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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) 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

Bronx Community Board 7

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District Manager: Ischia Bravo

2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

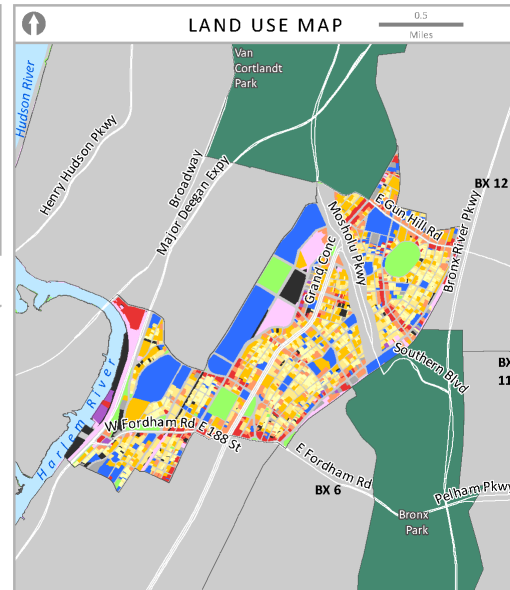
Bronx Community District 7

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Neighborhoods¹: Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, University Heights

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
141,411	139,286	-2%
2014-2018 Estimate ⁴		169,448
Square Miles		1.9
Population Density		73,308/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 7 in 2020:

1. Land use trends
2. Schools
3. Other

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 7's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	1,233	9%
Multifamily Walk-up	973	15%
Multifamily Elevator	353	15%
Mixed Use	356	9%
Commercial	230	6%
Industrial	20	1%
Transportation/Utility	58	9%
Public/Institutional	163	22%
Open Space	29	7%
Parking	73	2%
Vacant	121	5%
Other	11	0%

Map Source: PLUTO 20v8

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	26
Public Libraries	2
Hospitals and Clinics	30
Parks	6
Visit CapitalPlanning.nyc.gov for more information	

RENT BURDEN ⁴	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
54%	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	44%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁶	
Bronx CD 7	Citywide Target
83%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK⁴		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY⁴		CRIME RATE⁷	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx	Bronx CD 7	Bronx	Bronx CD 7	Bronx
45	45* minutes	36%	26%	11.2	13.1
minutes	NYC	of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC	major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2019	NYC
	41 minutes		23%		11
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT⁴		UNEMPLOYMENT⁴		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE⁸	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx	Bronx CD 7	Bronx	Bronx CD 7	Bronx
17%	20%	7.2%	6.3%	31%	28%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC	of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2014 to 2018	NYC	of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold	NYC
	37%		4.4%		20%

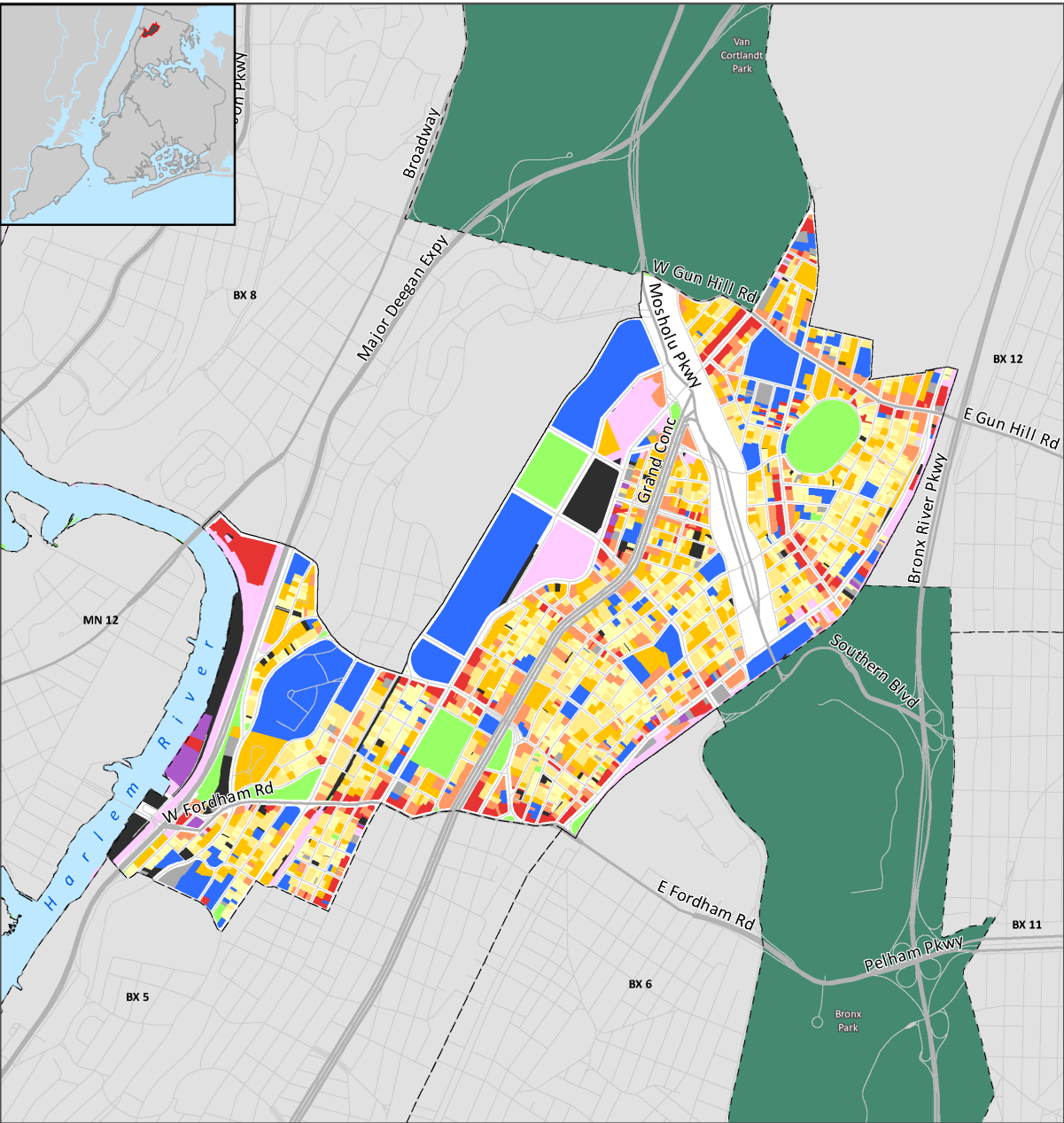
¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-Year Estimates, approximated by aggregating data from blocks and block-groups. When comparing CD estimates to Borough and City averages, due to survey sampling error values with an asterisk (*) are not statistically significant differences. Visit the Community District Profiles tool online to find Margins of Error (MOEs) for all estimates. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2020); ⁶NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 8 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁷NYPD Complaint Data (2019); ⁸2014-2018 NYCgov Poverty Measure by Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Bronx Community District 7 - Land Use

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|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| One & Two Family Buildings | Commercial/Office Buildings | Open Space | Community Districts |
| MultiFamily Walkup Buildings | Industrial/Manufacturing | Parking Facilities | |
| MultiFamily Elevator Buildings | Transportation/Utility | Vacant Land | |
| Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings | Public Facilities & Institutions | All Others or No Data | |
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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community Board 7 (CB7) is made up of the neighborhoods of Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, University Heights. The district extends from Webster Avenue at the East to Goulden Avenue and the Harlem River to the West. The North end boundary of the district starts from the south end of Woodland Cemetery (E 211th Street) to Fordham Road and West 183rd Street on the South end. The area is served by two subway lines, D and 4, and Metro-North service from/to Westchester County and Grand Central Station. There are several major institutions that are our neighbors, such as Lehman College, Montefiore Hospital and the New York Botanical Garden.

The Community Board is also home to two recognizable high schools, Bronx High School of Science and DeWitt Clinton High School and 34 public schools. Nonetheless, the number of school seats available in our community is a major issue of concern for local residents. Among all New York City Community Boards, CB7 has the 4th highest percentage of households with children under 18 years old. In fiscal year 2018, School Construction Authority (SCA) had identified the need of over 2,000 seats in the 5 of the neighborhoods within the boundaries of CB7. Up to this date the available number of school seats have remained the same; and the creation of additional seats have not kept pace with our growing youth population and new housing development. In the upcoming years the district will see a surge of over 3,000 additional residential units (based on DOB data). As a result, the quality of learning in most of our schools, which are already experiencing overcrowding, will be further impacted and continue to grow more into a more serious problem.

The district is densely populated with approximately 73,000 residents per square mile. Approximately 45% of the residents in the community are foreign born and have limited English Proficiency (35%). They mainly live in rental units in multi family buildings that make up about 97% of the neighborhoods. Homeownership has been in the decline in recent years with only 6% of the district owning a home, condo or cooperative. A lot of the private homes in our neighborhoods have disappeared to make way for new residential buildings with Supportive and Affordable Housing Units. These new developments take advantage of zoning laws to build taller buildings, to maximize the number of units. We (CB7) would like to ensure housing is being built responsibly to accommodate the current fabric of our neighborhoods and the growth by increasing municipal services. While the district has some of the most affordable market rental housing in the city, our district also has a history of high eviction rates and rent burden (55% of our residents pay more than 30% of their salaries). Therefore, affordable mixed income housing, homeownership (open-door program and CLT) and other subsidy programs to preserve tenants in place are a priority.

As residential development occurs in the district, there is a need for additional municipal services, such as transportation, sanitation and parks maintenance. Public Transportation is a major concern of the Community Board. CB7 residents must endure some of the longest commutes in the city on crowded trains and buses. Further, many services are not frequent enough to make them reliable or serve a growing population. The Bronx Bus redesign will affect several bus lines which connect many of our residents with the area hospitals and other institutions throughout the district. High fares discourage residents from using the Metro-North service to access jobs in Manhattan. Additionally, provisions for services such as a shared bike program and ferry services on the Harlem River would provide the community with additional travel options.

Community residents have excellent access to neighborhood parks and green areas, such as Moshulu Parkway. These open spaces have experienced an increase in use and provided our residents with a relief to the lockdown experienced due to COVID-19. This has also created more garbage and demand for sanitation services in our parks. The Bronx has always received the lowest budget allocations for service delivery. Now, during the recent budget cuts our residents have experienced a further decline in their quality of life. The overall maintenance services from the sanitation and parks departments is of special need.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)

CB 7 is in need of quality, mixed income housing, as housing accommodations continue to be one of the primary issues facing district residents. While the district has some of the most affordable private market rental housing in the city, many rent-stabilized and rent-controlled apartments are disappearing due to evictions and tenant turnover. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents who have been priced out of other neighborhoods in New York City, increasing competition for the affordable units available in the district. There is also a prevailing feeling in our district that we have received a disproportionate share of supportive housing developments, which serve a population that does not currently reside in the district.

Schools

The quality and lack of funding of our local schools continues to be a major issue of concern for residents. The number of seats available in our community is not acceptable as most of our schools are overcrowded. COVID-19 has proven that access to technology and remote learning is a major part of community needs. As we experience a significant increase of residents we task the city to support educational opportunities and add seats to accommodate our present and future students. Failure to address these issues now, will cause the underserved to persist and worsen. During this pandemic we continue to see the need for students and families to receive food programs and additional technological resources such as: equipment and wifi.

Other

Insufficient Municipal Services: We have seen a dramatic increase in our population due to new residential development. However, services like transportation, sanitation and parks maintenance have not increased to meet new demands. CB 7 needs city agencies to deliver additional services to maintain our quality of life and accommodate our population growth.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Communities within the Bronx consistently rank among the highest in rates of health disparities and lowest in positive health outcomes. According to the 2018 NYC Community Health profile, the rate of avoidable hospitalizations among adults in Community Board 7 is more than double the citywide rate and the adult obesity rate is 33%, which is higher than the rest of NYC. In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic disproportionately affected Bronxites and individuals with comorbidities like diabetes and hypertension were more at risk for complications. As the city moves into recovering from the COVID-19 health pandemic, Community Board 7 requests dedicated resources that are linguistically and culturally competent to educate the public about infectious diseases, and the importance of healthy lifestyles and accessing routine medical care to keep our neighbors and residents healthy and address long-standing health disparities.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

No comments

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

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
1/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Provide funding to identify and address the most pressing health needs of Bronx CB7. The Bronx ranks last out of the 62 counties in New York State for health outcomes.</i>	
2/29	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Initiate the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in our district to provide resources to help our senior population maintain healthy living within their homes.</i>	
3/29	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>The Bronx ranks last out of the 62 counties in New York state in county health rankings. Many residents suffer health outcomes related to poor nutrition and lack physical activity. We request a greater investment in culturally and linguistically competent nutrition education programs that promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity.</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Community Education Council 10, which includes most of our district, is the most overcrowded district in the Bronx. As a result, principals are now forced to transform school libraries, gymnasiums, laboratories, lunchrooms, and closets into classrooms. Students are unjustly confined into these unorthodox spaces and as a result, there has been a significant reduction in primary and supplemental opportunities for recreation and exploration. There is substantial evidence that overcrowding has an adverse impact on learning, and our students, already impacted by other ills like poverty, must be provided with additional school and educational facilities.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

No comments

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/27	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are overcrowded. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district.</i>	
3/27	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School within the CB 7 district.</i>	
5/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Allocate funding for a Full-Service Community Center to include youth and child care services at the Former Bronx Library Center.</i>	2556 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
26/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool is in need of repairs. The students attending deserve to have a fully functioning pool. A pool will encourage our students to establish fitness routines that could help to prevent obesity and encourage lifelong healthy habits. Bronx County, is currently the unhealthiest County in the State. Access to a pool, which could eventually even be used by the community, as it was years ago, would be a big help towards that goal.</i>	Dewitt Clinton Hs Field House, Bronx, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx science and American Studies High Schools.</i>	
5/29	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7 as well as, preparatory course (GNT Test) in CB 7.</i>	

6/29	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>CB 7 is requesting a Youth Center at the Former Bainbridge Library Center which is a city owned property. Example: YMCA.</i>
7/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public nuisances complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety for district residents. We need a coordinated effort among city agencies to step up their enforcement of noise complaints, loitering, and littering. Our community needs more of a positive and engaging police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints that improves quality of life without over policing.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/27	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	<i>Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.</i>	
20/27	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

The office receives a high volume of complaints related to the cleanliness of the district. Specifically, the complaints are related to dog waste, illegal dumping and cleanliness of residential and commercial areas. Enforcement of sanitation laws and a culturally sensitive public education campaign targeted to residential and commercial property owners can result in a reduction of these violations and greatly improve the quality of life for CB 7 residents.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
25/27	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>In addition to repairing catch basins the continuous flooding after storms on both Bainbridge Avenue and Decatur and Van Cortlandt Avenue East needs to be addressed.</i>	Bainbridge Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/29	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need an increase in sanitation enforcement to improve the quality of our commercial corridors. Our shopping districts include: Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, 204th Street and Webster Avenue.</i>	
12/29	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement/public education would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.</i>	
26/29	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Restore curbside composting to prevent vermin infestations and to produce compost that helps minimize landfill contribution to climate change.</i>	
27/29	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>Restore funding for the curbside e-waste collection program or provide access to a facility where these items may be brought for disposal.</i>	
28/29	DSNY	Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste	<i>Restore funding for the disposal of hazardous waste materials or allow residents to bring hazardous waste materials to an appropriate facility.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Affordable housing creation

CB 7 residents are constantly dealing with housing and rental issues. Tenants have rights and should be afforded more services to help them address issues like rent increases, code violations, and evictions. We see too often how our residents are living in poor conditions because landlords take rents but fail to adequately maintain their buildings. Poor living conditions can affect a household's quality of life, jobs, family well-being, and mental health. There is also a need for mixed income housing and affordable homeownership opportunities to accommodate households in different income brackets.

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

No comments

Needs for Economic Development

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with open door program financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/29	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional Personnel for HPD and DOB to enforce the housing maintenance code.</i>	
13/29	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>Provide personnel to maintain the common spaces and sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean environment.</i>	2663 Heath Avenue
15/29	SBS	Support local CBOs efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>In light of COVID our community businesses are in need of support and funding. Only 1 percent of Bronx businesses received PPP.</i>	
16/29	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>	
21/29	EDC	Invest in financial incentives for job creation and retention	<i>Our community has now incurred a 25% unemployment rate. Funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and job retention are vital to the community.</i>	

22/29	SBS	Support local CBOs efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>Our community businesses are in need of help now more than ever. The current climate has put a huge economic strain on local businesses; they are in need of assistance.</i>
23/29	SBS	Other expense workforce development requests	<i>Our community has recently incurred a 25% unemployment rate. Funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and keeping a new job are vital to the community.</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

CB 7 residents must endure some of the longest commutes in the city on crowded trains and buses. Further, many services are not frequent enough to make them reliable or serve a growing population. For instance, peak express service is only provided on the D train for five hours per day. Compare this to other similar lines like the 6 or 7, where peak express service is provided 10-14 hours per day. Infrequent bus service, even on core routes, means seniors are waiting too long for bunched buses at inadequate bus stops. Finally, high fares and infrequent service discourage residents from using the Metro-North service to access jobs in Manhattan. Additionally, provisions for services such as a shared bike program and ferry services on the Harlem River would provide additional travel options. Providing the services described above will help with the congestion of public transit and the battle against COVID-19.

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
8/27	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>There is an need for ADA Compliant elevator at the #4 subway line at Mosholu Parkway. Many residents use the 4 train to get to local Hospitals like North Central Bronx and Montefiore. This was awarded under MTA 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program; the Board would like to secure the funding.</i>	
10/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has been a site for numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crime. We are requesting a community garden. Please review Bridge Arts application for maintaining this site.</i>	
11/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>To install passenger information signs (time clocks) on the following bus lines BX41, BX41SBS, BX1 and BX2.</i>	
12/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at the East Gun Hill Road and Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability.</i>	3210 Jerome Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/29	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the B, D and 4 subway lines within District 7.</i>	
17/29	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Mosholu Parkway, Jerome Avenue, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>	

19/29	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help the public.</i>
24/29	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the #4, B, and D train lines. Extend express service during morning rush hour from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Faster service will avoid overcrowding and minimize the amount of time people are on the train, especially during this pandemic.</i>
25/29	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. In 2016, NYPD reported 156 traffic related accidents and in 2017, NYPD reported 136 traffic related accidents. The intersection remains unsafe to navigate when vehicles speed through the lights while pedestrians try to cross to and from the bridge and to and from the University Heights Metro North train station. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

The district is home to a large number of parks and parkways, making it one of the greenest districts in the city. The vast amount of parkland makes it difficult to provide the necessary level of maintenance to keep the parks clean and safe. Additional investment is needed in both maintenance personnel and equipment in the district.

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

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>We need funding for a multi-purpose athletic field at Frisch Field.</i>	
6/27	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>The district has a large number of parks. Garbage collection is a major problem in District 7. Currently, garbage pickup is being done by a gator in the northern areas and a pickup truck in the southern areas. This method creates additional work for a limited number of employees. It also constitutes a health hazard since the litter and garbage are transported in open vehicles.</i>	
7/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Basketball Courts to include resurfacing of the floor and new fiberglass backboards.</i>	
13/27	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair broken pavement at the Williamsbridge Oval Park connecting at the Holt Place entrance.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
14/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New Fitness equipment is needed at the St. James Recreational Center.</i>	2530 Jerome Avenue
15/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Create an outdoor fitness station (s) on the upper perimeter of Williamsbridge Oval Park. As requested by community residents.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center
16/27	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Installation of surveillance cameras at St. James Park, Devoe Park, Aqueduct Walk and Williamsbridge Oval Park to increase community safety.</i>	

17/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make them ADA Accessible.</i>	
18/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park (WBO) to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron fence are missing or have been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.</i>	
19/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project. To date, the project has never been started.</i>	Exterior Street, West Fordham Road and University Heights Bridge
21/27	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Repave the sidewalk along the East side of Bainbridge Avenue from the West bound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to Mosholu Parkway North Service Road. The sidewalk is cracked and dangerous for pedestrians.</i>	Mosholu Parkway
22/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Flooding has been an issue at Devoe Park: Recede the curbs, re-pitch the sidewalks for drainage. Also, benches need to be updated throughout.</i>	
23/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the 2 Playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park</i>	
24/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Redesign and repurpose vacant the storage house for public use located in the middle of Devoe Park.</i>	

27/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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11/29	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues.</i>	
18/29	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide a full time Gardener and Maintenance personnel for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park which have very large green spaces and require additional maintenance.</i>	
20/29	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>	University Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
29/29	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide additional funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandate responsibilities. We are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 to properly serve the districts growing population.</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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with open door program financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.</i>	
2/27	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are overcrowded. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district.</i>	
3/27	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School within the CB 7 district.</i>	
4/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>We need funding for a multi-purpose athletic field at Frisch Field.</i>	
5/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Allocate funding for a Full-Service Community Center to include youth and child care services at the Former Bronx Library Center.</i>	2556 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
6/27	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>The district has a large number of parks. Garbage collection is a major problem in District 7. Currently, garbage pickup is being done by a gator in the northern areas and a pickup truck in the southern areas. This method creates additional work for a limited number of employees. It also constitutes a health hazard since the litter and garbage are transported in open vehicles.</i>	
7/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Basketball Courts to include resurfacing of the floor and new fiberglass backboards.</i>	

8/27	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>There is an need for ADA Compliant elevator at the #4 subway line at Mosholu Parkway. Many residents use the 4 train to get to local Hospitals like North Central Bronx and Montefiore. This was awarded under MTA 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program; the Board would like to secure the funding.</i>	
9/27	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	<i>Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.</i>	
10/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has been a site for numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crime. We are requesting a community garden. Please review Bridge Arts application for maintaining this site.</i>	
11/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>To install passenger information signs (time clocks) on the following bus lines BX41, BX41SBS, BX1 and BX2.</i>	
12/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at the East Gun Hill Road and Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability.</i>	3210 Jerome Avenue
13/27	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair broken pavement at the Williamsbridge Oval Park connecting at the Holt Place entrance.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
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20/27	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth.</i>	
21/27	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Repave the sidewalk along the East side of Bainbridge Avenue from the West bound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to Mosholu Parkway North Service Road. The sidewalk is cracked and dangerous for pedestrians.</i>	Mosholu Parkway
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24/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Redesign and repurpose vacant the storage house for public use located in the middle of Devoe Park.</i>	
25/27	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>In addition to repairing catch basins the continuous flooding after storms on both Bainbridge Avenue and Decatur and Van Cortlandt Avenue East needs to be addressed.</i>	Bainbridge Avenue
26/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool is in need of repairs. The students attending deserve to have a fully functioning pool. A pool will encourage our students to establish fitness routines that could help to prevent obesity and encourage lifelong healthy habits. Bronx County, is currently the unhealthiest County in the State. Access to a pool, which could eventually even be used by the community, as it was years ago, would be a big help towards that goal.</i>	Dewitt Clinton Hs Field House, Bronx, New York, NY
27/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>	

Expense Budget Requests

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1/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Provide funding to identify and address the most pressing health needs of Bronx CB7. The Bronx ranks last out of the 62 counties in New York State for health outcomes.</i>	
2/29	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Initiate the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in our district to provide resources to help our senior population maintain healthy living within their homes.</i>	
3/29	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>The Bronx ranks last out of the 62 counties in New York state in county health rankings. Many residents suffer health outcomes related to poor nutrition and lack physical activity. We request a greater investment in culturally and linguistically competent nutrition education programs that promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity.</i>	
4/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx science and American Studies High Schools.</i>	
5/29	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7 as well as, preparatory course (GNT Test) in CB 7.</i>	
6/29	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>CB 7 is requesting a Youth Center at the Former Bainbridge Library Center which is a city owned property. Example: YMCA.</i>	
7/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>	

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9/29	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional Personnel for HPD and DOB to enforce the housing maintenance code.</i>	
10/29	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>We need an increase in sanitation enforcement to improve the quality of our commercial corridors. Our shopping districts include: Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, 204th Street and Webster Avenue.</i>	
11/29	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues.</i>	
12/29	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement/public education would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.</i>	
13/29	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>Provide personnel to maintain the common spaces and sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean environment.</i>	2663 Heath Avenue
14/29	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the B, D and 4 subway lines within District 7.</i>	
15/29	SBS	Support local CBOs efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>In light of COVID our community businesses are in need of support and funding. Only 1 percent of Bronx businesses received PPP.</i>	

16/29	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>	
17/29	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Mosholu Parkway, Jerome Avenue, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>	
18/29	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide a full time Gardener and Maintenance personnel for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park which have very large green spaces and require additional maintenance.</i>	
19/29	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help the public.</i>	
20/29	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>	University Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
21/29	EDC	Invest in financial incentives for job creation and retention	<i>Our community has now incurred a 25% unemployment rate. Funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and job retention are vital to the community.</i>	
22/29	SBS	Support local CBOs efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>Our community businesses are in need of help now more than ever. The current climate has put a huge economic strain on local businesses; they are in need of assistance.</i>	
23/29	SBS	Other expense workforce development requests	<i>Our community has recently incurred a 25% unemployment rate. Funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and keeping a new job are vital to the community.</i>	

24/29	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the #4, B, and D train lines. Extend express service during morning rush hour from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Faster service will avoid overcrowding and minimize the amount of time people are on the train, especially during this pandemic.</i>
25/29	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. In 2016, NYPD reported 156 traffic related accidents and in 2017, NYPD reported 136 traffic related accidents. The intersection remains unsafe to navigate when vehicles speed through the lights while pedestrians try to cross to and from the bridge and to and from the University Heights Metro North train station. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorist from violating traffic rules.</i>
26/29	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>Restore curbside composting to prevent vermin infestations and to produce compost that helps minimize landfill contribution to climate change.</i>
27/29	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>Restore funding for the curbside e-waste collection program or provide access to a facility where these items may be brought for disposal.</i>
28/29	DSNY	Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste	<i>Restore funding for the disposal of hazardous waste materials or allow residents to bring hazardous waste materials to an appropriate facility.</i>
29/29	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide additional funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandate responsibilities. We are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 to properly serve the districts growing population.</i>