

Fiscal Year 2022



Manhattan Community District

# 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) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

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 FY22 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

# **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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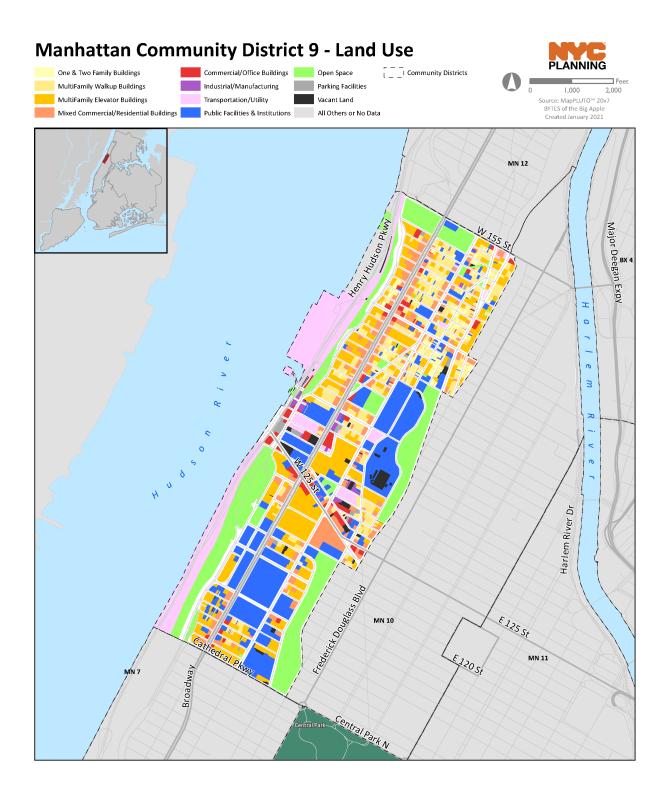
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# 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at <a href="mailto:communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov">communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov</a>.



#### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is made up of several distinct neighborhoods, Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights and a portion of Central Harlem. Our district runs from 110th Street to 155th Street. Our Eastern border runs along Manhattan/Morningside Aves, St. Nicholas/Edgecombe and Bradhurst Aves and the Hudson River is our Western border. Each neighborhood is a distinct community, but all face growing challenges of housing affordability, increased homelessness, and a lack of youth development and employment opportunities.

The coronavirus has taken a heavy toll on our community both in terms of cases and deaths and in the economic devastation from businesses closed and jobs lost. Because the demographics of our neighborhoods include many intersections of vulnerable populations (frontline workers, low-income, heavily Black and Latino, many seniors, and high rates of pre-existing conditions like heart disease), our neighborhoods will require sustained and aggressive programming for testing and tracing, PPE distribution, and anti-hunger initiatives. One of our ZIP codes, 10031, currently has a positivity rate of 2.1%, the highest in Manhattan and among the highest in the city. General Grant Houses had the most deaths of any NYCHA development in the city during the first wave of cases this spring.

Even prior to the pandemic, our neighborhoods' poverty rate of 20% was significantly higher than the city's overall rate of 15.6%, with poverty concentrated among both families with young children (32.7% of whom were below the poverty line) and the elderly (23.6% of whom lived below the poverty line). Even when looking at a cutoff of 200% of the federal poverty line, our neighborhoods collectively had 34.8% of households below that limit compared to the citywide rate of 29.3% Due to the concentration of residents who held service jobs in the hospitality industry (cooks, servers, bartenders, hotel and facilities workers) and employment in the arts collectively making up 17.4% of the population as of 2018 compared to the citywide average of 10.9%, unemployment in our ZIP codes has soared, hitting 17.69% in 10031, 19.31%in 10027, and 6.68% in 10025 (shared with MCD7). And as work, school, and social life began "going remote," families and individuals in our community were at a disadvantage, with 7.1% of households only having internet on their cellular devices and 13.7% of households lacking an internet connection entirely as of 2019 ACS data. In order to recover from the pandemic, our neighborhood will require sustained support for our most vulnerable, including but not limited to the following interventions:

- Income assistance
- · Job placement and training
- · Subsidized or free internet connections
- Digital literacy programs
- Small business support
- Assistance to renters
- Assistance to homeowners, especially with repairs and capital expenses as well as lower interest rates and more flexible plans for water/sewage arrears and property tax arrears.

Immediate expenditures by agencies, aside from rent assistance, include further technological assistance to families in DOE schools who have difficulty participating in remote learning, an expansion of the Cure Violence program to cover the southern portion of Hamilton Heights where there has been an alarming escalation in the number of shootings, increased resources for homelessness outreach and services, especially around Montefiore Park on Broadway and W 136th to W 138th Streets, and resumption of regular DSNY curb basket collection to help control pest populations. All of these are included in our budget priorities.

Morningside Heights in the southern portion of the Board contains many of the area's numerous institutions: Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Bank Street College of Education, Columbia University, Barnard College, Teacher's College, Manhattan School of Music, Union Theological Seminary, Jewish Theological Seminary, The National Council of Churches, Riverside Church, Grotto of Notre Dame, and the Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital Center. Morningside Heights itself is an extremely diverse area and is anchored at the northern end by the General Grant Houses NYCHA development and the former limited-equity cooperative Morningside Gardens. Real estate in Morningside Heights is overwhelmingly owned by the aforementioned institutions, with the remaining parcels generally belonging to private co-ops, with a small cluster of rent-stabilized, non-institutionally-owned rental buildings in the northwest area of the neighborhood around Tiemann Place, La Salle Street, and Claremont Avenue. Morningside Heights has recently been the site of battles fought with Institutions selling property to developers who then build luxury condominium or rental towers "as of right" that are out of context with no height limits under current zoning. A grassroots movement

has erupted to finally form a study to rezone the area of Morningside Heights (30 years fought) and put limits on the height and context of buildings in this portion of the district. Manhattanville begins at roughly 123rd Street and extends northward to 135th Street. This area includes the south campus of the City College, part of the City University of New York; the Manhattanville Houses NYCHA development; Riverside Park Community Housing at 3333 Broadway, (a former Mitchell-Lama rental building), and a number of small commercial establishments. Manhattanville is also the site of Columbia University's new campus, which is currently under construction in an area formerly inhabited by light manufacturing businesses. Manhattanville is also home to the District's largest concentration of non-institutional commercial office space in the Manhattanville Factory District, comprising an area east of Amsterdam Avenue and west of Convent Avenue between W 125th and W 130th Streets. The northernmost section of Community Board No. 9 is comprised of Hamilton Heights (which includes the "Hamilton Heights/Sugar Hill Historic District". Hamilton Heights is home to a substantial number of owneroccupied brownstones and also includes the Audubon Houses NYCHA development, Riverview Tower/626 Riverside Drive (a Mitchell-Lama co-operative), and the largest number of Housing Development Fund Cooperatives in the city. There are very few vacant structures. The majority of the small businesses in this area are operated by a diverse group, including Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern. Caribbean, and Asian owner/operators. Hamilton Heights is also home to the North River Pollution Control Plant with the Riverbank State Park on its roof. Hamilton Heights and Manhattanville also abut St. Nicholas Park, the site of the Alexander Hamilton House. The unique topography and history of these areas, partially separated from the rest of Upper Manhattan by a series of bluffs on its eastern end (St. Nicholas Park and Morningside Park) helps to create an eclectic and historic area with its own distinct character. We are proud of our neighborhoods and are committed to maintaining them and ensuring that our neighbors will be afforded an excellent quality of life.

# 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Affordable housing

The need for affordable housing has become a major problem for low, medium and middle-income families. A significant portion of Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) renter households is under a financial burden to pay rent. Technically, this includes households who have to use 30% or more of their income towards rent. In 2017, 25% of all CB9 households were "moderately rent-burdened", paying 30% or more of their income towards rent. Even worse, an additional 30% of CB9 households are "Severely rent-burdened", paying 50% of their income on rent. Among our low-income population this number increases to 48% of households. In total, 55% of households in CB9 are severely or moderately rentburdened. As a result of the expiration of public subsidy contracts for affordable housing, and of rapid private development, long-term residents of public and rent-regulated and subsidized housing face the threat of displacement. Riverside Park Community is a recent example of a lost Mitchell Lama property with over 2,000 apartments we encourage the City to take all steps necessary to protect NYCHA, HPD, and Mitchell-Lama properties from privatization. The privatization of the properties would render many residents homeless. Capital funding for repairs at Audubon and Manhattanville Houses is currently envisioned to occur through RAD/PACT. Community Board 9 has serious concerns about the long-term impact of these programs on tenants' stability and their apartments' habitability, and close monitoring of contractors and communication with residents will be essential to ensuring that the proper scope of work for these developments is selected and the true extent of necessary repairs is understood and fully funded. MCB9 is also home to many buildings still in the Tenant Interim Lease program. Tenants in these City-owned buildings gave up their rent regulated leases in exchange for a commitment from the city to repair the buildings and sell the apartments to the tenants for \$250. The City must fulfill its commitment to these tenants by repairing these buildings and allowing them to become shareholders without having the building shoulder an enormous debt burden, as is the case with the Affordable Neighborhood Cooperative Program. Fully funding repairs and co-op conversions in TIL buildings and former TIL buildings without leaving the resulting co-ops with loans is a top priority. Additional investments in low-income housing, especially supportive housing for the formerly homeless (with a local preference for those formerly housed in Manhattan Community District 9) is also desperately needed. Finally, additional enforcement of housing code violations in landlord-owned rental buildings and tenant education is desperately needed. The Tenant Protection Unit and HPD Enforcement both should increase activity in the district using 311 data and DOB violation data.

#### Health care services

Manhattan Community District 9 faces a multitude of increased risk factors relative to the rest of the city that require increased health interventions. Air quality is relatively poor, especially in the Manhattanville area, due to high concentrations of building boilers, industrial and commercial buildings, and truck traffic, with elevated level of nitrogen dioxide and PM 2.5 (8.0 in MCD9 vs. 7.5 citywide). Fewer households in MCD9 have air conditioning (86% compared to 89% citywide), with more relying on open windows for circulation and cooling during the summer. Our maternal care and infant mortality rates are a cause for special concern, with 11% of delivering mothers in MCD9 having late or no prenatal care (compared to 6.7% citywide) and an infant mortality rate of 4.5 per 1.000 live births, roughly that of Serbia. Childhood obesity rates of 25% are also elevated relative to citywide rates of 20%, and ER visits for childhood asthma emergencies are at 333 per 10,000, over a third higher than the citywide rate of 223 per 10,000. Significantly higher rates of diabetes (10%) and hypertension (29%) also lead to significantly higher rates of stroke and cardiac events 31.7% of premature deaths. High rates of psychiatric hospitalization (726 per 100,000 adults) are likely due to greater stressors and less access to preventative care. MCD9 also has 34.1 new HIV diagnoses per 100,000 people, a third higher than the citywide average, suggesting greater interventions in intravenous drug using populations and more access to treatment as prevention strategies are needed. Significant interventions are needed to educate community members about nutrition, diabetes care, smoking cessation, and asthma care. More air quality monitoring and community and school exercise programming is needed. Increased investments in chronic disease management, including free or low-cost access to medication and care, is required. The Manhattanville Health Station at 21 Old Broadway should be utilized as a hub for these services.

#### **Schools**

Manhattan Community District 9 contains 29 K-12 school facilities, both public and private, although this is expected to drop to 28 with the closure of Corpus Christi school. Educational attainment in the district is highly unequal, with higher rates of both those having graduate degrees (22%) and bachelor's degrees (21.9%) than the citywide averages, but also higher rates of those having less than a 9th grade education (11%) and having left school between 9th and 12th grades (9%). Our schools have higher languages of English Language Learners than citywide and many are Title I schools with some having over 85% economic need index according to DOE data. Our reading proficiency levels are routinely below 40%. Chronic absenteeism is significantly higher in MCD9 (27%, compared to 20% citywide), graduation rates stand at only 65% vs. 75% citywide, and many families have members incarcerated, with our rate of incarceration at 633 per 100,000, compared to 425 per 100,000 citywide. Growing number of disengaged youth who are not in after-school enrichment or employment programs have led to a notable increase in recruitment of young teens (13-15) into gangs and drug dealing, particularly in the southern area of Hamilton Heights (135th to 140th Streets). With many school operating at least partially remotely, the increase in disconnected youth has risen even more. More interventions and programs assisting young people with issues including mental health, social and skills development, and mentorship are needed. Additionally, a Cure Violence program expansion into said area of Hamilton Heights is also required to help intervene in and prevent additional shooting incidents, which have skyrocketed over the past 2 years.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

#### **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

The number one killer in our community despite having a pandemic is still cancers (Lung cancer, colorectal cancer, and pancreatic cancer are the three leading causes of cancer-related premature death). heart disease, drug-related, HIV, and Diabetes Mellitus. It's important to address the health inequities in order to address the health disparities "Addressing these inequities may seem like a daunting task, but by working together, we can dismantle the unjust policies and practices that contribute to poor health in our communities" (Barbot, 2020). It's important to remember these are health inequities are man-made and they can be changed. Manhattan CD9 has obesity rates of 21% and diabetes rates of 10%, both significantly higher than the borough average. The district also has hypertension rates of 29%, above borough and city averages. Unsurprisingly, the rate of asthma, a common comorbidity with the above conditions, is also significantly higher. Manhattan CD9 saw 333 childhood asthma emergency department visits per 10,000, compared to a rate of 264 in Manhattan and 233 citywide. Interventions needed to address these chronic diseases in the district include greater efforts towards air pollution control through increased monitoring and efforts at combating emissions from buildings and trucks, increased programming for exercise and lifestyle education and initiatives that take advantage of our district's magnificent parks, and more access to free and highly-subsidized primary care interventions like cancer screening and hypertension and diabetes medication and monitoring care. Additional funding for smoking cessation and anti-drug programs is also needed.

#### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

#### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

New York City Department of Health launched TAKE CARE NEW YORK 2020 which provides a health profile for every community board in New York City. As a result, the community boards have a statistically driven idea of what our health issues are in comparison to the rest of the city. MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 (MCB9) ranked 10th in the City for people who are returning home from incarceration. MCB9 ranked in the top twenty-five percent for people who suffer from diabetes and obesity, ranked third in the city for people who needed Medical Care but went without. MCB9 currently has the highest childhood asthma rate in NYC as a whole and Manhattan. Solutions: Fund Reentry programs that have a holistic approach to assist people returning into the community; Fund programs geared toward obesity prevention by reaching out to community groups with programs; Fund outreach to people who have no insurance by going to unemployment offices, welfare offices, and food drives; Fund outreach to schools to provide asthma education training to caregivers in the school; MCB9 has a deficit of health care providers within the community. There needs to be more community-based providers and primary care physicians, MCB9 currently has very few; with Mt. Sinai West being the only Hospital in our district. There should be funding for health care offices on the street level that is accessible to everyone, those with insurance and without. MCB9 is in need of having the Manhattanville Health Station reopened at full capacity. For almost a decade, Manhattanville Health Station remains closed and there has been no clear plan presented as to when we can expect to see the center rehabilitated. Programs originally on site have been relocated to other facilities and areas leaving a major gap in services for this area. Manhattan Community District 9 faces a multitude of increased risk factors relative to the rest of the city that require increased health interventions. Air quality is relatively poor, especially in the Manhattanville area, due to high concentrations of building boilers, industrial and commercial buildings, and truck traffic, with elevated level of nitrogen dioxide and PM 2.5 (8.0 in MCD9 vs. 7.5 citywide). Fewer households in MCD9 have air conditioning (86% compared to 89% citywide), with more relying on open windows for circulation and cooling during the summer. Our maternal care and infant mortality rates are a cause for special concern, with 11% of delivering mothers in MCD9 having late or no prenatal care (compared to 6.7% citywide) and an infant mortality rate of 4.5 per 1,000 live births, roughly that of Serbia. Childhood obesity rates of 25% are also

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#### **Needs for Older NYs**

The elderly population in Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) is increasing. During this time of budget constraints, we must not lose sight of the special needs of our seniors, it is imperative that long-range comprehensive planning includes housing, health and mental care, home care and senior centers. Only in this way can we ensure the continued quality of life and prevent the isolation, which places many of our elderly at risk of poor health, unacceptable living conditions, poor nutrition and inaccessible services. There is also a need for Programs that support Aging Artist Support and Establish Artists-in-Residence program at Senior Centers. 1. Increase accessibility to subway and buses for Seniors and the handicapped 2. Increase in low-income Housing for Seniors and the handicapped

#### **Needs for Homeless**

Manhattan Community District 9 has seen an enormous rise in homelessness through tenant eviction and a lack of affordable housing, with two of the highest ZIP codes for evictions in the city (10027 and 10031). From 2017 through 2019, MCD9 saw 524 evictions, or 1 eviction for each 85.5 housing units, among the highest in the City. MCD9 has also seen a massive rise in street homelessness in 2020, with 311 reports of homeless individuals tripling from 2018 to 2020. More outreach staffing to allow daily outreach in hotspots around Montefiore Park, Jacob Schiff Park, Broadway in Morningside Heights, Convent Avenue and 126th/127th Streets east of Amsterdam Avenue, and Riverside Park in Hamilton Heights is needed. Additionally, more targeted outreach to get individuals experiencing homelessness with concurrent mental health and substance abuse disorders into appropriate treatment is necessary.

#### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/44	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	Provide funds for acquisition and reconstruction of Maranamay SRO at 611 West 112th Street as potential SGL/LGBTQ housing, especially for homeless youth and seniors.	611 West 112 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
14/44	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Provide funds to replace the non-working elevator with an ADA-compliant elevator at the Jackie Robinson Senior Center at 1302 Amsterdam Avenue. The center is both a senior center and a designated cooling center during summer months. Its elevator is not currently operational.	1301 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

# **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/32	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase funds for Pest Control to reduce mosquito, rat, bedbug, and other pest populations within CD9.	
7/32	DHS	Expand street outreach	Increase funding for dedicated outreach personnel for consistent relationship building outreach to homeless in CD9, particulary with enough staffing capacity to conduct daily outreach at hotspots in 3 block radius around Montefiore Park on W 137th Street and Broadway.	Broadway West 135 Street West 138th Street
9/32	DHS	Expand street outreach	Provide funding for dedicated personnel for community liaison(s) in Community District 9 to conduct regular, ongoing relationshipbuilding and service referrals outreach to homeless SGL/LGBTQ+ youth	

13/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Provide funds to increase reach of infant mortality reduction initiatives. Despite a decrease in infant mortality across the city, the rate in Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights is still almost five times higher than the rate in the Upper East Side. We think this is due to our high rate of poverty, lack of adequate parents in good health Our community as a high rate of poverty (food insecurity, lack of access to health insurance, unhealthy housing, joblessness) as well as strokes, diabetes and asthma and individuals returning to community post incarceration.
18/32	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	+Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Increase funding for outreach programs dedicated to immigrants in an effort to raise awareness and address safety issues, with dedicated outreach to LGBTQ immigrants.
21/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Expand lead testing efforts to test every child in NYCHA developments and children in buildings identified by HPD and DOB as poorly-maintained or likely to contain lead paint based on age, violations, and other data.
22/32	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	Maintain funding for job training and placement for adults within CD9
25/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Fund a continuation of and more frequent data collection for the New York City Community Air Survey. Data is currently only available through 2018 and gathered during a two-week period each quarter. DOHMH should invest in continuous air quality monitoring to better capture realtime air quality shifts and conditions. The current combination of NYCCAS, 311, and 911 calls is not working to capture immediate violations. We have a very high rate of asthma and need during times of COVID all respiratory triggers in our community. We need a separate reporting system for Riverbank. 311 calls are insufficient for tracking real-time air quality problems and events.

#### 26/32 DOHMH

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

Expand culturally-literate public education around stroke and other cardiac events like the Hip-Hop Stroke program at Harlem Hospital for audiences including African, Mexican, and Dominican communities. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in CB9 (943 deaths 2019) The rate of stroke hospitalizations in Morningside Heights and Hamilton Heights (364) is higher than both the Manhattan (264) and citywide rates (140)& High blood pressure being the leading risk factor for stroke.

### YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Educational attainment**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9's (MCB9) Social Service programs and community services are vital to our district residents, and we have seen many successful implementations of these programs physically located in school buildings. Social Service "wraparound" programs help both the students in our community and their family members to cope with the challenges they face in their daily lives. Our committee desires to have funds allocated for support services to better the lives of all citizens, such as English literacy courses; mental, dental, and eye health providers and job training and placement programs. MCB9 has a significant population of homeless students. Our community requests to have funds allocated to addressing the specific needs of homeless children: providing students with clothing, counseling, support services, etc. to help them cope with the stresses of being without a permanent home.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

MCB9 is in need of adequate physical space for existing schools in light of the co-location of many DOE and charter schools in DOE buildings. Colocation limits the physical space that is available for schools to use for physical education and play space (gyms), arts programming (required arts curricula: music, dance, visual arts, theatre), and adequate provision of special education services as required by law. Relatedly, many buildings are serving a different age range than they were originally designed for, so facilities like desks and bathrooms are inappropriate for the physical needs of current students. We ask that the DOE provide a proper school location for School 05M362 (Columbia Secondary School). This school is currently co-located with TWO other schools, has a myriad of physical building issues such as MOLD, inadequate changing space, inadequate eating areas. There are holes in the ceilings and raccoons and birds invading the school space - this puts our children's lives in jeopardy. Furthermore - the school is not upholding the law in regards to having a separate, but safe space for IEP students to have private sessions, and to take exams. There should also be separate space for Sex Education discussions for High Schoolers. Students are in large closets and subjected to health issues as the school does not have enough room for adequate eating time. Children have to eat lunch at 10 am and stay until 3 pm without a break. The blue book is outdated and does not account for how to schedule students in such an environment where again, there are THREE separate schools using the space. This school houses students from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6 and has been a Marvel - however, the school cannot continue to operate crippled by the parameters of the blue book which does not take into consideration the different needs of elementary-aged children (from the other school in the building) being housed and educated with highschool children. The student's immediate needs are not being met adequately and we request a major part of the budget for the development of physical space for this school. MCB9 also needs adequate wireless Internet and computer technology access in schools and in students' homes, so that students can learn to use these important twenty-first-century tools and so that they can use them to support and enhance their other academic studies. Especially with curricular changes emphasizing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and computer science for all, it is essential that schools have the technology infrastructure, including high-speed internet bandwidth, to support laptop/tablet use in classrooms. It is important to have enough personnel to support all schools with installing, updating, and configuring these devices.

MCB9 continues to be concerned about the possibility of the presence of lead in school water fountains. We are not satisfied with the city's level of testing or communication with families about the extent of the problem or possible risks. We request funding for continued water testing and mitigation.

In Addition having a special needs program, year-round, within the borderlines of MCB9 is crucial to the development of our community. The special needs population is significant and growing. Yet there aren't many local programs out there. Most therapists and behavioral counselors only accept Medicaid or out of pocket payments. There is a growing number of working-class families that make too much to qualify for free programs or too little to afford specialty special needs care within MCB9.

We request funds to continue to extend access to the New York Public Library (NYPL) branches in the community. For in-person Access: six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support these functions. For remote access: increasing the number of available Wi-Fi hotspots available across our West Harlem library branches for community members to borrow. These will provide greater access to digital library content, as well as other critical digital resources, collections, and sufficient staff to support these functions.

We are also requesting that the DOE provide funding for the development of a culturally sensitive curriculum, for use within CD9 schools in cooperation with the Community Education Councils for Districts 5, and 6 recognizing the historical contributions of figures, movements, and more from a diverse set of communities within CD9, including African American, Caribbean, Latino, and LGBTQ communities.

#### Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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# Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/44	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Ensure all schools and students in CB9 have laptops and WiFi to allow for remote teaching/learning.	
3/44	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Design and construct a new facility for Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Technology (CSS), given that existing colocated facility is inadequate and illegal. CSS IS NOT A DISTRICT 5 SCHOOL; CSS is required to accept students from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6 above 96th Street. Columbia University is obligated by the General Project Plan to provide land for a school facility. The existing facility does not have adequate library, gymnasium or special education/IEP space. Meetings with DOE and school leadership have been held to document issues with the physical plant.	425 West 123 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
36/44	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	Provide funding to repair roof and elevator at Manhattanville Community Center. The Manhattanville Community Center (operated by Graham Windham) is in need of repairs to its roof, which currently leaks, and its elevator, which is currently out of service.	530 West 133 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Continue funding to design and construct a school K-8 within CD9 to eliminate the existing over crowding throughout CD9.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/32	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	DYCD - Provide funding to facilitate a youth outreach effort which will allow opportunities to connect children and their families with necessary resources: youth programs, internships, health clinics, job training and placement, cultural activities, etc.	

15/32	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide and increase funding to create programming for mental health counseling & psychological support services at the M. L. Wilson Boys & Girls Club at 525 W. 145th St Services should support LGBTQ+, trans/gender non-conforming, and Black/Latinx youth and elders.	525 West 145 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
28/32	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for development of culturally sensitive curriculum, for use within CD9 schools in cooperation with the Community Education Councils for Districts 5, and 6 recognizing the historical contributions of figures, movements, and more from diverse set of communities within CD9, including African American, Caribbean, Latino, and LGBTQ communities.	
29/32	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care	Provide funding for supported housing for aged-out youth within foster care facilities throughout the borough of Manhattan.	

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### Police-community relations

The Police Department has the Neighborhood Coordination Officers, or NCO's, who are our local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of the 26th and 30th Precincts, assigned sectors, and actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. The Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) program is broken down in the following (3) units: Sectors A(Adam), B(Boyd), and C(Charlie).

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
9/44	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funds to renovate and repair the 26th and 30th Precincts to become ADA compliant.	451 West 151 St
40/44	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Restore funding to improve NYPD parking facilities at the 26th and 30th precincts so that patrol cars and other vehicles are not parked on the street and blocking pedestrian ramps. Incude additional parking, and structural maintenance	

# **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/32	NYPD	Increase resources for other crime prevention programs	Run a continuous gun by back program with a community partner. Compared to the rest of Manhattan we have a high incidence of gun violence.	

### CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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

#### **Environmental concerns affecting citizens**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) requests that additional inspectors be assigned to our district. We have been concerned for many years about the quality of our drinking water and request that DEP view this as a priority. The current number of inspectors in our area does not have the capacity to handle the level of complaints that have been recorded within our community by 311. MCB9 requests an expedited delivery of new equipment as well as coordinated training of the staff during emergencies at the Sewage Treatment Plant. As we have observed over the years, it is time to replace and upgrade existing equipment and evaluate and implement needed precautions to prevent a possible catastrophe. The air quality needs to be monitored consistently and evaluated for risks to the health of our community.

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

# **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**No comments

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

While most of the drastic Sanitation cutbacks were restored, this is not enough to improve the quality of life in our community. This is especially true north of West 125th Street. The staffing does not reflect the actual tonnage of garbage handled by Community Board 9 Sanitation Crews. Pick-ups along the Commercial Strips of Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue (W 135th – W 155th Streets), and 125th Street cannot keep up with utilization. We urge the City to increase staffing to facilitate three pickups per day in these locations. There is a need for more garbage cans due to the rat infestation. For Vacant Lots and trouble locations, we need the Clean Team Restored. Recycling figures have greatly improved. We need, if not increased, consistent Sanitation Enforcement in our area, MCB9 has recommended an increase of Enforcement Officers in the afternoon when violations are at their peak. MCB9 believes the health and integrity of our community MUST be a top priority.

# Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/44	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Provide funds to fully repair damaged/worn/cracked sewer and collection lines, repair damaged 16' interceptor, and fix drainage issues repair sinkhole, replace eroded soil under 12th Ave., repave 12th Ave., and construct sidewalks on the east and west sides of 12th Ave in aftermath of street collapse.	12th Avenue West 135th Street West 138th Street
41/44	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Maintain funding for Recycling Facilities in NYCHA Developments within CD9	

# **Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/32	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	The presence of additional garbage from people being outside more due to COVID, combined with the reductions to street bin collection, has led to an increase of trash on the streets and accompanying increases of rodent populations.	
14/32	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	Increase funding for additional Sanitation Enforcement Officers within Community District 9. As COVID has led to more outdoor dining and activities, street litter and food scraps have become more prevalent on sidewalks and outside businesses, leading to more unaddressed sanitation violations.	
32/32	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	DEP; Increase funding for water and sewer maintenance.	

### HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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

#### Affordable housing creation

The need for affordable housing has become a major problem for low, medium and middle-income families. A significant portion of Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) renter households are under a financial burden to pay rent. Technically, this includes households who have to use 30% or more of their income towards rent. There are concentrations of such households where almost half the households are "rent-burdened." MCB9 also has 23% of its residents paying more than 50% of their income in rent. With this being the case renters face even greater challenges of increases nearing 55% (or more) of their incomes. As a result of the expiration of public subsidy contracts for affordable housing, and of rapid private development, long-term residents of public & rent-regulated & subsidized housing face the threat of displacement.

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

#### **Needs for Land Use**

Manhattan Community Board 9 proudly benefits from a long and rich tradition of historic preservation and tenant empowerment. As a resut of these positions, many of the building stock in the community was not demolished in the 1970s or 1980s when landlords were abandoning the area, but instead most became limited-income HDFC cooperatives, while the remaining usually became non-profit owned affordable rentals. To this day, CB9 has the highest concentration of HDFC co-operatives in the City.

As a result of this emphasis on preservation and tenant self-determination, there were relatively few vacant lots and soft sites in the neighborhoods. The exception to this, after the Manhattanville eminent domain use and rezoning for Columbia University, was Morningside Heights. Morningside Heights is unique in the overwhelming dominance of institutional owners whose building uses are frequently categorized as community facility space. The ability to agglomerate large assemblages of lots, the exemption to the New York State rent regulations that allow these institutions to remove housing units from rent regulation at the end of a tenancy, and the sky plane exposure-based 1960s zoning in the neighborhood means that Morningside Heights is uniquely vulnerable to unchecked, out-of-context luxury condominium development. The highest land use priority in CB9 is to rezone Morningside Heights with height-based zoning designations while upzoning the remaining potential development sites so that Mandatory Inclusionary Housing applies and affordable housing is required in any new development.

#### **Needs for Housing**

55% of households in Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) are rent-burdened: 30% pay more than 50% of their income in rent, and 25% pay between 30% and 49% of their income in rent. To address this crisis, MCB9 seeks to preserve and create affordable housing of various types--NYCHA, rent stabilized. rent controlled, coops/condominiums, HDFCs, TILs and 1-4 family townhouses. From 2007-2016, we estimate based on DOF data that MCD9 suffered a net loss of 1,824 rent regulated units of our stock of 16,932 units regulated at the start of 2007. We also ask that DOF conduct audits of any property owners who have reported a reduction of rent regulated units while in receipt of a tax abatement like 421a or J-51 which does not permit deregulation of units in the building. We also seek to have community input in development projects big and small--particularly any plans for "soft" development sites. Having a designated planner available to the HLUZ committee and the board, in general, would help greatly in this regard. Because CB9 has the largest concentration of HDFC cooperatives in New York State, funding for low-interest loans for capital repairs to these buildings and other low-income homeowners, as well as tax abatements and technical assistance, are a very high priority. Additionally, the three NYCHA complexes in CB9 (Manhattanville Houses and Rehabs, General Grant Houses, and Audubon Houses) are is desperate need of capital repairs, with Audobon Houses having over 300 open work orders at the end of every month this year, Grant Houses having almost 4,500 open work orders at the end of each month, and Manhattanville Houses and Rehabs II and III collectively having over 3,700 open work orders at the end of each month. The 2017 Physical Needs Assessment identified \$42 million in necessary capital work at

Audubon Houses, \$415 million in necessary work at Grant Houses, and \$316 million in necessary work at Manhattanville Houses and Rehabs II and III. This work must be completed to maintain NYCHA residents' housing in liveable conditions.

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) concerns itself with the processes by which Community Board 9 district's economy can become more robust, creating wealth and community benefits; anything that promotes opportunities for economic growth to the advantage of the citizens of the community. This involves financial resources to cultivate entrepreneurship as well as literacy rates, infrastructure, access to housing, and health care.

MCB9 seeks to support the retention and expansion of startup entrepreneurs and existing businesses which could be Retail, Industrial or Nonprofit, so long as the projects create value and wealth for the MCB9 residents and the community. MCB9 works closely with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) to explore the best practices for supporting the existing manufacturing zone, referred to as the New Amsterdam Special Use District in the 197-a Plan is currently being considered in the West Harlem Rezoning effort. Presentations by NYC's Fresh Initiative representatives to discuss bringing healthy supermarkets, including a Farmer's Market to West Harlem. MCB9 works diligently to help small business owners, bodegas, street vendors and other entrepreneurial efforts in our district attain economic sustainability.

National studies show that as many as 60 to 70% of new jobs will come from local companies, not new ones coming in. Therefore, and especially in view of the present global pandemic, it is vital that local companies get the help they need so that they can recover from the challenges that COVID-19 has caused and expand their capacity beyond levels at which they had previously operated.

It is of paramount importance that businesses within MCB9 are connected to resources both in the kind of financial institutions as well as other kinds of nonstandard sources. Developing strategies that connect companies to export opportunities and reviewing regulatory processes for expanding an operation, in addition to infrastructure development can help our local companies. The development of sewer and water systems, power, natural gas, telecommunications, space, etc., are crucial to the operations and success of local companies.

# Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/44	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	PROVIDE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDING WORKSPACE FOR ARTISTS (I.E. DAMP. TIL. LISC/ ENTERPRISE. SIP AND LOW- INTEREST LOANS) AGENCY: HOUSING PRESERVATION	
4/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding to develop the Landmarked RKO Hamilton Theater into a multifaceted retail/cultural/educational center and develop more than 100 units affordable housing using air rights and the adjacent lot which fronts on 148th St. A community based planning effort to renovate and restore the site has been ongoing for more than 3 years. The community's vision is to create a multipurpose space that would accommodate several needs outlined by the community and CB9 that have been working on this project. Two developers have paired to design a project that would renovate (and partial restore) the historic theater into arts space, retail and flexible performance space. Available air rights would be used to create housing above the theater portion and on the vacant lot that fronts on W 147thST	3560 Broadway, Manhattan, New York, NY
5/44	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior, interior, and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Manhattanville Houses.	
6/44	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide more funding to construct and renovate housing for seniors, particularly in naturally-occurring retirement communities (NORCs) and restore funding for Section 202 program for seniors.	
8/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	HPD - Increase funding for Senior Citizen Home Assistance Program low interest/no interest loans for senior home owners, as well as Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE), and Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	

12/44	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for repairs and renovations of Tenant Interim Lease Buildings. Repairs and renovations of TIL buildings and buildings formerly in the TIL program should not be financed through third-party partnerships that leave the successor HDFCs with high levels of debt	
13/44	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior Interior and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Audubon Housing Development.	
16/44	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Allocate funds for an existing conditions report on the City-owned site of the former 135th Street Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (request for interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. Supporting information: Request Report on the Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (Request for Interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. The goal would be to attract developers to support community needs in developing small business enterprises, youth opportunities in education and employment in 21st. century jobs, working in partnership with Community Board 9 and local organizations.	West 135th Street and Marginal Street
23/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding to construct more supportive housing within CD9.	
24/44	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	Allocate funding for low-interest loans for HDFC's and low/moderate-income homeowners to be used for repairs and facility upgrades.	
26/44	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Provide funds to renovate playground in front of Grant Houses daycare center - 1299 Amsterdam Avenue. PY code was 309202124C	1299 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
31/44	NYCHA	Other capital budget request for NYCHA	Continue funding for installation of security cameras and improved front door security for Manhattanville, Grant, and Audubon Houses.	
32/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding incentive to developers for affordable housing for artists.	
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35/44	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide funding to construct more affordable Senior housing within CD9
38/44	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for tax incentives to developers to include art spaces (rehearsal/performance and visual arts work space) in their building
39/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Allocate funds for low-interest/no interest loans for Mitchell-Lama repair loans to Mitchell Lama buildings for Capital repairs.
CS	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	Maintain funding for recycling facilities at NYCHA developments within CD9.

# **Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/32	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding to train skilled professional technical assistance to struggling HDFC's and all homeowners within CD9.	
10/32	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Allocate additional funding for Code Enforcement Personnel at HPD to inspect rental buildings and if necessary conduct repairs through the Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP). HDFCs should not be put in AEP.	
16/32	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	Increase funding for community-based tenant protection groups to educate tenants about new rent laws and assist with legal representation.	
19/32	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Provide funding for HHAP Program that aims to improve the health & well-being of NYCHA residents. Health workers are requested from the local community to offer health information on asthma, diabetes, and high blood pressure.	

23/32	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	Provide funding to increase access to business support centers that offer mentorship programs that help connect local businesses with investment capital and potential partnerships, particularly businesses suffering COVID-related business losses.
27/32	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Continue funding for maintenance staff to control garbage and refuse.
31/32	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Provide funding for rezoning study for Morningside Heights.

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### Other

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 residents need availability of convenient and reliable Mass Transportation, with 70.4% of workers in MCD9 commuting by public transit. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) residents need availability of convenient and reliable mass transportation. They need subways and buses that deliver them to their place of employment on time. The Failure of the MTA to increase services that correspond with the 15% growth in mass transit utilization causes delays that make our residents travel more difficult. The M4, M5 & M104 should be extended service; however additional buses are needed on a regular basis especially on the M4 line. MCB9 is also in the need for bus pads along the route of Amsterdam Avenue. Broadway and 125th Street has become heavily congested. Given the many different objects of the drivers entering the intersection, it has become increasingly hazardous. Vehicular Congestion/Personal Injury: No further removal of vehicular traffic lanes.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

**Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**No comments

**Needs for Transit Services** 

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/44	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	The junction between 125th St and Amsterdam is one of/if not the busiest in the district. In addition to the commercial traffic and cars, there are five (5) MTA bus lines that converge on that corner. The pedestrian traffic includes every demographic. The curb cuts are in adequate to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers and pedestrians. More importantly during inclement weather, the rain and snow pile with inadequate drainage. This creates dangers for crossing and standing pedestrians.	Amsterdam Avenue West 125 Street West 125 Street
30/44	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 114th and 122nd Streets in Morningside Park and improve lighting throughout the park.	
42/44	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funds for the inclusion of Speed Bumps, Special Signage, Traffic signals, and/or strategically placed bollards (needed to protect pedestrians from speeding bicyclists) at the Cherry Walk - Riverside Park Waterfront bike path.	110th Street to St. Clair's Place
44/44	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funds for the inclusion of Speed Bumps, Special Signage, Traffic Signals, and/or Strategically placed Bollards (needed to protect pedestrians from speeding bicyclists) at the Cherry Walk - Riverside Park Waterfront Bike Path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/32	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Provide funds for a feasibility study to improve speeds on all bus lines within CD9.	

### PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

#### **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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

#### Other

The Preservation of Landmarks and revival of Parks within the Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) district is ever more pressing needs for the district today than in the past. Along with the current plans outlined by our city agencies to improve the 175 acres of city parkland and preserve the character of West Harlem with its 27 designated landmarks and 3 historic districts, the request outlined below details specific items in which NYC agencies can reference as areas of major concern for the MCB9 district of Manhattan Landmarks Preservation and Parks needs. Following the statistical trends of our area and desires of MCB9 of Manhattan stakeholders, our budget requests address the need for increased park enforcement, the rehabilitation of park infrastructure, increased support for the Landmark Preservation Commission and other preservation initiatives. Our goals are to have safe green-spaces available and equipped to serve Harlem's growing population of 111,645 people as of 2015, up 5% since the late 1990's and to properly identify & support all qualifying landmarked structures and areas within MCB9.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

The preservation of parks and landmarks within the Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) district is ever more a pressing need for the district today than in the past. In the light of NYC's resilience during the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020, we now see that comparable to the essential workers of this time, our green spaces are also essential to our lifestyle. Along with the current plans outlined by our city agencies to improve the 175 acres of city parkland and preserve the character of West Harlem that is home to 27 designated landmarks, 3 historic districts, and 2 historic parks, are our budget request outlined below. These items detail specific points in which NYC agencies can reference as areas of major concern for the MCB9 district regarding the preservation of parks and landmarks. Our needs follow the statistical trends of our area and desires of MCB9 of Manhattan stakeholders. Our budget requests address the need for rehabilitation of park infrastructure, increased park enforcement and increased maintenance. Our goals are to not only have safe green-spaces available and equipped to serve Harlem's growing population of 111,645 people as of 2015, up 5% since the late 1990's, but to also have them ready as essential spaces for our community to utilize in the state of an emergency. Our district's need for safe and usable parks requires that park regulations are enforced. We have an acute need for additional Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Officers to carry out this task. Dedicated PEP officers have been provided for the West Harlem Piers Park but our other parks including Upper Riverside, Morningside, St. Nicholas and Montefiore Parks are woefully understaffed in this regard;

#### **Needs for Cultural Services**

Preserving and expanding support and cultural opportunities to all ethnic and cultural groups in our community ranked highest on our needs list, as we discussed the issues most important to the arts and cultural community of Manhattan Community Board Nine (MCB9). Local arts and cultural organizations need: • tools to collectively respond to economic challenges as they arise; • technical support to integrate and improve fundraising and marketing initiatives; • leadership and advocacy training are needed to educate the next generation of arts support and service delivery entrepreneurs; Manhattan Community Board No. 9 needs to identify ways to: • increase capacity; • improve outreach; • implement structural changes in such a way that we are prepared to meet fiscal challenges that force closings and curtailments. In this way, we are not simply reacting to each situation on a case by case basis without having a preestablished structure; In addition, MCB9 strongly supports the utilization of the arts and art appreciation as a means of community engagement, development, and empowerment. Finally, arts and cultural organizations frequently require designated spaces for performances, exhibitions, and installations, and as such are threatened by the growing lack of affordable space in our district. MCB9 needs newly dedicated arts and cultural spaces in our district to deal with the currently unmet demand for such spaces. Also, MCB9 needs support for existing spaces which sustainability is threatened by rising costs and other

pressures. MCB9 also wants to acknowledge our community's history as a center of artistic and cultural innovation and encourage identification preservation, and restoration of historic theaters, other cultural sites, and artistic venues.

#### **Needs for Library Services**

Public Libraries provide our community with substantial educational support, not only for current K-12 students but also for parents, families with young children, English language learners, job seekers, and more. Libraries provide access to reading material, technology equipment, and educational programs (homework help, literacy programs, etc.). Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) requests that a portion of the allocated funds be distributed to the libraries located within the MCB9 district to allow them to maintain staffing, increase days/hours of service, and increase the variety of programming and audiences they serve. Two libraries within MCB9 (George Bruce and Hamilton Grange) also have specific capital facilities needs. These libraries have unused custodial apartments that should be converted into usable library space. In both cases, some additional construction is required, chiefly to add elevator service to make the new space ADA compliant. Libraries could use this to provide warm and inviting spaces for teenagers, or additional classrooms in order to provide more regularly scheduled programming.

#### **Needs for Community Boards**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is requesting the Board's budget be increased. Given the size of our budgets, the cumulative effect of previous budget cuts, combined with those proposed and the increasing population in the district, any further cuts would minimize the effectiveness of the Community Board.

# **Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The kayak launch at the West Harlem Piers Park was damaged by Superstorm Sandy and has been locked off from the community since 2012. The community is entitled to kayak access to the Hudson River through the Park as part of the Manhattanville redevelopment agreement.	Marginal Street and West 130th Street, Manhattan, NY
17/44	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Provide funds to create a theater and Multi- Culture Center for Hamilton Theatre at 3560 Broadway, NYC 10031	
18/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to renovate St. Nicholas Park Playground.	W. 140th & St. Nicholas Ave.
19/44	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for public comfort stations at Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, Audubon Park @W. 155th St. and West Harlem Piers Park.	
21/44	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funding to renovate the Jacob Schiff playground on Amsterdam Ave.	bet. West 136th St W., 138th Streets
22/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding to renovate Alexander Hamilton Playground at Hamilton Place.	Hamilton Place & West 141st Streets
25/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for turf renovation playground renovation, security upgrades and stadium lighting at Annunciation Playground	West 135th Street & Convent Avenue
27/44	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funds to replace windows with energy efficient windows at Hamilton Grange Library.	

28/44	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Provide funding for libraries to purchase laptops and WiFi hotspots for use by patrons.	
29/44	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Allocate Funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd Street in St. Nicholas Park, repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th Street (St. Nicholas Park); as well as improve lighting in ALL locations.	
33/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Provide funds for sidewalk and pathway replacement in and around playgrounds and athletic courts.	
34/44	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate funds to build-out unfinished space in the basement behind staff lounge and community room. Buildout is needed to create 600 sq.ft. classroom for OST. work will include new HVAC system, new lighting and power, and security system	503 West 145 St
37/44	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate funds to maintain an Outdoor Reading Garden on the Westside of the George Bruce Library. (Parcel of Open Space adjacent West of 518 W. 125th Street)	518 West 125 St
CS	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Continue Funding to provide lighting along bike path as well as other safety measures along Riverside Park (Waterfront) bike path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place, and Cherry Walk.	
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funds to maintain sidewalks along the North and Southbound corridor of Riverside Drive (bet. Grant's Tomb and the 125th St. Viaduct).	Riverside Drive West 122 Street West 122 Street
CS	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd St. (St. Nicholas Park), repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th St. (St. Nicholas Park), and 114th Street on the upper level of Morningside Park.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/32	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Maintain and Increase budget for ALL Community Boards.	

4/32	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Provide funding for libraries to increase access to information through use of technology, staff, and signage for residents to get info in multiple languages for COVID-related services, educational and employment opportunities.
11/32	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Maintain funds to continue six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support theses functions.
20/32	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase the number of Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers, Foot/Bicycle/Cars assigned to fixed patrols within CB9 specifically in high-crime areas.
30/32	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Provide funds needed for pruning trees throughout parks, plazas and community gardens to deter illegal activity within CD9.

# 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Other Capital Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/44	Other	Other capital budget request	Request for DHS and HPD- Provide funding for development of supportive housing at the site where Child's Memorial Tabernacle stood; Site should be developed into supportive housing for our most in need communities (seniors, individuals returning from incarceration, and former West Harlem residents in shelters)	1763 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
43/44	MOCJ	Other capital budget request for MOCJ	Provide funding to support the development of a location to support training for Trade positions, Entrepreneurial growth and other needs for the formerly incarcerated population.	

### **Other Expense Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/32	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	Fund an expansion of the Cure Violence Program into Hamilton Heights from W 134th to W 143rd Streets between Riverside Dr and Amsterdam Ave using an existing CV provider. There were at least 13 shootings in the area in 2019 and approximately 10 YTD in 2020. An increase in narcotics dealing by gangs based in the Bronx has lead to local neighborhood youth being recruited as lookouts, runners, and other positions involved in the dealing of narcotics. Proven methods of intervening with youth, preventing violence, and steering youth into education, employment, or enrichment programs are needed.	Broadway to Amsterdam West 133 Street West 145 Street
3/32	Other	Other expense budget request	DOE, DASNY, DFTA, and all other relevant agencies should continue food distribution and anti-hunger efforts through programs include GLWD, Meals on Wheels, Senior center hot meals, and other food distribution efforts like GetFoodNYC and meals hubs at DOE schools. Libraries, faith-based organizations, and NYCHA offices should also be considered for food distribution efforts.	

# 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

## **Capital Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/44	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	PROVIDE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDING WORKSPACE FOR ARTISTS (I.E. DAMP. TIL. LISC/ ENTERPRISE. SIP AND LOW- INTEREST LOANS) AGENCY: HOUSING PRESERVATION	
2/44	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Ensure all schools and students in CB9 have laptops and WiFi to allow for remote teaching/learning.	
3/44	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Design and construct a new facility for Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Technology (CSS), given that existing colocated facility is inadequate and illegal. CSS IS NOT A DISTRICT 5 SCHOOL; CSS is required to accept students from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6 above 96th Street. Columbia University is obligated by the General Project Plan to provide land for a school facility. The existing facility does not have adequate library, gymnasium or special education/IEP space. Meetings with DOE and school leadership have been held to document issues with the physical plant.	425 West 123 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
4/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding to develop the Landmarked RKO Hamilton Theater into a multifaceted retail/cultural/educational center and develop more than 100 units affordable housing using air rights and the adjacent lot which fronts on 148th St. A community based planning effort to renovate and restore the site has been ongoing for more than 3 years. The community's vision is to create a multipurpose space that would accommodate several needs outlined by the community and CB9 that have been working on this project. Two developers have paired to design a project that would renovate (and partial restore) the historic theater into arts space, retail and flexible performance space. Available air rights would be used to create housing above the theater portion and on the vacant lot that fronts on W 147thST	3560 Broadway, Manhattan, New York, NY

5/44	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior, interior, and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Manhattanville Houses.	
6/44	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide more funding to construct and renovate housing for seniors, particularly in naturally-occurring retirement communities (NORCs) and restore funding for Section 202 program for seniors.	
7/44	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	The junction between 125th St and Amsterdam is one of/if not the busiest in the district. In addition to the commercial traffic and cars, there are five (5) MTA bus lines that converge on that corner. The pedestrian traffic includes every demographic. The curb cuts are in adequate to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers and pedestrians. More importantly during inclement weather, the rain and snow pile with inadequate drainage. This creates dangers for crossing and standing pedestrians.	Amsterdam Avenue West 125 Street West 125 Street
8/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	HPD - Increase funding for Senior Citizen Home Assistance Program low interest/no interest loans for senior home owners, as well as Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE), and Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	
9/44	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funds to renovate and repair the 26th and 30th Precincts to become ADA compliant.	451 West 151 St
10/44	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	Provide funds for acquisition and reconstruction of Maranamay SRO at 611 West 112th Street as potential SGL/LGBTQ housing, especially for homeless youth and seniors.	611 West 112 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
11/44	Other	Other capital budget request	Request for DHS and HPD- Provide funding for development of supportive housing at the site where Child's Memorial Tabernacle stood; Site should be developed into supportive housing for our most in need communities (seniors, individuals returning from incarceration, and former West Harlem residents in shelters)	1763 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

12/44	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for repairs and renovations of Tenant Interim Lease Buildings. Repairs and renovations of TIL buildings and buildings formerly in the TIL program should not be financed through third-party partnerships that leave the successor HDFCs with high levels of debt	
13/44	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior Interior and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Audubon Housing Development.	
14/44	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Provide funds to replace the non-working elevator with an ADA-compliant elevator at the Jackie Robinson Senior Center at 1302 Amsterdam Avenue. The center is both a senior center and a designated cooling center during summer months. Its elevator is not currently operational.	1301 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
15/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The kayak launch at the West Harlem Piers Park was damaged by Superstorm Sandy and has been locked off from the community since 2012. The community is entitled to kayak access to the Hudson River through the Park as part of the Manhattanville redevelopment agreement.	Marginal Street and West 130th Street, Manhattan, NY
16/44	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Allocate funds for an existing conditions report on the City-owned site of the former 135th Street Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (request for interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. Supporting information: Request Report on the Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (Request for Interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. The goal would be to attract developers to support community needs in developing small business enterprises, youth opportunities in education and employment in 21st. century jobs, working in partnership with Community Board 9 and local organizations.	West 135th Street and Marginal Street
17/44	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Provide funds to create a theater and Multi- Culture Center for Hamilton Theatre at 3560 Broadway, NYC 10031	

18/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to renovate St. Nicholas Park Playground.	W. 140th & St. Nicholas Ave.
19/44	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for public comfort stations at Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, Audubon Park @W. 155th St. and West Harlem Piers Park.	
20/44	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Provide funds to fully repair damaged/worn/cracked sewer and collection lines, repair damaged 16' interceptor, and fix drainage issues repair sinkhole, replace eroded soil under 12th Ave., repave 12th Ave., and construct sidewalks on the east and west sides of 12th Ave in aftermath of street collapse.	12th Avenue West 135th Street West 138th Street
21/44	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funding to renovate the Jacob Schiff playground on Amsterdam Ave.	bet. West 136th St W., 138th Streets
22/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding to renovate Alexander Hamilton Playground at Hamilton Place.	Hamilton Place & West 141st Streets
23/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding to construct more supportive housing within CD9.	
24/44	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	Allocate funding for low-interest loans for HDFC's and low/moderate-income homeowners to be used for repairs and facility upgrades.	
25/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for turf renovation playground renovation, security upgrades and stadium lighting at Annunciation Playground	West 135th Street & Convent Avenue

26/44	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Provide funds to renovate playground in front of Grant Houses daycare center - 1299 Amsterdam Avenue. PY code was 309202124C	1299 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
27/44	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funds to replace windows with energy efficient windows at Hamilton Grange Library.	
28/44	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Provide funding for libraries to purchase laptops and WiFi hotspots for use by patrons.	
29/44	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Allocate Funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd Street in St. Nicholas Park, repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th Street (St. Nicholas Park); as well as improve lighting in ALL locations.	
30/44	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 114th and 122nd Streets in Morningside Park and improve lighting throughout the park.	
31/44	NYCHA	Other capital budget request for NYCHA	Continue funding for installation of security cameras and improved front door security for Manhattanville, Grant, and Audubon Houses.	
32/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding incentive to developers for affordable housing for artists.	
33/44	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Provide funds for sidewalk and pathway replacement in and around playgrounds and athletic courts.	
34/44	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate funds to build-out unfinished space in the basement behind staff lounge and community room. Buildout is needed to create 600 sq.ft. classroom for OST. work will include new HVAC system, new lighting and power, and security system	503 West 145 St
35/44	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide funding to construct more affordable Senior housing within CD9	

36/44	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	Provide funding to repair roof and elevator at Manhattanville Community Center. The Manhattanville Community Center (operated by Graham Windham) is in need of repairs to its roof, which currently leaks, and its elevator, which is currently out of service.	530 West 133 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
37/44	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate funds to maintain an Outdoor Reading Garden on the Westside of the George Bruce Library. (Parcel of Open Space adjacent West of 518 W. 125th Street)	518 West 125 St
38/44	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for tax incentives to developers to include art spaces (rehearsal/performance and visual arts work space) in their building	
39/44	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Allocate funds for low-interest/no interest loans for Mitchell-Lama repair loans to Mitchell Lama buildings for Capital repairs.	
40/44	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Restore funding to improve NYPD parking facilities at the 26th and 30th precincts so that patrol cars and other vehicles are not parked on the street and blocking pedestrian ramps. Incude additional parking, and structural maintenance	
41/44	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Maintain funding for Recycling Facilities in NYCHA Developments within CD9	
42/44	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funds for the inclusion of Speed Bumps, Special Signage, Traffic signals, and/or strategically placed bollards (needed to protect pedestrians from speeding bicyclists) at the Cherry Walk - Riverside Park Waterfront bike path.	110th Street to St. Clair's Place
43/44	MOCJ	Other capital budget request for MOCJ	Provide funding to support the development of a location to support training for Trade positions, Entrepreneurial growth and other needs for the formerly incarcerated population.	
44/44	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funds for the inclusion of Speed Bumps, Special Signage, Traffic Signals, and/or Strategically placed Bollards (needed to protect pedestrians from speeding bicyclists) at the Cherry Walk - Riverside Park Waterfront Bike Path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place.	

CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Continue funding to design and construct a school K-8 within CD9 to eliminate the existing over crowding throughout CD9.	
CS	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Continue Funding to provide lighting along bike path as well as other safety measures along Riverside Park (Waterfront) bike path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place, and Cherry Walk.	
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funds to maintain sidewalks along the North and Southbound corridor of Riverside Drive (bet. Grant's Tomb and the 125th St. Viaduct).	Riverside Drive West 122 Street West 122 Street
CS	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	Maintain funding for recycling facilities at NYCHA developments within CD9.	
CS	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd St. (St. Nicholas Park), repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th St. (St. Nicholas Park), and 114th Street on the upper level of Morningside Park.	

## **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/32	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Maintain and Increase budget for ALL Community Boards.	
2/32	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	Fund an expansion of the Cure Violence Program into Hamilton Heights from W 134th to W 143rd Streets between Riverside Dr and Amsterdam Ave using an existing CV provider. There were at least 13 shootings in the area in 2019 and approximately 10 YTD in 2020. An increase in narcotics dealing by gangs based in the Bronx has lead to local neighborhood youth being recruited as lookouts, runners, and other positions involved in the dealing of narcotics. Proven methods of intervening with youth, preventing violence, and steering youth into education, employment, or enrichment programs are needed.	Broadway to Amsterdam West 133 Street West 145 Street
3/32	Other	Other expense budget request	DOE, DASNY, DFTA, and all other relevant agencies should continue food distribution and anti-hunger efforts through programs include GLWD, Meals on Wheels, Senior center hot meals, and other food distribution efforts like GetFoodNYC and meals hubs at DOE schools. Libraries, faith-based organizations, and NYCHA offices should also be considered for food distribution efforts.	
4/32	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Provide funding for libraries to increase access to information through use of technology, staff, and signage for residents to get info in multiple languages for COVID-related services, educational and employment opportunities.	
5/32	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	DYCD - Provide funding to facilitate a youth outreach effort which will allow opportunities to connect children and their families with necessary resources: youth programs, internships, health clinics, job training and placement, cultural activities, etc.	
6/32	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase funds for Pest Control to reduce mosquito, rat, bedbug, and other pest populations within CD9.	

7/32	DHS	Expand street outreach	Increase funding for dedicated outreach personnel for consistent relationship building outreach to homeless in CD9, particulary with enough staffing capacity to conduct daily outreach at hotspots in 3 block radius around Montefiore Park on W 137th Street and Broadway.	Broadway West 135 Street West 138th Street
8/32	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding to train skilled professional technical assistance to struggling HDFC's and all homeowners within CD9.	
9/32	DHS	Expand street outreach	Provide funding for dedicated personnel for community liaison(s) in Community District 9 to conduct regular, ongoing relationshipbuilding and service referrals outreach to homeless SGL/LGBTQ+ youth	
10/32	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Allocate additional funding for Code Enforcement Personnel at HPD to inspect rental buildings and if necessary conduct repairs through the Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP). HDFCs should not be put in AEP.	
11/32	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Maintain funds to continue six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support theses functions.	
12/32	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	The presence of additional garbage from people being outside more due to COVID, combined with the reductions to street bin collection, has led to an increase of trash on the streets and accompanying increases of rodent populations.	
13/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Provide funds to increase reach of infant mortality reduction initiatives. Despite a decrease in infant mortality across the city, the rate in Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights is still almost five times higher than the rate in the Upper East Side. We think this is due to our high rate of poverty, lack of adequate parents in good health Our community as a high rate of poverty (food insecurity, lack of access to health insurance, unhealthy housing, joblessness) as well as strokes, diabetes and asthma and individuals returning to community post incarceration.	

14/32	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	Increase funding for additional Sanitation Enforcement Officers within Community District 9. As COVID has led to more outdoor dining and activities, street litter and food scraps have become more prevalent on sidewalks and outside businesses, leading to more unaddressed sanitation violations.	
15/32	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide and increase funding to create programming for mental health counseling & psychological support services at the M. L. Wilson Boys & Girls Club at 525 W. 145th St Services should support LGBTQ+, trans/gender non-conforming, and Black/Latinx youth and elders.	525 West 145 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
16/32	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	Increase funding for community-based tenant protection groups to educate tenants about new rent laws and assist with legal representation.	
17/32	NYPD	Increase resources for other crime prevention programs	Run a continuous gun by back program with a community partner. Compared to the rest of Manhattan we have a high incidence of gun violence.	
18/32	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	+Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Increase funding for outreach programs dedicated to immigrants in an effort to raise awareness and address safety issues, with dedicated outreach to LGBTQ immigrants.	
19/32	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Provide funding for HHAP Program that aims to improve the health & well-being of NYCHA residents. Health workers are requested from the local community to offer health information on asthma, diabetes, and high blood pressure.	
20/32	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase the number of Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers, Foot/Bicycle/Cars assigned to fixed patrols within CB9 specifically in high-crime areas.	
21/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Expand lead testing efforts to test every child in NYCHA developments and children in buildings identified by HPD and DOB as poorly-maintained or likely to contain lead paint based on age, violations, and other data.	

22/32	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	Maintain funding for job training and placement for adults within CD9
23/32	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	Provide funding to increase access to business support centers that offer mentorship programs that help connect local businesses with investment capital and potential partnerships, particularly businesses suffering COVID-related business losses.
24/32	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Provide funds for a feasibility study to improve speeds on all bus lines within CD9.
25/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Fund a continuation of and more frequent data collection for the New York City Community Air Survey. Data is currently only available through 2018 and gathered during a two-week period each quarter. DOHMH should invest in continuous air quality monitoring to better capture realtime air quality shifts and conditions. The current combination of NYCCAS, 311, and 911 calls is not working to capture immediate violations. We have a very high rate of asthma and need during times of COVID all respiratory triggers in our community. We need a separate reporting system for Riverbank. 311 calls are insufficient for tracking real-time air quality problems and events.
26/32	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Expand culturally-literate public education around stroke and other cardiac events like the Hip-Hop Stroke program at Harlem Hospital for audiences including African, Mexican, and Dominican communities. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in CB9 (943 deaths 2019) The rate of stroke hospitalizations in Morningside Heights and Hamilton Heights (364) is higher than both the Manhattan (264) and citywide rates (140)& High blood pressure being the leading risk factor for stroke
27/32	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Continue funding for maintenance staff to control garbage and refuse.

28/32	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for development of culturally sensitive curriculum, for use within CD9 schools in cooperation with the Community Education Councils for Districts 5, and 6 recognizing the historical contributions of figures, movements, and more from diverse set of communities within CD9, including African American, Caribbean, Latino, and LGBTQ communities.
29/32	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care	Provide funding for supported housing for aged-out youth within foster care facilities throughout the borough of Manhattan.
30/32	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Provide funds needed for pruning trees throughout parks, plazas and community gardens to deter illegal activity within CD9.
31/32	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Provide funding for rezoning study for Morningside Heights.
32/32	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	DEP; Increase funding for water and sewer maintenance.