

*Statements of Community
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and
Community Board
Budget Requests*

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**Manhattan
Community District
5**

Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	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	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 5

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	51,673	100.00	63,600	100.00	11,927	23.1	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	3,716	7.2	5,982	9.4	2,266	61	2.2
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	51,673	100.0	63,600	100.0	11,927	23.1	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	3,973	7.7	7,912	12.4	3,939	99.1	4.7
White non-Hispanic	34,962	67.7	35,750	56.2	788	2.3	-11.5
Black non-Hispanic	2,123	4.1	4,768	7.5	2,645	124.6	3.4
Asian non-Hispanic	9,329	18.1	12,123	19.1	2,794	29.9	1.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	217	0.4	632	1.0	415	191.2	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,069	2.1	2,415	3.8	1,346	125.9	1.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	36,550	100.0	42,323	100.0	5,773	15.8	0.0
Occupied housing units	29,821	81.6	33,230	78.5	3,409	11.4	-3.1
Vacant housing units	6,729	18.4	9,093	21.5	2,364	35.1	3.1

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

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

District Overview

Manhattan Community Board Five (CB5) beats with the pulse of the City in the heart of Manhattan. Our boundaries extend from Lexington to 8th Avenues and 14th to 59th Streets, but the scope of life in our District is a microcosm of New York City. All of the ethnic, cultural, economic and social diversity and disparity found across our city is displayed vividly in CB5. We are the City's midtown central business District as well as the first and last impression of New York City for millions of commuters and tourists who pass through Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal, or who visit Times Square, Herald Square, Union Square, and Greeley Square every day.

Our District connects every borough to each other and to the world. All but three subway lines traverse CB5, and with the Port Authority just outside our western border, the District is at the core of the City's substantial pedestrian and vehicular traffic. We are the destination for millions of tourists who come here to experience New York City's greatest business, tourist, entertainment and industrial landmarks, all located in CB5. The Broadway Theater District, the Museum of Modern Art, Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, and the Flatiron Building are all here, along with world class shopping destinations such as Macy's, Saks, Tiffany's, Cartier and Nordstrom (to name but a few).

In the recent past, our District experienced a boom in hotel construction, particularly in the flower District and the Broadway corridor. Prior to the pandemic, new bars and restaurants regularly opened throughout the District to service the increasing number of visitors, generating substantial sales tax and other revenues for the City. Office and residential density expanded given the proximity to the transportation hubs in our District resulting in an appreciation of public and pedestrian spaces by residents and workers alike. Three of the City's most intensely utilized parks -- Bryant, Madison Square, and Union Square -- are located within the District, as well as Herald and Greeley Squares. Our residents and visitors cherish pedestrian friendly amenities such as pedestrian paths of travel, shared urban pathways, and expanded bicycle lanes. The extraordinary growth and popularity of CB5, combined with our proximity to transportation hubs, commercial centers, and tourist attractions create unique and substantial budgetary needs and corresponding opportunities.

District Needs

The pandemic of 2020 brought fundamental challenges to the district that continue to this day. Homelessness, mental health needs, sanitation, congestion and noise have always been issues, but these conditions have worsened substantially, bringing with them concerns about public safety. For FY2024, the three most pressing issues facing CB5 are : (1) affordable housing which includes the homeless crisis that has permeated every block within the District, (2) quality of life issues including noise, graffiti, petty crime, street conditions as well as an increase in major crime, and (3) economic development and recovery as businesses within CB5 continue to struggle post pandemic; the return to offices in the midtown area has been uneven at best and the number of tourists visiting Manhattan has still not reached its pre-pandemic level.

Affordable Housing: The City's decision to utilize hotels in the District to house homeless individuals during the pandemic and again due to a recent increase in asylum seekers has highlighted the stunning deficiencies in the City's network of social services for those experiencing homelessness or those with limited resources. The homeless, and indeed all New Yorkers, deserve better. Fundamentally, our city needs more affordable housing – in our District and elsewhere. However, we also need high-quality temporary shelters and housing programs now to serve the homeless. That includes comprehensive programming with wrap-around services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as facility improvements and enrichment programming on site. CB5 encourages the City and shelter providers to craft solutions that meet the homeless where they are and to address their concerns regarding safety, possessions, pets, significant others and recreation and social space as a means of creating a more comfortable, welcoming and productive environment for those experiencing need. In addition, our District requires real affordable housing for middle income earners. Rents continue to rise in the district as demand continues to outstrip supply and even market rate housing is out of reach for many.

Quality of Life Issues: Quality of Life issues are top of mind for many who work, live or visit the district. Serious crime has risen significantly within the district over the last two years. The symptoms are as clear as the causes are myriad. Street and sidewalk noise, increasing graffiti, unauthorized street vendors, petty crime, panhandling,

Loitering and street encampments all detract from the quality of life in the District and feed the perception that the City is not safe. While CB5 believes addressing the underlying issues of education, health care, economic opportunity and homelessness will strike at the roots of these societal issues, consistent enforcement of existing regulations will also help. The goal of enforcement is not to criminalize any social condition but to create an environment where the rights of all are respected and the public space remains dedicated to the public. Visitors and residents alike should expect that existing regulations – for example, prohibiting cars and delivery trucks from double parking or “blocking the box”, prohibiting cyclists from riding on the sidewalk or in the opposite direction of traffic, discouraging pedestrians who walk in the bike lane, cracking down on illegal food carts and un-permitted street vendors – will be enforced to help protect the quality of life of all residents, visitors and workers in the district. CB5 believes that public bathrooms are necessary and that the City should look at and every opportunity including partnering with private industry to make bathrooms accessible, working with the MTA to open all of the subway bathrooms, working with developers to ensure new POPS include bathroom facilities or finding locations to site warehoused APTS. Further, CB5 believes our air and light are public assets that should not be privatized or monopolized by private developers. Light and air must be approached as any other budget assets and they must be treated and protected as such.

Economic Development and Recovery CB5 is a District heavily dependent upon commuters, businesses and tourists, which were virtually non-existent during the past several years and have still not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Restaurants, retail, arts, entertainment venues have all been affected. Many small businesses have closed and continue to close and the District requires commercial tenant programs, better business programs as well grants and loans in order to continue its recovery from the economic devastation wrought by the pandemic. CB5 encourages public / private collaboration to address the challenges faced by businesses small and large as well as educational programs that will allow people to retool their careers. CB5 also encourages the City to consider innovative programs to protect its small businesses and foster new enterprises.

Sanitation. Overflowing garbage cans and debris on the streets around them has always been an issue in CB 5. However, it has become much worse after the City’s disastrous cut in services (now partially restored) in early 2020. Large institutions, BIDS, resident associations and individual citizens have all called for additional sanitation services to ensure the removal of street litter and the timely collection of full litter bins. The increasing number of homeless individuals has also triggered the need for corresponding additional public sanitation services including a significant increase in the frequency of corner trash pick-up. Our District needs many additional litter baskets, recycling and composting bins. This responsibility is uniquely a City responsibility. It cannot be delegated or ignored and, when paired with our other priorities this year – quality of life and actions to address homelessness on our streets – offers a dramatic opportunity for visible and lasting improvement in the district. Electronic waste and composting services are also services that would enhance the District as well as consideration of on-street bins versus unsightly garbage bags.

Open Restaurants Program and our District: As the City considers the Open Restaurants Program, just how this new program will be regulated and enforced will have a major impact on the quality of life and the sanitation in CB5. CB5 has every type of restaurant and bar imaginable within its boundaries; everything from fine dining establishments to dive bars. Over the last three years, owners and operators have taken full advantage of the covid-era regulations that provided relaxed rules and standards in order to build outdoor dining structures of varying quality and appropriateness for the District’s neighborhood’s sidewalks and streets. These structures are exponentially greater than any that existed pre-pandemic. The continued use of these structures as the pandemic has waned, has engendered robust debate on issues of sound, sanitation, appropriateness, competition for valuable street space and sidewalks, and design aesthetics of the many structures (“sheds”). Many question the level of resources necessary for the newly designated steward, the Department of Transportation, to regulate and manage this new era of outdoor dining. CB5 believes that in order to successfully implement this program, The Mayor, the City Council, and the Department of Transportation must allocate sufficient continuing financial resources to fund a new generation of inspectors and staff to manage and enforce the proposed regulatory regime. More importantly, they must conduct the necessary environmental review in order to carry out this wisely and successfully. Our District, more than any other District in the City, will be

impacted by this program and therefore we insist our public officials ensure the appropriate funding and enforcement.. CB5's report on the Open Restaurant Program can be reviewed for an overview of all aspects of this important subject.

Healthcare and Human Services : CB5 has seen an increase in the number of homeless within the District as well as an increase in the number of asylum seekers arriving without housing and one of the most pressing healthcare and human service issues within the District is the provision of services to reduce or prevent homelessness. Access to health care and mental health, substance abuse treatment and prevention programs are important to assist in alleviating the plight of those on the streets. CB5 has, for many years, directed many of its budget requests to these issues and has done so again this year as we request new affordable housing, supportive housing as well as mental health and addiction recovery beds and services. We ask that the City specifically expand the Mental Health Team Pilot Program to provide citywide emergency mental health responses as well as providing other mental health supports. In addition, we specifically require –both within the District and throughout the City – additional housing units that are affordable. We encourage the City to fund additional units as a matter of urgency and to consider innovative solutions like the HONDA Act in order to accelerate the creation of new residential units.

Youth Education and Child Welfare : Although it is recognized that children have experienced a loss of learning during the pandemic, it is unclear what the impact of this loss has been. It is important that educators understand where children are now failing in order to appropriately direct resources as it is imperative that all students in the district have access to quality high school programs that meet their needs. The City must provide appropriate support for the children of the refugees who are coming to schools in CEC 2 (and neighboring CECs) with very little language skills, unknown academic skills and social/emotional needs. These children have needs beyond education and funding should be provided for the children during this transition. There is also a disconnect between where children are applying to attend high school and where they are placed. 12% of the students of CEC 2 (which we overlap) were not placed in ANY of their 12 choices for high school. This is an issue that must be addressed. Additionally, CB5 believes that schools within and just outside the District are underfunded in respect to after school programming, internet connectivity, ADA accessibility and mental health care for students, all things that stakeholders within the District have found to be of critical importance. In particular, CB5 hopes that each school will be provided with one full time nurse.

Public Safety and Emergency Services : Serious crime within the District has significantly increased over the past year and continues to rise. The Midtown business recovery unit created to ensure the safety of the core business district and CB5 would like to see this detail made permanent. Additionally, CB5 encourages the expansion of the NCO program beyond daytime shifts. CB5 believes this program improves the collaboration and strengthens trust between the community and the local police department. leading to increased crime fighting capabilities. CB5 is aware that the headcount of the NYPD has been significantly reduced through attrition and retirement and believes it is important to replace this headcount to ensure that the force can remain responsive to the needs of the City. Enforcement, whether of traffic regulations or criminal laws are very important to those within the District. Stakeholders have repeatedly noted that enforcement of violations are critically important and that increased and timely enforcement of existing rules and legislation would help to address myriad stakeholder concerns. CB5 supports the transition of some routine public safety enforcement roles -- such as traffic and parking enforcement priorities -- from the NYPD control and placed within other Agencies such as DOT.

Core Infrastructure and City Services: The city's infrastructure, like those across the nation and world, are increasingly vulnerable to the risks posed by the climate crisis and the ever-increasing frequency of high-rainfall and flood events. While our district is landlocked, the numerous severe rainfalls and resulting impact on city infrastructure, services, and cascading impact on the populace's quality of life and productivity make it clear that Midtown will not be spared. NYC must dramatically improve our planning and mitigation efforts to prepare for

future flood events that damage our infrastructure and impair the lives of New Yorkers. We lack comprehensive water management & flood preparation planning. Beyond examining and improving drainage capacity, we must continue to invest in green infrastructure projects that can absorb and redirect stormwater in an economical manner. These interventions include rain gardens, rain barrels, permeable playgrounds and green roofs — generally, practices that decrease impervious surfaces or divert stormwater from even entering the drainage system. Beyond flood management, we must continue to explore ways to expand the production and use of clean energy and renewable sources and related infrastructure (e.g., electric car chargers).

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development : Affordable housing is one of the single most important issues identified by stakeholders within the district. Not only low and moderate-income families, but increasingly also the middle class is in dire need of permanently affordable housing. The enormous amount of construction within the District and the loss of small buildings owned by individual landlords, the cost of housing vis-a-vis income and income inequality have all stoked great interest in preserving and creating affordable housing programs. Additional supportive housing is also a critical need, as these developments enable a steady progression of homeless individuals and families from the streets, to shelters, and finally to permanent homes with the services they need to live healthful and independent lives. Without sufficient supportive housing, this population can become trapped in cycles of homelessness, mental illness, and/or antisocial behavior that devastates individual and collective quality of life. Given the high land cost (among the highest in the country) and highly speculative nature of housing construction and overall market, a deep policy change is needed to maintain and aggressively create additional affordable housing units without destabilizing existing housing stock. Programs such as Community Land Trusts must be considered and encouraged to fulfill housing equity and stability.

The COVID-19 pandemic and related economic shutdowns and shifts in business and consumer behavior have also devastated small businesses, restaurants, bars, theaters, and other cultural institutions in CB5 more than any other part of the city. Travel restrictions, work-from-home policies, and health and safety regulations in the pandemic era have spurred mass business closures, economic losses, and high unemployment that threaten to irrevocably harm CB5. The announced theatre, cultural and performance space closures through much of 2021 and the ancillary loss of business and economic activity that these sectors generate for both local and citywide revenue is of particular consequence for CB 5. Significant policy and legislative action -- backed by substantial funding- is needed to support our neighborhood's businesses, employees, and institutions.

Transportation and Mobility : Our District has immense transportation needs given the dense concentration of businesses and the presence of Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and many subway stations within or just outside our borders. Commercial and office spaces make up roughly 65% of the district, bringing hundreds of thousands of commuters into the District and leading to severe congestion. Many stakeholders in CB5, along with advocates, have stated their wish for a comprehensive congestion plan to address congestion concerns.

Accessible and safe public transportation is also extremely important given the large numbers of commuters, residents, and visitors in the district. MTA funding disputes between state and city officials continuously affect CB5, which is home to nine of the ten busiest subway stations (MTA Annual Ridership by Station Report). Furthermore, several highly frequented subway stations in CB5, such as the 4/5/6 at Union Square and S at Times Square, are not ADA compliant, limiting accessibility for residents and visitors alike.

In addition, our District has a high traffic flow with several complex intersections, which are in need of improved traffic safety as evidenced by high annual collision rates, poor pedestrian safety, and several conflicting traffic patterns. The District welcomes the newly created bike routes, but the safety of bikers, pedestrians, and drivers depends on active enforcement of regulations. Assigning the role of bike lane and traffic enforcement to agencies outside of the NYPD is supported by CB5. The disruption of normal commuting patterns caused by the

pandemic has only increased the prevalence of biking citywide, and CB5 feels strongly that the City must capitalize on these changes in behavior to dramatically increase protected bike lanes and emphasize enforcement of safe driving, cycling, and pedestrian behavior as this transition away from cars continues.

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities : The participation of ordinary individuals in the processes that determine how we live in the city is vital, particularly in a time where increasingly such participation is being chipped away, which is why CB5 fully supports, as our number one budget priority, the creation of the office of Public Realm and the appointment of Director of the Public Realm. The Director of the Public Realm role is one which is desperately needed to take on the complexity to holistically manage the streets, sidewalks and plazas in a data driven way. CB5 believes that this office will rectify the current lack of cohesion in city planning and allow stakeholders to have a voice on issues affecting the public sphere.

Thank you for your consideration of these priorities.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 5

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

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Economic recovery and development

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

Quality of Life issues are top of mind for many who work, live or visit the district. Serious crime has risen significantly within the district over the last two years. The symptoms are as clear as the causes are myriad. Street and sidewalk noise, increasing graffiti, unauthorized street vendors, petty crime, panhandling, loitering and street encampments all detract from the quality of life in the District and feed the perception that the City is not safe. While CB5 believes addressing the underlying issues of education, health care, economic opportunity and homelessness will strike at the roots of these societal issues, consistent enforcement of existing regulations will also help. The goal of enforcement is not to criminalize any social condition but to create an environment where the rights of all are respected and the public space remains dedicated to the public. Visitors and residents alike should expect that existing regulations – for example, prohibiting cars and delivery trucks from double parking or “blocking the box”, prohibiting cyclists from riding on the sidewalk or in the opposite direction of traffic, discouraging pedestrians who walk in the bike lane, cracking down on illegal food carts and un-permitted street vendors – will be enforced to help protect the quality of life of all residents, visitors and workers in the district. CB5 believes that public bathrooms are necessary and that the City should look at and every opportunity including partnering with private industry to make bathrooms accessible, working with the MTA to open all of the subway bathrooms, working developers to ensure new POPS include bathroom facilities or finding locations to site warehoused APTS. Further, CB5 believes our air and light are public assets that should not be privatized or monopolized by private developers. Light and air must be approached as any other budget assets and they must be treated and protected as such.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

CB5 has seen an increase in the number of homeless within the District as well as an increase in the number of asylum seekers arriving without housing and one of the most pressing healthcare and human service issues within the District is the provision of services to reduce or prevent homelessness. Access to health care and mental health, substance abuse treatment and prevention programs are important to assist in alleviating the plight of those on the streets. CB5 has, for many years, directed many of its budget requests to these issues and has done so again this year as we request new affordable housing, supportive housing as well as mental health and addiction recovery beds and services. We ask that the City specifically expand the Mental Health Team Pilot Program to provide citywide emergency mental health responses as well as providing other mental health supports. In addition, we specifically require –both within the District and throughout the City – additional housing units that are affordable. We encourage the City to fund additional units as a matter of urgency and to consider innovative solutions like the HONDA Act in order to accelerate the creation of new residential units.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

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Needs for Older NYs

CB5 has "black holes" in certain areas, notably Times Square/Bryant Park and the Lexington Avenue corridor, with significant populations of seniors aging in place--many of whom are in rent-stabilized buildings--that do not live close to services sites that provide them with housing assistance and counseling. Aging should commission a study to identify other such "housing services deserts" in areas with significant populations aging in place, and should lease highly visible storefronts in those areas to connect local seniors to services to help them stay in their homes.)

Needs for Homeless

The City's decision to utilize hotels in the District to house homeless individuals during the pandemic and again due to a recent increase in asylum seekers has highlighted the stunning deficiencies in the City's network of social services for those experiencing homelessness or those with limited resources. The homeless, and indeed all New Yorkers, deserve better. Fundamentally, our city needs more affordable housing – in our District and elsewhere. However, we also need high-quality temporary shelters and housing programs now to serve the homeless. That includes comprehensive programming with wrap-around services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as facility improvements and enrichment programming on site. CB5 encourages the City and

shelter providers to craft solutions that meet the homeless where they are and to address their concerns regarding safety, possessions, pets, significant others and recreation and social space as a means of creating a more comfortable, welcoming and productive environment for those experiencing need. In addition, our District requires real affordable housing for middle income earners. Rents continue to rise in the district as demand continues to outstrip supply and even market rate housing is out of reach for many.

An initiative of Midtown Community Court, Breaking Ground, Fountain House, and the Times Square Alliance, Community First builds trusting relationships with people in need and, over time, connects them to critical services that support their transition off the street and into stability. The program employs Community Navigators, who have relevant lived experience, to engage with potential clients. Navigators offer clothing, blankets, food, and other materials, using those interactions to start conversations around each client's particular challenges and needs. The Community First model differs from existing street outreach initiatives because it focuses on relationship-building and meeting clients "where they are at" before attempting to link individuals to more significant services, such as healthcare, housing, or employment. The partnership model means services are offered comprehensively based on the clients' totality of needs. Time spent building trusting relationships through consistent, intensive outreach ensures that clients confidently engage in these services and have greater chances for longterm success.

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/39	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Develop medical respite beds for patients that are not sick enough to provide hospital level care but are discharged by hospitals with mental health service needs. The city could consider using underutilized hotel space to save on capital cost.</i>	
17/39	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	<i>Funding to add or replace DFTA vehicles for serving the home bound</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Additional funding for expansion of the Mental Health Teams Pilot Program (B-HEARD), or a similar program, operated jointly with DHMH to provide citywide emergency mental health responses.</i>	
3/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Increase funding for Home-Stat. Fully fund the street outreach program that follows client from street to permanent housing. (Additional Case Managers for DHS: Additional funding to provide case managers to homeless individuals and especially families. These individuals face a myriad of problems,</i>	
4/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services	<i>More staffing and attorneys for DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) to provide tenants facing eviction in Housing Court or NYCHA administrative proceedings access to free legal representation and advice provided by nonprofit legal services organizations from across the five boroughs.</i>	
10/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Fully fund Community First outreach for persons in public spaces to enable us to expand our geographic reach.</i>	

14/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>More staffing for DSS/HRA's Office processing SNAP and Cash Assistance.</i>
16/25	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Funding for services for undocumented in shelter system to get housing and bilingual staff</i>
22/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Funding for more full time school nurses</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Although it is recognized that children have experienced a loss of learning during the pandemic, it is unclear what the impact of this loss has been. It is important that educators understand where children are now failing in order to appropriately direct resources as it is imperative that all students in the district have access to quality high school programs that meet their needs. The City must provide appropriate support for the children of the refugees who are coming to schools in CEC 2 (and neighboring CECs) with very little language skills, unknown academic skills and social/emotional needs. These children have needs beyond education and funding should be provided for the children during this transition. There is also a disconnect between where children are applying to attend high school and where they are placed. 12% of the students of CEC 2 (which we overlap) were not placed in ANY of their 12 choices for high school. This is an issue that must be addressed. Additionally, CB5 believes that schools within and just outside the District are underfunded in respect to after school programming, internet connectivity, ADA accessibility and mental health care for students, all things that stakeholders within the District have found to be of critical importance. In particular, CB5 hopes that each school will be provided with one full time nurse.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

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Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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8/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Fund the 100,000 square foot public school on the Bleeker School site in Greenwich Village on land owned by New York University; and utilize this opportunity before it passes back to NYU</i>	
12/39	ACS	Renovate, upgrade, or expand ACS sites that provide services to children, youth and families	<i>To fund renovations to increase programmatic space at the ACS Children's Center which is a 24/7 temporary care center for children entering foster care, located in Manhattan CD 6 but utilized by CB5 youth as well.</i>	
13/39	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>To further close the digital divide and provide M411 with connectivity and wiring on every floor if the lease allows. Roughly 15% of households in our district do not have household internet access, which means too many kids are being left behind if not supported at school</i>	
14/39	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Replace water fountains in every school with water purifiers and water-bottle fillers to improve student health, including Ballet Tech, NYC Public School for Dance, Baruch College Campus High School, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan Academy for Arts & Language, Manhattan Nursery School, Manhattan Village Academy, Murray Hill Academy, Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts, Satellite Academy High School, School of the Future High School, Sixth Avenue Elementary School, The Clinton School</i>	
15/39	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>To bring every school up to full accessibility status. Accessible schools are located in a fully or partially accessible building where an individual with mobility impairment may enter and access all relevant programs and services, including the science laboratory, library, cafeteria, and the gymnasium; in some cases school programs may need to be re-located to accommodate access. At least one restroom must be accessible as well.</i>	
16/39	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Provide computers (800) for School of the Future</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/25	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Professional development for teachers</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Serious crime within the District has significantly increased over the past year and continues to rise. The Midtown business recovery unit created to ensure the safety of the core business district and CB5 would like to see this detail made permanent. Additionally, CB5 encourages the expansion of the NCO program beyond daytime shifts. CB5 believes this program improves the collaboration and strengthens trust between the community and the local police department. leading to increased crime fighting capabilities. CB5 is aware that the headcount of the NYPD has been significantly reduced through attrition and retirement and believes it is important to replace this headcount to ensure that the force can remain responsive to the needs of the City. Enforcement, whether of traffic regulations or criminal laws are very important to those within the District. Stakeholders have repeatedly noted that enforcement of violations are critically important and that increased and timely enforcement of existing rules and legislation would help to address myriad stakeholder concerns. CB5 supports the transition of some routine public safety enforcement roles -- such as traffic and parking enforcement priorities -- from the NYPD control and placed within other Agencies such as DOT.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

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Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Upgrade/replacement of Large Emergency Response Vehicles - FDNY's MERVs are outdated and need to be upgraded</i>	
28/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 14: 14 East 18 Street – Generator</i>	
31/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 23: 15 West 58th Street -- Generator</i>	
33/39	FDNY	Other capital budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 26: 220 West 37th Street – Generator</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Funding to make the midtown business recovery detail permanent and provide additional funding to expand personnel within NYPD's (NCO) neighborhood policing program.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

The city's infrastructure, like those across the nation and world, are increasingly vulnerable to the risks posed by the climate crisis and the ever-increasing frequency of high-rainfall and flood events. While our district is landlocked, the numerous severe rainfalls and resulting impact on city infrastructure, services, and cascading impact on the populace's quality of life and productivity make it clear that Midtown will not be spared. NYC must dramatically improve our planning and mitigation efforts to prepare for future flood events that damage our infrastructure and impair the lives of New Yorkers. We lack comprehensive water management & flood preparation planning. Beyond examining and improving drainage capacity, we must continue to invest in green infrastructure projects that can absorb and redirect stormwater in an economical manner. These interventions include rain gardens, rain barrels, permeable playgrounds and green roofs — generally, practices that decrease impervious surfaces or divert stormwater from even entering the drainage system. Beyond flood management, we must continue to explore ways to expand the production and use of clean energy and renewable sources and related infrastructure (e.g., electric car chargers).

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

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Needs for Sanitation Services

Overflowing garbage cans and debris on the streets around them has always been an issue in CB 5. However, it has become much worse after the City's disastrous cut in services (now partially restored) in early 2020. Large institutions, BIDS, resident associations and individual citizens have all called for additional sanitation services to ensure the removal of street litter and the timely collection of full litter bins. The increasing number of homeless individuals has also triggered the need for corresponding additional public sanitation services including a significant increase in the frequency of corner trash pick-up. Our District needs many additional litter baskets, recycling and composting bins. This responsibility is uniquely a City responsibility. It cannot be delegated or ignored and, when paired with our other priorities this year – quality of life and actions to address homelessness on our streets – offers a dramatic opportunity for visible and lasting improvement in the district. Electronic waste and composting services are also services that would enhance the District as well as consideration of on-street bins versus unsightly garbage bags.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/39	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Expansion of Clean Curbs program by providing curbside storage equipment and modified trucks to enable pickup of containers rather than bags</i>	
20/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Add drainage in the 14th Street Corridor to mitigate flooding at the Union Square subway station.</i>	
21/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Add drainage in the 28th Street Corridor to mitigate flooding in the 28th Street subway station.</i>	28 Street Park Avenue Lexington Avenue
34/39	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Purchase more compact multipurpose machines with plows to clear bike lanes</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/25	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Establishment of comprehensive stormwater resiliency plan to identify areas at risk, expand drainage capacity throughout city to prevent flooding, and establishment of green infrastructure projects that absorb and redirect water</i>	
24/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Increase funding for more DSNY inspectors</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

Affordable housing creation

Affordable housing is one of the single most important issues identified by stakeholders within the district. Not only low and moderate-income families, but increasingly also the middle class is in dire need of permanently affordable housing. The enormous amount of construction within the District and the loss of small buildings owned by individual landlords, the cost of housing vis-a-vis income and income inequality have all stoked great interest in preserving and creating affordable housing programs. Additional supportive housing is also a critical need, as these developments enable a steady progression of homeless individuals and families from the streets, to shelters, and finally to permanent homes with the services they need to live healthful and independent lives. Without sufficient supportive housing, this population can become trapped in cycles of homelessness, mental illness, and/or antisocial behavior that devastates individual and collective quality of life. Given the high land cost (among the highest in the country) and highly speculative nature of housing construction and overall market, a deep policy change is needed to maintain and aggressively create additional affordable housing units without destabilizing existing housing stock. Programs such as Community Land Trusts must be considered and encouraged to fulfill housing equity and stability. The COVID-19 pandemic and related economic shutdowns and shifts in business and consumer behavior have also devastated small businesses, restaurants, bars, theaters, and other cultural institutions in CB5 more than any other part of the city. Travel restrictions, work-from-home policies, and health and safety regulations in the pandemic era have spurred mass business closures, economic losses, and high unemployment that threaten to irrevocably harm CB5. The announced theatre, cultural and performance space closures through much of 2021 and the ancillary loss of business and economic activity that these sectors generate for both local and citywide revenue is of particular consequence for CB 5. Significant policy and legislative action -- backed by substantial funding- is needed to support our neighborhood's businesses, employees, and institutions.

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Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>Increase capital allocation to HPD Supportive Housing Loan Program, and raise the budget for maintenance and operations (M&O) of those buildings so that supportive housing is well maintained, lasts the extent of its viable life, and provides a decent home for thousands of singles and families that have been chronically homeless. The Supportive Housing Network of New York consistently reports shortfalls in M&O budgets of building security, janitorial staff, insurance, and building maintenance, among other areas</i>	
2/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>\$2.5 billion in additional new construction financing each year for the next five years for apartments specifically built for homeless and extremely low-income New Yorkers. We are urging the City to create 6,000 apartments per year for homeless households and an additional 6,000 apartments per year for extremely low-income households.</i>	
3/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Create a City capital fund administered by HPD in partnership with HDC, similar in structure to other HPD-administered capital subsidy programs, to provide needed funding for Housing Development Fund Corporations, either alone or in partnership with other entities, to distribute new rental housing vouchers supporting homeless households and tenants at risk of eviction. Because the supply of these vouchers as provided by various expense budgets is dwarfed by demand, creative solutions -- such as this new capital fund -- are urgently needed</i>	
6/39	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funding for capital construction vehicles to supplement, increase or begin the conversion of commercial properties into residential buildings.</i>	
7/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide capital funding to close the gap in construction cost increases due to inflation for affordable housing projects closing in the next fiscal year</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Dedicate short-term, immediate strategic resources and staff time toward identifying 1) the regulatory, legal, and financial obstacles within the city jurisdiction that have caused lower than expected utilization of the state's Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act (HONDA), which is meant to accelerate and increase conversion of distressed commercial hotel buildings into permanently affordable and supportive housing for homeless and low-income New Yorkers; and 2) the projected number of new residential units that could be created as a result of the removal of each of the identified obstacles</i>	
8/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Allocate funds for a study of sites within CB5 with low current FAR utilization that have the potential for redevelopment and future rezoning.</i>	
9/25	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance	<i>Establish a legacy business registry and preservation fund, allocate funds to support legacy businesses within the city.</i>	
11/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>Provide entrepreneurial training, deploy start-up grants, and support reentry entrepreneurs & justice-involved New Yorkers, and partner with community development financial institutions (CDFIs) to expand access to microloans and technical assistance.</i>	
12/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>Establish a grant program with eligibility criteria targeting minority-owned businesses, and / or provide access to shared resources / software / best practices materials.</i>	

19/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Given the expiry of 421-a, fund a working group of policy and planning experts to propose and evaluate viable NYC alternatives for 421-a, working with New York State counterparts as necessary, and publish results accessible to the public.</i>
23/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Baseline funding for the landlord ambassador program and partners in preservation</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Manhattan Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

Our District has immense transportation needs given the dense concentration of businesses and the presence of Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and many subway stations within or just outside our borders. Commercial and office spaces make up roughly 65% of the district, bringing hundreds of thousands of commuters into the District and leading to severe congestion. Many stakeholders in CB5, along with advocates, have stated their wish for a comprehensive congestion plan to address congestion concerns. Accessible and safe public transportation is also extremely important given the large numbers of commuters, residents, and visitors in the district. MTA funding disputes between state and city officials continuously affect CB5, which is home to nine of the ten busiest subway stations (MTA Annual Ridership by Station Report). Furthermore, several highly frequented subway stations in CB5, such as the 4/5/6 at Union Square and S at Times Square, are not ADA compliant, limiting accessibility for residents and visitors alike. In addition, our District has a high traffic flow with several complex intersections, which are in need of improved traffic safety as evidenced by high annual collision rates, poor pedestrian safety, and several conflicting traffic patterns. The District welcomes the newly created bike routes, but the safety of bikers, pedestrians, and drivers depends on active enforcement of regulations. Assigning the role of bike lane and traffic enforcement to agencies outside of the NYPD is supported by CB5. The disruption of normal commuting patterns caused by the pandemic has only increased the prevalence of biking citywide, and CB5 feels strongly that the City must capitalize on these changes in behavior to dramatically increase protected bike lanes and emphasize enforcement of safe driving, cycling, and pedestrian behavior as this transition away from cars continues.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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In addition, our District has a high traffic flow with several complex intersections, which are in need of improved traffic safety as evidenced by high annual collision rates, poor pedestrian safety, and several conflicting traffic patterns. The District welcomes the newly created bike routes, but the safety of bikers, pedestrians, and drivers depends on active enforcement of regulations. Assigning the role of bike lane and traffic enforcement to agencies outside of the NYPD is supported by CB5. The disruption of normal commuting patterns caused by the pandemic has only increased the prevalence of biking citywide, and CB5 feels strongly that the City must capitalize on these changes in behavior to dramatically increase protected bike lanes and emphasize enforcement of safe driving, cycling, and pedestrian behavior as this transition away from cars continues.

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Additional funding to support green infrastructure initiatives throughout the district, but particularly in areas of greatest pedestrian traffic such as around Penn Station, Herald and Greeley Squares, and Times Square. These green infrastructure initiatives should include rain gardens, stormwater management, greenstreets, etc. to create a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices in public and private streetscapes in the district. The City should use existing development proposals in the District as a platform to insert these City priorities into proposals.</i>	
19/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Make permanent all temporary Broadway plazas. A number of temporary plazas were installed on Broadway 15 years ago by DOT. The plazas should be upgraded to permanent plazas. A top priority is that they are elevated to the level of the sidewalk and have light and electricity.</i>	
22/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Widen the sidewalks on Seventh Avenue within the Garment District</i>	7 Avenue 34th st 40 Street
23/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Permanent reconstruction of the Flatiron Public Plazas and Worth Square. Capital reconstruction costs are estimated to be \$45 million.</i>	
24/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Add appropriate capital funding to fully reconfigure and transform 42nd Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue. Currently, the City has designated funding to replace a water main, modestly widen sidewalks, and install pedestrian bollards along this block. We believe the City should use this opportunity to transform this most iconic block into the destination it was meant to be by more aggressively reconfiguring the sidewalk space and rationalizing and modernizing the traffic management along the block.</i>	42 Street Broadway 8 Avenue

27/39	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Provide capital funding to transform Restaurant Row (46th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues) into a safer, better functioning shared street</i>	46 Street 8th ave
29/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Repair or construct new medians or bus pads Explanation: 5.5 blocks of Park Avenue South Median Restorations planter repair at 31st Street + multiple new tree plantings: 3 btw 28-29 Streets / 3 btw 29-30 Streets / 5 btw 30-31 Streets / 4 btw 31-32 Streets) The Partnership will be putting up at least \$30K to clear, weed, and seasonally landscape this sections of PAS medians in our expansion area. Carryover from FY23</i>	Park Avenue 28 Street 32 Street
30/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Replace streetlights throughout the Garment District</i>	
32/39	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Fix pothole on 42nd st and 6th ave</i>	42 Street 6 Avenue
35/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create permanent bike infrastructure on CB5 side street</i>	
37/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create electric car charging stations within CB5</i>	
38/39	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share	<i>Create electric bike charging stations within CB5</i>	
39/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Widen 8th ave</i>	8th ave 34th st 40th st

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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6/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Study to identify locations to install APTs in CB5. Carryover from FY23. Study to identify locations to install APTs in CB5 and create a funding system to provide for their maintenance and ongoing operation. These facilities can remove pressure on public and private institutions to provide this public benefit and place responsibility on the city to provide a helpful resource to tourists and residents alike.</i>
25/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Allocate dedicated funds for ongoing monitoring of open restaurant facilities (temporary sheds) and removal mechanisms</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 5

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

Other

The participation of ordinary individuals in the processes that determine how we live in the city is vital, particularly in a time where increasingly such participation is being chipped away, which is why CB5 fully supports, as our number one budget priority, the creation of the office of Public Realm and the appointment of Director of the Public Realm. The Director of the Public Realm role is one which is desperately needed to take on the complexity to holistically manage the streets, sidewalks and plazas in a data driven way. CB5 believes that this office will rectify the current lack of cohesion in city planning and allow stakeholders to have a voice on issues affecting the public sphere.

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

Needs for Parks

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Needs for Cultural Services

Broadway Theatre brings over 100,000 jobs to the District and plays an especially important role here, as well as for all of NYC. All of the theatrical arts organizations within the District require assistance to bring back the tourists, theatre audiences and museum goers that help support all of New York City. These organizations need grants and funding to address their physical plants, but also supports for advertising and a plan to ensure that patrons feel safe when attending any art or theatrical events throughout the District.

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/39	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	HVAC and Roof Replacement estimated at \$2.05M at the Andrew Heiskell branch	
25/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Madison Sq Park, southwest corner of park in gravel area near Shake Shack, has caused a lot of tree loss, want to reintroduce trees in space, want to implement a Silva Cell System in line with previous upgrades, would need to excavate the ground to implement, multi-year multi-phase request</i>	
26/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Madison Sq Park, replace temporary fencing with permanent fencing around existing areas</i>	
36/39	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>New snow plow for Madison Sq Park</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/39	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>All current and new DEP\DDC infrastructure projects in the community district 5 must have funding expanded or included to support small business impacted by the construction. DDC projects, particularly water main projects with DEP, can take years and significantly impact local businesses. This impact must be mitigated within the DDC contract for this work.</i>	

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Budget for a Director of the Public Realm within the Mayor's Office.</i>	
13/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Offer entrepreneurship training through the city-funded Alternatives to Incarceration program</i>	
15/25	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Mayors Office of Sustainability - Fund study evaluating the costs, benefits, and feasibility of a law/zoning changes: 1. requiring all commercial buildings and multi-family residential buildings to have solar panels covering the building's total envelope, similar to previously implemented laws in California mandating such coverage 2. eliminating restrictions limiting solar panel footprint to 25% of the roof if solar panels are more than 4' above the maximum height of buildings</i>	
17/25	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Office of Prevention of hate Crimes - Additional funding for outreach efforts relating to hate crimes</i>	

20/25	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Increase funding for the Office of Street Vendor Enforcement to properly oversee and implement Local Law 18 of 2021, which allows for the issuance of 4,000 new street vendor permits over the next 10 years, creates an Office of Street Vendor Enforcement, and establishes a street vendor advisory board.</i>
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7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>Increase capital allocation to HPD Supportive Housing Loan Program, and raise the budget for maintenance and operations (M&O) of those buildings so that supportive housing is well maintained, lasts the extent of its viable life, and provides a decent home for thousands of singles and families that have been chronically homeless. The Supportive Housing Network of New York consistently reports shortfalls in M&O budgets of building security, janitorial staff, insurance, and building maintenance, among other areas</i>	
2/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>\$2.5 billion in additional new construction financing each year for the next five years for apartments specifically built for homeless and extremely low-income New Yorkers. We are urging the City to create 6,000 apartments per year for homeless households and an additional 6,000 apartments per year for extremely low-income households.</i>	
3/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Create a City capital fund administered by HPD in partnership with HDC, similar in structure to other HPD-administered capital subsidy programs, to provide needed funding for Housing Development Fund Corporations, either alone or in partnership with other entities, to distribute new rental housing vouchers supporting homeless households and tenants at risk of eviction. Because the supply of these vouchers as provided by various expense budgets is dwarfed by demand, creative solutions -- such as this new capital fund -- are urgently needed</i>	
4/39	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>All current and new DEP\DDC infrastructure projects in the community district 5 must have funding expanded or included to support small business impacted by the construction. DDC projects, particularly water main projects with DEP, can take years and significantly impact local businesses. This impact must be mitigated within the DDC contract for this work.</i>	

5/39	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Develop medical respite beds for patients that are not sick enough to provide hospital level care but are discharged by hospitals with mental health service needs. The city could consider using underutilized hotel space to save on capital cost.</i>
6/39	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funding for capital construction vehicles to supplement, increase or begin the conversion of commercial properties into residential buildings.</i>
7/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide capital funding to close the gap in construction cost increases due to inflation for affordable housing projects closing in the next fiscal year</i>
8/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Fund the 100,000 square foot public school on the Bleeker School site in Greenwich Village on land owned by New York University; and utilize this opportunity before it passes back to NYU</i>
9/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Upgrade/replacement of Large Emergency Response Vehicles - FDNY's MERVs are outdated and need to be upgraded</i>
10/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Additional funding to support green infrastructure initiatives throughout the district, but particularly in areas of greatest pedestrian traffic such as around Penn Station, Herald and Greeley Squares, and Times Square. These green infrastructure initiatives should include rain gardens, stormwater management, greenstreets, etc. to create a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices in public and private streetscapes in the district. The City should use existing development proposals in the District as a platform to insert these City priorities into proposals.</i>
11/39	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>HVAC and Roof Replacement estimated at \$2.05M at the Andrew Heiskell branch</i>
12/39	ACS	Renovate, upgrade, or expand ACS sites that provide services to children, youth and families	<i>To fund renovations to increase programmatic space at the ACS Children's Center which is a 24/7 temporary care center for children entering foster care, located in Manhattan CD 6 but utilized by CB5 youth as well.</i>

13/39	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>To further close the digital divide and provide M411 with connectivity and wiring on every floor if the lease allows. Roughly 15% of households in our district do not have household internet access, which means too many kids are being left behind if not supported at school</i>
14/39	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Replace water fountains in every school with water purifiers and water-bottle fillers to improve student health, including Ballet Tech, NYC Public School for Dance, Baruch College Campus High School, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan Academy for Arts & Language, Manhattan Nursery School, Manhattan Village Academy, Murray Hill Academy, Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts, Satellite Academy High School, School of the Future High School, Sixth Avenue Elementary School, The Clinton School</i>
15/39	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>To bring every school up to full accessibility status. Accessible schools are located in a fully or partially accessible building where an individual with mobility impairment may enter and access all relevant programs and services, including the science laboratory, library, cafeteria, and the gymnasium; in some cases school programs may need to be re-located to accommodate access. At least one restroom must be accessible as well.</i>
16/39	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Provide computers (800) for School of the Future</i>
17/39	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	<i>Funding to add or replace DFTA vehicles for serving the home bound</i>
18/39	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Expansion of Clean Curbs program by providing curbside storage equipment and modified trucks to enable pickup of containers rather than bags</i>
19/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Make permanent all temporary Broadway plazas. A number of temporary plazas were installed on Broadway 15 years ago by DOT. The plazas should be upgraded to permanent plazas. A top priority is that they are elevated to the level of the sidewalk and have light and electricity.</i>

20/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Add drainage in the 14th Street Corridor to mitigate flooding at the Union Square subway station.</i>	
21/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Add drainage in the 28th Street Corridor to mitigate flooding in the 28th Street subway station.</i>	28 Street Park Avenue Lexington Avenue
22/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Widen the sidewalks on Seventh Avenue within the Garment District</i>	7 Avenue 34th st 40 Street
23/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Permanent reconstruction of the Flatiron Public Plazas and Worth Square. Capital reconstruction costs are estimated to be \$45 million.</i>	
24/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Add appropriate capital funding to fully reconfigure and transform 42nd Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue. Currently, the City has designated funding to replace a water main, modestly widen sidewalks, and install pedestrian bollards along this block. We believe the City should use this opportunity to transform this most iconic block into the destination it was meant to be by more aggressively reconfiguring the sidewalk space and rationalizing and modernizing the traffic management along the block.</i>	42 Street Broadway 8 Avenue
25/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Madison Sq Park, southwest corner of park in gravel area near Shake Shack, has caused a lot of tree loss, want to reintroduce trees in space, want to implement a Silva Cell System in line with previous upgrades, would need to excavate the ground to implement, multi-year multi-phase request</i>	
26/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Madison Sq Park, replace temporary fencing with permanent fencing around existing areas</i>	
27/39	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Provide capital funding to transform Restaurant Row (46th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues) into a safer, better functioning shared street</i>	46 Street 8th ave

28/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 14: 14 East 18 Street – Generator</i>	
29/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Repair or construct new medians or bus pads Explanation: 5.5 blocks of Park Avenue South Median Restorations planter repair at 31st Street + multiple new tree plantings: 3 btw 28-29 Streets / 3 btw 29-30 Streets / 5 btw 30-31 Streets / 4 btw 31-32 Streets) The Partnership will be putting up at least \$30K to clear, weed, and seasonally landscape this sections of PAS medians in our expansion area. Carryover from FY23</i>	Park Avenue 28 Street 32 Street
30/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Replace streetlights throughout the Garment District</i>	
31/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 23: 15 West 58th Street -- Generator</i>	
32/39	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Fix pothole on 42nd st and 6th ave</i>	42 Street 6 Avenue
33/39	FDNY	Other capital budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 26: 220 West 37th Street – Generator</i>	
34/39	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Purchase more compact multipurpose machines with plows to clear bike lanes</i>	
35/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create permanent bike infrastructure on CB5 side street</i>	
36/39	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>New snow plow for Madison Sq Park</i>	
37/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create electric car charging stations within CB5</i>	

38/39	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share	<i>Create electric bike charging stations within CB5</i>	
39/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Widen 8th ave</i>	8th ave 34th st 40th st

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Budget for a Director of the Public Realm within the Mayor's Office.</i>	
2/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Additional funding for expansion of the Mental Health Teams Pilot Program (B-HEARD), or a similar program, operated jointly with DHMH to provide citywide emergency mental health responses.</i>	
3/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Increase funding for Home-Stat. Fully fund the street outreach program that follows client from street to permanent housing. (Additional Case Managers for DHS: Additional funding to provide case managers to homeless individuals and especially families. These individuals face a myriad of problems,</i>	
4/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services	<i>More staffing and attorneys for DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) to provide tenants facing eviction in Housing Court or NYCHA administrative proceedings access to free legal representation and advice provided by nonprofit legal services organizations from across the five boroughs.</i>	
5/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Funding to make the midtown business recovery detail permanent and provide additional funding to expand personnel within NYPD's (NCO) neighborhood policing program.</i>	
6/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Study to identify locations to install APTs in CB5. Carryover from FY23. Study to identify locations to install APTs in CB5 and create a funding system to provide for their maintenance and ongoing operation. These facilities can remove pressure on public and private institutions to provide this public benefit and place responsibility on the city to provide a helpful resource to tourists and residents alike.</i>	

7/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Dedicate short-term, immediate strategic resources and staff time toward identifying 1) the regulatory, legal, and financial obstacles within the city jurisdiction that have caused lower than expected utilization of the state's Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act (HONDA), which is meant to accelerate and increase conversion of distressed commercial hotel buildings into permanently affordable and supportive housing for homeless and low-income New Yorkers; and 2) the projected number of new residential units that could be created as a result of the removal of each of the identified obstacles</i>
8/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Allocate funds for a study of sites within CB5 with low current FAR utilization that have the potential for redevelopment and future rezoning.</i>
9/25	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance	<i>Establish a legacy business registry and preservation fund, allocate funds to support legacy businesses within the city.</i>
10/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Fully fund Community First outreach for persons in public spaces to enable us to expand our geographic reach.</i>
11/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>Provide entrepreneurial training, deploy start-up grants, and support reentry entrepreneurs & justice-involved New Yorkers, and partner with community development financial institutions (CDFIs) to expand access to microloans and technical assistance.</i>
12/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>Establish a grant program with eligibility criteria targeting minority-owned businesses, and / or provide access to shared resources / software / best practices materials.</i>
13/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Offer entrepreneurship training through the city-funded Alternatives to Incarceration program</i>

14/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>More staffing for DSS/HRA's Office processing SNAP and Cash Assistance.</i>
15/25	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Mayors Office of Sustainability - Fund study evaluating the costs, benefits, and feasibility of a law/zoning changes: 1. requiring all commercial buildings and multi-family residential buildings to have solar panels covering the building's total envelope, similar to previously implemented laws in California mandating such coverage 2. eliminating restrictions limiting solar panel footprint to 25% of the roof if solar panels are more than 4' above the maximum height of buildings</i>
16/25	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Funding for services for undocumented in shelter system to get housing and bilingual staff</i>
17/25	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Office of Prevention of hate Crimes - Additional funding for outreach efforts relating to hate crimes</i>
18/25	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Establishment of comprehensive stormwater resiliency plan to identify areas at risk, expand drainage capacity throughout city to prevent flooding, and establishment of green infrastructure projects that absorb and redirect water</i>
19/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Given the expiry of 421-a, fund a working group of policy and planning experts to propose and evaluate viable NYC alternatives for 421-a, working with New York State counterparts as necessary, and publish results accessible to the public.</i>
20/25	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Increase funding for the Office of Street Vendor Enforcement to properly oversee and implement Local Law 18 of 2021, which allows for the issuance of 4,000 new street vendor permits over the next 10 years, creates an Office of Street Vendor Enforcement, and establishes a street vendor advisory board.</i>
21/25	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Professional development for teachers</i>

22/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Funding for more full time school nurses</i>
23/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Baseline funding for the landlord ambassador program and partners in preservation</i>
24/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Increase funding for more DSNY inspectors</i>
25/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Allocate dedicated funds for ongoing monitoring of open restaurant facilities (temporary sheds) and removal mechanisms</i>

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS WITH AGENCY RESPONSES

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/39	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>Increase capital allocation to HPD Supportive Housing Loan Program, and raise the budget for maintenance and operations (M&O) of those buildings so that supportive housing is well maintained, lasts the extent of its viable life, and provides a decent home for thousands of singles and families that have been chronically homeless. The Supportive Housing Network of New York consistently reports shortfalls in M&O budgets of building security, janitorial staff, insurance, and building maintenance, among other areas</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
02/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>\$2.5 billion in additional new construction financing each year for the next five years for apartments specifically built for homeless and extremely low-income New Yorkers. We are urging the City to create 6,000 apartments per year for homeless households and an additional 6,000 apartments per year for extremely low-income households.</i>	HPD lacks adequate funds to undertake this budget request.
03/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Create a City capital fund administered by HPD in partnership with HDC, similar in structure to other HPD-community board administered capital subsidy programs, to provide needed funding for Housing Development Fund Corporations, either alone or in partnership with other entities, to distribute new rental housing vouchers supporting homeless households and tenants at risk of eviction. Because the supply of these vouchers as provided by various expense budgets is dwarfed by demand, creative solutions -- such as this new capital fund -- are urgently needed</i>	More information is needed from the agency before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
04/39	DEP	Other capital budget request	<i>All current and new DEP\DDC infrastructure projects in the community district 5 must have funding expanded or included to support small business impacted by the construction. DDC projects, particularly water main projects with DEP, can take years and significantly impact local businesses. This impact must be mitigated within the DDC contract for this work.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
05/39	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Develop medical respite beds for patients that are not sick enough to provide hospital level care but are discharged by hospitals with mental health service needs. The city could consider using underutilized hotel space to save on capital cost.</i>	This is not within DOHMH jurisdiction
06/39	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funding for capital construction vehicles to supplement, increase or begin the conversion of commercial properties into residential buildings.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
07/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide capital funding to close the gap in construction cost increases due to inflation for affordable housing projects closing in the next fiscal year</i>	HPD will accommodate this issue with existing resources as it pertains to the Housing Maintenance Code. Other legal support services may be provided via other agencies.

08/39	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Fund the 100,000 square foot public school on the Bleecker School site in Greenwich Village on land owned by New York University; and utilize this opportunity before it passes back to NYU</i>	Community District is located in a School District with identified seat need. Location for school will be based on site and funding availability.
09/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Upgrade/replacement of Large Emergency Response Vehicles - FDNY's MERVs are outdated and need to be upgraded</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
10/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Additional funding to support green infrastructure initiatives throughout the district, but particularly in areas of greatest pedestrian traffic such as around Penn Station, Herald and Greeley Squares, and Times Square. These green infrastructure initiatives should include rain gardens, stormwater management, greenstreets, etc. to create a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices in public and private streetscapes in the district. The City should use existing development proposals in the District as a platform to insert these City priorities into proposals.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
11/39	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>HVAC and Roof Replacement estimated at \$2.05M at the Andrew Heiskell branch</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.
12/39	ACS	Renovate, upgrade, or expand ACS sites that provide services to children, youth and families	<i>To fund renovations to increase programmatic space at the ACS Children's Center which is a 24/7 temporary care center for children entering foster care, located in Manhattan CD 6 but utilized by CB5 youth as well.</i>	ACS appreciates support from the Community Board.
13/39	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	<i>To further close the digital divide and provide M411 with connectivity and wiring on every floor if the lease allows. Roughly 15% of households in our district do not have household internet access, which means too many kids are being left behind if not supported at school</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
14/39	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Replace water fountains in every school with water purifiers and water-bottle fillers to improve student health, including Ballet Tech, NYC Public School for Dance, Baruch College Campus High School, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan Academy for Arts & Language, Manhattan Nursery School, Manhattan Village Academy, Murray Hill Academy, Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts, Satellite Academy High School, School of the Future High School, Sixth Avenue Elementary School, The Clinton School</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.

15/39	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>To bring every school up to full accessibility status. Accessible schools are located in a fully or partially accessible building where an individual with mobility impairment may enter and access all relevant programs and services, including the science laboratory, library, cafeteria, and the gymnasium; in some cases school programs may need to be re-located to accommodate access. At least one restroom must be accessible as well.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
16/39	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Provide computers (800) for School of the Future</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
17/39	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	<i>Funding to add or replace DFTA vehicles for serving the home bound</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
18/39	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Expansion of Clean Curbs program by providing curbside storage equipment and modified trucks to enable pickup of containers rather than bags</i>	The Department of Sanitation is in the process of evaluating the need and feasibility of this request.
19/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Make permanent all temporary Broadway plazas. A number of temporary plazas were installed on Broadway 15 years ago by DOT. The plazas should be upgraded to permanent plazas. A top priority is that they are elevated to the level of the sidewalk and have light and electricity.</i>	This project is included in the ten-year plan.
20/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Add drainage in the 14th Street Corridor to mitigate flooding at the Union Square subway station.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
21/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Add drainage in the 28th Street Corridor to mitigate flooding in the 28th Street subway station.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
22/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Widen the sidewalks on Seventh Avenue within the Garment District</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
23/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>Permanent reconstruction of the Flatiron Public Plazas and Worth Square. Capital reconstruction costs are estimated to be \$45 million.</i>	This project is included in the ten-year plan.
24/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Add appropriate capital funding to fully reconfigure and transform 42nd Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue Currently, the City has designated funding to replace a water main, modestly widen sidewalks, and install pedestrian bollards along this block. We believe the City should use this opportunity to transform this most iconic block into the destination it was meant to be by more aggressively reconfiguring the sidewalk space and rationalizing and modernizing the traffic management along the block.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.
25/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Madison Sq Park, southwest corner of park in gravel area near Shake Shack, has caused a lot of tree loss, want to reintroduce trees in space, want to implement a Silva Cell System in line with previous upgrades, would need to excavate the ground to implement, multi-year multi-phase request</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

26/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade <i>Madison Sq Park, replace temporary fencing with a park or amenity (i.e. permanent fencing around existing areas playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
27/39	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming <i>safer, better functioning shared street</i>	Traffic Calming Device requests should be directed to the respective NYCDOT Borough Commissioner (B/C). The B/C will work with the community to access the need for, and the most effective location, type, and installation of traffic calming devices.
28/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 14: 14 East 18 Street ? Generator</i> Emergency generators are being installed throughout firehouses on a yearly basis, priority established by Fire Operations, funding is reliant on Federal Grants. Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
29/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Repair or construct new medians or bus pads Explanation: 5.5 blocks of Park Avenue South Median Restorations planter repair at 31st Street + multiple new tree plantings: 3 btw 28-29 Streets / 3 btw 29-30 Streets / 5 btw 30-31 Streets / 4 btw 31-32 Streets) The Partnership will be putting up at least \$30K to clear, weed, and seasonally landscape this sections of PAS medians in our expansion area. Carryover from FY23</i> This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
30/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Replace streetlights throughout the Garment District</i> The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
31/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 23: 15 West 58th Street -- Generator</i> Emergency generators are being installed throughout firehouses on a yearly basis, priority established by Fire Operations, funding is reliant on Federal Grants. Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.

32/39	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Fix pothole on 42nd st and 6th ave</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
33/39	FDNY	Other capital budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase new generators for: Engine 26: 220 West 37th Street ? Generator</i>	Emergency generators are being installed throughout firehouses on a yearly basis, priority established by Fire Operations, funding is reliant on Federal Grants. Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
34/39	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Purchase more compact multipurpose machines with plows to clear bike lanes</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
35/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create permanent bike infrastructure on CB5 side street</i>	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.
36/39	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>New snow plow for Madison Sq Park</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
37/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create electric car charging stations within CB5</i>	NYCDOT is currently implementing a Pilot Project to address this condition.
38/39	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share	<i>Create electric bike charging stations within CB5</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
39/39	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Widen 8th ave</i>	NYC DOT completed this project with an in-house initiative.

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/25	OMB	Other expense budget request	<i>Budget for a Director of the Public Realm within the Mayor's Office.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
02/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Additional funding for expansion of the Mental Health Teams Pilot Program (B-HEARD), or a similar program, operated jointly with DHMH to provide citywide emergency mental health responses.</i>	Please contact the Mayors Office of Community Mental Health directly.
03/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Increase funding for Home-Stat. Fully fund the street outreach program that follows client from street to permanent housing. (Additional Case Managers for DHS: Additional funding to provide case managers to homeless individuals and especially families. These individuals face a myriad of problems,</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.
04/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services	<i>More staffing and attorneys for DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) to provide tenants facing eviction in Housing Court or NYCHA administrative proceedings access to free legal representation and advice provided by nonprofit legal services organizations from across the five boroughs.</i>	HRA provides legal services through its Office of Civil Justice and all at risk of eviction and housing insecurity New Yorkers are eligible to be served by the program.
05/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Funding to make the midtown business recovery detail permanent and provide additional funding to expand personnel within NYPD's (NCO) neighborhood policing program.</i>	Part of this request is already funded. The Agency recommends funding for the remaining items in FY 2024, however at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
06/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Study to identify locations to install APTs in CB5. Carryover from FY23. Study to identify locations to install APTs in CB5 and create a funding system to provide for their maintenance and ongoing operation. These facilities can remove pressure on public and private institutions to provide this public benefit and place responsibility on the city to provide a helpful resource to tourists and residents alike.</i>	Please enter requests for Street Furniture on-line at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/htm/l/infrastructure/streetfurniture.shtml#suggest
07/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Dedicate short-term, immediate strategic resources and staff time toward identifying 1) the regulatory, legal, and financial obstacles within the city jurisdiction that have caused lower than expected utilization of the state's Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act (HONDA), which is meant to accelerate and increase conversion of distressed commercial hotel buildings into permanently affordable and supportive housing for homeless and low-income New Yorkers; and 2) the projected number of new residential units that could be created as a result of the removal of each of the identified obstacles</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

08/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Allocate funds for a study of sites within CB5 with low current FAR utilization that have the potential for redevelopment and future rezoning.</i>	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.
09/25	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance	<i>Establish a legacy business registry and preservation fund, allocate funds to support legacy businesses within the city.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
10/25	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Fully fund Community First outreach for persons in public spaces to enable us to expand our geographic reach.</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.
11/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>Provide entrepreneurial training, deploy start-up grants, and support reentry entrepreneurs & justice-involved New Yorkers, and partner with community development financial institutions (CDFIs) to expand access to microloans and technical assistance.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
12/25	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>Establish a grant program with eligibility criteria targeting minority-owned businesses, and / or provide access to shared resources / software / best practices materials.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/25	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Offer entrepreneurship training through the city-funded Alternatives to Incarceration program</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
14/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>More staffing for DSS/HRA's Office processing SNAP and Cash Assistance.</i>	The agency is in the process of hiring new staff to serve for processing SNAP and Cash Assistance.
15/25	DEP	Other expense budget request	<i>Mayors Office of Sustainability - Fund study evaluating the costs, benefits, and feasibility of a law/zoning changes: 1. requiring all commercial buildings and multi-family residential buildings to have solar panels covering the building's total envelope, similar to previously implemented laws in California mandating such coverage 2. eliminating restrictions limiting solar panel footprint to 25% of the roof if solar panels are more than 4' above the maximum height of buildings</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
16/25	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Funding for services for undocumented in shelter system to get housing and bilingual staff</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

17/25	OMB	Other expense budget request	<i>Office of Prevention of hate Crimes - Additional funding for outreach efforts relating to hate crimes</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
18/25	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Establishment of comprehensive stormwater resiliency plan to identify areas at risk, expand drainage capacity throughout city to prevent flooding, and establishment of green infrastructure projects that absorb and redirect water</i>	DEP is currently working on a Stormwater Management Plan to be released in 2023
19/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Given the expiry of 421-a, fund a working group of policy and planning experts to propose and evaluate viable NYC alternatives for 421-a, working with New York State counterparts as necessary, and publish results accessible to the public.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
20/25	DCA	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Increase funding for the Office of Street Vendor Enforcement to properly oversee and implement Local Law 18 of 2021, which allows for the issuance of 4,000 new street vendor permits over the next 10 years, creates an Office of Street Vendor Enforcement, and establishes a street vendor advisory board.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
21/25	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Professional development for teachers</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
22/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Funding for more full time school nurses</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
23/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Baseline funding for the landlord ambassador program and partners in preservation</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
24/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Increase funding for more DSNY inspectors</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
25/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Allocate dedicated funds for ongoing monitoring of open restaurant facilities (temporary sheds) and removal mechanisms</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.