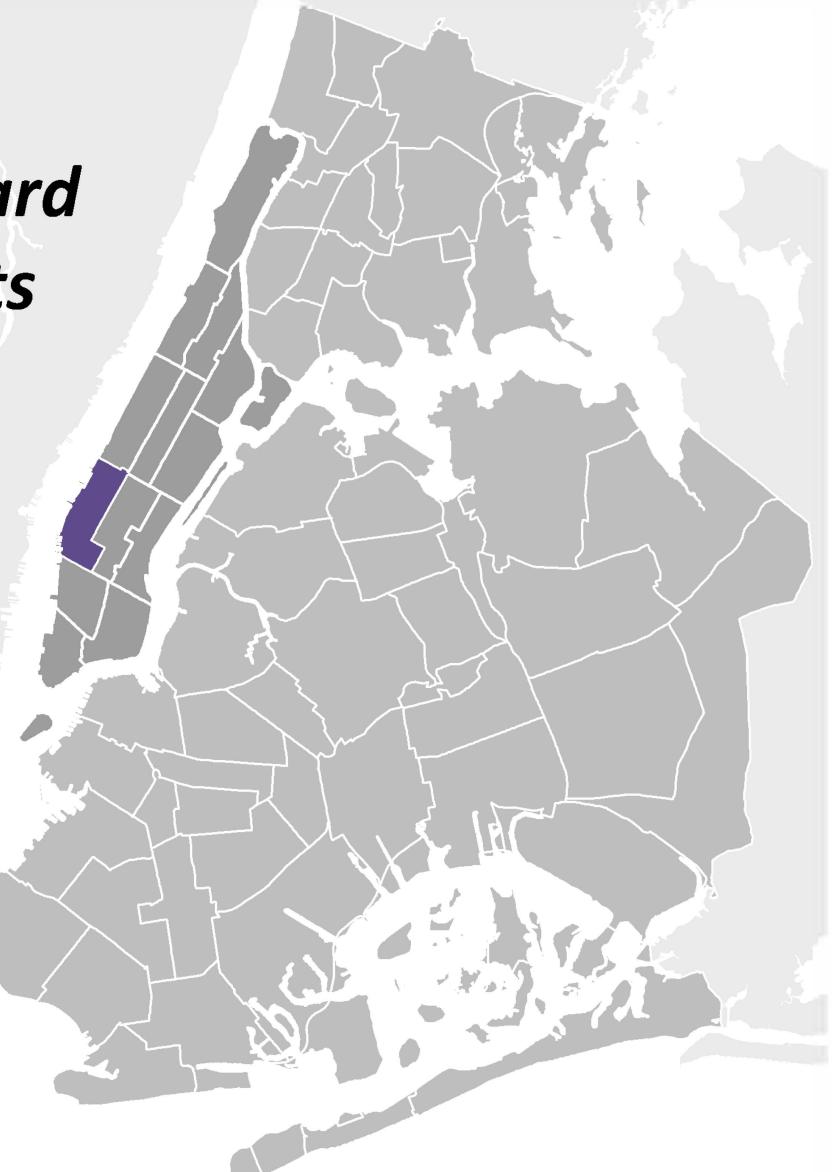


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Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Manhattan

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	1,585,873	100.00	1,694,251	100.00	108,378	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	234,435	14.8	232,511	13.7	-1,924	-0.8	-1.1
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,585,873	100.0	1,694,251	100.0	108,378	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	403,577	25.4	402,640	23.8	-937	-0.2	-1.6
White non-Hispanic	761,493	48.0	793,294	46.8	31,801	4.2	-1.2
Black non-Hispanic	205,340	12.9	199,592	11.8	-5,748	-2.8	-1.1
Asian non-Hispanic	177,624	11.2	219,624	13.0	42,000	23.6	1.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	7,882	0.5	16,112	1.0	8,230	104.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	29,957	1.9	62,989	3.7	33,032	110.3	1.8
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	847,090	100.0	913,926	100.0	66,836	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	763,846	90.2	817,782	89.5	53,936	7.1	-0.7
Vacant housing units	83,244	9.8	96,144	10.5	12,900	15.5	0.7

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

Manhattan Community District 4

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	103,245	100.00	131,351	100.00	28,106	27.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	8,712	8.4	11,444	8.7	2,732	31.4	0.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	103,245	100.0	131,351	100.0	28,106	27.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	18,259	17.7	23,249	17.7	4,990	27.3	0.0
White non-Hispanic	62,037	60.1	69,509	52.9	7,472	12.0	-7.2
Black non-Hispanic	6,403	6.2	9,075	6.9	2,672	41.7	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	13,556	13.1	22,933	17.5	9,377	69.2	4.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	610	0.6	1,258	1.0	648	106.2	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,380	2.3	5,327	4.1	2,947	123.8	1.8
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	69,598	100.0	84,357	100.0	14,759	21.2	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,059	87.7	75,001	88.9	13,942	22.8	1.2
Vacant housing units	8,539	12.3	9,356	11.1	817	9.6	-1.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
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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

Manhattan Community District 4

Manhattan Community District 4 (“MCD4”) is comprised of three neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards bounded by 14th Street in the south, West 59th Street in the north, Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and Eighth Avenue north of 26th Street as its eastern border and Hudson River to the west. Portions of several well-known and economy-driven areas exist within MCD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Market Historic District, the Ladies' Mile Shopping District, the West Chelsea Historic District and the Theater District. Other notable sites in MCD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, Columbus Circle, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the Javits Center, the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal, Bella Abzug Park, Manhattan West, the Vessel and The Shed at Hudson Yards, the Circle Line, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Maritime Piers 56-99, and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

COVID-19

Covid -19 has brought disastrous effects to our entire city but there is no mistaking that MCD4 has been particularly adversely affected. The impact to the Theater District and nearby restaurants, including our residents attached to these industries, has put a powerful economic strain unique to our neighborhoods. This, coupled with the overwhelming relocation of the city's shelter population within our borders, have all negatively impacted our district.

The reductions in policing, sanitation, and the increase in vehicular traffic all represent a serious throwback to earlier eras, where homelessness and drug use overwhelmed our streets. And while some funding was ultimately restored for a number of city-wide enrichment and social service programs, MCD4 still faces significant public safety challenges, a high rate of commercial vacancies and unsanitary street conditions.

Migrant Crisis

Layering onto our considerable challenges resulting from Covid-19 cuts, the city has placed an exceptional amount of recent asylum seekers in our District. In the later part of 2022, MCD4 has been the new home for one intake center, one multi-service center and two-family immigrant shelters. This has put an inordinate strain on our District's resources, including our public schools and social services. Our neighborhoods are eager to embrace our new guests and we need the financial attention to do so properly.

Community District 4 Trends

In addition to acute challenges induced by the pandemic and the migrant crisis, our district was already undergoing tremendous shifts. Since 2010, the population of MCD4 has grown over 27%. This comes on the heels of a 20% growth between 2000 and 2010, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth is four times faster than New York City's. As a result of rezoning, significant new commercial and residential development began to transform formerly industrial areas, leading to a growing stock of hotels and conversions to AirBnB. Large segments of our neighborhoods are under construction. The rapid increase in land value accelerated the displacement of many long- time tenants and small business owners, while the new benefits of development have yet to materialize. Members of MCD4 have strived for balance between the redevelopment of these areas with the preservation and expansion of the district's residential neighborhoods. A major priority, highlighted by the pandemic, is ensuring that new development helps produce more permanently affordable housing.

A consequence of the increased development is the enormous pressure put on existing public service systems in the area. Overall, the rezonings and subsequent construction has contributed to the deterioration of the quality of life of MCD4 residents. This mass of new construction is exacerbated by the development of large-scale proposals within MCD4, including Hudson Yards, Manhattan West, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel

proposal, and the conversion of the Farley Post Office into the new Moynihan Train Station. City Agencies' planning divisions, such as Sanitation, NYPD, and others, are slow to react to these trends and, consequently, our services and infrastructure are deficient for our rapidly growing population.

Within the last couple of years, MCD4 has seen a drastic jump in street crime, much due in much to the overall economic situation as well as changes in crime prevention and enforcement. A contributing factor is the siting of homeless facilities and social other service facilities with no planning or coordination with the community. For these reasons, for the second year in a row, public safety was far and away reflected as the top priority in our district-wide survey. The city must recognize the critical need for our requested programs making our streets and neighborhoods safer.

Contributing to our unhealthy environment, the drastic DSNY COVID cuts from the past administration has not been fully restored resulting in litter filling the district's streets and litter bins overflowing on corners. Trash collection continues to be a process unchanged since the 19th Century, filling sidewalks with garbage and taking space from pedestrians. Further, traffic congestion caused by the Port Authority Bus Terminal and by the COVID-induced escalation in commuting by car through the Lincoln Tunnel are overwhelming our streets and this daily traffic pandemonium remains unchecked by traffic officers. It is incompatible with the new residential zoning of the surrounding neighborhoods and more needs to be done to improve public transportation.

Our district area is consistently recorded as having some of the worst air quality in New York City. The three main factors contributing to that dubious honor is our constant building and construction, traffic congestion of diesel fuel vehicles and, most blatantly, the cruise ship emission from vessels docked at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal. The city can make great strides in curbing two of those three with immediate action our MCD4 is requesting.

MCD4 is also intent on preserving the character of our neighborhoods while taking regional needs and changing dynamics, such as street dining and the legalization of cannabis, into thoughtful consideration.

MCD4's Priorities Include:

- Ensuring safe surroundings that allows all – residents, visitors, and businesses -- to thrive, feel secure and live in a fear-free environment;
- Prioritizing public safety with crime prevention resources including “street beat” NYPD presence;
- Preserving affordable housing and creating additional affordable housing for people making a broad range of incomes (including Very Low, Low, Middle, and Moderate);
- Maintaining neighborhood character and preventing displacement and eviction of residents and small businesses.
- Providing adequate trash, recycling & composting pick up service and policies and keeping our streets in clean and healthy conditions;
- Maintaining the stability of a long-standing local retail presence in our communities and preserving affordable commercial space for businesses, community, arts and cultural groups;
- Developing a coherent safe, reliable, accessible, affordable and connected transportation infrastructure for our district, including increasing public safety in transportation, strengthening, and improving public bus and rapid transit systems, expanding the NYC ferry network to the west side, and fostering a better balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles, particularly buses, all with the goal of improving connectivity and efficiency;
- Building new elementary and middle schools, to combat overcrowding and accommodate the rapidly increasing (+30%) school-age population;
- Provide requisite staff, including bilingual support, and facility space for our public schools;
- Renovating and creating additional green spaces, including electric charging hubs, to combat the lack of parkland;
- Increasing services to the homeless, seniors, people with disabilities, and youth;
- Addressing the quality of life issues associated with construction and outdoor dining;
- Working with the City to ensure its commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (affordable housing, parks, arts spaces,) are completed within a timeframe that addresses the looming threats of

gentrification.

Relevant MCD4 related documents:

MCB4 Affordable Housing Plan (2022): <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-10.26.22.pdf>

MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group Recommendations (2022): <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>

MCB4 Community Needs Survey (2020): <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>

Chelsea NYCHA Report (2021): <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 4

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

For decades, Community District 4 has lost thousands of affordable housing units because of quickly increasing rates and weak regulation. This includes demolition restrictions, illegal hotel conversion and harassment of tenants by landlords. Only recently have state laws been strengthened to preserve and protect the existing affordable housing stock. This stock has also been confronted by a tremendous increase in the development of new market rate and luxury housing. Of continued significant importance is the preservation and creation of affordable housing at all income bands. With our middle and working class dwindling, affordable units across the board are essential to our district. We also strongly advocate for a much greater amount of multi-bedroom units to keep families in place and family living affordable. Recently, our Community Board released our Affordable Housing Plan detailing our trends and needs. Meanwhile, we must all commit to implementing the NYCHA working group recommendations for Harborview, Elliot Chelsea, and Fulton Houses NYCHA developments.

Crime and public safety

In our recent district-wide survey, public safety was far and away the number one concern in our area. Our Community Board continues to hear public outcry over the state of their streets and subways. The still lingering effects of COVID and subsequent policies has dramatically increased the prevalence of theft and severity of substance abuse related issues, as well as homelessness, in MCD4. Additional support for mental health outreach, more funding for increased foot patrols and overall improved coordination with MCD4 stakeholders is needed in the district. We request more officers be patrolling the streets by foot at regular intervals and be visible to the population; an additional goal is to reduce the response time for complaints and to improve coordination with the community.

Trash removal & cleanliness

Sanitation/Quality of Life: “Make sanitation dept. budget a super priority, quality of life issues will improve” was one of many like-minded comments that appeared in our district survey responses. Since our drastic COVID related sanitation cuts, our neighborhood hasn’t been the same. Dirty and unhealthy conditions including overflowing trash bins, increased rodent activity, garbage and syringe-strewn streets and a general lack of attention has sharply deteriorated the quality of life in our district. This environment is not just unsightly, it’s hazardous. MCD4 is the gateway into NYC for many travelers. Our street conditions are hindering our economy and livability. We prioritize the clean up of our district, including a greater DSNY presence, organics collection and corner basket recycling, and ask the city pay special attention to the quality of life issues that make our spaces habitable.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years and significantly exacerbated by the pandemic. Large transportation hubs located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal (where issues of human trafficking occur) and adjacent Penn Station are a natural gathering place for the unsheltered. And, in a situation that only seems to be getting worse, many sheltered and unsheltered homeless people need social services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment. While this is not a new issue, the Covid-related emergency relocation temporary hotel shelter sites have severely exacerbated the situation. Though the emergency relocation action is now over, MCD4 is one of the major recipients of migrants needing emergency temporary shelter. The fallout from the economic situation and the shelter crises have dramatically deteriorated the neighborhood. Moving forward, location, size, and community consultation are important considerations for future new facilities. Migrant Intake & Housing This year, MCD4 became a dropoff, intake and housing point for the influx of bused immigrants with no notice. These events are putting an enormous strain on our neighborhood resources, specifically our public schools. Our elementary class sizes have ballooned and the need for bilingual staff and educators is profound.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Needs of people living with HIV/AIDS Needs for Health Care and Facilities in Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods have consistently been ranked with the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses among all five boroughs, almost four times the citywide rate. The recent re-opening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic along with long-standing community partners in our district, i.e., Ryan-Chelsea Clinton Community Health Center, Callen-Lorde, and Gay Men's Health Crisis, are crucial partners in this fight, but more resources are needed for the efforts to make PrEP, PEP, and rapid HIV testing more accessible to all members of our community district. Public awareness campaigns around safe sex and sexual health should also be expanded.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the US Bureau of the Census, there are 16,972 individuals (12.1%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the MCD4 partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the performing arts with many constituents living in MCD4), the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1700 unit Section 8 building with over 1100 seniors) to conduct a survey of seniors residing in MCD4. The survey identified several main priorities: Education/Outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE A campaign to identify and promote Age Friendly local business Expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical home visit programs Support services for caregivers of the frail elderly A housing agenda for older New Yorkers. Additionally, the Community Needs Assessment completed in 2020 also concluded that seniors were one of the groups needing additional support specifically related to housing, finances, technology, transportation needs, translation services, and community space. Additional needs for people with disabilities According to the 2010 Census there has been an 8.3 percent growth in our district of people with disabilities. The Committee identified several main priorities: Affordable Housing: Increase the proportion of affordable housing units in the community

for people with disabilities. Tenant Education: Making sure residents living with disabilities know federal, state, and local housing laws and property owners' responsibilities to provide ADA access and accommodations. Additional city agencies must make all sidewalks and city owned facilities accessible.

Needs for Homeless

Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years and is among the most frequently raised issues since the start of the pandemic. Large public facilities located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Penn Station are a natural gathering places for people without homes. Many of the homeless population need social services specifically around substance use and mental health treatment. The presence of very large homeless shelters, such as BRC, and drug rehabilitation centers has also brought major stress to the community. We are open to homeless shelters in our district, however, significant consideration should be given to the location and size of any shelter opening in our community, as should the need for long term planning around the establishment of a family shelter.

Needs for Low Income NYs

According to the NYU Furman Center, MCB4 represents the interests of the neighborhoods with one of the highest levels of income inequality in New York City. Our district is also home to three large public housing developments: the Chelsea-Elliot Houses, the Robert Fulton Houses, and Harborview Terrace. MCB4's 2020 Community Needs Assessment found that families living in public housing or rent controlled units need affordable retailers such as grocery stores. As stated in an October 2017 letter, the Board is deeply concerned there are only four vendors in our district who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), all who happen to be small businesses. More resources are needed to help MCB4 residents access WIC providers and help more grocery stores become authorized WIC vendors. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	<i>Establish a standard family with children shelter that can provide a robust level of onsite services and programs in the district.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/56	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>The impact that COVID has had to New York City's economy has resulted in an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 believes further expansion of funds is necessary.</i>	
7/56	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis therefore recommends expansion of the "Affordable New York" Housing program. Also, the DHS shelter system and permanent housing building management would benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition, for a period of up to three months.</i>	
20/56	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>	
21/56	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase funding to DOH for rodent enforcement</i>	

29/56	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>As referenced in the 2018 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>
55/56	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

As the COVID pandemic has subsided, students and teachers have returned to a more normal classroom routine. However, academic and social-emotional gaps – which for many students predate the pandemic and were exacerbated by it – are significant and direly need to be addressed. The most recent state results indicated that over half (51%) of city's 3-8th grade public schools students are not reading on grade level and 38% demonstrated grade-level proficiency in math. The loss of in-person classroom instruction, vacancies across roles and levels in our schools, and community disruption have all contributed to this outcome.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

In addition to most students struggling academically and many experiencing the effects of disruption to their social-emotional development, our board has also heard from the community about other major challenges the public school system is working to address. The growing number of immigrants and asylum seekers recently coming to New York City is overextending our public education system's resources, including at several schools in our district. There is an enormous need for more Spanish speaking social workers and teachers as well as increased services for the families as well. Accessing student transportation is an ongoing struggle for many families, especially those in temporary housing. Changes to housing accommodations often cause several days of delay before students are able to be scheduled for regular bus pickups, leading to loss of school days. The current number of existing and planned schools in MCD4 is not meeting the demand for seats of school-age children who are currently living in our community and the expected increase in students from all the newresidential developments. As development continues, more children will enter our district schools, impacting schools already operating at full and at over capacity. Funds need to be allocated to both acquire space for new schools and upgrade existing facilities. A great number of our school buildings are suffering from crumbling infrastructure. Roofs are leaking into classrooms; bathrooms need updating; some buildings are still not completely ADA accessible; and many need tech upgrading.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Students living in temporary shelters have specific needs that require supportive social services from the city. Their schools need to have permanent on-site social workers to help address the challenges they and their families are experiencing.

Our students could also benefit from workforce development programs and educational programs that promote socioeconomic mobility. As our district's population continues to become more diverse, continued effort should be made to further diversify the educator workforce in our school's teaching and administrative staff, which research has shown will improve academic outcomes, improve attendance and decrease suspensions. Our students with thinking and learning differences must be provided with additional support and all students should have test preparation available to them.

Our priority is to provide each of our students with access to the resources that will enable them to perform at the level they are capable of academically and develop the skills they will need for success in continuing education and the 21st century workplace.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems.</i>	
13/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Increase funding to School Construction Authority for security camera in MCB4 schools as requested by school principals.</i>	
17/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.</i>	439 West 49 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
20/27	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Fund the replacement of the gym floor in Manhattan Bridges HS, located at 535 W.50th St. The current floor is severely water-damaged in several areas.</i>	525 West 50th Street
24/27	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Fund the cost of replacing the school sign at PS11, located at 320 W.21st St. The name change project was sponsored and researched by students and renamed the Sarah J. Garnett School, a New Yorker who was an African-American school principal in the NYC Public School system and suffragist.</i>	
CS	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding for SCA to build new bleachers at HS for Environmental studies at 444 W 56th Street.</i>	444 West 56 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Fund needed elevator replacement at the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex at 351 West 18th Street.</i>	351 West 18 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	320 West 21 Street
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Food and Finance High School: Complete needed funding of \$2 million for a chemistry lab.</i>	525 West 50th Street

CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide \$75,000 to complete P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street, to Rooftop Garden.</i>	525 West 44 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$100,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.</i>	317 West 52 Street
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	440 West 53rd Street

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/56	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Funding to DOE for bilingual educators, specifically expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals, prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS51, PS111, PS212. ally teachers and mental health professionals</i>	
13/56	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Provide funding for after school programs in order to defray the cost to schools with limited resources to enable more families to participate. If after school so more families can participate</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

The District has yet to recover from the residual effects of the temporary relocation of 1,800 shelter residents at the onset of the pandemic. The close proximity of this vulnerable population brought drug dealers into the community that preyed on them and others that rely on the many social services throughout the community. The residual effects include a spike in shoplifting, open drug activity, hard narcotics sales and use, verbal harassment, physical assaults, public acts of lewdness, urination and defecation on the streets. The return of tourists to Midtown has also brought back scammers, vendors selling counterfeit items and pickpockets. NYPD has created the Business District Recovery Initiative focusing on these issues in Midtown but more resources are needed for increased foot patrols and visibility to make this initiative effective. Resources to help improve response time for complaints and provide better service to the general public will also assist in reducing public dissatisfaction with the agency. NYPD requires support to enhance partnerships with other segments of the criminal justice as well as community groups and other other agencies that are now responsible for more social issues like mental illness and homelessness. Vehicular crime and violations continue to be an issue in Midtown. It is critical that the NYPD significantly increase its enforcement of speeding, running of red lights, and provide more traffic agents to protect pedestrians and clear intersections. Additionally the increase of cyclists riding through red lights, the wrong way , and especially riding on sidewalks calls for better enforcement.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the development of the Hudson Yards, a 50% growth in population in the last 20 years, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, high traffic tourist destinations (the Vessel, Bella Abzug Park, Whitney Museum, High line) and commuter flows (#7 subway, Lincoln tunnel and Bus terminal), increased deliveries (Whole Foods/Amazon, USPS, FedEx and UPS distribution centers in our districts) and schools (Avenues, Success Academy, PS 33) our current precincts are stretched to the limit.

The four distinct precincts that service our district creates barriers to resolving public safety issues across our communities and MCB4 has long advocated for reorganizing the precinct footprints to better serve the district. The significant increase of residential and commercial populations along with the increase in crime in the district require a better distribution of resources and a more nimble structure. The consideration of a substation 10th Precinct NYPD facility, particularly in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.

Needs for Emergency Services

As the Westside of Manhattan has become more residential with larger and larger residential buildings being built, additional FDNY/EMS and NYPD facilities and services are needed in this growing area. These new facilities will need to be more streamlined, energy efficient and overall more accessible.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/27	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Fund the acquisition of a NYPD sub-station facility for the 10th Precinct in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.</i>	
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/56	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increase funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. Our district has an acute need for more outward facing crime prevention initiatives. In conjunction, provide additional funding to the existing four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. Both the foot patrol initiative and neighborhood events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships.</i>	

28/56	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Fund and deploy traffic officers to reduce gridlock and dangerous pedestrian crossings at W 41st, and 10th avenue W 39, W43, W45 the and 11th Avenue , W 36, W 39 and W 40th and 9th Avenue . Bicycles riding on sidewalks, wrong way on bike paths and streets should also be enforced.</i>
52/56	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Some of the most obvious and visible neighborhood deterioration relates to DSNY and the deleterious conditions of our streets and curbsides. The profound amount of trash overflowing corner bins, stacked up on sidewalks and scattered all across our public spaces is unacceptable. This is resulting in uninviting, unhealthy and sickening conditions. Poor garbage storage and pickup has led to a serious pest control problem and increased litter making its way into streets, waterways, and parks. Sites for commercial garbage storage must be developed wherever possible off-street to be used until shortly before pick-up. MCD4 prioritizes rectifying these repulsive conditions with more frequent corner basket collection, corner basket recycling and an overall commitment to getting our city clean again. We include in our request, a full composting program for our district. This will effectively combat waste disposal and also essential for the city to hit its stated carbon-free goals. In addition, MCB4's Sanitation Planning Working Group produced a report with a number of recommendations to streamline the storage and management of residential trash and recycling. MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group Recommendations: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The entire coastline of MCD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District is categorized as High-Risk Flood Zones. As climate change brings greater threats to the city and our coastline, more of MCD4 will be at higher risk. Our antiquated sewer and water system with combined sewer overflows needs updating, as climate change inundates the system and forces raw sewage into the streets and basements of buildings. Upgrading the sewer system is a decades-long undertaking.

MCD4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of MCD4 and the entrances to the Lincoln and Amtrak tunnels. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the Manhattan Cruise Terminal, MCD4 is at particular risk from unhealthy air.

Another major cause of air pollution in MCD4 is carbon emissions from buildings still using "dirty boilers" that burn heating oil #4 and #6. Many of the buildings using these dirty boilers are rent-regulated and cannot (or will not) pay for the cost of converting to cleaner alternatives. Noise complaints from MCD4 consistently rank among the highest registered by DEP and are rising, especially at night.

Unchecked conditions of outdoor dining have exacerbated the problem of street noise, pollution, rats and pedestrian space. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions (multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc.) have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on Ninth Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The board is very concerned with the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets that are often overflowing and attracting rodents. This situation has worsened and seen no improvement from previous years and needs immediate attention. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions

(multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc.) have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on Ninth Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/27	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide funds for needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.</i>	128 West 17 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
21/27	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Restore cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for upgrades and expansion of the DSNY. In particular, light equipment to clear the snow at bus stops and corners, electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	
23/27	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.</i>	
CS	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	
CS	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions	<i>MCB4 encourages the City to provide a healthy and comprehensive organics collection infrastructure for its residents. This includes organic collection or equivalent number of drop-off sites. As well as compost education for residents and building managers. The City's lack of a comprehensive composting program has long been a costly and environmentally unsound burden for our district. An effective composting program is a healthy step towards a zero waste long-term goal.</i>	
19/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>The increasing number of residents in MCB4 has significantly increased the amounts of trash/recycling. Funding should be made available for additional trash collection above the current schedules.</i>	
27/56	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Increase funding for sanitation enforcement specifically for supervisors to accompany street sweepers on alternate side parking days as many parked cars are not being moved as required.</i>	
32/56	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.</i>	
33/56	DSNY	Improve snow removal	<i>Expand funding so that snow is removed from bus stops and corners in the first 12 hours of a storm, to ensure commuters receive an equitable treatment compared to motor vehicles.</i>	

35/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Corner basket pickups having been restored to pre-pandemic service, are not keeping up with the increase of trash being deposited in heavily trafficked areas. Increase DSNY funding for corner basket pick-up. In particular, another truck during the 12am-8am shift. . Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and responds to service calls via the 311 system.</i>
37/56	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide funding to study the implementation of containerization successfully used in other major cities and study how automation can improve trash/recycling pickup.</i>
42/56	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide support/resources to Litter Legion, a local non-profit 501c3 founded in June 2020 by a local Hell's Kitchen resident in response to the increase in street trash and overflowing corner baskets as a result of budget cuts due to the pandemic. The organization has hosted over 70 group clean-ups with more than 600 residents participating. Litter Legion coordinates its activities with DSNY as well as provides information and educational events to local community groups.</i>
45/56	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.</i>
51/56	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Increase funding for the processing of citizen led complaints of vehicle idling.</i>

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Affordable housing creation

Increased pressures from re-zoning and development have diminished existing affordable housing stock and have made the need for new affordable housing even greater. In addition, through illegal demolition, illegal hotel conversion, and harassment, affordable housing stock has shrunk, and the commitments to create new affordable housing continue to be unmet. As a result, more permanently affordable units for individuals and families of different income bands are necessary for our community. The MCD4 Affordable Housing Plan offers a roadmap for fulfilling and developing more affordable housing units to all income bands.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-10.26.22.pdf>

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

Needs for Land Use

Years after both Hudson Yards and West Chelsea in 2005 and the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing, but many City commitments remain unfilled. Several items agreed to by the developers, the Administration, and the City Council await completion, including many affordable housing units. They need the commitment of financial resources from both the expense and capital budgets to support staff and implementation from the Department of City Planning), Economic Development Corporation, Housing Preservation and Development, and other relevant agencies.

Needs for Housing

MCD4's Affordable Housing Plan states that affordable housing within the district is critical to the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage, earners, and seniors. This mixed population includes many of the frailest and isolated members of our community and the backbone of the service and cultural economy essential to NYC. The City must free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in Chelsea & Hell's Kitchen. MCD4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve almost 10,000 units in our district. Unfortunately, MCD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring use in the immediate future. In addition, our district has been plagued by the illegal demolition of buildings that were "protected" by zoning enacted mainly due to the efforts of this Community Board. We have been fighting against these illegal demolitions, but the City needs to step up and do its part. It is unacceptable that 150 affordable housing units have already been lost because of dishonest landlords and inactive agencies. MCD4 faces additional problems from being home to the City's second greatest amount of illegal bed and breakfast conversions. Such usage is prevalent in rent-regulated housing and buildings that benefit from tax abatement programs such as 421- and J-51. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies between 8th and 9th Avenues from W. 42nd to W. 57th Streets. In that area, 62 buildings contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. West 51st Street alone includes 12 buildings with a total of 574 units. West 46th Street has 21 buildings with 289 units.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-10.26.22.pdf>

NYCHA and Chelsea NYCHA Working Group

From the Fall of 2019 through the Spring of 2021 MCB4 participated in the Chelsea NYCHA Working Group. The Group included tenant representatives from the two NYCHA developments in the Chelsea area (Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Developments).

The Group included a Deputy Mayor, the Chair of NYCHA, NYCHA administration, local Elected Officials, local stakeholders and both NYCHA tenant associations. The Group's goal was to devise and agree on a future development & financing plan to ensure the two developments had the capital resources needed to restore the building and preserve the long term affordability for the tenants while providing opportunities for additional development.

The Group produced a report which laid out a detailed plan and delivered it to the NYCHA and the City (see enclosed). NYCHA issued an RFP for renovation, refinancing and new development with the NYCHA residents part of the selection process to choose the developer.

MCB4 feels confident that this plan and process will result in resolving long standing capital and expense needs for both NYCHA and the tenants of Eliot Chelsea and Fulton Houses. For these reasons, MCB4 did not include a budget request for Chelsea Elliot and Fulton Houses.

https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4_ChelseaNYCHA_SlideshowEngagement_final_12-16-20.pptx.pdf

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

Needs for Economic Development

More than a decade after the rezoning of the Hudson Yards (2005) and West Chelsea (2007), and nearly a decade after the rezoning of the Western Rail Yards (2009), buildings have been built; residents have moved in. Businesses have opened, but the much-promised resources for housing and infrastructure have not been delivered: many of the City's commitments remain unfulfilled. New York City is struggling compared to other big US cities to recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.

footnote: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-11-23/nyc-s-recovery-trails-other-u-s-cities-as-tourism-loss-weighs>

Remote work and the increase of crime, particularly in our transit system are impacting businesses of every size throughout our District. Measures need to be taken to support local businesses, reduce empty storefronts and increase workforce development programs to retrain workers for the jobs that are available.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	413 West 46 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
2/27	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	500 & 560 West 52nd St
6/27	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in"" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	
11/27	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	525 West 55th Street
16/27	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	525 West 55th Street

18/27	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	495 11 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	525 W 55th St

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/56	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when an improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>	

11/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>	
16/56	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.</i>	
17/56	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	<i>Increase HPD funding for Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate.</i>	
18/56	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>	
23/56	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue</i>	777 10 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
26/56	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.</i>	
31/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>	

34/56	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>Study the effect of Open Restaurants text amendment on neighborhood character, noise, ADA accessibility and quality of life in Chelsea/Hell's Kitchen. Currently the new text amendment removes references to sidewalk cafes from the zoning text based on the premises that legislation and rules will be substituted, and the DOT will take over the administration of this program, without providing a substitute law to protect the community and without the input of the community.</i>
39/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Increase funding for enforcement staffing to pursue due diligence with the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential. In particular, Increase the number of inspectors, community coordinators, and administrative associates.</i>
43/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Continue to expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentivizes tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>
47/56	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.)

During COVID, drivers have significantly increased their speed on our avenues. Speed cameras should be installed on all avenues to make sure vehicles and motorcycles respect the 25 MPH speed limit. Split phase signals must be installed at every left turn movements, and signals should be coordinated in green waves for cyclists and pedestrians to reduce the running of red lights by cyclists. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. Due to sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete with each other for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic, made even more dangerous with addition of in-street dining structures. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained. Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lines are needed on 9th and 10th Avenue. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Pedestrian safety continues to be a dominant concern that is still not properly addressed. Speed cameras, split phase signals and proper crossing times must be installed as well as cameras to deter gridlock. Due to insufficient capacity and sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning.

It is impossible to discuss transportation infrastructure without stressing the need to use and install necessary green methods. All projects to better our streets and thoroughfares must use “green friendly” materials such as bioswales and permeable, porous substances.

In addition, we request the city’s swift action in providing public access to level 3 electric vehicle charging stations in order to enable the conversion of vehicles fleets to electric (private, public and commercial vehicles). Incentives should be used to accelerate the creation of this essential electric infrastructure .

Needs for Transit Services

Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lanes are needed on 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. With numerous high-rise office constructions already completed on the far west side, building the West 41st Street subway station is becoming imperative to reduce the proliferation of jitneys and congestion. Scores of workers coming to and from Brooklyn need additional modes of transportation, such as ferry service must be enhanced to include a route from Brooklyn to the west side. And more ADA enabled taxis and for hire vehicles are needed to improve transit for ADA and seniors.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/27	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	
8/27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Complete installation of islands in permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands and West 57 Street to West 42 Street - convert 25 painted islands to concrete.</i>	
12/27	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	West 41 St 10th Ave 10th Ave
14/27	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway . Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	9th Ave West 55st St West 34th St
15/27	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.</i>	
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is warn off.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue , upgrade W 42nd Street and 9th avenue and West 15th Street and 6th avenue.</i>	
10/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 34th Street and 51st Street . In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened .</i>	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 34th St
14/56	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Install 4 sidewalk extensions per the study completed by the Community Board/and traffic engineers.</i>	
22/56	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Study and install shared streets on four blocks on Hudson Boulevard East.</i>	Hudson Boulevard West 33 Street West 33 Street
25/56	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand Funding for permanent upgrades to Open Street Programs barricades planters , signage and street design for West 21 Street and West 22nd Street.</i>	
30/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.</i>	10th Avenue West 13th Street West 13th Street
36/56	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	9th Ave 44th St 44th St
38/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 10th Avenue from 14th Street to W 58th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	

41/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.</i>
44/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrian crossings.</i>
46/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>
48/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue to create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians.</i>
50/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund the relocation of Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance from West 34th and West 35th Streets and close Dyer Avenue Northbound at West 34/36 Streets.</i>
53/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>
54/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Insufficient park or open space

Although significant progress has been made in recent years relating to the number of parks and open spaces in MCD4, the huge influx in the number of residents to the District means that even these new spaces are overburdened. Thus, support for our parks cannot be an afterthought but must be prioritized.

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

Needs for Parks

Restroom facilities in three major parks have not been upgraded in years, while other recreational facilities have been. Some parks received a renovation while bathrooms went untouched. This has resulted in bringing more people into our parks but not providing adequate comfort stations. Restrooms must be upgraded at all parks within MCD4. Such upgrades will also allow DPR to provide a full-time, on-site park keeper to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance. Funding should also be dedicated to support Green Thumb Community Gardens, composting, and pruning for street trees. Funding should also be directed towards full-time gardeners, maintenance workers, PEP officers, as well as seasonal aides and playground associates for the summer.

Needs for Cultural Services

The presence of performing arts groups develop and give voice to new talent in areas of writing, performing, dancing, choreography, and directing. This vitalizes our New York City and our community, both culturally and commercially, on a block-to-block level. In addition, support services for theater and other artistic services within MCD4 in the areas of rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios have long been located throughout Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen. These services are also losing viable space due to development and real estate costs. The money generated from these industries provides employment and maintains the artistic life of the city. The Board is concerned with the loss of artists' studios in the District and the displacement of working artists.

Needs for Library Services

Supporting and expanding the role of libraries as continuous learning and job centers.

Needs for Community Boards

Since the 1990s, budgets (outside of personnel services) have not been re-evaluated for inflation. Community Boards are repeatedly asked to do more with less and that cannot continue to happen. In the age of Zoom meetings and the need for hybrid meetings, Community board funding must be increased.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground & courts, new playground equipment and new spray shower and drainage lines.</i>	11th Ave. &, W 54th St
19/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: DeWitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.</i>	
22/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	
25/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.</i>	W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues
26/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	11th Ave. &, W 54th St
27/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets</i>	

CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	10th Ave West 48th St West 48th St
CS	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Increase funding for fitness recreation equipment.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Increase funding to an additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court; also drinking fountain and surface area and sidewalks</i>	West 26 Street 8/9 Avenues

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/56	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>During COVID and beyond, the need for Parks staff has been more acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, the parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed-post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of each park.</i>	
9/56	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks' properties and facilities and enforce Parks' rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district's uptick of crime and unsafe incidences, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.</i>	

15/56	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Our Recreation staff organize Family Fun Days, Outdoor Movie Nights, Tango Dance Programs, Senior Fitness Programs and more. While proving essential for successful parks programming, this program also provides local youth with opportunities for employment in their neighborhoods.</i>
24/56	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 20219 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>
40/56	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.</i>
56/56	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face.</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/27	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' Internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/56	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Reduce case backlog, including Former Colored School #4 at 128 West 17 Street (RFE -2018), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.</i>	
49/56	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Continued support for Mayor's directive to city agencies to utilize and support minority focused and local media.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	413 West 46 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
2/27	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	500 & 560 West 52nd St
3/27	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Fund the acquisition of a NYPD sub-station facility for the 10th Precinct in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.</i>	
4/27	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	
5/27	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' Internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	

6/27	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in"" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	
7/27	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide funds for needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.</i>	128 West 17 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
8/27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Complete installation of islands in permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands and West 57 Street to West 42 Street - convert 25 painted islands to concrete.</i>	
9/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground & courts, new playground equipment and new spray shower and drainage lines.</i>	11th Ave. & W 54th St
10/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems.</i>	
11/27	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes cause great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	525 West 55th Street

12/27	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	West 41 St 10th Ave 10th Ave
13/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Increase funding to School Construction Authority for security cameral in MCB4 schools as requested by school principals.</i>	
14/27	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway . Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	9th Ave West 55st St West 34th St
15/27	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.</i>	
16/27	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	525 West 55th Street
17/27	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.</i>	439 West 49 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
18/27	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	
19/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.</i>	

20/27	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Fund the replacement of the gym floor in Manhattan Bridges HS, located at 535 W.50th St. The current floor is severely water-damaged in several areas.</i>	525 West 50th Street
21/27	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Restore cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for upgrades and expansion of the DSNY. In particular, light equipment to clear the snow at bus stops and corners, electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	
22/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	
23/27	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.</i>	
24/27	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Fund the cost of replacing the school sign at PS11, located at 320 W.21st St. The name change project was sponsored and researched by students and renamed the Sarah J. Garnett School, a New Yorker who was an African-American school principal in the NYC Public School system and suffragist.</i>	
25/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.</i>	W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues

26/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	11th Ave. & W 54th St
27/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets</i>	
CS	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	<i>Establish a standard family with children shelter that can provide a robust level of onsite services and programs in the district.</i>	
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is warn off.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	495 11 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

CS	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	
CS	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	525 W 55th St
CS	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	
CS	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding for SCA to build new bleachers at HS for Environmental studies at 444 W 56th Street.</i>	444 West 56 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	
CS	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Fund needed elevator replacement at the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex at 351 West 18th Street.</i>	351 West 18 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	320 West 21 Street

CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Food and Finance High School: Complete needed funding of \$2 million for a chemistry lab.</i>	525 West 50th Street
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	10th Ave West 48th St West 48th St
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide \$75,000 to complete P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street, to Rooftop Garden.</i>	525 West 44 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Increase funding for fitness recreation equipment.</i>	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$100,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.</i>	317 West 52 Street
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Increase funding to an additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court; also drinking fountain and surface area and sidewalks</i>	West 26 Street 8/9 Avenues
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	440 West 53rd Street

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/56	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>The impact that COVID has had to New York City's economy has resulted in an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 believes further expansion of funds is necessary.</i>	
2/56	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Increase funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. Our district has an acute need for more outward facing crime prevention initiatives. In conjunction, provide additional funding to the existing four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. Both the foot patrol initiative and neighborhood events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships.</i>	
3/56	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Funding to DOE for bilingual educators, expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals, prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS51, PS111, PS212. ally teachers and mental health professionals</i>	
4/56	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>During COVID and beyond, the need for Parks staff has been more acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, the parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed-post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of each park.</i>	

5/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue , upgrade W 42nd Street and 9th avenue and West 15th Street and 6th avenue.</i>
6/56	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>
7/56	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis therefore recommends expansion of the "Affordable New York" Housing program. Also, the DHS shelter system and permanent housing building management would benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition, for a period of up to three months.</i>
8/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions	<i>MCB4 encourages the City to provide a healthy and comprehensive organics collection infrastructure for its residents. This includes organic collection or equivalent number of drop-off sites. As well as compost education for residents and building managers. The City's lack of a comprehensive composting program has long been a costly and environmentally unsound burden for our district. An effective composting program is a healthy step towards a zero waste long-term goal.</i>

9/56	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks' properties and facilities and enforce Parks' rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district's uptick of crime and unsafe incidences, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.</i>
10/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 34th Street and 51st Street . In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened .</i>
11/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>
12/56	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Reduce case backlog, including Former Colored School #4 at 128 West 17 Street (RFE -2018), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.</i>
13/56	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Provide funding for after school programs in order to defray the cost to schools with limited resources to enable more families to participate after school so more families can participate</i>
14/56	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Install 4 sidewalk extensions per the study completed by the Community Board/and traffic engineers.</i>

15/56	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Our Recreation staff organize Family Fun Days, Outdoor Movie Nights, Tango Dance Programs, Senior Fitness Programs and more. While proving essential for successful parks programming, this program also provides local youth with opportunities for employment in their neighborhoods.</i>
16/56	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.</i>
17/56	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	<i>Increase HPD funding for Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate.</i>
18/56	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>
19/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>The increasing number of residents in MCB4 has significantly increased the amounts of trash/recycling. Funding should be made available for additional trash collection above the current schedules.</i>
20/56	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>

21/56	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase funding to DOH for rodent enforcement</i>	
22/56	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Study and install shared streets on four blocks on Hudson Boulevard East.</i>	Hudson Boulevard West 33 Street West 33 Street
23/56	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue</i>	777 10 Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
24/56	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 20219 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>	
25/56	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand Funding for permanent upgrades to Open Street Programs barricades planters, signage and street design for West 21 Street and West 22nd Street.</i>	
26/56	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.</i>	
27/56	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Increase funding for sanitation enforcement specifically for supervisors to accompany street sweepers on alternate side parking days as many parked cars are not being moved as required.</i>	

28/56	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Fund and deploy traffic officers to reduce gridlock and dangerous pedestrian crossings at W 41st, and 10th Avenue W 39, W43, W45 and 11th Avenue , W 36, W 39 and W 40th and 9th Avenue . Bicycles riding on sidewalks, wrong way on bike paths and streets should also be enforced.</i>
29/56	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>As referenced in the 2018 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>
30/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.</i>
			<i>10th Avenue West 13th Street West 13th Street</i>
31/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>
32/56	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.</i>
33/56	DSNY	Improve snow removal	<i>Expand funding so that snow is removed from bus stops and corners in the first 12 hours of a storm, to ensure commuters receive an equitable treatment compared to motor vehicles.</i>

34/56	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>Study the effect of Open Restaurants text amendment on neighborhood character, noise, ADA accessibility and quality of life in Chelsea/Hell's Kitchen. Currently the new text amendment removes references to sidewalk cafes from the zoning text based on the premises that legislation and rules will be substituted, and the DOT will take over the administration of this program, without providing a substitute law to protect the community and without the input of the community.</i>
35/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Corner basket pickups having been restored to pre-pandemic service, are not keeping up with the increase of trash being deposited in heavily trafficked areas. Increase DSNY funding for corner basket pick-up. In particular, another truck during the 12am-8am shift. . Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and responds to service calls via the 311 system.</i>
36/56	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>
37/56	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide funding to study the implementation of containerization successfully used in other major cities and study how automation can improve trash/recycling pickup.</i>
38/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 10th Avenue from 14th Street to W 58th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>
39/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Increase funding for enforcement staffing to pursue due diligence with the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential. In particular, Increase the number of inspectors, community coordinators, and administrative associates.</i>

40/56	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.</i>
41/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.</i>
42/56	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide support/resources to Litter Legion, a local non-profit 501c3 founded in June 2020 by a local Hell's Kitchen resident in response to the increase in street trash and overflowing corner baskets as a result of budget cuts due to the pandemic. The organization has hosted over 70 group clean-ups with more than 600 residents participating. Litter Legion coordinates its activities with DSNY as well as provides information and educational events to local community groups.</i>
43/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Continue to expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentivizes tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>
44/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrian crossings.</i>

45/56	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.</i>
46/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>
47/56	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.</i>
48/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue to create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians.</i>
49/56	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Continued support for Mayor's directive to city agencies to utilize and support minority focused and local media.</i>
50/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund the relocation of Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance from West 34th and West 35th Streets and close Dyer Avenue Northbound at West 34/36 Streets.</i>
51/56	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Increase funding for the processing of citizen led complaints of vehicle idling.</i>
52/56	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>

53/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>
54/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.</i>
55/56	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefore recommends expansion of these programs.</i>
56/56	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face.</i>

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS WITH AGENCY RESPONSES

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/45	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
02/45	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
03/45	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Fund the acquisition of a NYPD sub-station facility for the 10th Precinct in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.</i>	NYPD's funding constraints, project capacity and Department priorities rule out including this project at this time.
04/45	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Fulfill the city's commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and West 34th Street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue. In addition, install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals, especially at West 15th Street and 9th avenue.</i>	Pedestrian ramps will be constructed at all locations citywide by NYCDOT over the next several years. DOT received additional funding for this purpose.
05/45	MOME	Other capital budget request	<i>Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' Internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
06/45	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.</i>	EDC is currently investigating the possibility of a project at this site.
07/45	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide funds for needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
08/45	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Complete installation of islands in permanent concrete structures (10th and 11th Avenues) 10th Avenue: 3 islands - From West 52 Street to West 60 Street. 11th Avenue: West 58 Street and West 59 Street, 2 concrete median islands and West 57 Street to West 42 Street - convert 25 painted islands to concrete.</i>	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.

09/45	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation in decades and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground & courts, new playground equipment and new spray shower and drainage lines.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
10/45	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Expand funding to upgrade and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.
11/45	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	<i>The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.</i>	In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.
12/45	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
13/45	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Increase funding to School Construction Authority for security cameras in MCB4 schools as requested by school principals.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
14/45	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway . Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
15/45	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.</i>	NYCDOT is currently implementing a Pilot Project to address this condition.
16/45	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.</i>	In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.
17/45	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.

18/45	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Fund a Brooklyn/Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 at West 14th Street.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
19/45	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed ?xed post park sta?.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
20/45	DOE	Renovate exterior building component	<i>Fund the replacement of the gym floor in Manhattan Bridges HS, located at 535 W.50th St. The current floor is severely water-damaged in several areas.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
21/45	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Restore cuts to DSNY capital budget to allow for upgrades and expansion of the DSNY. In particular, light equipment to clear the snow at bus stops and corners, electric powered collection trucks, dual-bins and salt spreaders. Delays in equipment purchase have increased the core fleet beyond the target 8-year lifespan, resulting in greater maintenance costs and decreased readiness to serve the district.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
22/45	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground ?oods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
23/45	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.</i>	This is not a budget request. The matter in question is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy. Contact the Department of Sanitation to determine how best to resolve this issue.
24/45	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Fund the cost of replacing the school sign at PS11, located at 320 W.21st St. The name change project was sponsored and researched by students and renamed the Sarah J. Garnett School, a New Yorker who was an African-American school principal in the NYC Public School system and suffragist.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
25/45	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate McCa?rey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

26/45	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
27/45	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/45	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	<i>Establish a standard family with children shelter that can provide a robust level of onsite services and programs in the district.</i>	DHS currently funds programs to address these issues and concerns. To learn more about these programs and available resources in your district, please contact the agency.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding for SCA to build new bleachers at HS for Environmental studies at 444 W 56th Street.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Fund needed elevator replacement at the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex at 351 West 18th Street.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Food and Finance High School: Complete needed funding of \$2 million for a chemistry lab.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide \$75,000 to complete P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street, to Rooftop Garden.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$100,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/45	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/45	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/45	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

CS/45	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	<i>Restore and Expand funding for the Better Bin Pilot Program. The Better Bin pilot program resulted in a new bin prototype, but testing and roll-out have been suspended due to a lack of funding. There are also areas in our neighborhood in need of additional baskets (e.g. recycling in addition to trash, to prevent overflow). Improvements to litter baskets as well as additional baskets in areas of need could help with the rat problem and improve sidewalk aesthetics.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
CS/45	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/45	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
CS/45	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
CS/45	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.</i>	Project has been completed; please remove from future Budget Requests.
CS/45	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/45	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Increase funding for fitness recreation equipment.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/45	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Increase funding to an additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court; also drinking fountain and surface area and sidewalks</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/56	DHS	Expand street outreach	<p><i>The impact that COVID has had to New York City's economy has resulted in an increase in street homeless and people needing city services. While NYC's homelessness outreach program has received additional funds in the past, MCB4 believes further expansion of funds is necessary.</i></p>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.
02/56	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<p><i>Increase funding to expand the geographic boundaries of the Midtown South Precinct's 8th Avenue Crime Reduction Program and the Midtown Business District Recovery Initiative. These two NYPD initiatives prioritize NYPD officers conducting foot patrols and engaging with local business owners and community stakeholders. Our district has an acute need for more outward facing crime prevention initiatives. In conjunction, provide additional funding to the existing four police precincts in MCD4 to expand the number of annual community-building events. Both the foot patrol initiative and neighborhood events strengthen community-police relations and help build partnerships.</i></p>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
03/56	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<p><i>Funding to DOE for bilingual educators, specifically teachers and mental health professionals, prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS51, PS111, PS212. ally teachers and mental health professionals</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
04/56	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<p><i>During COVID and beyond, the need for Parks staff has been more acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for ?xed post sta? at DeWitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, the parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have ?xed-post sta? to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of each park.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
05/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<p><i>Fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles. West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue , upgrade W 42nd Street and 9th avenue and West 15th Street and 6th avenue.</i></p>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

06/56	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when an improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
07/56	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crisis therefore recommends expansion of the "Affordable New York" Housing program. Also, the DHS shelter system and permanent housing building management would benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist individuals and families as they acclimate with the transition, for a period of up to three months.</i>	Affordable New York is a State Housing program. NYC has its own supportive housing program where eligible individuals are placed.
08/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions	<i>MCB4 encourages the City to provide a healthy and comprehensive organics collection infrastructure for its residents. This includes organic collection or equivalent number of drop-off sites. As well as compost education for residents and building managers. The City's lack of a comprehensive composting program has long been a costly and environmentally unsound burden for our district. An effective composting program is a healthy step towards a zero waste long-term goal.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
09/56	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks' properties and facilities and enforce Parks' rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district's uptick of crime and unsafe incidences, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
10/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 34th Street and 51st Street . In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened .</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
11/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

12/56	LPC	Other expense budget request	<i>Reduce case backlog, including Former Colored School #4 at 128 West 17 Street (RFE -2018), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/56	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Provide funding for after school programs in order to defray the cost to schools with limited resources to enable more families to participate after school so more families can participate</i>	DYCD funding is allocated through public solicitations including Requests for Proposals.
14/56	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Install 4 sidewalk extensions per the study completed by the Community Board/and traffic engineers.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
15/56	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Our Recreation staff organize Family Fun Days, Outdoor Movie Nights, Tango Dance Programs, Senior Fitness Programs and more. While proving essential for successful parks programming, this program also provides local youth with opportunities for employment in their neighborhoods.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
16/56	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
17/56	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	<i>Increase HPD funding for Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
18/56	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.</i>	In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.
19/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>The increasing number of residents in MCB4 has significantly increased the amounts of trash/recycling. Funding should be made available for additional trash collection above the current schedules.</i>	This is not a budget request. The matter in question is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy. Contact the Department of Sanitation to determine how best to resolve this issue.
20/56	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

21/56	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase funding to DOH for rodent enforcement</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
22/56	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Study and install shared streets on four blocks on Hudson Boulevard East.</i>	This project has been created and is awaiting future scheduling considerations.
23/56	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue</i>	HPD does not administer this program.
24/56	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Expand Community Board's Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding back to Fiscal Year 20219 and 2020 levels which included an additional \$40,000 per board. These funds would be used to fund important land use studies, in particular the expansion of the West Chelsea Historic District, an analysis of empty storefronts, and other community supported endeavors</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
25/56	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand Funding for permanent upgrades to Open Street Programs barricades planters, signage and street design for West 21 Street and West 22nd Street.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
26/56	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.</i>	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.
27/56	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>Increase funding for sanitation enforcement specifically for supervisors to accompany street sweepers on alternate side parking days as many parked cars are not being moved as required.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
28/56	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Fund and deploy traffic officers to reduce gridlock and dangerous pedestrian crossings a W 41st, and 10th avenue W 39, W43, W45 the and 11th Avenue , W 36, W 39 and W 40th and 9th Avenue . Bicycles riding on sidewalks, wrong way on bike paths and streets should also be enforced.</i>	NYPD total staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the NYPD only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy. Availability of civilian personnel is limited due to reductions to the civilian headcount.

29/56	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>As referenced in the 2018 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.</i>	DOHMH has a variety of HIV programs, with a special focus on men who have sex with men; transgender women who have sex with men; blacks; Latinos; and people struggling with substance abuse. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon availability of funds.
30/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.</i>	This project has been created and is awaiting future scheduling considerations.
31/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
32/56	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
33/56	DSNY	Improve snow removal	<i>Expand funding so that snow is removed from bus stops and corners in the first 12 hours of a storm, to ensure commuters receive an equitable treatment compared to motor vehicles.</i>	DSNY will evaluate this request.
34/56	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>Study the effect of Open Restaurants text amendment on neighborhood character, noise, ADA accessibility and quality of life in Chelsea/Hell's Kitchen. Currently the new text amendment removes references to sidewalk cafes from the zoning text based on the premises that legislation and rules will be substituted, and the DOT will take over the administration of this program, without providing a substitute law to protect the community and without the input of the community.</i>	DCP will continue discussions with the Board and community stakeholders regarding the concerns addressed in this request.
35/56	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Corner basket pickups having been restored to pre-pandemic service, are not keeping up with the increase of trash being deposited in heavily trafficked areas. Increase DSNY funding for corner basket pick-up. In particular, another truck during the 12am-8am shift. Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and responds to service calls via the 311 system.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
36/56	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

37/56	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide funding to study the implementation of containerization successfully used in other major cities and study how automation can improve trash/recycling pickup.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
38/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the creation of bus lane on 10th Avenue from 14th Street to W 58th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
39/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Increase funding for enforcement staffing to pursue due diligence with the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential. In particular, Increase the number of inspectors, community coordinators, and administrative associates.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
40/56	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year, but the scope is currently not fully funded. The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member, to request additional funding.
41/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.</i>	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.
42/56	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Provide support/resources to Litter Legion, a local non-profit 501c3 founded in June 2020 by a local Hell's Kitchen resident in response to the increase in street trash and overflowing corner baskets as a result of budget cuts due to the pandemic. The organization has hosted over 70 group clean-ups with more than 600 residents participating. Litter Legion coordinates its activities with DSNY as well as provides information and educational events to local community groups.</i>	More information is needed from the community board. The community board should contact the agency to report specific information regarding areas/locations of concern.
43/56	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Continue to expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentivizes tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.</i>	This request does not fall under DOB's jurisdiction. Please refer to OMB.
44/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

45/56	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
46/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install curb extensions on south side of West 30th street(9/10)</i>	Traffic Calming Device requests should be directed to the respective NYCDOT Borough Commissioner (B/C). The B/C will work with the community to access the need for, and the most effective location, type, and installation of traffic calming devices.
47/56	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
48/56	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue to create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians.</i>	The Borough Commissioner's office is reviewing the request. It is under consideration. Please contact the B/C's office for further details.
49/56	MOME	Other expense budget request	<i>Continued support for Mayor's directive to city agencies to utilize and support minority focused and local media.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
50/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund the relocation of Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance from West 34th and West 35th Streets and close Dyer Avenue Northbound at West 34/36 Streets.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
51/56	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Increase funding for the processing of citizen led complaints of vehicle idling.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
52/56	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Per the city charter which requires matching of service delivery with other administrative boundaries, adjust the boundaries of two existing precincts (midtown north and 10th Precinct) to serve all of CD4. This would reduce the number of precincts from presently 4 to 2 . Resources would be reallocated between precincts. As the population has grown by 17% and residential areas now extend to Hudson Yards and to 11th Avenue, the remaining precincts boundaries and resources should be readjusted to serve the new population to the West in a cohesive manner for the residents.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.

53/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Study the location and construction of a tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005, the city identified the need for a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
54/56	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
55/56	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.
56/56	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.