

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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**Bronx Community
District
4**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

The Bronx

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

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

Bronx Community District 4

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

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District Four, the Capital District, is made up of the following neighborhoods: Mt. Eden, Highbridge, West Concourse, East Concourse, and Concourse Village. Our district is bounded by the Cross Bronx Expressway to the North, East 149th Street to the South, Webster to Park Avenue on the East and the Harlem River on the West. Nearly 160,000 residents call Community District Four home. We celebrate their distinct cultures and points of view. Our district is a great place to visit, work and live. We are the host to the world-renowned Yankee Stadium, Bronx Terminal Market/Gateway Center, the Borough's Court System, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the future home of the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum. An astounding array of architecture styles are on full display including revivalist styles such as Tudor, Renaissance, and Colonial Revival, and Art Deco buildings within the Grand Concourse Historic District. We continue to attract public and private investment leveraging our locational advantages; we are 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan, have excellent transit access including multiple subway lines, regional access with the Metro North and Major Deegan Expressway, and an extraordinary network of open space and recreational facilities. Bronx Point, which will be located along 149th Street and the Harlem River, will include new amenities at Mill Pond Park, 1,000 units of affordable housing and the future home of the Universal Hip Hop Museum. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan approved by City Council in March 2018 resulted in \$189 million invested for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, design and construction of new open space and a new state-of-the art middle school. Advocacy to support the additional density resulted in the MTA allocating capital funds for the installation of an elevator at 170th Street station on the #4 train which was completed in 2023. Several other capital investments are well underway including the construction of nearly 1,000 units of affordable housing (including 69 senior units) and designs of Corporal Irwin Fischer Park, Goble Playground and Grant Park. While these additions are welcome, we continue to face numerous challenges. While New York City's jobless rate is 5.6% and unemployment nationally is 3.8 % and 4.4% in New York State respectively, unemployment in the Bronx is 7.3%, which means that unemployment in Community District Four is nearly double that. In a District where people continue to struggle on a day-to-day basis, we need to invest and allocate more resources to job training/development and job creation to provide a robust employment network for area residents. This includes continuing to investment in our young people through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and other mechanisms to better prepare them for a variety of career paths. New

York City has seen thousands of small businesses shutter their doors over the last two years, 30% of those being restaurants. As many of these small businesses support families these losses affect not just the local economy but the day-to-day lives of local residents. We are now facing a crisis of epic proportions with the arrival of more than 1,000 migrants a day straining resources across NY. Quality of life issues including noise, loitering, public safety (in particular shooting incidents) and sanitation are major concerns for area residents. Enforcement of traffic laws and a concerted effort to deter loitering and loud music must continue to be a priority for the City. The construction of the 153rd Street Bridge would not only provide relief for traffic congestion; it would create significant economic development opportunities including good paying jobs for local residents and transform the landscape of the South Bronx. The City must continue to seek innovative solutions that will support our long-term growth and sustainability.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 4

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Nearly eighty percent of the housing stock in the district is rent-stabilized. The preservation of our current housing stock is on the critical path for area residents. In addition to the lack of affordable housing for current residents we must now grapple with the many thousands of migrants that are now being sheltered in NYC. Current estimates suggest that there are 65,000 migrants in the NYC shelter system. The number of homeless shelters that have opened in our District is disproportionate when compared to others when what we need is permanent affordable housing. Currently, HPD estimates more than 3,600 affordable housing units based on developer interest in their pipeline (According to latest estimates, May 2021). We implore the City to implement Area Median Income (AMI) Income Averaging to ensure that any new affordable housing constructed in the district encompasses a wider range and mix of incomes as opposed to strict income ranges that do no support economic diversity within new housing stock. In addition, the 10452 zip code had 5,263 eviction filings between 2018-2022, fourth highest in the city. These facts combined with a 31% increase in the homeless population over the last year and the influx of migrants makes the facilitation and production of affordable housing a top priority.

Crime and Public Safety

Crime is the second most important issue in Community District 4 because it shapes the daily experience of residents, workers, and visitors, and directly influences the overall quality of life. While we have seen a slight lowering of overall crime, challenges remain. Categories such as felony assault, burglary, and especially grand larceny auto—which has seen a notable increase—continue to impact families and businesses across the district. At the same time, quality-of-life concerns tied to street activity, noise, and disorder also affect residents' sense of safety and stability. The 44th Precinct has worked diligently with limited resources, and we acknowledge the positive trend of fewer shootings and shooting victims. However, sustained progress requires continued investment in neighborhood policing, the Public Safety Unit, and the newly formed NYPD Q-Team focused on quality-of-life enforcement. Public safety remains a top concern because safe, stable neighborhoods are the foundation for strong schools, thriving businesses, and healthy communities.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Cleanliness and trash removal is the third most important issue in Community District 4, as it directly affects health, quality of life, and how residents and visitors experience our neighborhoods. Overflowing litter baskets, illegal dumping, and inconsistent collection schedules are persistent concerns raised by the community. These conditions not only create an unsightly environment but also contribute to rodent activity, environmental hazards, and a general sense of neglect. With the district's high density, heavy foot traffic, and large number of visitors drawn to Yankee Stadium and surrounding attractions, the need for consistent and expanded sanitation services is especially critical. Residents deserve clean streets and well-maintained public spaces, and the District's resiliency depends on a strong partnership with DSNY to address these challenges. Greater investment in basket collection, enforcement against illegal dumping, and seasonal staffing will ensure cleaner, healthier, and safer streets for all.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

Community Board 4 identifies mental illness as the most important issue in Healthcare and Human Services. High poverty levels in our district (32% compared to 20% citywide) create conditions where stress, trauma, and depression are widespread but too often untreated. Stigma, limited access, and a shortage of culturally competent providers leave many residents without the care they need.

Mental illness intersects with other pressing concerns such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, unemployment, housing insecurity, and domestic violence. Without support, these challenges compound, harming individuals, families, and the broader community.

To address this, we advocate for:

Greater access to affordable, community-based mental health services.

Public education to reduce stigma and normalize mental health care.

Stronger partnerships between DOHMH, DPR, DOT, and local organizations to create safe and supportive environments.

Targeted services for seniors, survivors of domestic violence, and other vulnerable groups.

Prioritizing mental health is essential to improving overall wellness, resilience, and quality of life for the residents of Community District 4.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HRA	1 / 1	Strengthening Housing Equity in CB4

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 2	Transportation Access for Seniors
DFTA	2 / 2	Transportation Access for Seniors
DHS	1 / 1	Homelessness & Reentry Support
DOHMH	1 / 2	Addressing Nutrition and Chronic Illness
DOHMH	2 / 2	Mental Health & Transitional Support
HRA	1 / 2	Housing Stability & Senior Health
HRA	2 / 2	Employment & Workforce Development

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Community Board 4 identifies youth workforce development and summer youth employment as the most important issue in Youth, Education, and Child Welfare. Our district has a large and growing youth population, many of whom face barriers to long-term success due to poverty, under-resourced schools, and limited exposure to career opportunities. Without meaningful employment and workforce development, young people are at higher risk of disengagement, involvement in the justice system, and long-term economic instability.

Summer Youth Employment and similar workforce programs provide more than just jobs—they offer pathways to financial literacy, career exploration, and the development of professional skills that prepare youth for adulthood. These programs also give families relief by engaging young people in structured, safe, and productive environments during critical summer months.

Community Board 4 strongly supports:

Expanding access to Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) slots.

Increasing opportunities for year-round internships, apprenticeships, and workforce training programs.

Building stronger partnerships between schools, community-based organizations, and employers to expose youth to diverse career pathways.

Ensuring equitable access for low-income youth and those most vulnerable to systemic barriers.

Investing in youth workforce development is an investment in the long-term stability and prosperity of the Bronx. By creating opportunities for employment and career readiness, we help young people build the foundation for success in education, work, and life.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 1	Youth Center in Highbridge
DOE	CS	Provide technology upgrade
SCA	CS	New Gym

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 9	Other educational programs requests
DOE	2 / 9	Assign more teaching staff
DOE	3 / 9	Other educational programs requests
DOE	4 / 9	Other educational programs requests
DOE	5 / 9	Other educational programs requests
DOE	6 / 9	Special Needs funding
DOE	7 / 9	Programs for Foster and Young Adults
DOE	8 / 9	At-Risk and Formerly incarcerated youth programing
DOE	9 / 9	Programs for Teenage Parents
DYCD	1 / 6	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program
DYCD	2 / 6	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)
DYCD	3 / 6	Other expense budget request for DYCD
DYCD	4 / 6	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services
DYCD	5 / 6	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services
DYCD	6 / 6	Other expense budget request for DYCD

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Community District 4 has experienced some improvement in public safety, with crime statistics showing a slight overall decline. This is encouraging, and we strongly support efforts to ensure this positive trend continues. At the same time, challenges remain. Categories such as felony assault and burglary have shown increases, and grand larceny auto remains of particular concern, with a 23% rise compared to prior years.

Despite these challenges, there has been a meaningful reduction in shooting incidents and shooting victims, which is significant given the ongoing proliferation of illegal firearms in New York City. This reflects the dedicated efforts of the 44th Precinct, which continues to perform at a high level with the resources available.

During warmer months, limited recreational options for residents lead to heavier use of parks and more street activity, creating additional quality-of-life concerns. To address these needs, Community Board 4 support the formation of the NYPD Q-Team (Quality of Life), which will directly address day-to-day issues such as noise, disorderly conduct, and other quality-of-life matters that strongly affect residents.

Sustained investment in these resources is critical. By building on recent gains and targeting persistent issues, we can ensure continued reductions in crime and a stronger sense of safety and quality of life for all residents of Community District 4.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	CS	Additional Support for new EMS Station

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 2	Hire additional uniformed officers
NYPD	2 / 2	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 4

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community Board 4 identifies cleanliness and trash collection as the most important issue in Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency. Residents consistently raise concerns about litter, illegal dumping, and overflowing corner baskets, which directly affect quality of life and the perception of safety in our neighborhoods. These issues are intensified by high pedestrian traffic, dense housing, and the limited frequency of trash pickup in some corridors.

Poor street cleanliness does not only impact appearance, it also contributes to rodent activity, environmental hazards, and public health concerns. Addressing trash collection is therefore essential to resilience and livability in the district.

Community Board 4 strongly supports:

Increased frequency of trash pickup in high-need areas.

Expansion of litter basket collection routes and basket availability.

Targeted enforcement against illegal dumping and chronic problem locations.

Strengthening partnerships with DSNY, community organizations, and local stakeholders to promote shared responsibility for cleaner streets.

Ensuring cleaner streets is a basic but critical service. By investing in stronger sanitation resources and enforcement, we can improve public health, strengthen community pride, and build a more resilient environment for all residents of Community District 4.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 1	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 2	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
DSNY	2 / 2	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 4

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

Affordable housing creation

Community Board 4 identifies affordable housing development as the most important issue in Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use. The district continues to face a severe shortage of affordable units that meet the needs of families, seniors, and young adults. Rising rents and limited housing stock leave many residents with few options, forcing overcrowding, doubling-up, or displacement from the community they have long called home.

There is also a lack of housing opportunities that allow families to expand as their needs grow, as well as limited affordable pathways for young adults seeking to remain in the Bronx while starting their independent lives. Without new, accessible developments, the cycle of instability and outmigration will continue, undermining both community stability and local economic growth.

Community Board 4 strongly supports:

The development of affordable housing that accommodates families of different sizes.

Expanding opportunities for young adults to access affordable rental and ownership units within the district.

Policies that preserve existing affordable housing and prevent displacement.

Stronger collaboration with HPD, HDC, and mission-driven developers to prioritize long-term affordability.

Affordable housing is the foundation of community stability. By investing in development that reflects the needs of families and young adults, we can strengthen the Bronx's future, reduce displacement pressures, and ensure residents have the opportunity to thrive where they live.

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
SBS	1 / 1	Workforce Development Request
HPD	CS	More Affordable Housing

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCP	1 / 1	Land Use Zoning
EDC	1 / 2	Expand MWBE Support
EDC	2 / 2	Development of local workforce
HPD	1 / 4	Development of Cooperative-Owned Housing
HPD	2 / 4	Equal Distribution of Income Bands
HPD	3 / 4	Increase Fines for Landlords
HPD	4 / 4	Strengthen Housing Resources
SBS	1 / 2	Explore new way to incubate small business
SBS	2 / 2	Collaboration on the Jerome Ave Rezoning

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Bronx Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other - Write In (Required)

Community Board 4 identifies bus and train service quality as the most important issue in Transportation and Mobility. Our district is heavily dependent on public transportation, with the majority of residents relying on buses and subways for commuting to work, school, and essential services. Reliable and affordable transit is not a convenience for our community; it is a lifeline.

However, residents consistently report challenges with service frequency, delays, overcrowding, and accessibility. Bus service in particular is slowed by congestion and uneven scheduling, leaving riders with long waits and unpredictable commutes. On the subway system, service disruptions and station conditions continue to undermine reliability and rider confidence.

Community Board 4 strongly supports:

Improvements to bus frequency, reliability, and enforcement of dedicated bus lanes.

Investments in subway infrastructure and station maintenance to ensure cleaner, safer, and more accessible facilities.

Continued expansion of accessible stations to meet ADA requirements.

Stronger coordination between MTA, DOT, and community stakeholders to address service concerns specific to the Bronx.

Given our community's reliance on public transportation, investment in bus and train service is essential for equity, opportunity, and economic stability. Improving service quality ensures that residents can get to work, school, and healthcare reliably and with dignity.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 4	Other transportation infrastructure request
DOT	2 / 4	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	3 / 4	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	4 / 4	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	CS	Jerome Avenue Street Lighting
DOT	CS	Jerome Avenue Street Resurfacing

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 4

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

Park care and maintenance

Community Board 4 represents the Bronx's Capitol District, which includes the County Seat and major parkland such as Franz Sigel, Joyce Kilmer, Mullaly, Mill Pond, Macombs Dam, and Claremont Parks. We are encouraged by pending investments in Grant Park, the expansion of Mill Pond Park, and the development of Corporal Fischer Park. Given this strong and growing network of open space, we respectfully request that NYC Parks and our local elected officials continue to prioritize investment in the maintenance and care of these critical resources.

The District is also home to Yankee Stadium, which draws over three million visitors annually through baseball games, the Pinstripe Bowl, college football, boxing, hockey, soccer, and concerts. In addition, significant cultural and community facility projects are underway, including Bronx Point with the Universal Hip Hop Museum and Mill Pond Park upgrades, the Bronx Children's Museum, and the expansion of the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

To ensure that residents and millions of visitors can safely and fully enjoy our parks and cultural assets, Community Board 4 supports the Parks Department's requests for:

Additional staffing, including Permanent City Parks Workers and City Seasonal Aides for regular cleaning and upkeep.

More Gardeners, Associate Park Service Workers, and Park Supervisors.

Expanded seasonal staff during peak months (April–October).

Increased Park Enforcement Officers for safety and compliance.

Additional Playground Associates and Recreation Specialists for recreation centers.

Replacement of aging fleet vehicles to maintain operational capacity.

Clean and well-maintained parks, playgrounds, and cultural facilities are essential to the health, well-being, and quality of life of our community and are vital to sustaining the Bronx as a destination for residents and visitors alike.

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	1 / 1	Renovate upgrade or provide new community board facility and equipment
DPR	1 / 16	Improve access to park and amenities
DPR	2 / 16	New equipment for maintenance
DPR	3 / 16	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	4 / 16	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity
DPR	5 / 16	Other capital budget request
DPR	6 / 16	Reconstruction or upgrade a park or amenity
DPR	7 / 16	Improve access to a park or amenity
DPR	8 / 16	Development of waterfront
DPR	9 / 16	Improvements of Franz Sigel
DPR	10 / 16	Inwood Park
DPR	11 / 16	Claremont Park repairs.
DPR	12 / 16	Steps Street repair
DPR	13 / 16	Mott Playground Repair
DPR	14 / 16	Arcilla Playground
DPR	15 / 16	Keltch Park Repair
DPR	16 / 16	Kwame Ture Center Repair
NYPL	1 / 1	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
DPR	CS	Grant Park Continued Improvements
DPR	CS	Foster Park Improvements

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Support for Bronx Cultural Locations
DPR	1 / 6	Budget Line for Parks Administrator
DPR	2 / 6	Additional Permanent Staff
DPR	3 / 6	Additional PEP Officers
DPR	4 / 6	Horticultural Employees
DPR	5 / 6	Additional Playground Associates
DPR	6 / 6	Recreation Specialist
NYPL	1 / 1	Expanding Library Services

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 1	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	DSNY
Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests		

There has been an increase in the number of rats citywide. One of the challenges is keeping them out of trash and not creating environments they are inclined to inhabit. The City has created the Clean Curbs Program which allows private property owners to apply for sealed, rodent-proof containers on City property for non-DSNY collection. We respectfully request that this program be piloted in the following locations: 161st Street Corridor (161st Street BID), Mount Eden Mall (Bronx Care Hospital) and 167th Street Commercial Corridor.

New York Public Library (NYPL)

1 of 1	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	NYPL
Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library		

We ask the city to maintain capital funding for our (3) branches Grand Concourse, Highbridge and Melrose. The capital funding will ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - Sidewalk and vault work - Exterior rehabilitation - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance, and Elevator replacement.

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 1	Youth Center in Highbridge	DOE
Other capital budget request for DOE		

Location: 1080 Ogden Avenue
The enrichment and development of our youth is critical to the well being of the district. We have identified a location for a Youth Center to enrich and develop the youth in the district. The Highbridge Community Center would be located at a location owned by the city where currently the location is being vacated by the FDNY, once the new EMS Station is operational on Morris Avenue.

CS	Provide technology upgrade	DOE
Other capital budget request for DOE		

The pandemic has underscored the need for more investments in technology to facilitate remote distance learning or a hybrid. The city should pilot different types of online learning tools to determine which work best and make the best performing tools part of the curriculum permanently.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

1 of 1	Renovate upgrade or provide new community board facility and equipment	DCAS
Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment		

Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Furthermore we request that the future redevelopment of any city-owned property be given consideration for new relocation including the new library location to be explored.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 4 Other transportation infrastructure request

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: East 153rd Street & Park Avenue

We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. This is the type of project that would meet the criteria for the Federal Infrastructure bill.

2 of 4 Repair or build new step streets

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: 168th Street & Shakespeare Ave

We request upgrades of the 168 Street Step Street (Shakespeare & Edward L Grant Highway.) Including new handrails, lighting and landings.

3 of 4 Repair or build new step streets

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Anderson Ave & 167th Street

We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the step street at Shakespeare and Anderson Avenue (167thStreet.)

4 of 4 Repair or build new step streets

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Carroll Place Steps - 165th Street & 166th Street

We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Carroll Place step street (165 Street to 166 Street).

CS Jerome Avenue Street Lighting

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated train lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to poor lighting

CS Jerome Avenue Street Resurfacing

DOT

Other capital budget request for DOT

Location: 161 Street - Macombs Dam Road & Macombs Dam Road The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 16 Improve access to park and amenities**

DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Clairemont Park reconstruction including repairs of sidewalk. Community interest in basketball courts and in indoor pool in the district. The recreational center as well lacks accessibility.

2 of 16 New equipment for maintenance

DPR

New equipment for maintenance

Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Park Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to serve larger parks with smaller, safer and more efficient small utility vehicles

3 of 16 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Clairemont Park reconstruction/renovate both comfort stations.

4 of 16 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Mount Eden Mall benches require repair and or replacement of weathered wood seating

5 of 16 Other caoital budget request

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Clairemont Park needs repairing or reconstruction of the retention walls

6 of 16 Reconstruction or upgrade a park or amanity

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Macomb Dam Park needs reconstruction of synthetic turf field and added lighting

7 of 16 Improve access to a park or amenity

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Add a barrier to protect patrons from highway at Summit Park

8 of 16 Development of waterfront

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.

9 of 16 Improvements of Franz Sigel

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as facility for outdoor concerts and performances.

10 of 16 Inwood Park

DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Inwood Park needs repairing of its asphalt and needs new paint.

11 of 16 Claremont Park repairs.

DPR

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Replace or upgrade all the benches in Claremont Park.

12 of 16 Steps Street repair

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

We request a rehabilitation and reconstruction of the steps streets on 1020 Anderson Avenue (Behind P.S. 73)

13 of 16 Mott Playground Repair

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Mott Playground- Reconstruction/renovation of playground area on Morris Avenue between McClellan Street and East 166th Street.

14 of 16 Arcilla Playground

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Arcilla Playground - for Reconstruction and renovation of playground behind and originally called the JHS 145 playground, at East 164th Street between Teller Avenue and Clay Avenue

15 of 16 Keltch Park Repair

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Keltch Park- Reconstruction and renovation of parks area at Jerome Avenue off of East 170th Street and extends from Macomb Road to Elliot Place.

16 of 16 Kwame Ture Center Repair

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Reconstruction of the Kwame Ture Recreation Center located at 1527 Jesup Avenue. Needed additions are lighting, water fountains, restrooms.

CS Grant Park Continued Improvements

DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Grant Park is to remain current with. Although it was to be completed in stages to permit continued use by children of some areas of the park. However, the development of a series of large sink holes in the children's play area in the park's southwestern quadrant has effectively shut down the entire park indefinitely. This adversely impacts the entire community the park has historically served. Currently nearly \$30 million (\$25.7 through NDF) has been allocated for reconstruction of the park, roadbed, playground and basketball court.

CS Foster Park Improvements

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Both the skate park and the bike park in Foster Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovations. We respectfully request funding for to continue.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)

We recommend that DHS continue strengthening its partnerships with HPD and HRA to increase the number of affordable housing units available to individuals and families whose incomes align with the community average. Currently, many CD4 residents are rent-burdened, paying well above what they can afford. HRA can provide CityFHEPS rental assistance to individuals in need of housing support, an essential tool in stabilizing vulnerable households. It is imperative that any housing development or program seeking to build within the district engage the community before breaking ground. This is especially critical given CD4's role in supporting shelter and refugee populations, and its hosting of a DHS intake center. Safe, stable, affordable, and permanent housing is foundational to public health. Prioritizing transparency, equity, and community engagement is key to building healthier neighborhoods.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

1 of 1 Workforce Development Request**SBS**

Other capital budget request for SBS

A Workforce One Center or an equivalent is still needed in our district, but its offerings should engage many sectors (not just the auto-industry) affected by the pandemic; the service and food/beverage industries were hit particularly hard during the pandemic. The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers with a focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry for example. This request could be accommodated on any number of cityowned sites in the district (SEE Housing & Land Use) or city-funded project like Bronx Point for economic growth for and small business development that Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC) and organizations like WHEDco and BronxWorks engage with street vendors to find acceptable locations and obtain licenses to sell wares.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

CS Additional Support for new EMS Station**FDNY**

Other capital budget request for FDNY

The Community Board approved site design and voted in support of the ULURP application for the design and construction of the new EMS Station on Morris Avenue. We want to underscore our support for this project and request that once the new facility is operational that the city engage the Community in a substantive conversation about the use of the site. We advocate for a Highbridge Community Center, a new community center on the site focused on youth.

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

CS More Affordable Hosuing**HPD**

Other capital budget request for HPD

Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing. HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing

School Construction Authority

CS New Gym**SCA**

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity. As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. SCA has released its 2020-2024, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 9 Other educational programs requests

DOE

Other educational programs requests

There is a great need to provide more arts and culture programs for our young people. The City should fund/[partner with Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Children's Museum, Botanical Gardens for example, to create additional programs in school.

2 of 9 Assign more teaching staff

DOE

Assign more teaching staff

To accompany request for more programming for the arts and sports the city should hire/assign more staff for these programs in the Capitol District.

3 of 9 Other educational programs requests

DOE

Assign more teaching staff

Computer literacy is critical for our young people to compete and thrive academically and in the workforce. There should be additional funding/resources allocated to programming for computer training and technology.

4 of 9 Other educational programs requests

DOE

Assign more teaching staff

Special Needs Education and resources are often overlooked. We need to allocate more funding and resources to support children in the district with special needs.

5 of 9 Other educational programs requests

DOE

Other educational programs requests

As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center helps facilities in the Capitol District.

6 of 9 Special Needs funding

DOE

Other educational programs requests

Increase funding to support programs for Special Needs students.

7 of 9 Programs for Foster and Young Adults

DOE

Other educational programs requests

Provide funding for educational and vocational training for foster youth and young adults who age out of the foster care system (18-24 years old) to develop skills that would enhance their development.

8 of 9 At-Risk and Formerly incarcerated youth programming

DOE

Other educational programs requests

Provide further funding for educational resources, employment and training for At-Risk and formerly incarcerated youth.

9 of 9 Programs for Teenage Parents

DOE

Other educational programs requests

Provide funding to support and provide training and employment opportunities for teenage parents

1 of 2

Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

DSNY

Other cleaning requests

Location: East 161 Street - Macombs Dam Road & Macombs Dam Road This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.) and other high traffic locations within the district.

2 of 2

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

DSNY

Other cleaning requests

DOT currently has an agreement with DSNY to clean step streets whenever possible. Given the number of step streets throughout the District we request that DSNY add personnel to be able to maintain and service step streets on a more regular basis. One idea might be to increase the number of JWT workers and assigning them to the more heavily utilized Step Streets for regular clean ups.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

1 of 6

Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services

Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$29,832) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and make it year round. Summer Youth Employment programs are a gateway to assist youths in a positive direction to be employed and to invest in their neighborhoods economic development. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and continue to expand the program to year round.

2 of 6

Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)

DYCD

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Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Afterschool programs and youth employment are essential needs for the youth in the District Capitol. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs. We also encourage the agency to find ways to employ youth constructively on a year-round basis.

3 of 6

Other expense budget request for DYCD

DYCD

Other youth workforce development requests

Trades can provide an excellent career path for those who do not want to attend a two or four year college. Partnering with local unions on apprenticeship programs can provide exceptional opportunities for our young men and women.

4 of 6

Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services

Literacy is a major barrier to a high school diploma and beyond. The City should partner with libraries, non-profit organizations and foundations to create

5 of 6

Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services

DYCD

Other youth workforce development requests

As our young people begin to explore career opportunities the City should create internship and externship opportunities with middle school and high schools students with employers such as the New York Yankee Organization, Montefiore Hospital, BronxCare Health Systems, Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.

6 of 6 Other expense budget request for DYCD

DYCD

Other youth workforce development requests

Financial literacy including but not limited to budgeting, and investment should be a core competency for our young people. We encourage the city to enhance these programs and engage partners (local banks, financial institutions) to provide seminars and workshops to educate young people on basic principles.

New York Police Department (NYPD)**1 of 2 Hire additional uniformed officers**

NYPD

Other NYPD staff resources requests

The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. We specifically would like to see an increase in NCO's and officers in the Public Safety unit.

2 of 2 Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)

NYPD

Other NYPD staff resources requests

The increase in violent crime continues and quality of life continues on a downward spiral as sidewalk parties, booming music from life-size speakers and continued loitering have become the norm. A special mention should also be given to the incredible number of unlicensed motorized vehicles (scooters, mopeds, e-bikes) that operate on the roadways and sidewalks within the District. We urge the city to deploy more resources to make our city streets safe once again and improve our Quality of Life.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**1 of 1 Support for Bronx Cultural Locations**

DCLA

Other expense budget request for DCLA

Provide funding and resources so that local cultural institutions like The Bronx Museum and Universal Hip Hop Museum can provide more community programming particularly for young people.

Department of City Planning (DCP)**1 of 1 Land Use Zoning**

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) conducted in October 2019, made a number of recommendations that would improve existing conditions in the district. While, not endorsing a soccer stadium, the Board likes the recommendations and implementation strategies outlined in the report and urges the city to leverage the TAP as a guide for future development of the area. In particular we would like the city to conduct a parking study which would include an analysis of on-street parking throughout district as well as utilization for all garages along the Harlem River and near Yankee Stadium with the ultimate goal to launch a pilot program for on-street parking permits for area residents.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)**1 of 2 Transportation Access for Seniors**

DFTA

Other senior center program requests

We are demanding an update on the status of DFTA's "My Ride" pilot program, launched in fall 2021 in several districts including CB4. The service has proven beneficial to participating residents, and we urge DFTA to expand its capacity and coverage. Improved transportation access is essential for older adults to reach medical appointments, social services, and community programs. CB4 calls for increased funding and a clear plan to scale this initiative across underserved areas.

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Department for Homeless Services (DHS)**1 of 1 Homelessness & Reentry Support**

DHS

Other request for services for the homeless

HOMESTAT should receive increased outreach and DHS funding to more effectively address street homelessness. Shelter conditions must be improved to ensure safety and dignity, and hospitality must reflect participants' rights and humanity, not just politeness. Enhanced security, integrated mental health services, and robust performance tracking across DHS partnerships, including transportation and retention, are essential. Additional staffing is needed to create safer, more supportive environments for all. Formerly incarcerated individuals often re-enter communities with limited support. Expanding pre-release and supervised release programs, and scaling proven models such as CASES, Fortune Society, and the Center for Justice Assistance (CJA), can reduce recidivism and strengthen reintegration pathways.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**1 of 2 Addressing Nutrition and Chronic Illness**

DOHMH

Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.

To reduce obesity and diabetes, we support expanding Shop Healthy, FRESH, and farmers markets to improve access to fresh produce. Nutritional education should include mental health support to address stress-related habits. With residents under 25, DOHMH should expand youth outreach on safe sex, vaping, substance use, and physical activity. Programs like Wellness in the Schools and Shape Up NYC offer strong models. Seniors need tailored outreach on wellness, tech training, and social connection. HRA participants should be connected to health resources via local Job Centers to improve access for working families. We also recommend partnering with libraries to offer health education and workshops on growing food in small spaces, empowering residents to cultivate fresh produce at home and build food independence.

2 of 2 Mental Health & Transitional Support

DOHMH

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

We urge DOHMH and DHS to expand trauma-informed care and mobile mental health services at existing transitional housing sites. Programs like NAICA, Comunilife, and Fortune Society offer strong models and should be scaled. We support efforts to destigmatize mental health through education and culturally responsive outreach. Programs like StartCare, SOMOS, and Parent Care should be expanded, with partnerships across community organizations and local businesses to deepen impact. Connecting residents to Health Bucks and wellness resources promotes healthier living and bridges care with everyday community spaces.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 2 Housing Stability & Senior Health**

HRA

Other expense budget request for HRA

With nearly 114,000 individuals, including 65,000 children, currently in New York City's shelter system, the City must strengthen its efforts to permanently house families and individuals. We urge the expansion of eligibility requirements for voucher programs and an increase in HPD's set-aside for formerly homeless residents beyond the current 10%. Organizations such as NAICA, Comunilife, Fortune Society, Project Renewal, Unique People Services, and Samaritan Village offer proven models for transitional and permanent housing. These models should be scaled citywide. We also call for enhanced senior health programs that integrate physical and mental care, including nutrition support, chronic illness management, and emotional wellness. Cross-sector collaboration will be key to improving outcomes and ensuring older adults receive coordinated, comprehensive care

2 of 2 Employment & Workforce Development

HRA

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

To support formerly homeless individuals and families, we recommend reserving 25% of new job opportunities for residents. Collaborate with HRA, WHEDco, BronxWorks, and community-based training programs to build workforce capacity and connect residents to stable employment. Partnering with established businesses and service providers will strengthen job pipelines and promote long-term economic stability across the district.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 6 Budget Line for Parks Administrator**

DPR

Provide better park maintenance

The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. This individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming. This position would be very similar to the Parks Administrator at Crotona Park. It should be noted that CB4 has the highest number of parks properties with additions on the horizon and significantly increased utilization with opening of the Bronx Children's Museum and the Universal Hip Hop Museum at Bronx Point.

2 of 6 Additional Permanent Staff

DPR

Provide better park maintenance

We are requesting additional permanent City Parks workers in Bronx CB4 who clean and cut grass in the parks on a regular basis. It would also allow Parks to staff more sites regularly with "fixed post" employees as opposed to the use of mobile crews to service certain sites. We believe that where possible, a dedicated presence of on-site maintenance staff can allow for more "caring" and detailed maintenance of the park. We are also in need of more Associate Park Service Workers, who haul away trash, drive large vehicles and lead crews in the field. In addition, seasonal staff augments the fulltime staff during peak season and are essential to the level of maintenance needed.

3 of 6 Additional PEP Officers

DPR

Provide better park maintenance

CB4 respectfully request additional PEP officers be assigned to borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months

4 of 6 Horticultural Employees

DPR

Other street trees and forestry services requests

Increase the number of horticultural employees. Over the years, the horticultural elements throughout CB4 have increased in size and scale. These gardens and landscapes have made the borough more beautiful, but they require an immense amount of maintenance. In order to maintain these gardens, additional employees is needed.

5 of 6 Additional Playground Associates

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, additional Playground Associates are requested for Bronx CB4.

6 of 6 Recreation Specialist

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. An increase in Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

1 of 2	Expand MWBE Support Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses	EDC
We should support the sustainability of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them. SBS, EDC and HPD should partner to expand programs to ensure that housing contracts and construction bids are awarded to more Bronx-based MWBE's.		

2 of 2	Development of local workforce Other expense budget request for EDC	EDC
SBS and EDC should partner with HPD and local developers to create our own "local" construction workforce. The initial focus should be on projects sponsored by the City of New York and those receiving city funding.		

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 4	Development of Cooperative-Owned Housing Other expense budget request for HPD	HPD
Development of cooperative-owned housing units in addition to affordable rental housing: HPD should allocate housing subsidy to facilitate affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities in newly constructed buildings in addition to rental housing. Home ownership creates neighborhood stability and reinforces community.		

2 of 4	Equal Distribution of Income Bands Other expense budget request for HPD	HPD
We are requesting the equal distribution of income bands to our community. They should reflect the realities of our residents within the five boroughs of New York City. We ask that our elected officials introduce and support legislation that mandates a review of the term sheets. We specifically ask for the exclusion of Westchester and Putnam counties as they provide a false impression of the incomes of NYC residents.		

3 of 4	Increase Fines for Landlords Other expense budget request for HPD	HPD
Where can CB4 add to its expectation of HPD that it maintains its commitment that all older housing stock be maintained in good condition with landlords making necessary repairs or have consequences levied against their ownership. In addition, HPD should protect renters from unreasonable rent increases for improvements made to buildings and rent increases to apartments when tenants move out. Increase fines to landlords that do not take care of repairs. We would like to revamp the 311-call system to make sure HPD inspectors verify the issue has been addressed before the case is closed. Additionally, to hold HPD accountable, we would like a system in place showing how HPD monitors its housing stock. How it monitors building conditions, inspection schedules and enforcement.		

4 of 4	Strengthen Housing Resources Other expense budget request for HPD	HPD
To strengthen our community to vital housing resources, we propose expanding community visibility. We can host regular tabling events at local CBOs and raise awareness of housing programs and services such as SCRIE, DRIE, Home Base, CityFHEPS, etc. We can simplify the application process for these programs and provide clear eligibility requirements. Additionally, we may request that agencies consider extending the duration of housing subsidies to better support the housing stability of our residents. Bringing awareness of collaborations of Housing Fairs and similar events with the Councilmember, WHEDco, and HPD. These will offer opportunities for residents to connect with housing providers and available support. Also allocate funding and develop housing for young adults ages 18-24 transitioning out of foster care. This group of individuals deserves support to prevent homelessness and encourage independence		

New York Public Library (NYPL)

NYPL is focused on expanding access to information and enrichment programs for children, teens, and adults. The Library aims to deepen the impact of education programs while nurturing the learning of young patrons through engagement outside of school, expanding services to teens, scholars, and educators, and providing best-in-class skill-building and social connection opportunities for adults, especially multilingual learners and older adults. Expense funding is an integral part of the Library's ability to provide access to diverse programs, access to free education, knowledge, and books for all and maintain world class collections. With this in mind, the community Board supports increasing expense funding to the libraries for fiscal year 2027.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

1 of 2 **Explore new way to incubate small business**

SBS

Other commercial district revitalization requests

COVID-19 has taken its toll on small businesses. Department of Small Business Services in collaboration with other city agencies (and/or through public/private partnership) should explore new innovative ideas to incubate and support small businesses. The City of Toronto has a business incubator program where they have stalls that small businesses can use rent free to create exposure and ultimately lead to a bricks and mortar location. A program like this could be piloted as part of city owned developments as part of the long-term lease agreement.

2 of 2 **Collaboration on the Jerome Ave Rezoning**

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SBS, EDC and HPD should continue to support and collaborate with the Jerome Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (JARC), to create economic growth for area residents and small business development for organizations like WHEDco and BronxWorks to engage with street vendors to find acceptable locations and obtain licenses to sell wares. In particular working with JARC steering committee members to deploy services and programming to small area businesses.