

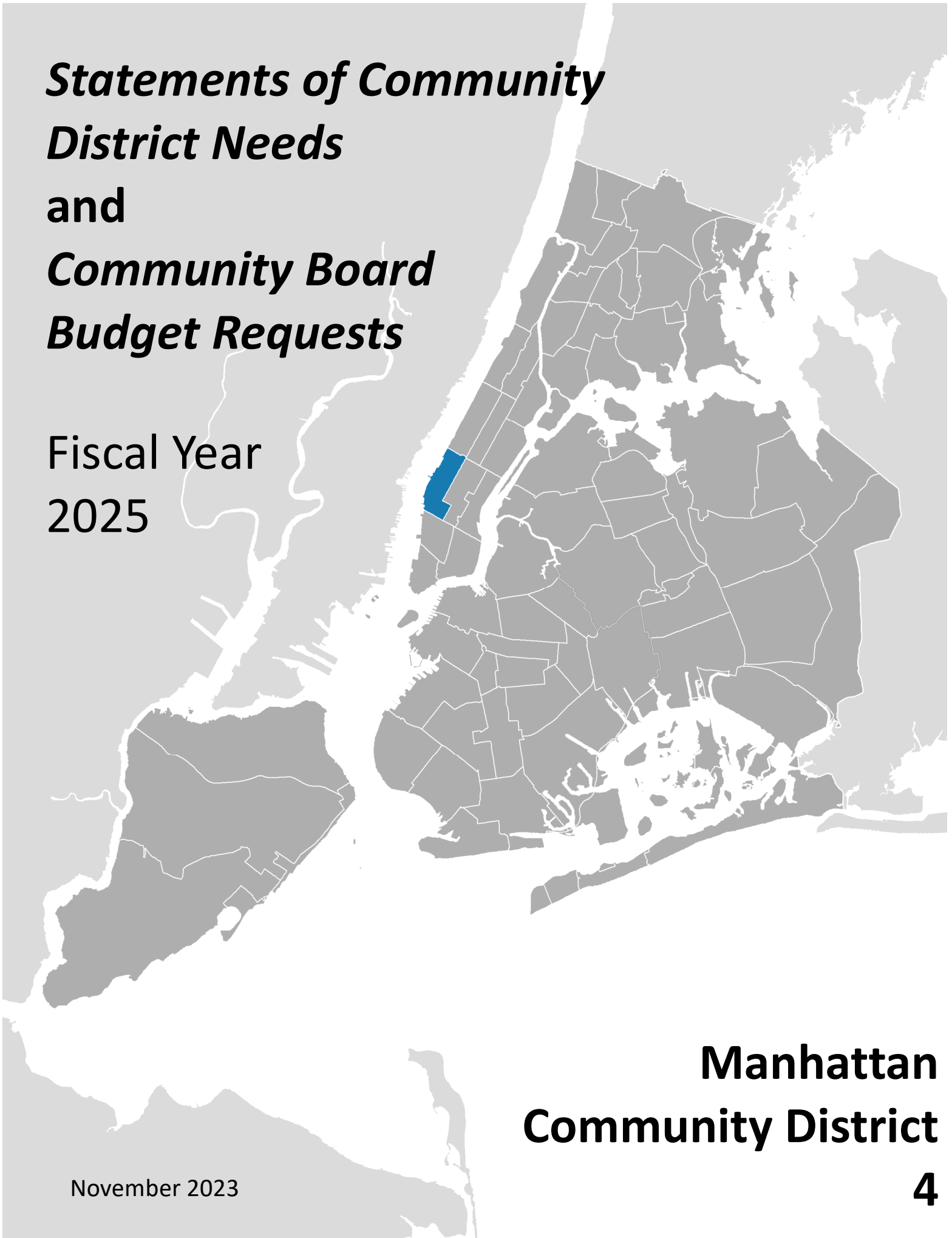
***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year
2025

**Manhattan
Community District**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2023.

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

Manhattan

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

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

Manhattan Community District 4

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	103,245	100.00	131,351	100.00	28,106	27.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	8,712	8.4	11,444	8.7	2,732	31.4	0.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	103,245	100.0	131,351	100.0	28,106	27.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	18,259	17.7	23,249	17.7	4,990	27.3	0.0
White non-Hispanic	62,037	60.1	69,509	52.9	7,472	12.0	-7.2
Black non-Hispanic	6,403	6.2	9,075	6.9	2,672	41.7	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	13,556	13.1	22,933	17.5	9,377	69.2	4.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	610	0.6	1,258	1.0	648	106.2	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,380	2.3	5,327	4.1	2,947	123.8	1.8
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	69,598	100.0	84,357	100.0	14,759	21.2	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,059	87.7	75,001	88.9	13,942	22.8	1.2
Vacant housing units	8,539	12.3	9,356	11.1	817	9.6	-1.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 4

Manhattan Community District 4 (“MCD4”) is comprised of three neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards bounded by 14th Street in the south, West 59th Street in the north, Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and Eighth Avenue north of 26th Street as its eastern border and Hudson River to the west. Portions of several well-known and economy-driven areas exist within MCD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Market Historic District, the Ladies' Mile Shopping District, the West Chelsea Historic District and the Theater District. Other notable sites in MCD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, Columbus Circle, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the Javits Center, the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal, Bella Abzug Park, Manhattan West, the Vessel and The Shed at Hudson Yards, the Circle Line, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Maritime Piers 56-99, and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

Community District 4 Trends

In addition to acute challenges induced by the pandemic and the migrant crisis, our district was already undergoing tremendous shifts. Since 2010, the population of MCD4 has grown over 27%(1). This comes on the heels of a 20% growth between 2000 and 2010, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth is four times faster than New York City's. The rapid increase in land value accelerated the displacement of many long- time tenants and small business owners, while the new benefits of new development are slow to materialize. Members of MCD4 have strived for balance between the redevelopment of these areas with the preservation and expansion of the district's residential neighborhoods. A major priority, highlighted by the pandemic, is ensuring that new development helps produce more permanently affordable housing. To add to the dwindling affordable housing stock is the City's lack of oversight and enforcement of building neglect by landlords. This includes illegal demolition and demolition by neglect.

Overall, the rezonings and subsequent construction has contributed to the deterioration of the quality of life of MCD4 residents. This mass of new construction is exacerbated by the development of large-scale proposals within MCD4, including Hudson Yards, Manhattan West, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel proposal, and the conversion of the Farley Post Office into the new Moynihan Train Station. City Agencies' planning divisions, such as Sanitation, NYPD, and others, are slow to react to these trends and, consequently, our services and infrastructure are deficient for our rapidly growing population.

A consequence of the increased development coupled with the injection of a large migrant population is the enormous pressure put on existing public service systems in the area. Our schools and teachers are overburdened, our shelters are overflowing and our street landscape has quickly become incredibly unsafe due to unregulated electric and motorized vehicles.

Within the last couple of years, MCD4 has seen a drastic jump in street crime, much due in much to the overall economic situation as well as changes in crime prevention and enforcement. A contributing factor is the siting of homeless facilities and social other service facilities with no planning or coordination with the community. For these reasons, for the third year in a row, public safety was far and away reflected as the top priority in our district-wide survey. The city must recognize the critical need for our requested programs making our streets and neighborhoods safer, including the value of police out of their cars and walking their neighborhoods.

Contributing to our unhealthy environment, the drastic DSNY COVID cuts from the past administration has not been fully restored resulting in litter filling the district's streets and litter bins overflowing on corners. Trash collection continues to be a process unchanged since the 19th Century, filling sidewalks with garbage and taking space from pedestrians. It is incompatible with the new residential zoning of the surrounding neighborhoods and more needs to be done to improve public transportation in both frequency and capacity.

Our district area is consistently recorded as having some of the worst air quality in New York City. The three main factors contributing to that dubious honor is our constant building and construction, traffic congestion of diesel fuel vehicles and, most blatantly, the cruise ship emission from vessels docked at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal. The city can make great strides in curbing two of those three with immediate action our MCD4 is requesting. There is urgency in developing public electric vehicle charging lots to encourage the elimination of gas-power vehicles on our roads. And MCD4 has long been on record for the conversion to electric shore power at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal.

Community District 4 - Immediate Issues

For decades, MCB4 has been a strong advocate for affordable housing at a range of incomes. Our community believes that socioeconomic diversity and integration are the only way to keep Clinton/Hell's Kitchen, Hudson Yards and Chelsea the thriving neighborhoods they are today. This constant principal frames virtually all district need discussions and is also reflected in our Statement of District Needs priority list.

Migrant Crisis & Neighborhood Effects: Layering onto our considerable challenges resulting from Covid-19 cuts, the city has placed an exceptional amount of recent asylum seekers in our District. AS of the writing of this report, MCD4 is the final destination for approximately 40 buses a week and has been the home for one intake center, one multi-service center and six temporary shelters housing migrant populations. This comes immediately after the city relocated a disproportionately high number of single, male homeless shelter residents, many with acute needs for social service, in our district. These overlapping populations have put an inordinate strain on our District's resources, including our public schools, parks and social services. Our neighborhoods are eager to embrace our new guests and we need the financial attention to do so properly.

Illegal Cannabis Shops: The long delay between cannabis legalization and the State's issuance of the first dispensary licenses resulted in a robust industry of illegal smoke shops developing across New York City. Taking advantage of the lack of education around legal cannabis, a number of these smoke shops are operating as unlicensed cannabis stores. As of the Spring of 2023, more than 50 such shops have opened in the MCD4 area with the majority of these stores along Eighth and Ninth Avenues from 50th Street to 34th Street. These unregulated, unlicensed, cash-based cannabis stores have already demonstrated they present a danger to public safety. Robberies and gun violence have occurred at several illegal cannabis shops this year. Additionally, unapproved products sold at unlicensed stores present a health risk to customers, particularly to minors. The majority of cannabis stores do not check for identification to ensure customers are over 21 and they

implement images and neon signage which attract young people. Lack of clarity around enforcement has allowed many of these stores to continue to operate and gain a customer base. This puts at risk the success of legal dispensaries and the potential tax revenue that should be generated from a robust, legal cannabis market. MCB4 was one of the first Community Boards to identify the scope of the issue and as early as July 2022. The City will need to provide resources for education and enforcement to combat the rise of unlicensed cannabis stores and the risk they pose to our community.

E-Bikes & Moped Use: In MCD4 the sheer volume of cyclists, pedestrians, delivery requests and delivery workers creates a growing hazard for the community. The rapid growth of delivery cyclists also called “deliveristas” is driven by the COVID era behavior of ordering products instead of picking them up at the store. This coincides with incredible growth of the app based delivery market. In the last three months of 2021, zip code 10019 in Manhattan district 4, ranked second highest in New York City for online deliveries. Zip code 10001 also in District 4 ranked very high. Neither our infrastructure nor our institutions have been adjusted to this new reality. Senior citizens and people with disabilities are most at risk as there are many cyclists, including Citibike cyclists, who ride on the sidewalk. The increased use of e-bikes and mopeds as modes of transportation have heightened the risks to all populations. Additionally this practice is a contributing factor to increased use of plastic containers and accumulation of garbage within our district.

To combat these issues, resources are needed for both enforcement and education, particularly for the asylum seekers that are housed within our community and are actively engaged in the gig economy as “deliveristas.” While this is a new phenomenon, the number of fatalities and injuries of pedestrians and cyclists due to vehicular collisions is at its highest in years and also requires additional resources in street design and enforcement.

Continued Deteriorating Street Life Conditions: Policy changes and budget cuts implemented during the onset of the pandemic have resulted in an increase in open drug use, street homelessness, shoplifting, rats and overflowing litter baskets still prevalent in our district today. The reductions in policing, sanitation, DOB enforcement coupled with the disproportionate

placement of shelter residents and asylum seekers has noticeably changed the character of our neighborhoods. Our large numbers of vulnerable populations have attracted predators which has taken parts of our neighborhoods back to earlier eras where homelessness and drug use overwhelmed our streets. And while some funding was ultimately restored for a number of city-wide enrichment and social service programs, MCD4 still faces significant public safety challenges, a high rate of commercial vacancies and unsanitary street conditions. Though office foot traffic has changed considerably since the pandemic, MCD4 encompasses significant tourist attractions and economic generators for the whole of New York City. For the opportunity to fully recover from the economic blow due to COVID-19, the City will need to recognize the accumulative effect of these issues and apply a comprehensive approach to applying resources.

Manhattan District 4's Priorities Include:

- Ensuring safe surroundings that allows all – residents, visitors, and businesses -- to thrive, feel secure and live in a fear-free environment;
- Prioritizing public safety with crime prevention resources including “street beat” NYPD presence; Preserving affordable housing and creating additional affordable housing for people making a broad range of incomes (including Very Low, Low, Middle and Moderate);
- Maintaining neighborhood character and preventing displacement and eviction of residents and small businesses including checks of bad-faith landlords and illegal demolition;
- Providing adequate trash & recycling pick up service and policies and keeping our streets in clean and healthy conditions;
- Providing education, registration and enforcement regarding E-bike and moped use;
- Providing education and enforcement to combat the proliferation of illegal cannabis shops;
- Maintaining the stability of a long-standing local retail presence in our communities and preserving affordable commercial space for businesses, community, arts and cultural groups;
- Developing a coherent safe, reliable, accessible, affordable and connected transportation infrastructure for our district, including increasing public safety in transportation, strengthening, and improving public bus and rapid transit systems and fostering a better balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles, particularly buses, all with the goal of improving connectivity and efficiency;
- Building new elementary and middle schools, to combat overcrowding and accommodate the rapidly increasing (+30%) school-age population;
- Provide requisite staff including bilingual support, and facility space for our public schools;
- Renovating and creating additional green spaces, including electric charging hubs, to combat the lack of parkland and green infrastructure;
- Increasing services to the homeless, seniors, people with disabilities, and youth; Addressing the quality of life issues associated with construction and outdoor dining;
- Working with the City to ensure its commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (affordable housing, parks, arts spaces,) are completed within a timeframe that addresses the looming threats of gentrification.

Footnotes:

1. <https://popfactfinder.planning.nyc.gov/explorer/districts/104?source=decennial-change>

Relevant MCD4 Related Documents:

MCB4 Affordable Housing: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-12.15.22.pdf>

MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group
Recommendations (2022): <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>

MCB4 District Needs Survey Results: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/bvjcf11qcl5skb0nknemy/MCB4-2023-Community-District-Needs-Survey-Results.pdf?rlkey=ceurc1xamt9ydedg27eu3zeu6&dl=0>

Chelsea NYCHA Report (2021): <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

MCB4 on Cannabis Licensing and Public Health: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/08/13-BLP-Letter-to-Office-of-Cannabis-Management-re-Illicit-Cannabis-Dispensaries.pdf>

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 4

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

For decades, Community District 4 has lost thousands of affordable housing units because of quickly increasing rates and weak regulation. This includes demolition restrictions, illegal hotel conversion and harassment of tenants by landlords. Only recently have state laws been strengthened to preserve and protect the existing affordable housing stock. This stock has also been confronted by a tremendous increase in the development of new market rate and luxury housing. Of continued significant importance is the preservation and creation of affordable housing at all income bands. With our middle and working class dwindling, affordable units across the board are essential to our district. We also strongly advocate for a much greater amount of multi-bedroom units to keep families in place and family living affordable. Recently, our Community Board released our Affordable Housing Plan detailing our trends and needs. Meanwhile, we must all commit to implementing the NYCHA working group recommendations for Harborview, Elliot Chelsea, and Fulton Houses NYCHA developments.

Crime and public safety

In our recent district-wide survey, public safety was far and away the number one concern in our area. Our Community Board continues to hear public outcry over the state of their streets and subways. The still lingering effects of COVID and subsequent policies has dramatically increased the prevalence of theft and severity of substance abuse related issues, as well as homelessness, in MCD4. Additional support for mental health outreach, more funding for increased foot patrols and overall improved coordination with MCD4 stakeholders is needed in the district. We request more officers be patrolling the streets by foot at regular intervals and be visible to the population; an additional goal is to reduce the response time for complaints and to improve coordination with the community. Some of this illicit activity is occurring in our parks therefore, we also request more Park Enforcement Patrol (PEPs officers) to help keep our parks clean and safe.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Trash removal & cleanliness Sanitation/Quality of Life: “Make sanitation dept. budget a super priority, quality of life issues will improve” was one of many like-minded comments that appeared in our district survey responses. Since our drastic COVID related sanitation cuts, our neighborhood hasn’t been the same. Dirty and unhealthy conditions including overflowing trash bins, increased rodent activity, garbage and syringe-strewn streets and a general lack of attention has sharply deteriorated the quality of life in our district. This environment is not just unsightly, it’s hazardous. MCD4 is the gateway into NYC for many travelers. Our street conditions are hindering our economy and livability. We prioritize the clean up of our district, including a greater DSNY presence, organics collection and corner basket recycling, and ask the city pay special attention to the quality of life issues that make our spaces habitable.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness Homelessness became a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years, having been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The large number of emergency hotel shelter sites, social services sites and large transportation hubs located within MCD4, including the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Moynihan Train Hall, mean that the district has natural gathering places for unsheltered individuals and others with social services needs. MCD4's location and built environment results in a large number of people with high social services needs, including mental health and substance abuse needs with insufficient support or treatment options. Though the COVID-19 emergency is now over, MCD4 is one of the major recipients of migrants needing emergency temporary shelter. This year, MCD4 became a drop-off, intake and housing point for a large portion of the hundred thousand of asylum seekers traveling to New York City with no notice. While MCB4 acknowledges the emergency nature of the current asylum seeker crisis, moving forward, it is vital to work with the community to plan appropriate locations, sizes and other considerations for future facilities.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Health Care: The city has placed an exceptional number of recent asylum seekers in our District. MCD4 is the destination for approximately 40 buses a week and has been the home for one intake center, one multi-service center and six temporary shelters housing migrant populations, in particular families with children. The local community health clinic are overburdened and need both capital and expense funding to provide the needed family health care.

HIV/AIDS: The number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Clinton\Hell's Kitchen and Chelsea neighborhoods continues to be disproportionately high compared to other neighborhoods. The recent re-opening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic along with long-standing community partners in our district, i.e., Ryan-Chelsea Clinton Community Health Center, Callen-Lorde, and Gay Men's Health Crisis, are crucial partners in this fight, but more resources are needed for the efforts to make PrEP, PEP, and rapid HIV testing more accessible to all members of our community district. Public awareness campaigns around safe sex and sexual health should also be expanded.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the US Bureau of the Census, as of 2020, there are 17,000 individuals (12.9%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the MCD4 partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the performing arts with many constituents living in MCD4), the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1700 unit Section 8 building with over 1100 seniors) to conduct a survey of seniors residing in MCD4. The survey identified several main priorities: Education/Outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE A campaign to identify and promote Age Friendly local business Expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical home visit programs Support services for caregivers of the frail elderly A housing agenda for older New Yorkers. Additionally, the Community Needs Assessment completed in 2020 also concluded that seniors were one of the groups needing additional support specifically related to housing, finances, technology, transportation needs, translation services, and community space. Additional needs for people with disabilities

According to the 2010 Census there has been an 8.3 percent growth in our district of people with disabilities. The Committee identified several main priorities: Affordable Housing: Increase the proportion of affordable housing units in the community for people with disabilities. Tenant Education: Making sure residents living with disabilities know federal, state, and local housing laws and property owners' responsibilities to provide ADA access and accommodations. Additional city agencies must make all sidewalks and city owned facilities accessible.

Needs for Homeless

Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years and is among the most frequently raised issues since the start of the pandemic. Large public facilities located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Penn Station are a natural gathering places for people without homes. Many of the homeless population need social services specifically around substance use and mental health treatment. The presence of very large homeless shelters, such as BRC, and drug rehabilitation centers has also brought major stress to the community. MCB4 are open to homeless shelters in our district, however, significant consideration should be given to the location and size of any shelter opening in our community.

Needs for Low Income NYs

According to the NYU Furman Center, MCB4 represents the interests of the neighborhoods with one of the highest levels of income inequality in New York City. Our district is also home to three large public housing developments: the Chelsea-Elliott Houses, the Robert Fulton Houses, and Harborview Terrace. MCB4's 2020 Community Needs Assessment found that families living in public housing or rent controlled units need affordable retailers such as grocery stores. As stated in an October 2017 letter, the Board is deeply concerned there are only four vendors in our district who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), all who happen to be small businesses. More resources are needed to help MCB4 residents access WIC providers and help more grocery stores become authorized WIC vendors. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/38	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for ultrasound for pre-natal health department which has seen a dramatic uptick in migrant populations requesting services.</i>	645 10th Avenue
27/38	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Expand funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for needed additional space to provide needed mental health services.</i>	645 10th Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/55	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Funding for an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 requests a 15% increase in funds to the outreach programs at BreakingGround, Goddard, BRC, and Urban Pathways.</i>	
6/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand funding to the Ryan Chelsea-Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for translators and translation services to serve the grow non-english speaking migrant population.</i>	
22/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>	
32/55	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase funding to Dept. of Health for rodent enforcement.</i>	

39/55	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<p><i>As referenced in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 continues to rank high in the rate of new HIV diagnoses. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations:</i></p> <p><i>GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i></p>
42/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<p><i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i></p>
45/55	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<p><i>New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis. The DHS shelter system and permanent housing building management would benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition, for a period of up to three months.</i></p>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Student achievement citywide has improved since last year. Math scores have increased from 37.9 percent in 2022 to 49.9 percent in 2023 while ELA proficiency has risen from 49 percent to 51.7 percent. In Schools District 2 (which includes CB4) enrollment is up 7% with many schools meeting or exceeding their enrollment targets. The student in temporary housing population has increased from 500 to an estimated 1,700 to 1,900 with a large number of these students residing in CB4 shelters. Our schools and families responded quickly to the waves of families seeking asylum to meet their basic needs and now a shift is being made to provide these students with a strong educational foundation. There is a continued need for teachers and teaching assistants who have language skills in Spanish, Ukrainian, and Arabic to serve our growing diverse population of English language learners as well as a need for free after school programming in all elementary schools. In addition, many of our schools buildings are suffering from crumbling infrastructure. Roofs are leaking water into classrooms; bathrooms need updating; more safe water fountains are needed; many buildings are still not completely ADA accessible; and many need technology upgrading. Students need laptops and tablets to do their homework and to have language access and support when not in school in order to meet their basic educational standards.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

In addition to most students struggling academically and many experiencing the effects of disruption to their social-emotional development, our board has also heard from the community about other major challenges the public school system is working to address the growing number of immigrants and asylum seekers recently coming to New York City. There is an enormous need for more afterschool programing as well as spanish speaking social workers and teachers. Accessing student transportation is an ongoing struggle for many families, especially those in temporary housing. Changes to housing accommodations often cause several days of delay before students are able to be scheduled for regular bus pickups, leading to loss of school days. The current number of existing and planned schools in MCD4 is not meeting the demand for seats of school-age children who are currently living in our community and the expected increase in students from all the newresidential developments. As development continues, more children will enter our district schools, impacting schools already operating at full and at over capacity. Funds need to be allocated to both acquire space for new schools and upgrade existing facilities. A great number of our school buildings are suffering from crumbling infrastructure. Roofs are leaking into classrooms; bathrooms need updating; some buildings are still not completely ADA accessible; and many need tech upgrading.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Students living in temporary shelters have specific needs that require supportive social services from the city. Their schools need to have permanent on-site social workers to help address the challenges they and their families are experiencing. Our students could also benefit from workforce development programs and educational programs that promote socioeconomic mobility. As our district's population continues to become more diverse, continued effort should be made to further diversify the educator workforce in our school's teaching and administrative staff, which research has shown will improve academic outcomes, improve attendance and decrease suspensions. Our students with thinking and learning differences must be provided with additional support and all students should have test preparation available to them. Our priority is to provide each of our students with access to the resources that will enable them to perform at the level they are capable of academically and develop the skills they will need for success in continuing education and the 21st century workplace.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems. In the following schools: LAB Middle School and NYC Museum School located at 333 W 17th Street and PS 212 Midtown West located at 328 West 48 Street.</i>	
8/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Increase funding to School Construction Authority for security cameras in PS212, at 328 West 48th Street; PS111, at 440 West 53rd Street; PS51, at 525 West 44th Street; and PS33, at 281 9th Avenue.</i>	
15/38	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	440 West 53rd Street
24/38	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Fund replacement or upgrade of windows in needed schools. In particular, Bayard Rustin School Campus located at 351 West 18th Street; and P.S. 212 located at 328 West 48th Street.</i>	
31/38	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide funding to replace all doors and locks on classrooms on the 1st and 4th floors at Lab Middle School located at 333 West 17th Street.</i>	333 West 17th Street
32/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research."</i>	439 West 49 Street
35/38	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Provide funding for Auditorium Renovation at Manhattan Bridges High School located at 525 West 50th Street. This space serves 5 schools and 2,000 students. The dim lighting is dangerous, and the sound system does not work. There is no drop down screen for presentations.</i>	525 West 50th Street

36/38	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide funding for window air conditioners for all needed rooms at P.S. 11 located at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	
37/38	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funding to complete roof top garden at P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street.</i>	525 West 44 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
38/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.</i>	439 West 49 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	320 West 21 Street

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/55	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Funding for after school programs in order to defray the cost to schools with limited resources to enable more families to participate. In particular at the following schools. P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street; P.S. 33 at 281 9th Avenue; P.S. 51 at 525 West 44th Street; P.S. 111 at 440 West 53rd Street.</i>	
14/55	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Expand funding for bilingual educators. specifically expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals. Prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS 51, at 525 West 44th Street; PS 111, at 440 West 53rd Street; and PS 212, at 328 West 48th Street.</i>	
16/55	DYCD	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests	<i>Expand funding to DYCD ESOL program in city shelters.</i>	

19/55

DOE

**Other expense
budget request for
DOE**

*Expand funding to maintain student technology
(Laptops, tablets, etc)*

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

While the City experienced a spike in violent crime over the past few years, our district has been fortunate to see most major crime down across MCD4 precincts. However, the impact of increased open drug use, shoplifting, pickpocketing, package theft and traffic infractions including two-wheeled vehicles has increased. Many of these issues fall under 'quality of life' concerns, but in aggregate these infractions threaten the sense of safety for residents and visitors alike. One exception is Midtown South which has one of the highest numbers of narcotics arrests in all of New York City. Many of those that are arrested are recidivists that continue to find our communities a comfortable place to operate. Required resources to help improve these conditions are increased staffing for "beat cops" and improved EBike/moped enforcement. Relatedly, support for Midtown Court so they could operate at full strength has been an effective tool against recidivism.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the development of the Hudson Yards, a 50% growth in population in the last 20 years, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, high traffic tourist destinations (the Vessel, Bella Abzug Park, Whitney Museum, High line) and commuter flows (#7 subway, Lincoln tunnel and Bus terminal), increased deliveries (Whole Foods/Amazon, USPS, FedEx and UPS distribution centers in our districts) and schools (Avenues, Success Academy, PS 33) our current precincts are stretched to the limit. The four distinct precincts that service our district creates barriers to resolving public safety issues across our communities and MCB4 has long advocated for reorganizing the precinct footprints to better serve the district. The significant increase of residential and commercial populations along with the increase in crime in the district require a better distribution of resources and a more nimble structure. The consideration of a substation 10th Precinct NYPD facility, particularly in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.

Needs for Emergency Services

As the Westside of Manhattan has become more residential with larger and larger residential buildings being built, additional FDNY/EMS and NYPD facilities and services are needed in this growing area. These new facilities will need to be more streamlined, energy efficient and overall more accessible.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/38	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Fund the acquisition of a NYPD sub-station facility for the 10th Precinct in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.</i>	
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/55	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>With the significant resources the NYPD has, we expect increased funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. Our district has an acute need for more outward facing crime prevention initiatives. In conjunction, provide additional funding to the existing four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. Both the foot patrol initiative and neighborhood events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships.</i>	

12/55	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Provide funding for NYPD to create a borough-wide unit dedicated to enforcement of bikes and mopeds. Such a unit - preferably on bike, would operate at hotspots identified by the community and focus on key issues like riding on the sidewalk, riding the wrong way and moped in bike lanes. At each hot spot they would first give warnings for a period of 3 months and then give tickets.</i>
51/55	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Some of the most obvious and visible neighborhood deterioration relates to DSNY and the deleterious conditions of our streets and curbsides. The profound amount of trash overflowing corner bins, stacked up on sidewalks and scattered all across our public spaces is unacceptable. This is resulting in uninviting, unhealthy and sickening conditions. Poor garbage storage and pickup has led to a serious pest control problem and increased litter making its way into streets, waterways, and parks. Sites for commercial garbage storage must be developed wherever possible off-street to be used until shortly before pick-up. MCD4 prioritizes rectifying these repulsive conditions with more frequent corner basket collection, corner basket recycling and an overall commitment to getting our city clean again. We also highlight the increased sightings of used syringes and drug vials in parks, streets, sidewalks and tree beds. The need to restore a robust syringe collection unit is critical. In addition, MCB4's Sanitation Planning Working Group produced a report with a number of recommendations to streamline the storage and management of residential trash and recycling. MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group Recommendations:

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The entire coastline of MCD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District is categorized as High-Risk Flood Zones. As climate change brings greater threats to the city and our coastline, more of MCD4 will be at higher risk. Our antiquated sewer and water system with combined sewer overflows needs updating, as climate change inundates the system and forces raw sewage into the streets and basements of buildings. Upgrading the sewer system is a decades-long undertaking. MCD4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of MCD4 and the entrances to the Lincoln and Amtrak tunnels. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the Manhattan Cruise Terminal, MCD4 is at particular risk from unhealthy air. Another major cause of air pollution in MCD4 is carbon emissions from buildings still using "dirty boilers" that burn heating oil #4 and #6. Many of the buildings using these dirty boilers are rent-regulated and cannot (or will not) pay for the cost of converting to cleaner alternatives. Noise complaints from MCD4 consistently rank among the highest registered by DEP and are rising, especially at night. Unchecked conditions of outdoor dining have exacerbated the problem of street noise, pollution, rats and pedestrian space. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions (multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc.) have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on Ninth Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The board is very concerned with the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets that are often overflowing and attracting rodents. This situation has worsened and seen no improvement from previous years and needs immediate attention. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions (multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc.) have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on Ninth Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/38	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Restore all cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for upgrades and expansion of the DSNY. In particular, light equipment to clear the snow at bus stops and corners, electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	
29/38	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.</i>	
CS	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	
CS	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	
CS	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Fund and complete needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.</i>	128 West 17 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/55	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Expand funding corner basket pickups in the district. Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and responds to service calls via the 311 system.</i>	
20/55	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.</i>	
26/55	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Increase funding for sanitation enforcement specifically for supervisors to accompany street sweepers on alternate side parking days as many parked cars are not being moved as required. As well as during sidewalk inspections.</i>	
43/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.</i>	
52/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide support/resources to Litter Legion, a local non-profit 501c3 founded in June 2020 by a local Hell's Kitchen resident in response to the increase in street trash and overflowing corner baskets as a result of budget cuts due to the pandemic. The organization has hosted over 70 group clean-ups with more than 600 residents participating. Litter Legion coordinates its activities with DSNY as well as provides information and educational events to local community groups.</i>	
53/55	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Affordable housing creation

Increased pressures from re-zoning and development have diminished existing affordable housing stock. In addition, through illegal demolition, illegal hotel conversion, and harassment, affordable housing stock has shrunk. The commitments to create new affordable housing continue to be unmet. As a result, more permanently affordable units for individuals and families of different income bands are necessary for our community. The MCD4 Affordable Housing Plan offers a roadmap for fulfilling and developing more affordable housing units to all income bands, as do plans for mixed use and commercial conversion. In particular, MCB4 calls on the Department of City Planning and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to work with MCB4 to stop the demolition of residential units in the special districts within our boundaries and support the rezoning of 11th Avenue from West 34th street to West 41st Street to allow for more residential units to be built. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-12.15.22.pdf>

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

Needs for Land Use

Years after both Hudson Yards and West Chelsea in 2005 and the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing, but many City commitments remain unfilled. Several items agreed to by the developers, the Administration, and the City Council await completion, including many affordable housing units. They need the commitment of financial resources from both the expense and capital budgets to support staff and implementation from the Department of City Planning, Economic Development Corporation, Housing Preservation and Development, and other relevant agencies.

Needs for Housing

MCD4's Affordable Housing Plan states that affordable housing within the district is critical to the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage, earners, and seniors. This mixed population includes many of the frailest and isolated members of our community and the backbone of the service and cultural economy essential to NYC. The City must free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in Chelsea & Hell's Kitchen. MCD4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve almost 10,000 units in our district. Unfortunately, MCD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring use in the immediate future. In addition, our district has been plagued by the illegal demolition of buildings that were "protected" by zoning enacted mainly due to the efforts of this Community Board. We have been fighting against these illegal demolitions, but the City needs to step up and do its part. It is unacceptable that 150 affordable housing units have already been lost because of dishonest landlords and inactive agencies. MCD4 faces additional problems from being home to the City's second greatest amount of illegal bed and breakfast conversions. Such usage is prevalent in rent-regulated housing and buildings that benefit from tax abatement programs such as 421- and J-51. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies between 8th and 9th Avenues from W. 42nd to W. 57th Streets. In that area, 62 buildings contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. West 51st Street alone includes 12 buildings with a total of 574 units. West 46th Street has 21 buildings with 289 units. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-10.26.22.pdf> NYCHA and Chelsea NYCHA Working Group From the Fall of 2019 through the Spring of 2021 MCB4 participated in the Chelsea NYCHA Working Group. The Group included tenant representatives from the two NYCHA developments in the Chelsea area (Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Developments). The Group included a Deputy Mayor, the Chair of NYCHA, NYCHA administration, local Elected Officials, local stakeholders and both NYCHA tenant associations. The Group's goal was to devise and agree on a future development & financing plan to ensure the two developments had the capital resources needed to restore the building and preserve the long term affordability for the tenants while providing opportunities for additional development. The Group produced a report which laid out a detailed plan

and delivered it to the NYCHA and the City (see enclosed). NYCHA issued an RFP for renovation, refinancing and new development with the NYCHA residents part of the selection process to choose the developer. MCB4 feels confident that this plan and process will result in resolving long standing capital and expense needs for both NYCHA and the tenants of Eliot Chelsea and Fulton Houses. For these reasons, MCB4 did not include a budget request for Chelsea Elliot and Fulton Houses. https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4_ChelseaNYCHA_SlideshowEngagement_final_12-16-20.pptx.pdf
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

Needs for Economic Development

More than a decade after the rezoning of the Hudson Yards (2005) and West Chelsea (2007), and nearly a decade after the rezoning of the Western Rail Yards (2009), buildings have been built; residents have moved in. Businesses have opened, but the much-promised resources for housing and infrastructure have not been delivered: many of the City's commitments remain unfulfilled. New York City is struggling compared to other big US cities to recover from the economic impact of the pandemic. footnote: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-11-23/nyc-s-recovery-trails-other-u-s-cities-as-tourism-loss-weighs> Remote work and the increase of crime, particularly in our transit system are impacting businesses of every size throughout our District. Measures need to be taken to support local businesses, reduce empty storefronts and increase workforce development programs to retrain workers for the jobs that are available.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/38	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	413 West 46 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
2/38	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	500 & 560 West 52nd St
4/38	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes cause great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	525 West 55th Street
5/38	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	
17/38	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	525 West 55th Street

30/38	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	
CS	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	495 11 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	525 W 55th St

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/55	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>	

7/55	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs	<i>Increase HPD funding and scope of the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate in special districts where demolition by neglect is prevalent.</i>	
13/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>	
17/55	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>	
28/55	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue.</i>	777 10 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
34/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>	
35/55	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.</i>	
46/55	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.</i>	

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DOB

**Expand code
enforcement**

Continue to expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Pedestrian safety

Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.) Vehicular traffic has significantly increased on our avenues. Traffic of electric bikes and mopeds has exploded. Speed cameras should be installed on all avenues and rumble strips on bike lanes to make sure vehicles and motorcycles respect the 25 MPH speed limit. Split phase signals must be installed at every left turn movement. Green phase of signals should be adjusted so that gridlock is reduced and a green wave for cyclists and pedestrians to reduce the running of red lights by cyclists. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. Due to sidewalk obstructions, including delivery bikes that do not have any parking, pedestrians are forced to compete with each other for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic, bike corrals should be installed in parking lanes and sidewalks widened. Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lines are needed on 9th and 10th Avenue. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Pedestrian safety continues to be a dominant concern that is still not properly addressed. Speed cameras, split phase signals and proper crossing times must be installed as well as cameras to deter gridlock. Due to insufficient capacity and sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning. It is impossible to discuss transportation infrastructure without stressing the need to use and install necessary green methods. All projects to better our streets and thoroughfares must use “green friendly” materials such as bioswales and permeable, porous substances. In addition, we request the city’s swift action in providing public access to level 3 electric vehicle charging stations in order to enable the conversion of vehicles fleets to electric (private, public and commercial vehicles). Incentives should be used to accelerate the creation of this essential electric infrastructure.

Needs for Transit Services

Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lanes are needed on 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. With numerous high-rise office constructions already completed on the far west side, building the West 41st Street subway station is becoming imperative to reduce the proliferation of jitneys and congestion. Scores of workers coming to and from Brooklyn need additional modes of transportation, such as ferry service must be enhanced to include a route from Brooklyn to the west side. And more ADA enabled taxis and for hire vehicles are needed to improve transit for ADA and seniors.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/38	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Per DOT commitment , Complete installation of islands in permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands</i>	
10/38	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Repair / replace damaged and dangerous subway grates per provided list</i>	
13/38	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.</i>	
16/38	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Relocate 40 congestion pricing gantries from local streets to Port Authority properties.</i>	
18/38	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	West 41 St 10th Ave 10th Ave
19/38	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	9th Ave West 55st St West 55st St
21/38	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue, upgrade W 42nd Street and 9th avenue and West 15th Street and 6th Avenue.</i>	
18/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Provide funding to install bike corrals at designated locations along 9th avenue and certain cross streets.</i>	
23/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 33rd and 51st Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened to address congestion.</i>	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 34th St
27/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the redirection of traffic from Northbound Dyer Avenue to 11th avenue close Lincoln Tunnel traffic entrance from West 34th, 35th and 36th street from Dyer Avenue Northbound"</i>	Dyer Avenue West 34th Street West 36th Street
30/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Install neckdowns and speed bumps on West 24th Street from 11th to 10th Avenue.</i>	West 24th Street 10th Avenue 11th Avenue
36/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue on both avenue and cross streets to reduce gridlock and create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians. - 9th Avenue West 34 Street to West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue West 40 Street to West 47 Street.</i>	
37/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Complete the installation of neckdown at NW corner of W31st street and 8th avenue , with vertical bollards and cement blocks to prevent cars from using the neckdown.</i>	West 31 Street 8th Avenue 9th Avenue

44/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.</i>
47/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.</i>
50/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.</i>
54/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>
55/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Other

Insufficient park or open space: The huge influx in the number of residents, including the large number of migrants to our MCD4 district, means our spaces are overburdened. Thus, support for our parks cannot be an afterthought but must be prioritized. We would like to emphasize our expectation of this administration's promise to allot 1% of the City's overall budget to Parks. Run down conditions must be brought back up to acceptable standards and a commitment to funding Parks staff a necessity, including Park Enforcement Patrol to curb illicit park activity. As an important highlight, public bathrooms should be installed throughout our district and a mainstay in parks. As we move forward with construction, renovations and installations, we expect a greener, more climate friendly infrastructure to be automatic. Libraries: The New York Public Library provides critical public services to our community. For newly arrived immigrants, the NYPL is a great resource providing adults with ESL classes, courses in technology and employment seeking skills. Increased funding is essential to the NYPL in order for it to meet the needs of new immigrants and asylum seekers. The Columbus and Muhlenberg branches are undergoing substantial repairs that require them to close. In addition, delayed maintenance has greatly increased the cost of these repairs. We urge the NYPL to address needed repairs as they surface and communicate more proactively as well as to provide more details about why certain projects and branches are selected as priorities. Arts & Culture: Post-pandemic, independent and small theaters continue to close or lose their spaces as did the New Federal Theater this past year. We urge the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment to help locate affordable rehearsal and production spaces in our district in order to help boost audience attendance. In addition, we encourage the Mayor's Office of Ethnic & Community Media to increase the city's advertising spending that is specifically directed to the local community media.

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

Needs for Parks

Restroom facilities in three major parks have not been upgraded in years, while other recreational facilities have been. Some parks received a renovation while bathrooms went untouched. This has resulted in bringing more people into our parks but not providing adequate comfort stations. Restrooms must be upgraded at all parks within MCD4. Such upgrades will also allow DPR to provide a full-time, on-site park keeper to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance. Funding should also be dedicated to support Green Thumb Community Gardens, composting, and pruning for street trees. Funding should also be directed towards full-time gardeners, maintenance workers, PEP officers, as well as seasonal aides and playground associates for the summer.

Needs for Cultural Services

The presence of performing arts groups develop and give voice to new talent in areas of writing, performing, dancing, choreography, and directing. This vitalizes our New York City and our community, both culturally and commercially, on a block-to-block level. In addition, support services for theater and other artistic services within MCD4 in the areas of rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios have long been located throughout Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen. These services are also losing viable space due to development and real estate costs. The money generated from these industries provides employment and maintains the artistic life of the city. The Board is concerned with the loss of artists' studios in the District and the displacement of working artists.

Needs for Library Services

Supporting and expanding the role of libraries as continuous learning and job centers.

Needs for Community Boards

Since the 1990s, budgets (outside of personnel services) have not been re-evaluated for inflation. Community Boards are repeatedly asked to do more with less and that cannot continue to happen. In the age of Zoom meetings and the need for hybrid meetings, Community board funding must be increased.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a signifcant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground & courts, new playground equipment and new spray shower and drainage lines. The past agency response indicated this project is already partially funded, an incentive to provide the subsequent, necessary funds to start renovation.</i>	11th Ave. & W 54th St
11/38	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	<i>Fund the \$6,000,000 Capital renovation project needed at the Columbus Library branch at 742 10th Avenue</i>	742 10th Avenue
12/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Public bathrooms are a scarce and valuable item in our district. We request the funding for renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave., Penn South Playground West 25/26 between 8th/9th Ave., Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.</i>	
14/38	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Provide a pilot program for solar lighting with solar energy storage at Penn South Playground at West 26th Street.</i>	West 26th Street
23/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	

25/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.</i>	W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues
28/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	11th Ave. & W 54th St
33/38	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets</i>	
34/38	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>The newly created Chelsea Park Dog Run is currently just a gated, asphalt space. We are encouraged the space has been well received and request significant upgrades including a water connection, a permeable, dog-friendly surface and separate big dog/small dog areas.</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	10th Ave West 48th St West 48th St

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/55	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks' properties and facilities and enforce Parks' rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district's uptick of crime, unsafe incidences and drug use in and near park spaces, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.</i>	

15/55	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>During COVID and since, the need for Parks staff has been more acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park, Mathew Palmer Park and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, the parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed-post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of each park.</i>
21/55	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Last summer we assigned a PA to Mathews-Palmer Playground. In addition, our Recreation staff can organize Family Fun Days (\$6,500 each), 3 Outdoor Movie Nights (\$10,000), Tango Dance Programs (\$3,000), Senior Fitness Programs (\$3,000), Skate Night (\$2500), Jazz Concert (\$3000) and more programs.</i>
33/55	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>We expect funding for 15 GreenThumb staff and supplies will be maintained in FY 25.</i>
38/55	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.</i>
40/55	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 20219 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>

**Other street trees
and forestry services
requests**

The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face. We also expect continuing funding for additional forestry staff in in FY 24 will be maintained for another year.

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/38	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' Internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide funding earmarked for cannabis enforcement to City agencies like the New York City Sheriff. Likewise, MCB4 believes that further coordination is needed between city and state agencies. Funding for a State/City Cannabis Coordinator would be welcomed.</i>	
10/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Fund an educational campaign informing residents and visitors that the many local smoke shops that are offering cannabis and cannabis products is illegal.</i>	
24/55	MOME	Other expense budget request for MOME	<i>Provide funding to renew and update the study of small/independent theaters from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. The social, economic, and cultural impacts that independent theaters have endured since the last study need to be considered.</i>	

25/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide funding to DSNY to develop and release of a RFP for the recently landmarked DSNY building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4. The recently landmarked building at 128 West 17th Street is a communal asset, and the way to commemorate its legacy is to bring life back to the building. We request that DSNY, with input from CB4 and other stakeholders, issue an RFP with the goal of soliciting proposals for the space that, among other things, commit to telling the story of Former Colored School No 4.</i>	128 West 17th Street
29/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Reduce case backlog, including St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and the New Dramatists Inc, 424 West 44th Street, by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.</i>	
31/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Expand funding to the West Side Workforce Coalition and Hudson Guild employment programs.</i>	441 West 26th Street
48/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Continued support for Mayor's directive to city agencies to utilize and support minority focused and local media.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/38	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	413 West 46 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
2/38	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	500 & 560 West 52nd St
3/38	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for ultrasound for pre-natal health department which has seen a dramatic uptick in migrant populations requesting services.</i>	645 10th Avenue
4/38	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes cause great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	525 West 55th Street
5/38	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	

6/38	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Per DOT commitment , Complete installation of islands in permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands</i>	
7/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems. In the following schools: LAB Middle School and NYC Museum School located at 333 W 17th Street and PS 212 Midtown West located at 328 West 48 Street.</i>	
8/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Increase funding to School Construction Authority for security cameras in PS212, at 328 West 48th Street; PS111, at 440 West 53rd Street; PS51, at 525 West 44th Street; and PS33, at 281 9th Avenue.</i>	
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10/38	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Repair / replace damaged and dangerous subway grates per provided list</i>	
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14/38	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Provide a pilot program for solar lighting with solar energy storage at Penn South Playground at West 26th Street.</i>	West 26th Street
15/38	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	440 West 53rd Street
16/38	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Relocate 40 congestion pricing gantries from local streets to Port Authority properties.</i>	
17/38	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	525 West 55th Street
18/38	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	West 41 St 10th Ave 10th Ave

19/38	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	9th Ave West 55st St West 55st St
20/38	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Restore all cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for upgrades and expansion of the DSNY. In particular, light equipment to clear the snow at bus stops and corners, electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	
21/38	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	
22/38	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Fund the acquisition of a NYPD sub-station facility for the 10th Precinct in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.</i>	
23/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	
24/38	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Fund replacement or upgrade of windows in needed schools. In particular, Bayard Rustin School Campus located at 351 West 18th Street; and P.S. 212 located at 328 West 48th Street.</i>	
25/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.</i>	W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues

26/38	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' Internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	
27/38	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Expand funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for needed additional space to provide needed mental health services.</i>	645 10th Avenue
28/38	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	11th Ave. & W 54th St
29/38	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.</i>	
30/38	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	
31/38	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide funding to replace all doors and locks on classrooms on the 1st and 4th floors at Lab Middle School located at 333 West 17th Street.</i>	333 West 17th Street
32/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research."</i>	439 West 49 Street
33/38	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets</i>	

34/38	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>The newly created Chelsea Park Dog Run is currently just a gated, asphalt space. We are encouraged the space has been well received and request significant upgrades including a water connection, a permeable, dog-friendly surface and separate big dog/small dog areas.</i>	
35/38	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Provide funding for Auditorium Renovation at Manhattan Bridges High School located at 525 West 50th Street. This space serves 5 schools and 2,000 students. The dim lighting is dangerous, and the sound system does not work. There is no drop down screen for presentations.</i>	525 West 50th Street
36/38	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide funding for window air conditioners for all needed rooms at P.S. 11 located at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	
37/38	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funding to complete roof top garden at P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street.</i>	525 West 44 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
38/38	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.</i>	439 West 49 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	320 West 21 Street
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	

CS	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	
CS	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	
CS	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Fund and complete needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.</i>	128 West 17 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	495 11 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	525 W 55th St
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	10th Ave West 48th St West 48th St

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/55	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Funding for an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 requests a 15% increase in funds to the outreach programs at BreakingGround, Goddard, BRC, and Urban Pathways.</i>	
2/55	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>With the significant resources the NYPD has, we expect increased funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. Our district has an acute need for more outward facing crime prevention initiatives. In conjunction, provide additional funding to the existing four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. Both the foot patrol initiative and neighborhood events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships.</i>	
3/55	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>	

4/55	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Funding for after school programs in order to defray the cost to schools with limited resources to enable more families to participate. In particular at the following schools. P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street; P.S. 33 at 281 9th Avenue; P.S. 51 at 525 West 44th Street; P.S. 111 at 440 West 53rd Street.</i>
5/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide funding earmarked for cannabis enforcement to City agencies like the New York City Sheriff. Likewise, MCB4 believes that further coordination is needed between city and state agencies. Funding for a State/City Cannabis Coordinator would be welcomed.</i>
6/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand funding to the Ryan Chelsea-Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for translators and translation services to serve the grow non-english speaking migrant population.</i>
7/55	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs	<i>Increase HPD funding and scope of the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate in special districts where demolition by neglect is prevalent.</i>
8/55	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Expand funding corner basket pickups in the district. Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and responds to service calls via the 311 system.</i>
9/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue, upgrade W 42nd Street and 9th avenue and West 15th Street and 6th Avenue.</i>
10/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Fund an educational campaign informing residents and visitors that the many local smoke shops that are offering cannabis and cannabis products is illegal.</i>

11/55	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks' properties and facilities and enforce Parks' rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district's uptick of crime, unsafe incidences and drug use in and near park spaces, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.</i>
12/55	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Provide funding for NYPD to create a borough-wide unit dedicated to enforcement of bikes and mopeds. Such a unit - preferably on bike, would operate at hotspots identified by the community and focus on key issues like riding on the sidewalk, riding the wrong way and moped in bike lanes. At each hot spot they would first give warnings for a period of 3 months and then give tickets.</i>
13/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>
14/55	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Expand funding for bilingual educators. specifically expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals. Prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS 51, at 525 West 44th Street; PS 111, at 440 West 53rd Street; and PS 212, at 328 West 48th Street.</i>
15/55	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>During COVID and since, the need for Parks staff has been more acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park, Mathew Palmer Park and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, the parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed-post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of each park.</i>

16/55	DYCD	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests	<i>Expand funding to DYCD ESOL program in city shelters.</i>
17/55	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>
18/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Provide funding to install bike corrals at designated locations along 9th avenue and certain cross streets.</i>
19/55	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Expand funding to maintain student technology (Laptops, tablets, etc)</i>
20/55	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.</i>
21/55	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Last summer we assigned a PA to Mathews-Palmer Playground. In addition, our Recreation staff can organize Family Fun Days (\$6,500 each), 3 Outdoor Movie Nights (\$10,000), Tango Dance Programs (\$3,000), Senior Fitness Programs (\$3,000), Skate Night (\$2500), Jazz Concert (\$3000) and more programs.</i>
22/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>

23/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 33rd and 51st Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened to address congestion.</i>	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 34th St
24/55	MOME	Other expense budget request for MOME	<i>Provide funding to renew and update the study of small/independent theaters from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. The social, economic, and cultural impacts that independent theaters have endured since the last study need to be considered.</i>	
25/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide funding to DSNY to develop and release of a RFP for the recently landmarked DSNY building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4. The recently landmarked building at 128 West 17th Street is a communal asset, and the way to commemorate its legacy is to bring life back to the building. We request that DSNY, with input from CB4 and other stakeholders, issue an RFP with the goal of soliciting proposals for the space that, among other things, commit to telling the story of Former Colored School No 4.</i>	128 West 17th Street
26/55	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Increase funding for sanitation enforcement specifically for supervisors to accompany street sweepers on alternate side parking days as many parked cars are not being moved as required. As well as during sidewalk inspections.</i>	
27/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the redirection of traffic from Northbound Dyer Avenue to 11th avenue close Lincoln Tunnel traffic entrance from West 34th, 35th and 36th street from Dyer Avenue Northbound"</i>	Dyer Avenue West 34th Street West 36th Street
28/55	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue.</i>	777 10 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

29/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Reduce case backlog, including St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and the New Dramatists Inc, 424 West 44th Street, by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.</i>	
30/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Install neckdowns and speed bumps on West 24th Street from 11th to 10th Avenue.</i>	West 24th Street 10th Avenue 11th Avenue
31/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Expand funding to the West Side Workforce Coalition and Hudson Guild employment programs.</i>	441 West 26th Street
32/55	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase funding to Dept. of Health for rodent enforcement.</i>	
33/55	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>We expect funding for 15 GreenThumb staff and supplies will be maintained in FY 25.</i>	
34/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>	
35/55	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.</i>	
36/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue on both avenue and cross streets to reduce gridlock and create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians. - 9th Avenue West 34 Street to West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue West 40 Street to West 47 Street.</i>	
37/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Complete the installation of neckdown at NW corner of W31st street and 8th avenue , with vertical bollards and cement blocks to prevent cars from using the neckdown.</i>	West 31 Street 8th Avenue 9th Avenue

38/55	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.</i>
39/55	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>As referenced in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 continues to rank high in the rate of new HIV diagnoses. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>
40/55	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>
41/55	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face. We also expect continuing funding for additional forestry staff in FY 24 will be maintained for another year.</i>

42/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i>
43/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.</i>
44/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.</i>
45/55	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis. The DHS shelter system and permanent housing building management would benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition, for a period of up to three months.</i>
46/55	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.</i>
47/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.</i>
48/55	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Continued support for Mayor's directive to city agencies to utilize and support minority focused and local media.</i>

49/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Continue to expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>
50/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.</i>
51/55	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>
52/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide support/resources to Litter Legion, a local non-profit 501c3 founded in June 2020 by a local Hell's Kitchen resident in response to the increase in street trash and overflowing corner baskets as a result of budget cuts due to the pandemic. The organization has hosted over 70 group clean-ups with more than 600 residents participating. Litter Legion coordinates its activities with DSNY as well as provides information and educational events to local community groups.</i>

53/55	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.</i>
54/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>
55/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>

FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses – Capital

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/48	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
02/48	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
03/48	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for ultrasound for pre-natal health department which has seen a dramatic uptick in migrant populations requesting services.</i>	Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.
04/48	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
05/48	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	EDC is currently investigating the possibility of a project at this site.
06/48	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Per DOT commitment , Complete installation of islands in permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands</i>	Project has been completed; please remove from future Budget Requests.
07/48	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems. In the following schools: LAB Middle School and NYC Museum School located at 333 W 17th Street and PS 212 Midtown West located at 328 West 48 Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
08/48	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Increase funding to School Construction Authority for security cameras in PS212, at 328 West 48th Street; PS111, at 440 West 53rd Street; PS51, at 525 West 44th Street; and PS33, at 281 9th Avenue.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

09/48	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park spaces as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground & courts, new playground equipment and new spray shower and drainage lines. The past agency response indicated this project is already partially funded, an incentive to provide the subsequent, necessary funds to start renovation.</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.
10/48	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Repair / replace damaged and dangerous subway grates per provided list: 8th Avenue: West 17th-20th Streets - Broken Sidewalk West 23rd - 24th Streets - Broken Sidewalk West 25th - 26th Streets - Broken Sidewalk West 30th - 31 Streets - Damaged grate/raised sports West 33- 34 Streets - Cracked Cement West 35 - 40 Streets - Buckled/Missing parts West 50 - 52 Streets - Missing concrete 7th Ave: West 14-15 Streets - Loose Corner West 17-18 Streets - Raised border West 20 - 21 Streets - Raised Border West 24-25 Streets - Loose and Raised Border 6th Avenue: West 15 - 16 Streets - Broken Sidewalk West 23 - 24 Street - Loose Corner</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
11/48	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	<i>Fund the \$6,000,000 Capital renovation project needed at the Columbus Library branch at 742 10th Avenue</i>	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.
12/48	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Public bathrooms are a scarce and valuable item in our district. We request the funding for renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave., Penn South Playground West 25/26 between 8th/9th Ave., Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.</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.
13/48	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
14/48	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Provide a pilot program for solar lighting with solar energy storage at Penn South Playground at West 26th Street.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

15/48	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
16/48	NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Relocate 40 congestion pricing gantries from local streets to Port Authority properties.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
17/48	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
18/48	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
19/48	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
20/48	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Restore all cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for upgrades and expansion of the DSNY. In particular, light equipment to clear the snow at bus stops and corners, electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
21/48	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	Pedestrian ramps will be constructed at all locations citywide by NYCDOT over the next several years. DOT received additional funding for this purpose.
22/48	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Fund the acquisition of a NYPD sub-station facility for the 10th Precinct in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.</i>	NYPD's funding constraints, project capacity and Department priorities rule out including this project at this time.
23/48	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground is regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</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.
24/48	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Fund replacement or upgrade of windows in needed schools. In particular, Bayard Rustin School Campus located at 351 West 18th Street; and P.S. 212 located at 328 West 48th Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

25/48	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate McCa?rey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.</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.
26/48	DoITT	Other capital budget request	<i>Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' Internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	No budgetary implications. The franchisee, CityBridge, funds all capital and operational costs of LinkNYC.
27/48	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Expand funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for needed additional space to provide needed mental health services.</i>	Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.
28/48	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
29/48	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.</i>	High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc.
30/48	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
31/48	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide funding to replace all doors and locks on classrooms on the 1st and 4th floors at Lab Middle School located at 333 West 17th Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
32/48	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research."</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
33/48	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets</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.

34/48	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>The newly created Chelsea Park Dog Run is currently just a gated, asphalt space. We are encouraged the space has been well received and request significant upgrades including a water connection, a permeable, dog-friendly surface and separate big dog/small dog areas.</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.
35/48	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Provide funding for Auditorium Renovation at Manhattan Bridges High School located at 525 West 50th Street. This space serves 5 schools and 2,000 students. The dim lighting is dangerous, and the sound system does not work. There is no drop down screen for presentations.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
36/48	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide funding for window air conditioners for all needed rooms at P.S. 11 located at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
37/48	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funding to complete roof top garden at P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
38/48	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/48	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/48	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/48	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS/48	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc.
CS/48	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Fund and complete needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.</i>	This project is funded in the ten-year plan.
CS/48	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	Inquiry needs to be directed elsewhere
CS/48	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/48	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
CS/48	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.</i>	NYC DOT completed this project with an in-house initiative.
CS/48	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses – Expense

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/55	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Funding for an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 requests a 15% increase in funds to the outreach programs at BreakingGround, Goddard, BRC, and Urban Pathways.</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.
02/55	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>With the significant resources the NYPD has, we expect increased funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. Our district has an acute need for more outward facing crime prevention initiatives. In conjunction, provide additional funding to the existing four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. Both the foot patrol initiative and neighborhood events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
03/55	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
04/55	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Funding for after school programs in order to defray the cost to schools with limited resources to enable more families to participate. In particular at the following schools. P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street; P.S. 33 at 281 9th Avenue; P.S. 51 at 525 West 44th Street; P.S. 111 at 440 West 53rd Street.</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
05/55	#N/A	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide funding earmarked for cannabis enforcement to City agencies like the New York City Sheriff. Likewise, MCB4 believes that further coordination is needed between city and state agencies. Funding for a State/City Cannabis Coordinator would be welcomed.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

06/55	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand funding to the Ryan Chelsea-Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for translators and translation services to serve the grow non-english speaking migrant population.</i>	Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.
07/55	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs	<i>Increase HPD funding and scope of the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate in special districts where demolition by neglect is prevalent.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
08/55	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Expand funding corner basket pickups in the district. Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and respondsto service calls via the 311 system.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
09/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue, upgrade W 42nd Street and 9th avenue and West 15th Street and 6th Avenue.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
10/55	DCA	Other expense budget request	<i>Fund an educational campaign informing residents and visitors that the many local smoke shops that are offering cannabis and cannabis products is illegal.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
11/55	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks? properties and facilities and enforce Parks? rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district?s uptick of crime, unsafe incidences and drug use in and near park spaces, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
12/55	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Provide funding for NYPD to create a borough-wide unit dedicated to enforcement of bikes and mopeds. Such a unit - preferably on bike, would operate at hotspots identified by the community and focus on key issues like riding on the sidewalk, riding the wrong way and moped in bike lanes. At each hot spot they would first give warnings for a period of 3 months and then give tickets.</i>	Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.
13/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
14/55	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Expand funding for bilingual educators. specifically expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals. Prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting studentsfrom newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS 51, at 525 West 44th Street; PS 111, at 440 West 53rd Street; and PS 212, at 328 West 48th Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

15/55	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>During COVID and since, the need for Parks staff has been more acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park, Mathew Palmer Park and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, the parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed-post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of each park.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
16/55	DYCD	Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests	<i>Expand funding to DYCD ESOL program in city shelters.</i>	DYCD funding is allocated through public solicitations including Requests for Proposals.
17/55	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
18/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Provide funding to install bike corrals at designated locations along 9th avenue and certain cross streets.</i>	Bicycle parking racks, (new & repaired) can be requested through NYCDOT's "City Racks Program". The appropriate request submission form and more information about the program can be located by searching for "City Racks" on www.nyc.gov/dot
19/55	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Expand funding to maintain student technology (Laptops, tablets, etc)</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
20/55	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
21/55	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Last summer we assigned a PA to Mathews-Palmer Playground. In addition, our Recreation staff can organize Family Fun Days (\$6,500 each), 3 Outdoor Movie Nights (\$10,000), Tango Dance Programs (\$3,000), Senior Fitness Programs (\$3,000), Skate Night (\$2500), Jazz Concert (\$3000) and more programs.</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.
22/55	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

23/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 33rd and 51st Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened to address congestion.</i>	Project has been completed; please remove from future Budget Requests.
24/55	MOME	Other expense budget request for MOME	<i>Provide funding to renew and update the study of small/independent theaters from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. The social, economic, and cultural impacts that independent theaters have endured since the last study need to be considered.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
25/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request	<i>Provide funding to DSNY to develop and release of a RFP for the recently landmarked DSNY building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4. The recently landmarked building at 128 West 17th Street is a communal asset, and the way to commemorate its legacy is to bring life back to the building. We request that DSNY, with input from CB4 and other stakeholders, issue an RFP with the goal of soliciting proposals for the space that, among other things, commit to telling the story of Former Colored School No 4.</i>	This project is funded in the ten-year plan.
26/55	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Increase funding for sanitation enforcement specifically for supervisors to accompany street sweepers on alternate side parking days as many parked cars are not being moved as required. As well as during sidewalk inspections.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
27/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the redirection of traffic from Northbound Dyer Avenue to 11th avenue close Lincoln Tunnel traffic entrance from West 34th, 35th and 36th street from Dyer Avenue Northbound"</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
28/55	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue.</i>	This is not a budget request.
29/55	LPC	Other expense budget request	<i>Reduce case backlog, including St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and the New Dramatists Inc, 424 West 44th Street, by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
30/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Install neckdowns and speed bumps on West 24th Street from 11th to 10th Avenue.</i>	The Borough Commissioner's office has reviewed this request. This request has been denied. Please contact the B/C's office for further details.
31/55	NYCHA	Other expense budget request	<i>Expand funding to the West Side Workforce Coalition and Hudson Guild employment programs.</i>	Elected officials have provided funding for this NYCHA initiative in prior fiscal years. Contact elected officials to ensure the appropriations of proposed funding so that all work can be completed.

32/55	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase funding to Dept. of Health for rodent enforcement.</i>	DOHMH continues to respond to 311 complaints. Additional services will be contingent upon available resources
33/55	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>We expect funding for 15 GreenThumb staff and supplies will be maintained in FY 25.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
34/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>	For information regarding the status of this request, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement.
35/55	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.</i>	This request does not fall under DOB's jurisdiction. Please refer to OMB.
36/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue on both avenue and cross streets to reduce gridlock and create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians. - 9th Avenue West 34 Street to West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue West 40 Street to West 47 Street.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
37/55	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Complete the installation of neckdown at NW corner of W31st street and 8th avenue , with vertical bollards and cement blocks to prevent cars from using the neckdown.</i>	NYC DOT completed this project with an in-house initiative.
38/55	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.</i>	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.
39/55	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>As referenced in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 continues to rank high in the rate of new HIV diagnoses. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>	Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.
40/55	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 20219 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>	As of the FY 2025 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is being maintained.

41/55	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face. We also expect continuing funding for additional forestry staff in in FY 24 will be maintained for another year.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
42/55	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.
43/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.</i>	The NYC Economic Development Corporation cleans graffiti from buildings under the Graffiti Free NY Program. Service requests for graffiti cleaning from buildings can be made via 311.
44/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
45/55	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis. The DHS shelter system and permanent housing building management would benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition, for a period of up to three months.</i>	Affordable New York is a State Housing program. NYC has its own supportive housing program where eligible individuals are placed.
46/55	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.</i>	This request is outside of DCP's jurisdiction.
47/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.</i>	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.

48/55	MOME	Other expense budget request	<i>Continued support for Mayor's directive to city agencies to utilize and support minority focused and local media.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
49/55	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Continue to expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>	For information regarding the status of this request, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement.
50/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
51/55	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
52/55	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide support/resources to Litter Legion, a local non-profit 501c3 founded in June 2020 by a local Hell's Kitchen resident in response to the increase in street trash and overflowing corner baskets as a result of budget cuts due to the pandemic. The organization has hosted over 70 group clean-ups with more than 600 residents participating. Litter Legion coordinates its activities with DSNY as well as provides information and educational events to local community groups.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
53/55	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
54/55	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

55/55	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
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