

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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**Bronx
Community District
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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.

Disclaimer

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 2

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District Manager: Rafael Acevedo

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 2

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 52,246 | 100.00 | 54,454 | 100.00 | 2,208 | 4.2 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 15,787 | 30.2 | 14,652 | 26.9 | -1,135 | -7.2 | -3.3 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 52,246 | 100.0 | 54,454 | 100.0 | 2,208 | 4.2 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 39,089 | 74.8 | 38,895 | 71.4 | -194 | -0.5 | -3.4 |
| White non-Hispanic | 694 | 1.3 | 941 | 1.7 | 247 | 35.6 | 0.4 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 11,536 | 22.1 | 13,025 | 23.9 | 1,489 | 12.9 | 1.8 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 331 | 0.6 | 383 | 0.7 | 52 | 15.7 | 0.1 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 246 | 0.5 | 507 | 0.9 | 261 | 106.1 | 0.4 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 350 | 0.7 | 703 | 1.3 | 353 | 100.9 | 0.6 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 17,859 | 100.0 | 19,240 | 100.0 | 1,381 | 7.7 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 16,550 | 92.7 | 18,381 | 95.5 | 1,831 | 11.1 | 2.8 |
| Vacant housing units | 1,309 | 7.3 | 859 | 4.5 | -450 | -34.4 | -2.8 |

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District #2 is located in the Southeast corner of the Bronx, bounded by the Bronx River on the east, the East River on the south, E. 149th Street and Prospect Avenue on the west and portions of E. 169th Street, E. 167th Street and Westchester Avenue on the north. It is comprised of the neighborhoods of Hunt's Point, Longwood and the southeastern portion of Morrisania. The Europeans first settled Hunt's Point in 1663. At this time, Edward Jessup and John Richardson arrived on the peninsula and purchased the land from the Wekkguasegeeck tribe indigenous to the area. After Jessup died, his widow, Elizabeth entrusted the land to Thomas Hunt Jr., her son-in-law. Once part of West Farms in lower Westchester County, the area was annexed to New York City in 1874 and began to develop after a subway line from Manhattan was extended in 1904. As more people moved to the area, the city's business owners began to realize the advantages of locating to Hunt's Point. Among them were the convenient access to the Tri-State region, the existing rail lines running through the Hunt's Point area and the abundance of space available for the development of industrial and commercial activity. Today, Hunt's Point is considered one of the largest transportation hubs in the City with vehicle, rail and barge. By the 1960's local housing was deteriorating and many residents left for the suburbs. Hunt's Point was beset by poverty, drugs, and crime in the 1970's and early 1980's. Characterized by frequent arson and mass abandonment, this period was undoubtedly the low point in the area's rich and diverse history. Living conditions became so difficult that almost 60,000 residents, approximately two-thirds of the existing population left, or were forced out, of the neighborhood during the 1970's. Conditions later vastly improved through the initiatives of SEBCO Development Corp., Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association, South Bronx Development Corp., the Bronx Borough President's Office, and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development which created new housing and rehabilitated existing housing. The success of their efforts are clearly evident. Between 1980 and 1990, the population of the district grew by 14.7 percent, the largest margin of growth of any community in the Bronx. From 1990 to 2000 the Growth rate was 18.7 percent, From 2000 to 2010 the growth rate was 12%. Of over 6000 new units, two-thirds are located in what were once vacated buildings and one-third are newly created low-density housing. So thorough is the development and renovation of the district that no city owned apartment building in the community stands vacant.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

The District needs to retain its current stock of affordable housing with wrap around services to prevent eviction. The District also needs more subsidize vouchers to offset rent expenses. The District can also benefit from a revision of HUD guidelines with regards to the Area Medium Income (AMI).

Schools

Schools - The District is having a growth in residents without new seating capacity in the local schools. Also, the District is in dire need of more Pre-K and 3K seating. The District can also benefit from free Wi-Fi service as many students face connection challenges with DOE issued tablets. Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations.

Traffic

Being a transportation hub, the District suffers from a high volume of traffic. Roadways are being downsize and there is major construction on our local expressways. The District needs more measures in place to assure proper travel enforcement to decrease the amount of unnecessary traffic and accidents.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

The District can benefit from more services providing resources. The District is one of the highest not only in the Bronx, but throughout the City in terms of Obesity, Diabetes and Hypertension. Social and Economic conditions, we rank the as one of the highest in poverty and school absenteeism.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

The District can benefit from a local emergency center.

Needs for Older NYs

Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.

Needs for Homeless

Homeless families in shelters in the district are expressing concerns that their providers are not providing adequate services to help them achieve permanent housing and lack of support services. There is also a lack of transparency of properly informing the community when a homeless shelter is coming to the community.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Increase the number of programs to educate residents on Obesity, Diabetes and Hypertension.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 8/10 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>The District can benefit from a local Emergency Center.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 1/8 | HRA | Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers | <i>The District can benefit from more services providing resources. The District is one of the highest not only in the Bronx, but throughout the City in terms of Obesity, Diabetes and Hypertension. Social and Economic conditions, we rank the as one of the highest in poverty and school absenteeism.</i> | |
| 6/8 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Create proper outreach coordination with the District of vector surveillance schedule.</i> | |

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Having an increase in housing, families need more local schools in the District to prevent unnecessary traveling to out of district schools.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

The Youth need to have alternatives to address at-risk situations and promote social growth.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 1/10 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Increase seating capacity in the community board so students won't need to travel via public transportation to attend class.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 2/8 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) | <i>Create more programing to decrease at-risk engagement and promote social growth.</i> | |

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

- Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

Needs for Emergency Services

The District can benefit from a permanent EMS station.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 2/10 | NYPD | Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras | <i>Increase Argus cameras throughout the District, including Parks in the District.</i> | |
| 9/10 | FDNY | Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station | <i>The District can benefit from a new EMS Station.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 3/8 | NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | <i>Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i> | |

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 2

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Illegal Dumping throughout the District

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

When there is a rain storm there are certain locations in the district in which flooding is common due to: 1. No Catch Basins 2. Clogged Catch Basins

Needs for Sanitation Services

Increase enforcement on illegal dumping throughout the District.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 4/8 | DEP | Clean catch basins | Clean out catch basins to prevent improve drainage. | |
| 5/8 | DSNY | Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws | Increase cameras throughout the Industrial Business Zone to enforce illegal dumping. | |

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 2

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

Housing support services (for tenants and homeowners)

Affordable housing developments being created in this community is not meeting the needs of our residents because the AMI formula being used does not fit with our financial and economic needs.

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.

Needs for Economic Development

The Hunts Point Workforce One does not provide adequate jobs that meet the needs of our community.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 3/10 | HPD | Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households | <i>There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 7/8 | SBS | Provide or expand occupational skills training programs | <i>Provide job training for local residents for local jobs. The District benefits from an Industrial Business Zone and training should reflect opportunities from the iBZ.</i> | |

TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Roadway maintenance

Fund major improvements to resurface streets including additional lighting and sidewalk repair in the entire District. These improvements are needed at these locations for the safety of the community.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for Transit Services

The District can greatly benefit from a water ferry.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 4/10 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Resurface local streets on a yearly basis. The District has a high number of vehicles traveling everyday and the roads needs yearly resurfacing.</i> | |
| 5/10 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>Create a water ferry station.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 2

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

Park access and park facility access

Parks space in the district is at a bare minimum and more open space is needed.

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

Needs for Parks

The District can benefit from more park land.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

District Service Cabinet meetings are mandated by the NYC Charter in which City Agencies are required to attend. However, there are agencies who do not attend at all: HPD, DOE, HRA, NYCHA and Consumer Affairs

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 6/10 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Reconstruct North Brother Island and allow public access.</i> | |
| 7/10 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Install a permanent pool at Barretto Point Park.</i> | |
| 10/10 | DCAS | Other capital budget request for DCAS | <i>Install newest LinkNYC devices</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 8/8 | OMB | Other community board facilities and staff requests | <i>Increase the Operations Budget for Community Boards.</i> | |

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 |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 1/10 | SCA | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Increase seating capacity in the community board so students won't need to travel via public transportation to attend class.</i> | |
| 2/10 | NYPD | Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras | <i>Increase Argus cameras throughout the District, including Parks in the District.</i> | |
| 3/10 | HPD | Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households | <i>There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.</i> | |
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| 8/10 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>The District can benefit from a local Emergency Center.</i> | |
| 9/10 | FDNY | Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station | <i>The District can benefit from a new EMS Station.</i> | |

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DCAS

**Other capital budget
request for DCAS**

Install newest LinkNYC devices

Expense Budget Requests

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| 4/8 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>Clean out catch basins to prevent improve drainage.</i> | |
| 5/8 | DSNY | Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws | <i>Increase cameras throughout the Industrial Business Zone to enforce illegal dumping.</i> | |
| 6/8 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Create proper outreach coordination with the District of vector surveillance schedule.</i> | |
| 7/8 | SBS | Provide or expand occupational skills training programs | <i>Provide job training for local residents for local jobs. The District benefits from an Industrial Business Zone and training should reflect opportunities from the iBZ.</i> | |
| 8/8 | OMB | Other community board facilities and staff requests | <i>Increase the Operations Budget for Community Boards.</i> | |

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

| PRIORITY | AGENCY | CB REQUEST | REASON | AGENCY RESPONSE |
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| 01/10 | DOE | Renovate or upgrade an elementary school | <i>Increase seating capacity in the community board so students won't need to travel via public transportation to attend class.</i> | Community Board located in sub-districts without identified seat need. |
| 02/10 | NYPD | Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras | <i>Increase Argus cameras throughout the District, including Parks in the District.</i> | Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs. |
| 03/10 | HPD | Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households | <i>There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.</i> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 04/10 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Resurface local streets on a yearly basis. The District has a high number of vehicles traveling everyday and the roads needs yearly resurfacing.</i> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |
| 05/10 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>Create a water ferry station.</i> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |
| 06/10 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Reconstruct North Brother Island and allow public access.</i> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 07/10 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Install a permanent pool at Barretto Point Park.</i> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 08/10 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>The District can benefit from a local Emergency Center.</i> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |
| 09/10 | FDNY | Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station | <i>The District can benefit from a new EMS Station.</i> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 10/10 | DoITT | Other capital budget request | <i>Install newest LinkNYC devices</i> | No budgetary implications. The franchisee, CityBridge, funds all capital and operational costs of LinkNYC. |

Expense Requests

| PRIORITY | AGENCY | CB REQUEST | REASON | AGENCY RESPONSE |
|----------|--------|--|--|--|
| 01/8 | HRA | Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers | <i>The District can benefit from more services providing resources. The District is one of the highest not only in the Bronx, but throughout the City in terms of Obesity, Diabetes and Hypertension. Social and Economic conditions, we rank the as one of the highest in poverty and school absenteeism.</i> | The Agency serves more than 3 million low-income New Yorkers through a broad range of programs to address poverty and income inequality and prevent homelessness. |
| 02/8 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) | <i>Create more programing to decrease at-risk engagement and promote social growth.</i> | DYCD has increased funding in this service area. |
| 03/8 | NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | <i>Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</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. |
| 04/8 | DEP | Clean catch basins | <i>Clean out catch basins to prevent improve drainage.</i> | More communication from residents regarding this complaint is needed. Residents affected are encouraged to contact 311 and log complaints and then to contact DEP with specific complaint numbers so that the agency can include this in ongoing maintenance and repair. |
| 05/8 | DSNY | Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws | <i>Increase cameras throughout the Industrial Business Zone to enforce illegal dumping.</i> | Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain. |
| 06/8 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Create proper outreach coordination with the District of vector surveillance schedule.</i> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 07/8 | SBS | Provide or expand occupational skills training programs | <i>Provide job training for local residents for local jobs. The District benefits from an Industrial Business Zone and training should reflect opportunities from the iBZ.</i> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 08/8 | OMB | Other community board facilities and staff requests | <i>Increase the Operations Budget for Community Boards.</i> | As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507. |