

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

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 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

Bronx Community Board 2

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Chair: Roberto Crespo

District Manager: Rafael Acevedo

## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

## New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

## The Bronx

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

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

**Bronx Community District 2**

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

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

**Statement on Data Accuracy**

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

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



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

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

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 2

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

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

#### **Schools**

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

#### **Traffic**

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

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Bronx Community Board 2

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### **Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, moisture, mildew, mold, etc.)**

The District can benefit from more COVID-19 resources. The District is one of the lowest tested Districts in the Borough; This can prevent transmission. The District also needs more Personal Protective equipment (PPE).

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

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

No comments

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

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

##### **Needs for Homeless**

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

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

Increase the number of Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens.

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/11	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>COVID-19 testing and personal protective equipment</i>	
5/11	DFTA	<b>Enhance home care services</b>	<i>Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.</i>	
8/11	DOHMH	<b>Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations</b>	<i>Increase pest control extermination services in our community to include Mosquito abatement, Raccoons, and bedbug control</i>	
9/11	DOHMH	<b>Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs</b>	<i>The District has a high number of street vendors selling produce that is not authorize or regulated.</i>	

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Bronx Community Board 2

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **School and educational facilities (Capacity)**

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

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#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

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

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/4	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</b>	<i>Build a new High School in the District to accommodate seating capacity</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/11	DYCD	<b>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</b>	<i>Increase funding for after school programs and summer day camp programs operated by Community Based organizations.</i>	

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Bronx Community Board 2

#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Traffic violations and enforcement**

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

#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

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

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/11	NYPD	<b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>	<i>Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	
10/11	NYPD	<b>Hire additional traffic enforcement agents</b>	<i>With an increase of Construction for the next 4 years, the local Precinct needs additional TSA to control the volume of vehicle traffic.</i>	



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

**Environmental concerns affecting citizens**

Illegal Dumping throughout the District

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

**Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

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

**Needs for Sanitation Services**

No comments

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/11	DSNY	<b>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</b>	<i>Increase Sanitation enforcement to address illegal dumping within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	
11/11	DEP	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<i>The District has seen an increase if clogged catch basins which causes unnecessary flooding.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

##### **Housing support services (for tenants and homeowners)**

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

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

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

No comments

##### **Needs for Housing**

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

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/4	HPD	<b>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</b>	<i>The District is in dire need of more affordable housing.</i>	

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Bronx Community Board 2

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Roadway maintenance**

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

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#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

No comments

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/11	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Improve the overall conditions of sidewalks throughout the District.</i>	

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Bronx Community Board 2

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

##### **Park care and maintenance**

Parks department personnel in the district is at a bare minimum and more staffing is needed. More PEP is needed to address a recent spike in homeless activity.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

No comments

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

No comments

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

No comments

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/4	DPR	<b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center</i>	
2/4	DPR	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<i>Complete Printers Park Phase III</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/11	DPR	<b>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</b>	<i>Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	



## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

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## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

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