial in a variety of ways.</i>
17/43	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>HOMESTAT should receive additional funding and be expanded to address street homelessness. Additionally, many people experiencing street homelessness choose to not go to shelters because of the harsh and unsafe conditions at those facilities. Conditions must be improved to provide temporary shelter to those in need and help them get on track to find stable, permanent housing. Enhanced security measures, including DHS police officers, and mental health support services focused on eliminating violent and destructive behaviors should be a priority.</i>
22/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individuals and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district, we do want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services. Organizations such as Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) have demonstrated success in serving people in transitional housing and supporting them for up to one year following their move to permanent housing to ensure a successful transition. Such a model should be explored for expansion and replication.</i>

23/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>Unemployment is a key contributor to poor health outcomes of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in NYC has leveled off, the Bronx, and to a greater extent, CD4 continues to suffer. Job loss combined with budget deficits will require creative long-term solutions to unemployment. We advocate for HRA to work with SBS, the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC), and community-based organizations to create more employment opportunities (training and job placement) for area residents. The city should also work with the Prisoner Re-entry Program to eliminate barriers to obtaining employment. Specific attention should be given to developing a healthcare workforce that is culturally competent workforce including Community Health Workers and home health aides.</i>
25/43	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>In the fall of 2021, DFTA began piloting a transportation program called "My Ride" in several community districts, including CD 4. The model seems to be beneficial to all who avail themselves of the service. CD 4 requests an update on the current status of the pilot and serious consideration to expand it further.</i>
37/43	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Implement and expand pre-release and supervised release programs. Many formerly incarcerated people are either directed to shelters or re-enter communities with little to no preparation or support, often resulting in unfortunate outcomes, including recidivism. Pre-release programs that connect them to vital services and orient them to the shelter system can be helpful, and extended supervised release programs that provide necessary support can enhance the probability of success and self-sufficiency of people returning to their communities. Programs such as CASES and CJA can be referred to as successful models.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other

There are a growing number of needs that are necessary for the growth and development of our young people. It is extremely difficult to choose one and in our opinion several are interrelated: Afterschool programs, youth employment and job training, remote technology and learning and support services for special needs youth.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

The last two years have changed the education landscape significantly. Although school is back in-person we should leverage the valuable lessons the pandemic taught us. We implore NYC DOE to truly invest in remote learning and technology to ensure that our children receive the quality education they deserve and lay a solid foundation for their future. COVID-19 underscored the importance of the upkeep and maintenance of our educational facilities. We have numerous facilities in the district requiring repairs and upgrades. NYC DOE must invest in the resources for students and teachers to effectively execute distance/remote learning. DOE must ensure that students and teachers are adequately versed in technology. Students in CSD's 7 and 9 face several challenges from poverty to unemployment to overcoming a language barrier as an immigrant. If you know better, you do better. We know our kids deserve better and it is incumbent upon us to do better for them. Every student is entitled to a quality education. We should be preparing our young people for the future and that means helping them obtain skills in technology. DOE needs to reevaluate its curriculum and policies as it relates to remote learning and technology. We need to create more pathways to employment for our young people. The reintegration of trade schools and trades into the curriculum will create more opportunities for all.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Nearly thirty percent of Community District Four's residents are under the age of 18, and many of these residents are immigrants or children of immigrants who live below the poverty threshold. With an Area Median Income of \$29,000, the City must make every effort to support our district's low-income families in every way, via a wide variety of services and programs relating to children and child welfare. The City should also increase funding for SYEP and the NYC Explorers and incorporate trades back into the public-school curriculum. It is imperative that we expand career options that highlight the skills and strengths of all our young people. Additionally, more should be done to collaborate with the unions on apprenticeship programs as well as working with private companies on internship programs. The District's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two- or four-year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our youth.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/23	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>The enrichment and development of our youth is critical to the well being of the district. We have identified a location for a Youth Center at Youth 1080 Ogden Avenue (Block 2514, Lot 9). The parcel is city-owned and will be vacated by FDNY once the new EMS Station is operational on Morris Avenue.</i>	
CS	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>The pandemic has underscored the need for more investments in technology to facilitate remote distance learning or a hybrid. The city should pilot different types of online learning tools to determine which work best and make the best performing tools part of the curriculum permanently.</i>	
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity . As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. SCA has released its 2020-2024, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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4/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$29,000) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and make it year round. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and continue to expand the program to year round.</i>
18/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs. We also encourage the agency to find ways to employ youth constructively on a year-round basis.</i>
20/43	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two or four year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our young men and women.</i>
32/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>There is a great need to provide more arts and culture programs for our young people. The City should fund/[partner with Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum, Botanical Gardens for example to create additional programs in school.</i>
33/43	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>To accompany request for more programming for the arts and sports the city should hire/assign more staff for these programs.</i>

34/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Computer literacy is critical for our young people to compete and thrive academically and in the workforce. There should be additional funding/resources allocated to programming for computer training and technology.</i>
35/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Special Needs Education and resources are often overlooked. We need to allocate more funding and resources to support children in the district with special needs.</i>
36/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>Literacy is a major barrier to a high school diploma and beyond. The City should partner with libraries, non-profit organizations and foundations to create additional literacy programs.</i>
38/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.</i>
39/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.</i>
40/43	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Financial literacy including but not limited to budgeting, and investment should be a core competency for our young people. We encourage the city to enhance these programs and engage partners (local banks, financial institutions) to provide seminars and workshops to educate young people on basic principles.</i>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Crime in some areas has continued to increase across the district over the last two years. The numbers for felony assault and burglary have increased year-to-date over 2022: of significant note is a 23% increase in grand larceny auto. That being said, we have seen a decrease in shooting incidents and shooting victims which is significant given the proliferation of guns on NYC streets. The 44th Precinct does an outstanding job with its available resources. During the warmer weather, people having limited options for outdoor recreation and entertainment has resulted in greater utilization of City parks and a much greater propensity to "hang out" on the street leading to a significant increase in street activity. An investment in more officers assigned as Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) and more to the newly formed Public Safety Unit will help to address our needs during this unique period in history.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

The Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) program has been well-received by Community District Four. The one critique which is consistent is the turnover which precludes the community from developing relationships with their respective NCO's. We continue to have an excellent rapport with the NYPD's 44th Precinct. They are committed, professional, and very responsive. We want them to be equipped with adequate personnel to handle the activity in the District as we focus on working together with the precinct to address all crimes, improve quality of life, and provide a safe environment for all residents.

Needs for Emergency Services

There are plans for a new EMS Station #17 to be built at 1257 Morris Avenue (Bronx Block 2450, Lot 42). This would replace the facility currently located at 1080 Ogden Avenue. We support the relocation of the existing facility and construction of the new facility to support the needs for FDNY EMS workers. In addition, we advocate for the development of a youth/community center on the current site on Ogden Avenue to provide much needed services and programming to the youth of Highbridge.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>The Community Board approved site design and voted in support of the ULURP application for the design and construction of the new EMS Station on Morris Avenue. We want to underscore our support for this project and request that once the new facility is operational that the city engage the Community in a substantive conversation about the use of the site. We advocate for a new community center on the site focused on youth.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/43	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. We specifically would like to see an increase in NCO's and officers in the Public Safety unit.</i>	
6/43	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>The increase in violent crime continues and quality of life continues on a downward spiral as sidewalk parties, booming music from life-size speakers continued loitering have become the norm. We urge the city to deploy more resources to make our city streets safe once again and improve our Quality of Life.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 4

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Overflowing garbage bags, sticky candy wrappers, used needles, broken beer bottles, shards of glass, dirty streets and filthy parks are not just a public nuisance; much like all else related to the pandemic and recession, they pollute and otherwise negatively affect New York's poorest areas—and residents—disproportionately. While the City was able to restore the budget to pre-pandemic levels, we still suffer from a lack of cleanliness districtwide and a significant increase in rats. The Clean Curbs Pilot Program should be offered to the 161st Street BID. In addition, the Clean Curbs Residential Pilot should be promoted for residential property owners. DSNY should partner with the Bronx BP's office and other local elected officials to fund and promote these initiatives. We urge the City to pursue public/private partnerships to bridge the funding that could provide insight.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

The cleanliness of the Capital District has taken a considerable turn for the worst over the last two years. Garbage receptacles across the district continue to overflow daily. Local parks are over run by mounds of garbage and rats are in command of local streets. We must get back to basics in terms of more regular pickups, street cleanings and more receptacles in high traffic areas. Community District Four experienced difficulties with irregular cleaning and maintenance schedules for the extraordinary number of underpasses, step streets and sitting areas located in our district. Now we are forced to deal with less service overall and a significant increase in garbage. We recommend a concerted inter-agency approach to address high traffic areas. While we understand that resources are limited for a number of reasons we ask that given the increased levels of on-street activity that high traffic areas be given considerable attention and that resources be allocated accordingly.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/23	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>There has been an increase in the number of rats citywide. One of the challenges is keeping them out of trash and not creating environments they are inclined to inhabit. The City has created the Clean Curbs Program which allows private property owners to apply for sealed, rodent-proof containers on City property for non-DSNY collection. We respectfully request that this program be piloted in the following locations: 161st Street Corridor (161st Street BID), Mount Eden Mall (Bronx Care Hospital) and 167th Street Commercial Corridor. https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/06/nyregion/new-york-city-garbage-containers.html</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/43	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.) and other high traffic locations within the district.</i>	
31/43	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>DOT currently has an agreement with DSNY to clean step streets whenever possible. Given the number of step streets throughout the District we request that DSNY add personnel to be able to maintain and service step streets on a more regular basis. One idea might be to increase the number of JWT workers and assigning them to the more heavily utilized Step Streets for regular clean ups.</i>	
41/43	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Double parking and not moving vehicles at all on alternate days has increased as DSNY has resumed regular pickup schedule. Many people leave their vehicles unattended waiting for DSNY street sweepers to pass by. The agency should step up enforcement and issue more tickets and summonses to deter this behavior.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 4

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

Affordable housing creation

NYC is facing a number of issues that affects affordable housing. It is estimated that there are currently more than 60,000 migrants and counting that are now being sheltered in NYC. Some estimates indicate that by the end of 2022 there could be close to 100,000 people in the NYC shelter system . Currently, HPD estimates more than 3,600 affordable housing units based on developer interest in their pipeline (According to latest estimates, May 2021). We implore the City to implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that any new affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) has issued millions of dollars to tenants who were in arrears during the pandemic. Now the challenge becomes making sure the money gets to landlords who need those funds to maintain buildings and pay taxes. As of Sept. 22, 2022 the state had dished out \$2.5 billion to fulfill 197,363 applications, an average award of \$12,667, according to the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which oversees the rent relief program. According to a report issued by the NYC Comptroller's Office, Community District four has lost 202 units of affordable housing from 2018-2022. In addition the 10452 zip code had 5,263 eviction filings between 2018-2022, fourth highest in the city. These facts combined with a 31% increase in the homeless population over the last year and the influx of migrants makes the facilitation and production of affordable housing a top priority.

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

Needs for Land Use

Community District Four continues to evolve through a series of land use changes over the past several years including: Lower Concourse North (aka Bronx Point) and the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan has committed considerable resources to the development of affordable housing, new open space and improvements to transportation infrastructure. Bronx Point will lead to the development of more than 1,000 units of affordable housing, more than 2 additional acres of open space through the expansion of Mill Pond park and improvements to key intersections on 149th street and Exterior Street. Over time as these changes come to fruition, the landscape in these areas and surrounding blocks will be significantly altered. Today nearly 160,000 people reside in Community District Four. This growth will continue while the community faces a number of challenges including high unemployment, rising rents, access to fresh food, open space, transportation and mobility, health and wellness and affordable housing. The district has a number of city-owned properties currently used for parking. These properties are woefully underutilized public resources. Many of the aforementioned issues and challenges could be addressed by changing the use of these parcels to better serve area residents needs. In October 2019, on behalf of Community Board Four the Urban Land Institute (ULI) conducted a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) to develop ideas/recommendations around the redevelopment of these city-owned parcels. Community Board Four supports the results of the panel's findings particularly those related to transportation, connectivity etc and encourages the City to pursue those recommendations regardless of development of a soccer stadium. Given the devastation to our district due to COVID-19 now more than ever it is critical that these properties are leveraged in a manner that reflects the current needs of the community and maximizes the return on investment of these valuable public resources. When the City decides to redevelop these properties there are a number of initiatives we want included as part of any comprehensive plan for redevelopment of these sites. They include but are not limited to the following: provide paid apprenticeships for Bronx and Community District Four residents to obtain viable pathways to skilled trades and high paying job opportunities within the construction field; This should begin in earnest so that area residents can be employed across the district in a variety of fields. Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing; HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate the development of affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in

addition to rental housing. Conduct an on-street parking study throughout the district and pilot a permit parking program to mitigate traffic and parking impacts during stadium events, as well as general solutions to parking issues district-wide. Creation of a youth-based campus along the waterfront parcels adjacent to the Bronx Children's Museum to include an innovation lab, middle school and high school as well as a youth/community center and the creation of a state of the art Health & Wellness Center.

Needs for Housing

Achieving economic diversity in the district is critical to it's growth and well-being; accordingly, we request that the City implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock. Additionally we request that the City invest in the development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. The immediate need is to ensure that current tenants remain in their homes, that buildings are properly maintained and that the number of homeless families in the NYC shelter system does not increase.

Needs for Economic Development

The district benefits from the regional draw of the 161st Street/Capital District area, including: the Bronx County Court; Bronx Supreme Court; the 161st Street BID; waterfront access; Bronx Terminal Market's million square feet of retail; and Yankee Stadium, which normally draws more than 3.5 million visitors per year. Major employers include Bronx Lebanon Hospital, the Yankees and Hostos Community College. Unemployment in the district is still high as compared to NYC overall, the state and nationwide. Furthermore, a large number of area residents are underemployed. In order to increase the income levels and improve the socio-economic status of local residents we request significant investments in job training, job placement, skills assessment and business development. Related to jobs and skills development we advocate for skilled trade/licensed apprenticeships that can provide paid apprenticeships for Bronx and area residents to obtain skills for viable pathways to skilled trades and high paying job opportunities within the construction field and other well-paying careers. Currently, the closest Workforce One Center is located in Hunts Point or on Fordham Road, both of which are inconvenient for area residents. In order to serve the thousands of job seekers in the immediate area, existing and future business owners the city should develop a new Workforce One Center. This would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on the linguistic and educational needs of the district's large Latin, Caribbean, African-American, and West African immigrant populations. In lieu of bricks and mortar we propose a virtual Workforce One Center to help people navigate city contracting, how to become an MWBE and develop job skills. We also request that SBS make their mobile unit available in various locations to bring their broad array of services and programs to the district. Lastly, we request that EDC, HPD and SBS support the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) whose mission/goal is to bring about inclusive economic growth and sustainability for local residents, employers and workers impacted by the Jerome Avenue rezoning.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/23	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging: ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock.</i>	
7/23	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	<i>A Workforce One Center or an equivalent is still needed in our district, but its offerings should engage many sectors (not just the auto-industry) affected by the pandemic; the service and food/beverage industries were hit particularly hard during the pandemic. The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers with a focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry for example. This request could be accommodated on any number of city-owned sites in the district (SEE Housing & Land Use) or city-funded project like Bronx Point.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/43	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The city should work with local non-profits to create an awareness campaign so that renters impacted by the pandemic are aware of the funding sources available to assist.</i>	

7/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) conducted in October 2019, made a number of recommendations that would improve existing conditions in the district. While, not endorsing a soccer stadium, the Board likes the recommendations and implementation strategies outlined in the report and urges the city to leverage the TAP as a guide for future development of the area. In particular we would like the city to conduct a parking study which would include an analysis of on-street parking throughout district as well as utilization for all garages along the Harlem River and near Yankee Stadium with the ultimate goal to launch a pilot program for on-street parking permits for area residents. (REPORT ATTACHED)</i>
8/43	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<i>We should support the sustainability of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them. SBS, EDC and HPD should partner to expand programs to ensure that housing contracts and construction bids are awarded to more Bronx-based MWBE's.</i>
10/43	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<i>In June 2021, the Board was scheduled to vote on a plan for the Yankee Stadium Parking lots. While that vote was tabled due to issues related to the terms of the agreement, the Board issued specific ideas on how the "Balance" and "Severance" lease lots could be better utilized in the future other than seasonal ball game and event parking. (SEE ATTACHED) These are not finalized, however the Board spent a great deal of time and effort crafting these and they represent a solid framework for the the City, NYCEDC and the private sector to consider changes to zoning and land use as well as redevelopment of the parking lots.</i>
11/43	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing: HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. Home ownership creates neighborhood stability and reinforces community.</i>

12/43	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>SBS, EDC and HPD should continue to support and collaborate with the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) to create economic development opportunities for area residents and small businesses. In particular working with JARC steering committee members to deploy services and programming to area small businesses.</i>
28/43	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>COVID-19 has taken its toll on small businesses. Department of Small Business Services in collaboration with other city agencies (and/or through public/private partnership) should explore new innovative ideas to incubate and support small businesses. The City of Toronto has a business incubator program where they have stalls or PODS that small businesses can use rent free to create exposure and ultimately lead to a bricks and mortar location. A program like this could be piloted as part of city-owned developments as part of the long-term lease agreement.</i>
29/43	SBS	Help minority- and women-owned businesses grow their capacity	<i>MWBE's are critical to the long-term economic growth of the Borough. The City should set specific targets each year for certifying new MWBE's in the Borough. They should be prioritized by emerging sectors/markets.</i>
30/43	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>The agency should explore the affordability levels for the "Open Door" term sheet to either create more flexibility in the income bands or create a new term sheet to address lower income tiers.</i>
42/43	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>SBS should partner with HPD and local developers to create our own "local" construction workforce. The initial focus should be on projects sponsored by the City of New York and those receiving city funding.</i>

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

Congestion continues to be the number one issue related to transportation and mobility. There continues to be a competition for on-street parking spaces. New residential developments are underway throughout the district. The Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum openings will usher millions of patrons each year permanently changing the flow of traffic and pedestrians in the district. These changes combined with the new dynamic of double-parking, not only for alternate side cleaning but everyday. Vehicles double park for hours with many of them unattended. This creates serious issues for FDNY and EMS vehicles, particularly on narrow one-way streets. The District's traffic-related challenges will be exacerbated by new residential development, stadium life and an increase in film and television permits, if an investment in traffic management and mitigation measures is not undertaken immediately. While we welcome economic activity with enthusiasm, area residents must benefit and certainly not be further disadvantaged by that activity. Traffic congestion is a serious issue that negatively impacts residents' quality of life and the end benefit for residents remains to be seen. We also request that those with parking placards not create additional parking in areas not designated for parking and adhere to the same rules as all other drivers. This issue has ballooned along the medians on the Grand Concourse (between 149th Street and 161st Street on the Grand Concourse and on the Grand Concourse between 165th Street and McClellan Street.) We recognize that this is more of an NYPD enforcement issue, but ask that DOT collaborate with NYPD on these issues as is feasible. We ask for cooperation from traffic enforcement to ensure the aforementioned and other rules and procedures are followed. Lastly and most importantly as previously stated in the Housing & Land Use section we continue to press the issue of residential permit parking. The circumstances surrounding the Yankee Parking lots and their lack of benefit for area residents, coupled with the chaos created for navigating local streets during Yankee games and events warrants a fresh look at the impacts and creative solutions. Growth must be accompanied by the appropriate levels of investment in programming and services. If residential permit parking is not the solution we need to understand why and more importantly we need the city to propose alternate solutions to the issue. We cannot continue to accommodate population growth and increased traffic without proper mitigation tools.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. While we understand the project remains in the projected capital plan, it is unfunded. We stand firm in our support for the bridge development, which we believe would ease traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets, as well as create much needed jobs and be an economic development driver for the district. In 2006 construction was to commence and the Department of Transportation received the Art Commission Award for Excellence in Design. The proposed bridge is a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. It would have been the first new bridge built in 50 years and the first cable-stayed vehicular bridge in New York City. Bronx Point which will include 1,000 units of affordable housing, retail, office space and the Universal Hip Hop Museum, the Bronx Children's Museum and the potential redevelopment of city-owned land subleased to Bronx Parking Development, underscore the critical need to develop the 153rd Street Bridge. It should be noted that none of the aforementioned projects were contemplated at the time the bridge was slated to be constructed. We should also note that City Island, an area with far less density rejected a state-of-the art design for a bridge and subsequently settled on a more straight-forward bridge that was completed several years ago. Additionally, the passage of the Federal Infrastructure bill could provide the funding needed to jumpstart this economic catalyst.

Needs for Transit Services

Access and mobility throughout the area is key. The MTA currently operates at 468 subway stations citywide and 230 bus routes. More than 80 percent of District residents use public transportation to commute to work and for other official/personal engagements. This includes the #4 train (one of the busiest in the entire network, which currently operates over capacity with no quantifiable plans to mitigate the issue), the B/D trains, and the Bx1/2 (the 6th busiest bus route in the city). It should be noted that the Bronx has the largest bus ridership of the five boroughs. Additionally, the District's population has increased nearly 22 percent between 2000-2020, and continues to grow with recent rezonings and expansion of commercial facilities. Consequently, improvements to existing transportation infrastructure--including increased service; increased accessibility for residents living with disabilities and families operating strollers; improvements to local streets; enhanced lighting, and the resurfacing of the 161st Street Corridor are top priorities. We request an increased investment in bus priority streetlights along Grand Concourse, 161st Street, 167th Street, 149th Street and 170th Street to move vehicles more quickly. We also request the city to study expanding subway ridership by extending the B train to the Bronx for all hours of operation and by exploring capital improvements such as creating a rail link under 149th Street to connect the 4 train to the 2 line so that the 3 train could be extended into the Bronx.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. This is the type of project that would meet the criteria for the Federal Infrastructure bill.</i>	153rd Street and Park Ave
11/23	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request upgrades of the 168 Street Step Street (Shakespeare & Edward L Grant Highway.) Including new handrails, lighting and landings.</i>	
16/23	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street at Shakespeare and Anderson Avenue (167thStreet.)</i>	
20/23	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Carroll Place step street (165 Street to 166 Street). We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>	
CS	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.</i>	Jerome Avenue 161 Street 161 Street

CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from Macombs Dam Road to Park Avenue.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/43	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 4

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

Park care and maintenance

Community Board Four represents the Bronx's Capital District -- which includes the County Seat and significant parkland including Franz Sigel, Joyce Kilmer, Mullaly, Mill Pond, Macombs Dam and Claremont parks. We are very excited about the future investments to Grant Park, expansion of Mill Pond Park and the development of Corporal Fischer. Given the existing open space network and pending additions to our parks portfolio, we respectfully request that the NYC Parks Department and local elected officials continue to invest in the maintenance of the District's many parks, playgrounds, and green spaces. Community Board Four is also home to Yankee Stadium, which draws over three million visitors each year. The stadium hosts more than 80 home games, the annual Pinstripe Bowl (NCAA), college football games, boxing, hockey and soccer matches and concerts annually. In addition, a number of significant parks/cultural/community facility-related capital projects are underway in the District, including Bronx Point which includes upgrades and the expansion of Mill Pond Park and the Universal Hip Hop Museum, the opening of the Bronx Children's Museum and the expansion of the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The cleanliness and upkeep of the district's parks, cultural assets, and community facilities are essential to the overall health and well-being of the District and are critical to the enjoyment of area residents and millions of visitors to the area each year. In order to properly maintain our open space we support the Parks Department request for the following: additional staffing including Permanent City Parks Workers and City Seasonal Aides, who clean the park on a regular basis requesting additional Gardener's and Associate Park Service Workers, Park Supervisors and additional City Seasonal Aides for peak season work April through October, increased number of Park Enforcement Officers, Additional Playground Associates, Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers and vehicles to replace aging fleet vehicles.

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

Needs for Parks

Open space and greening play an important role in quality of life for area residents and workers. Utilization of the district's green spaces has increased exponentially over the last few months. Community District Four benefits from some of the most active open space resources in the Borough with its proximity to Yankee Stadium which hosts baseball, soccer, hockey and football year-round and sees millions of visitors every year. We also have the greatest number of parks properties in the Borough (101) and counting. As we look to increase our portfolio with the development and expansion of Grant Park, development of Corporal Fisher and the expansion of Mill Pond Park, maintenance and upkeep are critical for residents and visitors to benefit from our vast open space portfolio and to continue to attract tourists and public and private investment. Now more than ever the role of a Parks Administrator, additional PEP officers, maintenance and horticulture staff are on the critical path to maintaining the Capital District's competitive edge.

Needs for Cultural Services

We need to expand the education and recreation opportunities available to everyone in the district, particularly our young people. The Bronx Museum of the Arts, the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum are valuable resources for arts and culture that provide tremendous resources to the district and should receive consideration for additional staffing, funding and programming. In addition to monetary resources, we encourage partnership with cultural groups to promote positive programming in neighborhood parks.

Needs for Library Services

Community District Four has three branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Grand Concourse, High Bridge, and Melrose. According to NYPL statistics (below), in Fiscal Year 2022 the libraries in CB 4 had 96,067 visits and 4,318 program attendees. It should be noted that the Melrose library was closed for renovations. As the city

continues to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, we know that our youth have been disproportionately impacted, widening gaps between high and low needs communities. NYPL is currently focused on youth and education with an emphasis on teens. Youth initiatives seek to address these gaps through equity and access to learning and development opportunities and resources from the time a child is born to their graduation from high school. In the fall of 2021, the Library launched its drop-in after school program, with free homework help, tutoring, and career exploration services. Each site, additional tutoring support for younger students comes from Teen Reading Ambassadors—paid high school interns trained in literacy fundamentals and educational best practices as part of a workforce readiness effort.

- An integral piece to our youth and education priorities is our recently-launched Teens 360 initiative. This includes our new Teen Centers, which provide digital and tech tools like state of the art recording studios and media labs to promote tech fluency, college and career mentoring, and inclusive spaces for exploration for young adults.
- In January 2022, the library launched the Center for Educators (CES), which makes it easier for teachers and other educators to use our resources for their lessons, projects, and activities through access to high quality workshops and fellowships, new collections-based ready-to-teach lesson plans, exhibitions, and expert librarians.

As you know, libraries are often the first place that communities turn to for help and information, and our branches are uniquely positioned to provide relevant and up to date information to New York's most vulnerable populations. Libraries are a place for learning and for safe and open access to information.

Needs for Community Boards

The pandemic created an environment where Community Boards were asked to step up and do considerable more with less. We quickly pivoted from in-person to virtual meetings with very little technical support and essentially trained 40+ Board members on virtual meeting platforms. There is no centralized budget that is allocated each fiscal year for critical items that every other city agency has including funding for hardware, software, upgrades and training. If a Board wants any of these, they must be purchased from their own budget. There are 59 Community Boards with a District Manager and at least one staff member and a minimum of 30 Board members. If you aggregate all of those that is larger than several city agencies with budgets far more robust than Community Boards. We cannot continue to operate under these conditions. COVID-19 has transformed how we do business overnight. The internet, social media and virtual meeting platforms are now an integral part of our day-to-day operations. We are experiencing an economic downturn of epic proportions and the essential work of Community Board is more important than ever; service delivery and advocacy are essential. Now more than ever, we are called upon with greater urgency to fill the gaps without the adequate financial resources to support those endeavors. We are currently operating on an internal budget of \$257,507 for a district with nearly 160,000 residents. Much of the Board's budget is pre-allocated for fixed expenses including rent, telephones and personnel. We are essential to community engagement and participation in all facets of city government and we believe wholeheartedly in fulfilling our mission to the best of our ability. We have tremendous and important work ahead of us as we pick up the shattered pieces of the district. With adequate fiscal support, Community Boards can go beyond essential service delivery and become an even more valuable resource for the community, the borough and the city.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/23	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Claremont Park reconstruct and repair the sidewalks.</i>	
6/23	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Furthermore we request that the future redevelopment of any city-owned property be given consideration for new relocation</i>	575 Exterior Street
8/23	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.</i>	
12/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations</i>	
13/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Mount Eden Mall: Benches required repair and / or replacement of weathered wood seating.</i>	
14/23	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Repair and reconstruction of the retention walls in Claremont Park.</i>	Claremont Park

15/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Macombs Dam Park-Reconstruction of synthetic turf field and add lighting.</i>
17/23	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add a barrier to protect patrons from highway at Summit Park.</i>
18/23	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.</i>
19/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.</i>
21/23	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Inwood Park - Asphalt and painting</i>
22/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Replace/upgrade all park benches in Claremont Park.</i>
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CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>We ask the city to maintain capital funding for our (3) branches Grand Concourse, Highbridge and Melrose. The capital funding will ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement Current capital needs in Bronx Community Board 4 include Grand Concourse: ○ \$2,162,000 - Roof, facade, and envelope ○ \$900,000 - HVAC replacement</i>	
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CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Corporal Irwin Fisher Park is approximately 1.5 acres of gated, unimproved NYC Parks green space that has never been accessible by the community since its acquisition some twenty years ago. The Community and the Community Board urge the city to fund the design and development of this park and target pre-teens (teenagers can use the ample Nelson Avenue Park facilities two blocks away.) This park will serve a community that continues to grow and provide recreational space that our children rightfully deserve. Through the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF) \$4.62 million was allocated.</i>	WEST 169 ST
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Goble Playground Replace playground equipment and repave/paint asphalt.</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Both the Skate park and bike park in Mullaly Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovation. We respectfully request funding for renovation for both.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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1/43	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. This individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming. This position would be very similar to the Parks Administrator at Crotona Park. It should be noted that CB4 has the highest number of parks properties with additions on the horizon and significantly increased utilization with opening of the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum at Bronx Point.</i>	
15/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>In order to properly maintain the 7,096 acres of parkland in the Bronx, Parks seeks additional staffing. We are requesting additional permanent City Park Workers who clean and cut grass in the parks on a regular basis. It would also allow Parks to staff more sites regularly with "fixed post" employees as opposed to the use of mobile crews to service certain sites. We believe that where possible, a dedicated presence of on-site maintenance staff can allow for more "caring" and detailed maintenance of the park. We are also in need of more Associate Park Service Workers, who haul away trash, drive large vehicles and lead crews in the field. In addition, seasonal staff augments the fulltime staff during peak season and are essential to the level of maintenance needed.</i>	

16/43	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>NYPL is focused on bolstering program services across branches to restore and exceed pre-pandemic patron engagement levels. By prioritizing youth and education with an emphasis on teens, the Library aims to lessen disparities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, which disproportionately impacted school-age children. Over the last year, the Library has made investments in teen centers. This also includes supporting educators through the Center for Educators (CES), which provides educators with resources for lessons, projects, and other activities. We are also committed to expanding adult services that provide professional development and skills training.</i>
19/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>CB4 respectfully requests additional PEP officers be assigned to Borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months.</i>
24/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase the number of Horticultural Employees. Over the years, the horticultural elements throughout the borough have increased in size and scale. These gardens and landscape have made the borough more beautiful, but they require an immense amount of maintenance. In order to maintain these gardens, additional employees are needed.</i>
26/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, Thirty-Six (36) additional Playground Associates are requested for the entire borough.</i>
27/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. Twelve (12) Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.</i>

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**Other expense
budget request for
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Provide additional funding and resources so that local cultural institutions like the The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum can provide more community programming particularly for young people.

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. This is the type of project that would meet the criteria for the Federal Infrastructure bill.</i>	153rd Street and Park Ave
2/23	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>CD 4 residents continue to face numerous health challenges that have persisted for decades and have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these issues exist due to a lack of access to consistent, quality health services. The City could enter into a public/private partnership with BronxCare or another established healthcare provider to ensure medical and social services are accessible to residents in areas in which there is a dearth of such services, or where other barriers exist, such as Highbridge. Leveraging expanded use of technology to facilitate telemedicine visits can lessen the barriers often associated with accessing care.</i>	
3/23	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Claremont Park reconstruct and repair the sidewalks.</i>	

4/23	HRA	Other capital budget request for HRA	<i>We recommend that DHS continue to strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four ranks first in terms of the number of shelter facilities citywide (26 total facilities), and has a DHS intake center within its borders. Safe, stable, affordable, permanent housing is critical in creating healthy communities.</i>	
5/23	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging: ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock.</i>	
6/23	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Furthermore we request that the future redevelopment of any city-owned property be given consideration for new relocation</i>	575 Exterior Street
7/23	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	<i>A Workforce One Center or an equivalent is still needed in our district, but its offerings should engage many sectors (not just the auto-industry) affected by the pandemic; the service and food/beverage industries were hit particularly hard during the pandemic. The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers with a focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry for example. This request could be accommodated on any number of city-owned sites in the district (SEE Housing & Land Use) or city-funded project like Bronx Point.</i>	

8/23	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.</i>	
9/23	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>The enrichment and development of our youth is critical to the well being of the district. We have identified a location for a Youth Center at Youth 1080 Ogden Avenue (Block 2514, Lot 9). The parcel is city-owned and will be vacated by FDNY once the new EMS Station is operational on Morris Avenue.</i>	
10/23	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>There has been an increase in the number of rats citywide. One of the challenges is keeping them out of trash and not creating environments they are inclined to inhabit. The City has created the Clean Curbs Program which allows private property owners to apply for sealed, rodent-proof containers on City property for non-DSNY collection. We respectfully request that this program be piloted in the following locations: 161st Street Corridor (161st Street BID), Mount Eden Mall (Bronx Care Hospital) and 167th Street Commercial Corridor. https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/06/nyregion/new-york-city-garbage-containers.html</i>	
11/23	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request upgrades of the 168 Street Step Street (Shakespeare & Edward L Grant Highway.) Including new handrails, lighting and landings.</i>	
12/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations</i>	
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19/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.</i>
20/23	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Carroll Place step street (165 Street to 166 Street). We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i>
21/23	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Inwood Park - Asphalt and painting</i>

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23/23	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street on Jerome Avenue near Anderson (behind PS 73).</i>
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>The Community Board approved site design and voted in support of the ULURP application for the design and construction of the new EMS Station on Morris Avenue. We want to underscore our support for this project and request that once the new facility is operational that the city engage the Community in a substantive conversation about the use of the site. We advocate for a new community center on the site focused on youth.</i>
CS	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing</i>
CS	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>The pandemic has underscored the need for more investments in technology to facilitate remote distance learning or a hybrid. The city should pilot different types of online learning tools to determine which work best and make the best performing tools part of the curriculum permanently.</i>
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity . As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. SCA has released its 2020-2024, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.</i>

CS	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.</i>	Jerome Avenue 161 Street 161 Street
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from Macombs Dam Road to Park Avenue.</i>	
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>We ask the city to maintain capital funding for our (3) branches Grand Concourse, Highbridge and Melrose. The capital funding will ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement Current capital needs in Bronx Community Board 4 include Grand Concourse: o \$2,162,000 - Roof, facade, and envelope o \$900,000 - HVAC replacement</i>	
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2/43	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. We specifically would like to see an increase in NCO's and officers in the Public Safety unit.</i>	
3/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Since nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25, it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition, targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations. Wellness in the Schools (WITS) is a successful program providing food nutrition education in school settings and should be considered as a model. Online fitness classes/videos to promote health and wellness should be leveraged to maximize audience reach. The agency should also partner with the Parks Department to expand programming that facilitates the use of parks and outdoor spaces to promote healthy lifestyles.</i>	

4/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$29,000) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and make it year round. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and continue to expand the program to year round.</i>
5/43	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The city should work with local non-profits to create an awareness campaign so that renters impacted by the pandemic are aware of the funding sources available to assist.</i>
6/43	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>The increase in violent crime continues and quality of life continues on a downward spiral as sidewalk parties, booming music from life-size speakers continued loitering have become the norm. We urge the city to deploy more resources to make our city streets safe once again and improve our Quality of Life.</i>
7/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) conducted in October 2019, made a number of recommendations that would improve existing conditions in the district. While, not endorsing a soccer stadium, the Board likes the recommendations and implementation strategies outlined in the report and urges the city to leverage the TAP as a guide for future development of the area. In particular we would like the city to conduct a parking study which would include an analysis of on-street parking throughout district as well as utilization for all garages along the Harlem River and near Yankee Stadium with the ultimate goal to launch a pilot program for on-street parking permits for area residents. (REPORT ATTACHED)</i>

8/43	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<i>We should support the sustainability of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them. SBS, EDC and HPD should partner to expand programs to ensure that housing contracts and construction bids are awarded to more Bronx-based MWBE's.</i>
9/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>The City continues to grapple with homelessness. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, there are nearly 50,000 people sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of that population which includes 14,000 children. We request that the City ramp up its efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system and increase access to voucher programs. HPD should increase the set aside for formerly homeless (currently 10%). Organizations such as Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) have demonstrated success in serving people in transitional housing and supporting their successful transition to permanent housing. This model should be expanded and replicated.</i>
10/43	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<i>In June 2021, the Board was scheduled to vote on a plan for the Yankee Stadium Parking lots. While that vote was tabled due to issues related to the terms of the agreement, the Board issued specific ideas on how the "Balance" and "Severance" lease lots could be better utilized in the future other than seasonal ball game and event parking. (SEE ATTACHED) These are not finalized, however the Board spent a great deal of time and effort crafting these and they represent a solid framework for the the City, NYCEDC and the private sector to consider changes to zoning and land use as well as redevelopment of the parking lots.</i>
11/43	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing: HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. Home ownership creates neighborhood stability and reinforces community.</i>

12/43	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>SBS, EDC and HPD should continue to support and collaborate with the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) to create economic development opportunities for area residents and small businesses. In particular working with JARC steering committee members to deploy services and programming to area small businesses.</i>
13/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>We must take action to reduce obesity and diabetes among area residents. We support programs such as the DOHMH's Shop Healthy Initiative to bring healthier foods to local stores. Expansion of the FRESH program, which offers benefits to supermarket owners to provide a certain level of affordable fresh produce, would help address the lack of access to healthy food options. More frequent farmers markets would provide residents with access to affordable fresh produce. Lastly, recognizing that poor nutritional habits are often a result of other factors, such as stress, incorporating mental health education and coping techniques with nutrition education can prove beneficial in a variety of ways.</i>
14/43	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.) and other high traffic locations within the district.</i>
15/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>In order to properly maintain the 7,096 acres of parkland in the Bronx, Parks seeks additional staffing. We are requesting additional permanent City Park Workers who clean and cut grass in the parks on a regular basis. It would also allow Parks to staff more sites regularly with "fixed post" employees as opposed to the use of mobile crews to service certain sites. We believe that where possible, a dedicated presence of on-site maintenance staff can allow for more "caring" and detailed maintenance of the park. We are also in need of more Associate Park Service Workers, who haul away trash, drive large vehicles and lead crews in the field. In addition, seasonal staff augments the fulltime staff during peak season and are essential to the level of maintenance needed.</i>

16/43	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>NYPL is focused on bolstering program services across branches to restore and exceed pre-pandemic patron engagement levels. By prioritizing youth and education with an emphasis on teens, the Library aims to lessen disparities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, which disproportionately impacted school-age children. Over the last year, the Library has made investments in teen centers. This also includes supporting educators through the Center for Educators (CES), which provides educators with resources for lessons, projects, and other activities. We are also committed to expanding adult services that provide professional development and skills training.</i>
17/43	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>HOMESTAT should receive additional funding and be expanded to address street homelessness. Additionally, many people experiencing street homelessness choose to not go to shelters because of the harsh and unsafe conditions at those facilities. Conditions must be improved to provide temporary shelter to those in need and help them get on track to find stable, permanent housing. Enhanced security measures, including DHS police officers, and mental health support services focused on eliminating violent and destructive behaviors should be a priority.</i>
18/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs. We also encourage the agency to find ways to employ youth constructively on a year-round basis.</i>
19/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>CB4 respectfully requests additional PEP officers be assigned to Borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months.</i>

20/43	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two or four year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our young men and women.</i>
21/43	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.</i>
22/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individuals and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district, we do want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services. Organizations such as Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) have demonstrated success in serving people in transitional housing and supporting them for up to one year following their move to permanent housing to ensure a successful transition. Such a model should be explored for expansion and replication.</i>
23/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>Unemployment is a key contributor to poor health outcomes of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in NYC has leveled off, the Bronx, and to a greater extent, CD4 continues to suffer. Job loss combined with budget deficits will require creative long-term solutions to unemployment. We advocate for HRA to work with SBS, the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC), and community-based organizations to create more employment opportunities (training and job placement) for area residents. The city should also work with the Prisoner Re-entry Program to eliminate barriers to obtaining employment. Specific attention should be given to developing a healthcare workforce that is culturally competent workforce including Community Health Workers and home health aides.</i>

24/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase the number of Horticultural Employees. Over the years, the horticultural elements throughout the borough have increased in size and scale. These gardens and landscape have made the borough more beautiful, but they require an immense amount of maintenance. In order to maintain these gardens, additional employees are needed.</i>
25/43	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>In the fall of 2021, DFTA began piloting a transportation program called "My Ride" in several community districts, including CD 4. The model seems to be beneficial to all who avail themselves of the service. CD 4 requests an update on the current status of the pilot and serious consideration to expand it further.</i>
26/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, Thirty-Six (36) additional Playground Associates are requested for the entire borough.</i>
27/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. Twelve (12) Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.</i>
28/43	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>COVID-19 has taken its toll on small businesses. Department of Small Business Services in collaboration with other city agencies (and/or through public/private partnership) should explore new innovative ideas to incubate and support small businesses. The City of Toronto has a business incubator program where they have stalls or PODS that small businesses can use rent free to create exposure and ultimately lead to a bricks and mortar location. A program like this could be piloted as part of city-owned developments as part of the long-term lease agreement.</i>

29/43	SBS	Help minority- and women-owned businesses grow their capacity	<i>MWBE's are critical to the long-term economic growth of the Borough. The City should set specific targets each year for certifying new MWBE's in the Borough. They should be prioritized by emerging sectors/markets.</i>
30/43	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>The agency should explore the affordability levels for the "Open Door" term sheet to either create more flexibility in the income bands or create a new term sheet to address lower income tiers.</i>
31/43	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>DOT currently has an agreement with DSNY to clean step streets whenever possible. Given the number of step streets throughout the District we request that DSNY add personnel to be able to maintain and service step streets on a more regular basis. One idea might be to increase the number of JWT workers and assigning them to the more heavily utilized Step Streets for regular clean ups.</i>
32/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>There is a great need to provide more arts and culture programs for our young people. The City should fund/[partner with Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum, Botanical Gardens for example to create additional programs in school.</i>
33/43	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>To accompany request for more programming for the arts and sports the city should hire/assign more staff for these programs.</i>
34/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Computer literacy is critical for our young people to compete and thrive academically and in the workforce. There should be additional funding/resources allocated to programming for computer training and technology.</i>
35/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Special Needs Education and resources are often overlooked. We need to allocate more funding and resources to support children in the district with special needs.</i>
36/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>Literacy is a major barrier to a high school diploma and beyond. The City should partner with libraries, non-profit organizations and foundations to create additional literacy programs.</i>

37/43	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Implement and expand pre-release and supervised release programs. Many formerly incarcerated people are either directed to shelters or re-enter communities with little to no preparation or support, often resulting in unfortunate outcomes, including recidivism. Pre-release programs that connect them to vital services and orient them to the shelter system can be helpful, and extended supervised release programs that provide necessary support can enhance the probability of success and self-sufficiency of people returning to their communities. Programs such as CASES and CJA can be referred to as successful models.</i>
38/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.</i>
39/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.</i>
40/43	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Financial literacy including but not limited to budgeting, and investment should be a core competency for our young people. We encourage the city to enhance these programs and engage partners (local banks, financial institutions) to provide seminars and workshops to educate young people on basic principles.</i>
41/43	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Double parking and not moving vehicles at all on alternate days has increased as DSNY has resumed regular pickup schedule. Many people leave their vehicles unattended waiting for DSNY street sweepers to pass by. The agency should step up enforcement and issue more tickets and summonses to deter this behavior.</i>

42/43	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>SBS should partner with HPD and local developers to create our own "local" construction workforce. The initial focus should be on projects sponsored by the City of New York and those receiving city funding.</i>
43/43	DCLA	Other expense budget request for DCLA	<i>Provide additional funding and resources so that local cultural institutions like the The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum can provide more community programming particularly for young people.</i>

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/34	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. This is the type of project that would meet the criteria for the Federal Infrastructure bill.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
02/34	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>CD 4 residents continue to face numerous health challenges that have persisted for decades and have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these issues exist due to a lack of access to consistent, quality health services. The City could enter into a public/private partnership with BronxCare or another established healthcare provider to ensure medical and social services are accessible to residents in areas in which there is a dearth of such services, or where other barriers exist, such as Highbridge. Leveraging expanded use of technology to facilitate telemedicine visits can lessen the barriers often associated with accessing care.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
03/34	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Claremont Park reconstruct and repair the sidewalks.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
04/34	HRA	Other capital budget request for HRA	<i>We recommend that DHS continue to strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four ranks first in terms of the number of shelter facilities citywide (26 total facilities), and has a DHS intake center within its borders. Safe, stable, affordable, permanent housing is critical in creating healthy communities.</i>	HRA continues to strengthen its relationship with HPD. This appears to be partially directed to DHS.
05/34	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging: ensure that affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do not support economic diversity within new housing stock.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

06/34	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Furthermore we request that the future redevelopment of any city-owned property be given consideration for new relocation</i>	DCAS Real Estate Services received a space request from the Community Board seeking relocation. DCAS is awaiting OMB approval to search for a new site. That said, DCAS has attempted to relocate this CB over the years with no success since there are no suitable properties in the district.
07/34	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	<i>A Workforce One Center or an equivalent is still needed in our district, but its offerings should engage many sectors (not just the auto-industry) affected by the pandemic; the service and food/beverage industries were hit particularly hard during the pandemic. The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers with a focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry for example. This request could be accommodated on any number of city-owned sites in the district (SEE Housing & Land Use) or city-funded project like Bronx Point.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
08/34	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
09/34	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>The enrichment and development of our youth is critical to the well being of the district. We have identified a location for a Youth Center at Youth 1080 Ogden Avenue (Block 2514, Lot 9). The parcel is city-owned and will be vacated by FDNY once the new EMS Station is operational on Morris Avenue.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
10/34	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>There has been an increase in the number of rats citywide. One of the challenges is keeping them out of trash and not creating environments they are inclined to inhabit. The City has created the Clean Curbs Program which allows private property owners to apply for sealed, rodent-proof containers on City property for non-DSNY collection. We respectfully request that this program be piloted in the following locations: 161st Street Corridor (161st Street BID), Mount Eden Mall (Bronx Care Hospital) and 167th Street Commercial Corridor.</i> <i>https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/06/nyregion/new-york-city-garbage-containers.html</i>	DSNY will evaluate this request.

11/34	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request upgrades of the 168 Street Step Street (Shakespeare & Edward L Grant Highway.) Including new handrails, lighting and landings.</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
12/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
13/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Mount Eden Mall: Benches required repair and / or replacement of weathered wood seating.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
14/34	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Repair and reconstruction of the retention walls in Claremont Park.</i>	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.
15/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Macombs Dam Park-Reconstruction of synthetic turf field and add lighting.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
16/34	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street at Shakespeare and Anderson Avenue (167thStreet.)</i>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
17/34	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add a barrier to protect patrons from highway at Summit Park.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
18/34	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
19/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.

CS/34	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<p><i>We ask the city to maintain capital funding for our (3) branches Grand Concourse, Highbridge and Melrose. The capital funding will ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement <p><i>Current capital needs in Bronx Community Board 4 include Grand Concourse:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? \$2,162,000 - Roof, facade, and envelope ? \$900,000 - HVAC replacement 	NYPL is in favor of this project; however, restored City capital funding is required. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Please contact NYPL for additional information.
CS/34	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<p><i>Grant Park was to be completed in stages to permit continued use by children of some areas of the park. However, the development of a series of large sink holes in the children's play area in the park's southwestern quadrant has effectively shut down the entire park indefinitely. This adversely impacts the entire community the park has historically served. Currently nearly \$30 million (\$25.7 through NDF) has been allocated for reconstruction of the park, roadbed, playground and basketball court.</i></p>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
20/34	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<p><i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Carroll Place step street (165 Street to 166 Street). We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for all step streets.</i></p>	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time.
21/34	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Inwood Park - Asphalt and painting</i></p>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
22/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Replace/upgrade all park benches in Claremont Park.</i></p>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
23/34	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<p><i>We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street on Jerome Avenue near Anderson (behind PS 73).</i></p>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
CS/34	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	<p><i>The pandemic has underscored the need for more investments in technology to facilitate remote distance learning or a hybrid. The city should pilot different types of online learning tools to determine which work best and make the best performing tools part of the curriculum permanently.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

CS/34	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity. As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. SCA has released its 2020-2024, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.</i>	Seat need for this district and as identified in the Capital Plan has been sited.
CS/34	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>The Community Board approved site design and voted in support of the ULURP application for the design and construction of the new EMS Station on Morris Avenue. We want to underscore our support for this project and request that once the new facility is operational that the city engage the Community in a substantive conversation about the use of the site. We advocate for a new community center on the site focused on youth.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
CS/34	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
CS/34	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
CS/34	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from Macombs Dam Road to Park Avenue.</i>	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
CS/34	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Corporal Irwin Fisher Park is approximately 1.5 acres of gated, unimproved NYC Parks green space that has never been accessible by the community since its acquisition some twenty years ago. The Community and the Community Board urge the city to fund the design and development of this park and target pre-teens (teenagers can use the ample Nelson Avenue Park facilities two blocks away.) This park will serve a community that continues to grow and provide recreational space that our children rightfully deserve. Through the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF) \$4.62 million was allocated.</i>	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.

CS/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Goble Playground Replace playground equipment and repave/paint asphalt.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
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CS/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Both the Skate park and bike park in Mullaly Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovation. We respectfully request funding for renovation for both.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
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Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/43	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. This individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming. This position would be very similar to the Parks Administrator at Crotona Park. It should be noted that CB4 has the highest number of parks properties with additions on the horizon and significantly increased utilization with opening of the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum at Bronx Point.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
02/43	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. We specifically would like to see an increase in NCO's and officers in the Public Safety unit.</i>	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
03/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Since nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25, it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition, targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations. Wellness in the Schools (WITS) is a successful program providing food nutrition education in school settings and should be considered as a model. Online fitness classes/videos to promote health and wellness should be leveraged to maximize audience reach. The agency should also partner with the Parks Department to expand programming that facilitates the use of parks and outdoor spaces to promote healthy lifestyles.</i>	DOHMH is committed to helping New Yorkers live healthier lives. We plan to continue our hard-hitting public service messages. Our Bronx District Public Health Office would be pleased to discuss additional presentations that your community is interested in.
04/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$29,000) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and make it year round. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and continue to expand the program to year round.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.

05/43	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The city should work with local non-profits to create an awareness campaign so that renters impacted by the pandemic are aware of the funding sources available to assist.</i>	HPD does not administer this program.
06/43	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>The increase in violent crime continues and quality of life continues on a downward spiral as sidewalk parties, booming music from life-size speakers continued loitering have become the norm. We urge the city to deploy more resources to make our city streets safe once again and improve our Quality of Life.</i>	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
07/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) conducted in October 2019, made a number of recommendations that would improve existing conditions in the district. While, not endorsing a soccer stadium, the Board likes the recommendations and implementation strategies outlined in the report and urges the city to leverage the TAP as a guide for future development of the area. In particular we would like the city to conduct a parking study which would include an analysis of on-street parking throughout district as well as utilization for all garages along the Harlem River and near Yankee Stadium with the ultimate goal to launch a pilot program for on-street parking permits for area residents. (REPORT ATTACHED)</i>	DCP will continue discussions with the Board and community stakeholders regarding the concerns addressed in this request.
08/43	EDC	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	<i>We should support the sustainability of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them. SBS, EDC and HPD should partner to expand programs to ensure that housing contracts and construction bids are awarded to more Bronx-based MWBE's.</i>	Securing funding for this request is outside of EDC's jurisdiction; please contact the agency if you have any questions about the EDC budget process.
09/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>The City continues to grapple with homelessness. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, there are nearly 50,000 people sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of that population which includes 14,000 children. We request that the City ramp up its efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system and increase access to voucher programs. HPD should increase the set aside for formerly homeless (currently 10%). Organizations such as Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) have demonstrated success in serving people in transitional housing and supporting their successful transition to permanent housing. This model should be expanded and replicated.</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.

10/43	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<i>In June 2021, the Board was scheduled to vote on a plan for the Yankee Stadium Parking lots. While that vote was tabled due to issues related to the terms of the agreement, the Board issued specific ideas on how the "Balance" and "Severance" lease lots could be better utilized in the future other than seasonal ball game and event parking. (SEE ATTACHED) These are not finalized, however the Board spent a great deal of time and effort crafting these and they represent a solid framework for the the City, NYCEDC and the private sector to consider changes to zoning and land use as well as redevelopment of the parking lots.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
11/43	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing: HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. Home ownership creates neighborhood stability and reinforces community.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
12/43	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>SBS, EDC and HPD should continue to support and collaborate with the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) to create economic development opportunities for area residents and small businesses. In particular working with JARC steering committee members to deploy services and programming to area small businesses.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>We must take action to reduce obesity and diabetes among area residents. We support programs such as the DOHMH's Shop Healthy Initiative to bring healthier foods to local stores. Expansion of the FRESH program, which offers benefits to supermarket owners to provide a certain level of affordable fresh produce, would help address the lack of access to healthy food options. More frequent farmers markets would provide residents with access to affordable fresh produce. Lastly, recognizing that poor nutritional habits are often a result of other factors, such as stress, incorporating mental health education and coping techniques with nutrition education can prove beneficial in a variety of ways.</i>	DOHMH is committed to helping New Yorkers live healthier lives and plans to continue funding for obesity and physical activity programming contingent upon available resources.
14/43	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.) and other high traffic locations within the district.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.

15/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>In order to properly maintain the 7,096 acres of parkland in the Bronx, Parks seeks additional staffing. We are requesting additional permanent City Park Workers who clean and cut grass in the parks on a regular basis. It would also allow Parks to staff more sites regularly with ?fixed post? employees as opposed to the use of mobile crews to service certain sites. We believe that where possible, a dedicated presence of on-site maintenance staff can allow for more ?caring? and detailed maintenance of the park. We are also in need of more Associate Park Service Workers, who haul away trash, drive large vehicles and lead crews in the field. In addition, seasonal staff augments the fulltime staff during peak season and are essential to the level of maintenance needed.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
16/43	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>NYPL is focused on bolstering program services across branches to restore and exceed pre-pandemic patron engagement levels. By prioritizing youth and education with an emphasis on teens, the Library aims to lessen disparities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, which disproportionately impacted school-age children. Over the last year, the Library has made investments in teen centers. This also includes supporting educators through the Center for Educators (CES), which provides educators with resources for lessons, projects, and other activities. We are also committed to expanding adult services that provide professional development and skills training.</i>	NYPL is in favor of this project but added or restored City funding is required for all expense budget costs and any needed capital costs. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Contact NYPL for more information.
17/43	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>HOMESTAT should receive additional funding and be expanded to address street homelessness. Additionally, many people experiencing street homelessness choose to not go to shelters because of the harsh and unsafe conditions at those facilities. Conditions must be improved to provide temporary shelter to those in need and help them get on track to find stable, permanent housing. Enhanced security measures, including DHS police officers, and mental health support services focused on eliminating violent and destructive behaviors should be a priority.</i>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.

18/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs. We also encourage the agency to find ways to employ youth constructively on a year-round basis.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
30/43	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>The agency should explore the affordability levels for the "Open Door" term sheet to either create more flexibility in the income bands or create a new term sheet to address lower income tiers.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
19/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>CB4 respectfully requests additional PEP officers be assigned to Borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
20/43	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two or four year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our young men and women.</i>	This service area is incorporated into existing programs.
21/43	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
22/43	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individuals and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district, we do want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services. Organizations such as Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) have demonstrated success in serving people in transitional housing and supporting them for up to one year following their move to permanent housing to ensure a successful transition. Such a model should be explored for expansion and replication.</i>	DOHMH contracts with and oversees a wide variety of mental health and substance abuse services throughout NYC. Feel free to contact the Department with specific questions about services.

23/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>Unemployment is a key contributor to poor health outcomes of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in NYC has leveled off, the Bronx, and to a greater extent, CD4 continues to suffer. Job loss combined with budget deficits will require creative long-term solutions to unemployment. We advocate for HRA to work with SBS, the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC), and community-based organizations to create more employment opportunities (training and job placement) for area residents. The city should also work with the Prisoner Re-entry Program to eliminate barriers to obtaining employment. Specific attention should be given to developing a healthcare workforce that is culturally competent workforce including Community Health Workers and home health aides.</i>	HRA's Career Services provides services to clients to assist them in developing job skills, obtaining employment, financial counseling and building sustainable careers that provide a path out of poverty.
24/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase the number of Horticultural Employees. Over the years, the horticultural elements throughout the borough have increased in size and scale. These gardens and landscape have made the borough more beautiful, but they require an immense amount of maintenance. In order to maintain these gardens, additional employees are needed.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
25/43	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>In the fall of 2021, DFTA began piloting a transportation program called "My Ride" in several community districts, including CD 4. The model seems to be beneficial to all who avail themselves of the service. CD 4 requests an update on the current status of the pilot and serious consideration to expand it further.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
26/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, Thirty-Six (36) additional Playground Associates are requested for the entire borough.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
27/43	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. Twelve (12) Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.

28/43	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>COVID-19 has taken its toll on small businesses. Department of Small Business Services in collaboration with other city agencies (and/or through public/private partnership) should explore new innovative ideas to incubate and support small businesses. The City of Toronto has a business incubator program where they have stalls or PODS that small businesses can use rent free to create exposure and ultimately lead to a bricks and mortar location. A program like this could be piloted as part of city-owned developments as part of the long-term lease agreement.</i>	Feedback will be used for future programs
29/43	SBS	Help minority- and women-owned businesses grow their capacity	<i>MWBE's are critical to the long-term economic growth of the Borough. The City should set specific targets each year for certifying new MWBE's in the Borough. They should be prioritized by emerging sectors/markets.</i>	SBS is available to provide technical assistance. Please visit nyc.gov/SBS for more information.
31/43	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>DOT currently has an agreement with DSNY to clean step streets whenever possible. Given the number of step streets throughout the District we request that DSNY add personnel to be able to maintain and service step streets on a more regular basis. One idea might be to increase the number of JWT workers and assigning them to the more heavily utilized Step Streets for regular clean ups.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
32/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>There is a great need to provide more arts and culture programs for our young people. The City should fund/[partner with Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum, Botanical Gardens for example to create additional programs in school.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
33/43	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>To accompany request for more programming for the arts and sports the city should hire/assign more staff for these programs.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
34/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Computer literacy is critical for our young people to compete and thrive academically and in the workforce. There should be additional funding/resources allocated to programming for computer training and technology.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
35/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Special Needs Education and resources are often overlooked. We need to allocate more funding and resources to support children in the district with special needs.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
36/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>Literacy is a major barrier to a high school diploma and beyond. The City should partner with libraries, non-profit organizations and foundations to create additional literacy programs.</i>	DYCD funding is allocated through public solicitations including Requests for Proposals.

37/43	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Implement and expand pre-release and supervised release programs. Many formerly incarcerated people are either directed to shelters or re-enter communities with little to no preparation or support, often resulting in unfortunate outcomes, including recidivism. Pre-release programs that connect them to vital services and orient them to the shelter system can be helpful, and extended supervised release programs that provide necessary support can enhance the probability of success and self-sufficiency of people returning to their communities. Programs such as CASES and CIA can be referred to as successful models.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
38/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
39/43	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
40/43	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Financial literacy including but not limited to budgeting, and investment should be a core competency for our young people. We encourage the city to enhance these programs and engage partners (local banks, financial institutions) to provide seminars and workshops to educate young people on basic principles.</i>	This service area is incorporated into existing programs.
41/43	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Double parking and not moving vehicles at all on alternate days has increased as DSNY has resumed regular pickup schedule. Many people leave their vehicles unattended waiting for DSNY street sweepers to pass by. The agency should step up enforcement and issue more tickets and summonses to deter this behavior.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
42/43	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>SBS should partner with HPD and local developers to create our own "local" construction workforce. The initial focus should be on projects sponsored by the City of New York and those receiving city funding.</i>	Feedback will be used for future programs
43/43	DCLA	Other expense budget request for DCLA	<i>Provide additional funding and resources so that local cultural institutions like the The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum can provide more community programming particularly for young people.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year, but the scope is currently not fully funded. The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member, to request additional funding.