

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Manhattan Community Board 2's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2018.

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:

a) 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.

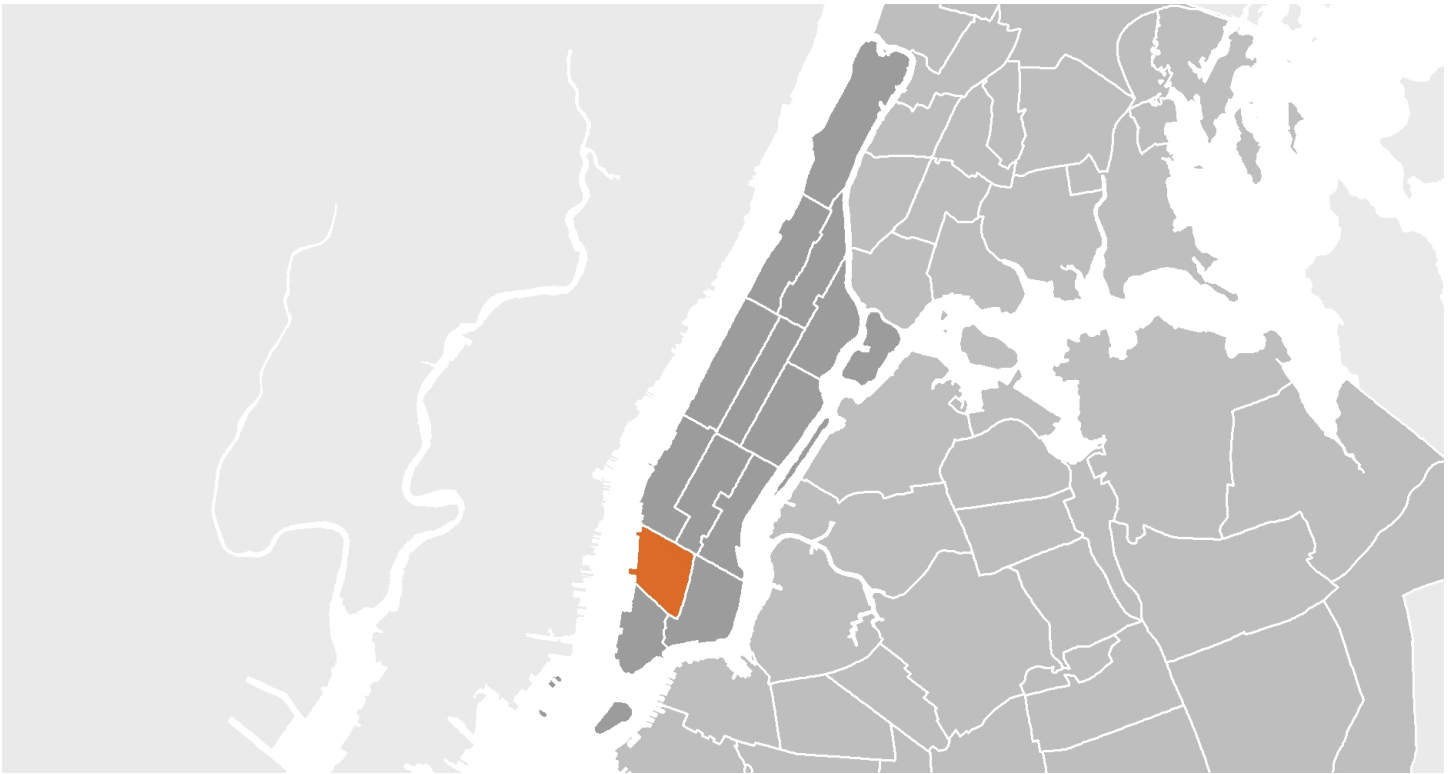
b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. Community Board Information

Manhattan Community Board 2

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2. Community District Profile

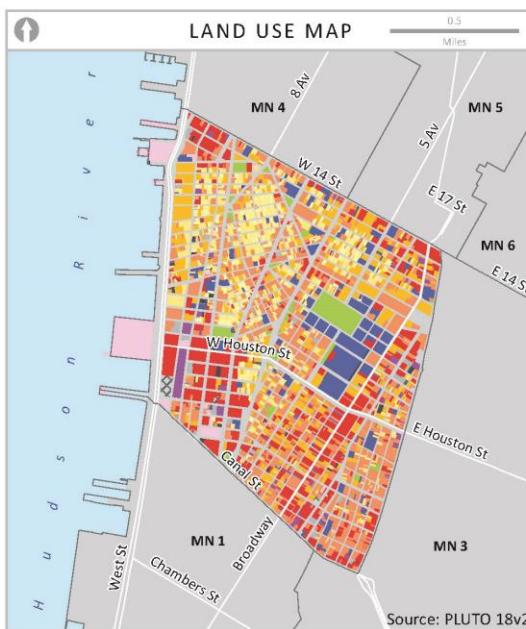
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Manhattan Community District 2



Neighborhoods¹: Greenwich Village, Hudson Square, Little Italy, NoHo, SoHo, South Village, West Village

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
93,119	90,016	-3%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		
Square Miles		1.4
Population Density		64,297/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Manhattan Community Board 2 in 2018:

1. Affordable housing
2. Parks
3. Schools

To learn more, please read Manhattan CD 2's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	616	4%
Multifamily Walk-up	935	9%
Multifamily Elevator	444	13%
Mixed Use	1,716	22%
Commercial	564	15%
Industrial	122	3%
Transportation/Utility	25	16%
Public/Institutional	175	8%
Open Space	31	4%
Parking	58	2%
Vacant	51	4%
Other	32	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Manhattan CD 2

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	15
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	13
Parks	16
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
32%	37%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Manhattan CD 2	Citywide Target
100%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
25	31
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	40
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
6%	16%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
26.1	16.4
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

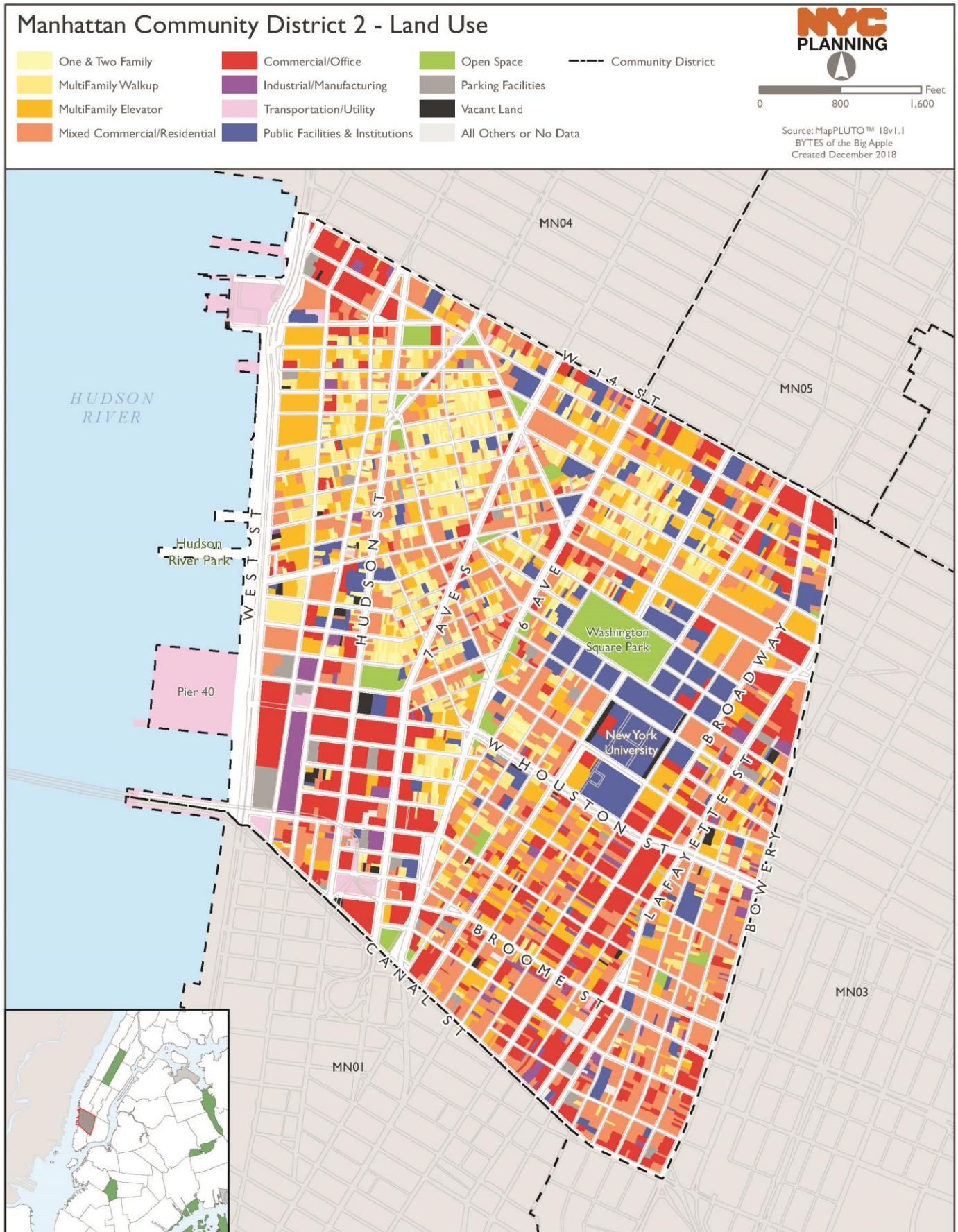
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
82%	60%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
3.2%	4.6%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Manhattan CD 2	Manhattan
9%	15%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board 2 Manhattan (“CB2”) continues to be greatly concerned that the City has minimized the impact of the district’s rapid changes and has neglected to adequately respond to the need to increase the ancillary services that such changes require. During these years of exponential residential growth in NoHo, SoHo, Chinatown and our Hudson River waterfront, planners have not provided for the necessary amenities that make for a healthy and growing residential community, e.g., public schools, open space and parks, access to health care, adequate public transit opportunities and public transit access, affordable retail space, and general services such as sanitation, police and fire.

Each year, CB2 receives many applications for residential conversions and re-zonings. The complaints and requests that come to CB2 reflect the concerns of this new residential population. Our budget priorities for the past few years have continued to focus on servicing these new arrivals to the district, as well as our long-time residents. More specific assessments of services will be set forth throughout this Statement.

I. DISTRICT OVERVIEW

A. Geography

Community Board 2 is a diverse district, bounded on the north by 14th Street, the south by Canal Street, the east by the Bowery/Fourth Avenue, and the west by the Hudson River. It is a unique and rapidly expanding community that includes the vibrant neighborhoods of Little Italy, part of Chinatown, SoHo, NoHo, Greenwich Village, the West Village, Gansevoort Market, the South Village and Hudson Square.

B. Population

Although the population in Community Board 2 has decreased slightly since the 2000 census, the recent rezoning of Hudson Square and the construction of a new residential complex on the site of the St. John’s Terminal will increase our population by several thousand residents in the coming years. In addition, we have five major universities - New York University, the New School, the Cooper Union, Hebrew Union College, and Cardozo Law School - that add a substantial non-permanent population to our neighborhoods. Several of these institutions are currently in the midst of expansion, with proposals to add many thousand more undergraduate residents to our district, along with additional full time faculty and classrooms that will increase the number of day visitors. While the students that join us every year are welcome, it is clear that the city needs to consider their numbers when looking to allocate services to District 2.

C. Income structure

Much of the architecture and history of our district has been maintained by residents who are determined to preserve the middle class, live-work, merchant and artisan atmosphere of our neighborhoods, past and future, but socioeconomic patterns are changing drastically.

Median income for Districts 1 and 2 combined for the period 2007-2009 was \$104,305.

D. Housing

In recent years, the median monthly rent in District 2 ascended to the highest in the City to \$1,691. Rental units that are rent-regulated are 54.6%, and more than 1,300 buildings are registered with rent-stabilized units. District 2’s rank in severe overcrowding rate in rental unit conditions has been elevated from twenty-eight in the City to nineteen. We think that we are losing affordable housing stock, and fear that this will depress our middle class population, that is essential to a healthy, diverse community.

E. Tourism/Visitors

Within the boundaries of Community District 2 are some of the most popular tourist attractions in New York City, with

3. Overview of Community District

millions of tourists visiting the restaurants and cafes of Little Italy and Chinatown, the galleries and boutiques of SoHo, the jazz clubs and Off-Broadway theaters of Greenwich Village, as well as burgeoning nightlife, night club and cabaret spots of the entire area. A weekend evening stroll through the Meatpacking and waterfront districts in the west, along West 4th Street and Bleecker St. toward the east, through SoHo and Chinatown in the south and on the western edge of the Bowery from Houston to 14th St reveals the nightlife that is attracting record numbers of tourists.

A walk through our landmark districts is an historic delight with many well-preserved buildings dating back to the early part of the nineteenth century. We see many groups conducting walking tours in our neighborhoods, telling stories about our immigrant, arts, and bohemian history. Tour buses travel through our small streets, obstructing pedestrian and bicycle passage as well as emergency access and deliveries, damaging our vulnerable infrastructure, idling and spewing dangerous emissions.

Our street trash baskets are often overflowing, especially on the weekends, and it is up to our citizens and merchant associations to supplement the Department of Sanitation pick-ups. We require more police presence to manage the crowds. The parks in our district require more maintenance because they are not just the outdoor space for our residents, but also appeal to visitors who are looking for a pleasant stop on their way through our district. The High Line Park alone has attracted millions of visitors since its opening.

Tourists are extremely welcome in our neighborhoods. They provide a significant clientele for our small businesses and cultural institutions. However, the influx of thousands of people on a daily basis puts a severe strain on our infrastructure and resources, and these additional needs are not adequately addressed in the budget allocations.

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Community Board 2 is a community of families and preservationists: our block and community associations plant and care for trees; friends' groups care for our parks; merchants' associations help local park and City groups; civic organizations clean their streets, and residents get involved and help. We also have BIDs, that are committed to supporting our businesses, and provide security, extra sanitation services and street beautification projects to ensure that their areas remain attractive destinations. The fact that the historic beauty and integrity of our many neighborhoods has survived is clearly due to these efforts.

It is time that the City makes the same commitment to our district, as have our residents and businesses. Increasingly, City agencies are asking for input from the community board regarding the issuance of licenses, changes to regulations and feedback for large development projects. However, we notice that building owners, restaurateurs and cafe entrepreneurs have found it too easy to build in complete disregard of local laws. New businesses are opened and profits are reaped while complaints sit on agency desks. Illegal and unlicensed operations continue without inspections and penalties, and residents continue to complain to the Board office. More careful attention must be paid to the zoning regulations regarding building plan examiners and sidewalk cafe application certifiers. Illegal construction continues in Community District 2. And too often, we are asked to retroactively approve illegal renovations in our historic districts. We need City agencies to establish procedures that will help us to protect our neighborhoods in line with existing laws, and then follow up with inspections to ensure that violations are cured in a timely manner.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 2 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Parks*
- *Schools*

(1) Preserve Elizabeth Street Garden and Build More Affordable Housing at Alternative Site. Since 2013, CB 2 has held four public hearings and passed four resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB 2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets, but only if the Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved.

Neighborhood Underserved by Open Space. The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB 2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space.

About the Garden. Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks.

The Garden is open to the public seven days a week, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

(2) Education

Bleecker School

\$65 Million Option to Build Public School. The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) has the option to build a 100,000 square foot school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land (the Bleecker School Option), under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by New York University (NYU) and amended by a letter from NYU to Councilmember Chin on October 21, 2014.

Without action by our elected officials and NYU, the Bleecker School Option will expire on December 31, 2018 and will result in the transfer of \$65+ million of value from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on a real estate market where the price per buildable square foot in Manhattan averages more than \$650, and arguably higher due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village, either city-owned or city-optioned.

Please also note, if the option expires, NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility, when and if it decides to build the Bleecker Building. However, if for any one-year period NYU is unable to rent this space, 100% of the site reverts to NYU permanently.

Bleecker School Key Community Benefit in 2012 NYU Rezoning: As part its 2012 rezoning, NYU made a good faith promise to our community for the Bleecker School, committing to a 100,000 square foot public school and a 2025 option date. As part ULURP, CB 2, the Manhattan Borough President and the NYC Department of City Planning all

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

reviewed a rezoning package that included NYU's commitment for a 100,000 square foot public school and a 2025 option date. However, the final rezoning approved by the NYC City Council included an option, that expired 11 years earlier on December 31, 2014.

Need for Bleecker School: CB 2 recognizes the need for 600 public school seats at the Bleecker School, based on our June 2017 demographic analysis and the following drivers of demand: 1. Current elementary schools remain over capacity and overcrowded; 2. Continued development, rezoning and future zoning changes; 3. Unmet programmatic needs, such as dual-language programs, language based learning programs and inadequate space for physical education, arts, science and other non- math/ELA academic subjects; 4. Need to modernize 19th century school facilities throughout District 2 to meet 21st century education needs and comply with ADA standards for accessible design; 5. Expansion of Pre-K and 3K programs; 6. Inclusion of District 75 seats; 7. CEQR flawed methodology in estimating demand for public school seats, and growth of family-sized apartments; and, 8. Reduction in class size to comply with Contract for Excellence laws;

Reinstate 2025 Option Date. To ensure that the SCA exercises its option to build the Bleecker School, NYU must reinstate the School Election Notice to 2025. Not only is 2025 the date NYU originally promised, it also will a) give the DOE enough time to fund the school, which is currently unfunded in the DOE's Capital Plan for FY 2020-2024; b) new school planning takes time -- 75 Morton took 12 years from advocacy to opening and NYU's own 181 Mercer Building remains under construction; c) downtown schools at Trinity Place and Duarte Square are delayed; and, d) allows more time to consider educational needs in a dynamically changing residential environment.

Duarte Square School in Hudson Square

Public School & Gym. As part of the 2013 Hudson Square rezoning, Trinity Church will build the core and shell of a 444-seat elementary school, the Duarte Square School, under a March 20, 2013 Restrictive Declaration by The Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the City of New York. The DOE would fund the remaining cost, the majority of which is funded in the DOE's Capital Plan for FY 2020-2024, released in November 2018.

In addition, in a March 12, 2013 letter from the Department of Education to the Speaker of the New York City Council, the DOE has the option to build expanded recreation facilities in the Duarte Square site, including a) a double-height, 6,300 square foot gym, b) a 3,500 square foot multipurpose assembly space and c) 2,100 square foot multipurpose space.

Trinity Church is exploring leasing or selling the Duarte Square School site and CB 2 want to ensure that the public school and gym commitments are not further delayed by a potential sale or lease.

CB 2's priorities for Duarte Square are to ensure that:

1. Trinity Church, or the new owner, and the SCA establish a timeframe for developing the school,
2. The SCA funds the additional recreation facilities and that these are designed with a separate entrance to allow for community use during non-school hours,
3. No charter school claims the site, and,
4. The school is designed and built with a separate gym and auditorium, not a "gymatorium," as well as an outdoor playground.

Funding Needs at Existing CB 2 Schools

Underfunding = Overcrowding. Public schools in CB 2 are overcrowded and underfunded, resulting in large class sizes as principals attempt to stretch funding allocated on a per-student basis. To reduce class size, New York State needs to

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

allocate additional funding and the DOE would need to increase capacity – one more reason to fund and build the Bleecker School.

Technology. CB 2 supports additional funding for technology for MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 41, PS 130, City-As-School High School and Broome Street Academy to ensure that all children have access to technology, a critical equity issue in education.

Other Capital Projects. CB 2 also supports funding new water fountains at PS 3, air conditioning at PS 130, flexible classroom seating to build the literacy program at City-As-School High School and funding a green wall to augment the hydroponics program at City-As-School High School.

After School Programming. 75 Morton will be expanding enrollment through the 2020-21 school year, requiring additional funding for on-site after school programming, through the Department of Youth and Community Development's School's Out New York City.

Arts Education. CB 2 wants to ensure that the DOE allocates funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools.

Funding, Siting and Building New Public Schools

The City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process is flawed for analyzing how new development impacts public schools and overcrowding. Most development projects do not trigger an analysis of their impact on school seats and even when a new development triggers an Environmental Impact Analysis, the CEQR Technical Manual and EIS guidelines to do not accurately estimate the need for new public school seats. CB 2 recommends that:

1. The Department of City Planning develop new and better formulas, based upon current demographics, that more accurately represent the percentage of families with school age children that comprise our local population, and considers the number of families who can be expected to move into new residential development;
2. The Department of City Planning to institute a policy that would require a school impact study, using local data as required under the 2014 law, on all new residential construction and conversion, regardless of size; and,

The City develop a mechanism that would require developers of all new residential buildings to contribute to a capital fund for public schools, and/or include new school seats within their projects.

(3) AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CB2 has few undeveloped sites left that are appropriate for large-scale development. Exceptions include St. John's Terminal and the Special Hudson Square District.

In 2013, the City approved the Special Hudson Square District in the southwestern portion of our district. This rezoning created a mixed-use district by incentivizing residential development in combination with affordable/inclusionary housing, expanded community facility uses, ground-floor retail, and limiting as-of-right hotel development, while at the same time ensuring that commercial and manufacturing uses are retained. The proposal also included height limits and set-back regulations that will help to preserve the unique identity of the district. We are starting to see applications for conversions to residential from this neighborhood, many of which include affordable units under the auspices of the Inclusionary Housing program.

Our goal is to not only encourage projects that provide affordable housing, but also encourage a sense of community and social interactions. Developer amenity packages pose a significant challenge in this regard.

Another challenge is the loss of affordable units due to luxury and vacancy decontrols as well as tenant harassment,

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

illegal landlord behavior especially with respect to construction and false DOB filings.

In light of the mayor's mandate to add affordable units, the community has been encouraging consideration of a large site that provides access and repair of the underground water infrastructure at 388 Hudson Street (next to a park) as a possible and appropriate affordable housing development site. We had strongly urged the City to consider this site in lieu of the tiny site in Little Italy known as the Elizabeth Street Garden. Our preference has gone unheeded and we continue to pursue the protection of a vital and much-loved garden in a neighborhood starved for open space.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

Many elders in our district have decided to “age in place”, but services for our older residents have been cut drastically. The meal program at one of our centers (First Presbyterian) was eliminated a few years ago, and our other centers are overcrowded, with multiple seatings. An important part of the meal program, social contact, seems to be ignored completely. We would like to understand the goals of the Department for the Aging because they do not seem to be in accord with our understanding of the needs. We note that several cost-effective programs for seniors – Visiting Neighbors is the most obvious – have lost funding. Again, we are joining our elected officials to work to solve this problem, but we need the City to support Visiting Neighbors, as well as adult day care facilities, in order to allow seniors to live independently in their own homes. Our elderly are vulnerable to the rampant building boom in our community, when landlords seek to push seniors out. New building permits must accommodate the elderly. Many of our seniors continue to live in rent-regulated walk-up apartments. Renovation, not removal, is needed.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

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Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

75 Morton After listing a new middle school at 75 Morton Street among our top priorities for nearly a decade, we are thrilled 75 Morton opened in Fall 2017, temporarily co-located at the Clinton School near Union Square. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen construction delays related to extensive water damage, the newly renovated school building will not open until Fall 2018. For 75 Morton, our remaining priorities are the: 1. Opening of the new school building before Fall 2018, 2. Construction of the funded play yard at the rear of the school, 3. Construction of the funded green roof, 4. Re-configuration of the basement space into a usable community and school space now that there are no longer plans for a student Health Center, 5. Increased funding for reduced class size – we favor an “educational excellence model” with no more than 700 students in the middle school, with an additional 60-100 for the special needs school, 6. Funding of after school programs when the school moves to the new site, 7. Identifying a name for the school that recognizes our community’s decade long advocacy for a new middle school at 75 Morton, and, 8. Determining the needs, age and programs for the students to be served by the District 75 school, scheduled to open in Fall 2018.

Duarte Square School in Hudson Square Under a March 20, 2013 Restrictive Declaration by The Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the City of New York (Trinity), Trinity agreed to fund the core and shell of a new 444-seat within a new building (Duarte Square School) to be developed on Trinity’s property fronting Duarte Square Park. The School Construction Authority would fund the remaining costs. The Duarte Square School is listed in the DOE Capital Plan as Project #1, but Trinity currently leases the future school site to Smorgasbord and has not shared publicly their timeframe for construction. In addition, in a March 12, 2013 letter from the Department of Education to the Speaker of the New York City Council, the DOE has the option to build expanded recreation facilities in the Duarte Square site, including a) a double-height, 6,300 square foot gym, b) a 3,500 square foot multipurpose assembly space and c) 2,100 square foot multipurpose space. CB 2 remains concerned that the planned school will be too small for projected student demand. The 444-seat size is based on 3,323 residential units projected to be built in Hudson Square in the FEIS multiplied by 0.12, the Manhattan multiplier used to project new elementary school seats. Using a multiplier of 0.16, the most recent experience in Greenwich Village would result in an 88-seat deficit. CB 2’s priorities for Duarte Square are to ensure that: 1. Trinity and the SCA establish a timeframe for developing the school, 2. The SCA funds the additional recreation facilities and that these are designed with a separate entrance to allow for community use during non-school hours, 3. No charter school claims the site, and, 4. The school designed with a separate gym and auditorium as well as an outdoor playground and no “gymatorium.”

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Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

The most frequent quality of life complaints relate to noise from various sources, including bars, clubs and restaurants that generate unruly crowds, produce excessively loud amplified sound, and/or have exterior HVAC systems that generate noise levels in excess of code limits. Another source is construction activity, especially when the Department of Buildings authorizes extended daytime hours and weekend hours for projects that are adjacent to residential uses in violation of the department's own rules for issuing such permits. Yet another is unregulated engines, on vehicles like food trucks, which produce noxious fumes as well as excessive noise.



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Building code enforcement

CB2 strongly supports retailers and especially small businesses in our service area. Non-conforming oversized retail operations, however, often bring numerous harms to our mixed-use neighborhoods and undermine the small and local-serving retailers that employ many and serve as the backbone of a thriving economy. Balance is needed here, along with solid and consistent enforcement of local zoning. Non-permitted oversized retail, which has been allowed to operate in violation of public policy, has become a significant problem within CB2's M1-5B zoning districts. Continuing conflicts caused by these big retail operations raise concerns among our elected officials and the residents and small business operators of CB2. We know that these oversized non-permitted operations are also a concern for the Department of Buildings, which in the spring of 2017 issued six ECB violations for illegal retail operations along the M1-5B Broadway corridor. However, during the adjudication of those ECB violations at the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), numerous deficiencies were observed, both in regard to zoning inspections and zoning enforcement. Our goal at CB2 is to find meaningful paths for correction of these unsatisfactory conditions, so that our local laws are upheld and the quality of life for our community is not unnecessarily diminished. Proposals towards that end were included in a letter sent to DOB on June 22, 2018. They were: ? Significant and meaningful financial penalties for violations of zoning ? Significant and meaningful penalties for improper self-certifications ? Better training and management for DOB inspectors ? Increased resources for DOB attorneys and OATH hearing officers

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

CB2 has few undeveloped sites left that are appropriate for large-scale development. Exceptions include St. John's Terminal and the Special Hudson Square District. In 2013, the City approved the Special Hudson Square District in the southwestern portion of our district. This rezoning created a mixed-use district by incentivizing residential development in combination with affordable/inclusionary housing, expanded community facility uses, ground-floor retail, and limiting as-of-right hotel development, while at the same time ensuring that commercial and manufacturing uses are retained. The proposal also included height limits and set-back regulations that will help to preserve the unique identity of the district. We are starting to see applications for conversions to residential from this neighborhood, many of which include affordable units under the auspices of the Inclusionary Housing program. Our goal is to not only encourage projects that provide affordable housing, but also encourage a sense of community and social interactions. Developer amenity packages pose a significant challenge in this regard. Another challenge is the loss of affordable units due to luxury and vacancy decontrols as well as tenant harassment, illegal landlord behavior especially with respect to construction and false DOB filings. In light of the mayor's mandate to add affordable units, the community has been encouraging consideration of a large site that provides access and repair of the underground water infrastructure at 388 Hudson Street (next to a park) as a possible and appropriate affordable housing development site. We had strongly urged the City to consider this site in lieu of the tiny site in Little Italy known as the Elizabeth Street Garden. Our preference has gone unheeded and we continue to pursue the protection of a vital and much-loved garden in a neighborhood starved for open space.



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Pedestrian safety

In a walking community like Community Board 2, with a populace that spends much of its time out and about on the streets, the City must continue to encourage improvements for pedestrian and alternative transportation modes with emphasis on design and regulation of streets, including traffic calming approaches and more pedestrian-oriented redesign of complex intersections, lighting and directional information for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, improved safety, enforcement, added bicycle parking both on sidewalks and in selected street spaces, as well as aesthetic improvements. Facilitation of pedestrian and bicycle movements and access between the six major subway lines, bus routes, hospitals, commercial districts, open space, schools, universities, historic districts and residential communities, also needs to be pursued. With increased and increasing development on the Far West Side, attention needs to be given to providing public transportation opportunities, accessibility and connections in that area for residents, businesses, working people and those who visit. Opportunities must be sought and identified to reclaim streets for public space that both support pedestrian activities and build community life. The Department of Transportation (“DOT”) is beginning to achieve this through its Plaza program in such areas as Gansevoort Plaza and Astor Place, which we welcome. Individuals using wheelchairs have a basic right, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to use our city streets. In May 2007, the Community Planning Fellow assigned to our Board by the Borough President, presented a pedestrian ramp study to our Traffic & Transportation Committee. The study found that twenty-three percent (23%) of all street corners in our district do not have pedestrian ramps. In addition, another fifteen percent (15%) of all corners have pedestrian ramps that are uneven with the adjacent roadbed, or degraded, making them unusable or a safety hazard. It is our understanding that all regular corners now have pedestrian ramps. The City has begun the reconstruction of complex corners to install pedestrian ramps at those locations. We look forward to the day when this project is complete.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Community District 2 has several internationally known tourist destinations that encourage heavy nighttime and weekend usage of the district's streets, by both cars and pedestrians. New York City Transit should be initiating a major effort to increase the use of public transportation in this context as well as in general by making it more comfortable, convenient, accessible and frequent, and making transit access points more user friendly for both visitors and residents. The removal of many of our subway station agents compromises our safety and takes away our source for vital information and orientation. We vehemently oppose these cuts that are completely counter to the sustainability goals of PlaNYC and Vision Zero. Public transportation makes more efficient use of space and energy, significantly reduces air and noise pollution, and minimizes pedestrian/vehicular conflicts. Therefore, instead of imposing these destructive cuts on a population that already depends so strongly on transit and its benefits, opportunities must be explored and followed through in providing new transit access and routes in areas of need, and sources of funding for our suffering transit system must be pinpointed and secured. CB2 has passed at different times at least three resolutions in support of congestion pricing, both to raise funds for transit improvements and to curtail the ever-growing congestion that disrupts our streets. One major transit deprivation impact has resulted from the removal of the M6 bus route and the diversion of the M1, M3, and M5 buses from the routes they followed for many years in District 2. The new route locations are difficult, if not impossible, to reach for CB2's sizable and growing senior and disabled populations who have depended on convenient bus service to access important destinations, such as medical facilities and food shopping. They have resulted in distances, timing, stop locations, and reduced frequencies that severely penalize the entire District's residents, workers, parents and children because of the long waits, crowded buses, far apart stops and lack of needed accessibility. These routes need to be restored to their former locations that provide the service the community needs although with every passing year, the likelihood of this happening becomes more doubtful, but we're hopeful that the remaining existing routes can be modified for the comfort and convenience of our seniors and all our citizens who depend on these buses for transportation. In addition, every effort needs to be made to repair and rehabilitate our deteriorating subway stations for users' comfort and safety. In particular, the West 4th Street station has been severely deteriorating over many years of neglect to the point that current conditions are not only off-putting, but also a threat to people's health and safety. All of the platforms and surrounding areas are plagued with moldy, leaky and peeling walls and ceilings, and a full rehabilitation is long overdue. L-train stations along 14th Street are also in need of upgrades, and their 15-month closing during the Canarsie Tunnel Project presents a perfect opportunity for carrying out needed improvements, including ADA accessibility, at all three CB2 L-train stations. At this point, agreement has been reached for renovations to be done that make our 6th Avenue 14th Street station ADA accessible. We are hoping that not only CB2's other two stations on 14th Street along the L line can be made accessible in the very near future, but that all the subway stations in our district can be converted into ADA-accessible ones very quickly, something that is very needed and long overdue.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to study and institute safety improvements at 7th Ave. S., Carmine, Varick and Clarkson Sts. intersection, including neckdowns, traffic signal changes and repositioning, daylighting, lane reconfiguration, and other geometric improvements. Excessively long pedestrian crossings, poor visibility, motorists driving on the sidewalk, gridlock, blocked crosswalks, hazardous turning movements, intermittent speeding, irregularly angled design and chaotic Holland Tunnel-bound traffic create exceptionally dangerous conditions for the many pedestrians (residential, working, tourists/seniors and children) using this area. A promised improvement plan presentation is awaited.	7th Avenue South Carmine Street Clarkson Street
CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to improve the pedestrian environment, minimizing vehicular use and using a more holistic approach to integrating bus priority, walking, and bicycling through design and construction on Broadway between 14th Street and Canal Street. A less piecemeal approach aimed at reducing traffic and integrating alternate transportation modes can create a more functional, people-friendly and less congested corridor. A study and development of a plan and implementation are needed.	Broadway 14th Street Canal Street



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park access and park facility access

With only about 0.60 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, well below the City standard of 2.5 acres. As shown in the chart below, the west side of CB 2 is substantially better served by open space than the east side, which includes the neighborhoods of Chinatown, Little Italy, NoHo and SoHo. But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle. The new park at St. Vincent's Triangle, which includes the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site, is a popular oasis for community members and tourists to our area. The long-awaited renovations at Father Fagan Park, SoHo Square have been completed and the renovation of DeSalvio Playground continues. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square and Jackson Square and we look forward to the commencement of the improvements. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience. These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the past few years, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district.

Elizabeth Street Garden Preserve Elizabeth Street Garden and Build More Affordable Housing at Alternative Site. Since 2013, CB 2 has held four public hearings and passed four resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB 2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets, but only if the Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved.

Neighborhood Underserved by Open Space. The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB 2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space.

About the Garden. Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks. The Garden is open to the public seven days a week, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

DEP Water Tunnel Shaft Sites For nearly 20 years, New York City has promised new public parks at three DEP Water Tunnel Shaft sites, upon completion of water tunnel construction. Recently, the City has begun to move forward with the 9,835 square foot site on East 4th Street in NoHo and the 12,560 square foot site in SoHo. However, CB 2 feels that the City needs to invest more time and funding to adequately design these parks, better understand any constraints at each site and further solicit feedback from community residents who have patiently waited nearly 20 years for these parks.

Trees As an area with very few large parks and burdened by high vehicular traffic, our district greatly values the benefits of streets trees. We support the citywide effort to plant one million new trees. We passed a resolution urging the Parks Department to make the replacement of trees the highest priority for tree plantings in our district and we have seen some replacements. We



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Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, and with its fully built up high-value land, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal. But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Last year, the new park at St. Vincent's Triangle finally opened to the public and the community looks forward to the ribbon-cutting for the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site. In addition, funding is in place for open space at Duarte Square, and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and DeSalvio Playground. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience. These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the last year, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district.

Continuing Upgrade of Parks and Playgrounds and Facilities While most of our parks are in good condition, there are still some that need renovation. DeSalvio Playground, at the corner of Prince and Mulberry Streets, was last renovated in 1996. The park is now run down, uninteresting, and underused despite its location in an area with no other parks and a growing population of families with young children. An energetic group of parents has launched a drive to get the park rebuilt and the council member has allocated some of the required funds. Father Fagan Square is also in the process of being renovated. An active group of local residents has been engaged for several years, funds have been allocated by the City Council, a design has been created, reviewed, revised and recently presented to the community. It received a warm response, so we urge all involved parties to proceed with this project.

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Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

A. The Arts Community Board 2 is delighted by the arts and culture that the Whitney Museum of American Art in the Gansevoort Market district has infused into our district since opening its doors in May 2015, and also appreciates the institution's regular communications with and support of our board. This important institution, which was originally founded in our district, is a great asset to the Far West Village and has begun to help re-focus the neighborhood as an art and design district. The Museum is an exciting center of art, with exterior exhibition spaces as well the traditional interior spaces. Integrated with the High Line Park that runs along the eastern face of the building, the museum offers restaurants, gathering places, and other public areas as part of its overall design. In addition, our district has several other fine museums, including the NYC Fire Museum, the Children's Museum of the Arts, the Museum of Chinese in America, the Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, the Merchant's House Museum, and The Drawing Center, among others. CB2 is also excited about the Jackie Robinson Museum, which is scheduled to open in our district within the next couple of years. Community District 2 is also home to a unique array of performance spaces, Off-Broadway and independent theaters, film centers, and dance organizations. We take tremendous pride in the vibrant cultural scene that these organizations provide our community. These cultural organizations include: HB Playwrights; Cherry Lane Theatre; HERE; Rattlestick Playwrights Theater; Greenwich House & Greenwich House Pottery; The Gym at Judson; IRT Theater; IFC Center; Film Forum; Angelika; Cinema Village; Quad Theater; Actors Playhouse; 13th Street Rep; Minetta Lane Theater; Westbeth Center; New Ohio; The Public Theater; Joe's Pub; Ars Nova; Axis Theater; The Duplex; Cornelia Street Café; Peridance; Martha Graham Dance Studio; Soho Playhouse; The Greene Space (WNYC Radio); Tenri Cultural Institute; New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture; Lucille Lortel Theater; Village Vanguard; Institutional theaters of NYU and The New School, among others. While we have a vibrant arts and culture scene in our area, we continue to be concerned about the impact on the downtown arts scene due to the closure of so many of the district's Off-Broadway and small theaters and other cultural spaces. The main causes are the exponential increase in rents and ongoing funding challenges faced by non-profits. Some years ago, we supported a proposal to use tax incentives that would encourage landlords to retain live performance space. In addition, CB2 strongly supports funding for the arts both in our area and citywide, and increased arts education in public schools, as a growing body of studies presents compelling evidence connecting student learning in the arts to a wide array of academic and social benefits. Namely, these various studies continue to indicate that the arts help to improve visual analysis skills and critical judgments, inspire creativity and improve motivation, collaboration, attitudes and attendance.

B. Arts Advocacy Advocating for arts organizations and artists located within CB2 and for those that produce, program or present arts and culture within CB2 has been, and remains, a top priority for our board. For one, our committee has a history of writing resolutions and letters of support for non-profit arts organizations located within our district that are seeking funding or restoration of funding from grant organizations and city agencies. We were also the first community board City-wide to write a letter of support for New York City's first comprehensive cultural plan. In addition, we speak out against entities and agencies that seek to utilize our local parks and public spaces for arts-related projects that do not have wide community support, while strongly supporting public arts projects that are in alignment with the spirit of our community and neighborhoods. We also strive to foster connections amongst arts organizations located within our district to forge stronger cultural alliances. Finally, as is widely known, CB2 has historically been the home of a wide array of talented artists and, as such, our committee remains dedicated to advocating that the work of these local artists is a part of planned arts programming within our district whenever possible.



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Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

We are happy that long-awaited renovations and upgrades to the Jefferson Market Library will be commencing in the coming year. However, we do have concerns about the closure of the library for two to three months to do asbestos removal. We encourage the NYPL to make every effort to have the work done as quickly as possible and to facilitate the use of CB2's other libraries (Mulberry Street and Hudson park) by the regular visitors to the Jefferson Market branch. On that note, we also think it is time for a master plan to renovate the Hudson Park branch to make its amenities more available. It is an amazing, albeit, somewhat inaccessible facility that has great potential if it was more readily used by the community-at-large. Finally, we are continue to be concerned that budget cuts have resulted in a reduction in staff and in the hours of operation at the libraries in our district. These reductions impact young children and the elderly most of all. We continue to request that additional funds be allocated to keep the libraries and their community rooms open for as many hours as possible. We also ask that the New York Public Library provide a dedicated staff to create special youth programming.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate the comfort station in Corporal Seravalli Playground on Horatio Street to ensure compliance with ADA accessibility standards. CB2 supports the accessibility of all our public spaces, including the restrooms in our parks and playgrounds.	Corporal Seravalli Playground

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1/25	DCAS	Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of the Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services, on a through lot on Elizabeth Street and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets.	The Elizabeth Street Garden provides a much-loved urban oasis to the least green part of CB2, the only place where grass grows in the densely built blocks from Canal Street to Houston Street, from the Bowery to West Street. Open space once built on can never be retrieved, and this space is no less precious than others in the district such as LaGuardia Corner Gardens or Jefferson Market Garden. CB2 urges DCAS to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department without further delay.	Elizabeth Street Garden Block 493, Lot 30
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4/25	NYCTA	Allocate funds to refurbish walls, floors and ceilings in the West 4th Street subway station and add a full disabled access elevator at the northern end of the station.	This station, the ninth busiest in the City and a major hub for seven subway lines, suffers from peeling walls, leaky ceilings, and broken wall tiles. These conditions not only affect local and transient users but also have negative impacts on Greenwich Village's role as an important center of business, tourism and major institutions and needs to be quickly addressed by the MTA's Station Renewal Program.	West 4th Street Subway Station
5/25	DPR	Request for funds to be allocated for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park.	In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it became clear that the Hudson River waterfront was dangerously vulnerable. After making this request last year, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed. We would like to know if any study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations.	Community Wide
6/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the redevelopment of Pier 40.		Pier 40
7/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.	The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, Community Board 2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the center.	Dapolito Recreation Center 1 Clarkson Street

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8/25	DHS	Allocate funds for a homeless youth center, including those who are LGBTQ, where they are safe, respected, counseled and cared for, becoming healthy and productive adults.		Community Wide
9/25	DFTA	Allocate funds to renovate all the senior centers at which Greenwich House provides meals and programming.	Greenwich House programs are a valuable resource to many residents in the Greenwich Village community and beyond. Among its offerings are the meals and programs it provides to our seniors. Unfortunately, the facilities in which these services are provided are in need of renovation and upgrade.	Community Wide
10/25	CCHR	Allocate funds to Judson Memorial Church nonsectarian nonprofit affiliate (in formation) to replace aging and overused lift with new elevator to promote ADA accessibility to 2nd & 3rd floor program spaces.	Judson Memorial Church hosts a vast array of nonsectarian events in its main building. For the past few years, the lift which provides ADA access to the second floor has been overused and is often not functioning. We are requesting funds to replace the aging lift with a new elevator, so the community-at-large will continue to be able to use the facilities that Judson generously makes available.	Judson Memorial Church
11/25	HHC	Allocate funds for a new full service hospital with a Level 1 Trauma Center needed by the CB2 community since the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital.	Since the closing of St. Vincent's, CB2 has no full-service admitting hospital, and no Level 1 Trauma care. While Northwell Health Greenwich Village handles emergency department needs, the closest admitting hospital is Mount Sinai Beth Israel, across town in CB6 and moving to CB3. With the imminent significant downsizing of that facility, there is serious concern in the community that hospital stays will happen farther from the community, causing greater distances to needed in-hospital testing and care, and greater distance for caregivers, loved ones and other support to visit patients. This will negatively impact outcomes and cause greater overcrowding in the next-nearest full-service hospitals.	Community Wide

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12/25	DOE	Allocate funds for technology improvements, including laptops and carts for MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 41 and PS 130.	CB2 feels strongly that our students need to be provided with the most up-to-date technology to prepare them for the future. Funds must be allocated to ensure this necessity is addressed and met.	Community Wide
13/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Vesuvio Playground.		Vesuvio Playground
14/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Mercer Playground.		Mercer Playground
15/25	DOT	Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St., including repair and replacement of Belgian blocks, along with installation of a granite bicycle strip.	The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.	Clarkson Street Washington Street West Street
16/25	DOT	Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Bond St. bet. Broadway and the Bowery, on Wooster St. bet. Houston and Canal Sts., on Gansevoort and Little West 12th Sts. bet. 9A and 8th Ave., and on 14th St. bet. 9th Ave. and Route 9A.		Community Wide
17/25	DOE	Literacy Program at City-As-School	To build the literacy program at City-as-School High School, allocate funds to furnish classrooms with flexible seating that can be used as a multipurpose space for reading, performances, poetry and essay readings, seminars, mediations and student meetings.	City-As-School

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18/25	DOE	Allocate funds for a green wall to augment the new hydroponics program at City-As-School High School, allowing CAS extend learning opportunities for plant science and botany.		City-As-School
19/25	DPR	Allocate funds to install gates at the entrances of Washington Square Park.		Washington Square Park
20/25	DPR	Allocate funds to repair the drainage and resurface the field at Passannante Ball Field.		Passannante Ball Field
21/25	DPR	Allocate funds for replace the fence at the Time Landscape.		Time Landscape
22/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Duarte Park.		Duarte Park
23/25	DOE	Allocate funds to PS 3 to replace ten water fountains with inproved flow and a place to refill water bottles.		P.S. 3 490 Hudson Street
24/25	DPR	Allocate funds to plant new street trees throughout Community District 2.	Trees are very important to the quality of life along our heavily trafficked streets. Many trees have died over the years and have not been replaced. This causes trip hazards to pedestrians and creates an unmanaged appearance. Property owners eventually remove the pits causing the loss of a valuable tree location and an additional cost to the City when the tree is replanted.	Community Wide

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25/25	DOT	Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton St bet West St and Washington St.	The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton St. is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite bet West and Washington Sts and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton St school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.	Morton Street West Street Washington Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as a speed table, road markings and Stop signs, on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.	Speeding vehicles, sharp curves and varied lane sizes with abrupt turns and changes, an unusually wide entrance from 6th Ave., obscured sight lines (in particular at Downing St.), insufficient signage and markings make Bedford St. exceptionally hazardous for the many pedestrians using these neighborhood streets as well as for motorists. CB2 was informed a speed table (raised crosswalk) has been approved at Bedford St. and 6th Ave.	Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to install louvers on the traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St.	A traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. which is one block ahead of a hazardous crossing at Downing St. exacerbates the danger crossing Downing as drivers surge past it to catch the Carmine green light. Louvers on the Carmine traffic light would obscure the green signal, eliminating the impetus for drivers to speed up past Downing St.	Bedford Street Carmine Street Carmine Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to widen the sidewalk along the full south side of Houston St. between Crosby and Lafayette Sts., matching the width of the sidewalks bulbout at that block's east end.	The narrow sidewalk, further constricted by two subway stairs, hinders pedestrian passage and causes heavy pedestrian congestion, forcing walkers on the sidewalk into the street, threatening their safety.	Houston Street Crosby Street Lafayette Street

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CS	DOT	Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock entrance of the new AIDS Memorial Park at St. Vincent's Triangle.	Broad, oddly angled intersections, long, badly marked crosswalks (or none), shortage of traffic controls and wide street beds endanger the increasing number of pedestrians crossing on Greenwich Ave. between W. 11th and W. 12th Sts. and on W. 12th St. between Greenwich and 7th Aves., heading to the new park, the subway and to school, particularly hazardous at Bank St. and at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and W. 12th St.	Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.	Numerous cars and trucks turn left rapidly from Houston St. onto West St. going north, while vehicles turn east from West onto Houston, all at the same time pedestrians are crossing West St., endangered by the fast-turning traffic and often getting stuck in the narrow West St. median. A separate green light phase for pedestrians and shortened crossings are needed to safeguard the many people traversing West St. to Pier 40 and the Hudson River Park. NYC DOT is urged to work together with NYS DOT on signalization and geometric improvements.	West Street Houston Street Houston Street

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1/35	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place by increasing programmatic funding to Visiting	These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.	Community Wide

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		Neighbors.		
2/35	DPR	Allocate funds for a master plan to renovate the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.	The Dapolito Recreation Center is in dire need of a complete renovation. For the past few years, there have been patch work repairs that only address part of the problem. We are requesting funds for the ceration of a master plan to renovate the Center.	Dapolito Recreation Center
3/35	NYPL	Allocate funds for a master plan to renovate Hudson Park Library.	The Hudson Park Library is one of CB2's great resources. Unfortunately, it is a very old building and much of it is out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We request that a master plan be developed to renovate the library in a way that will make it more habitable and accessible.	Hudson Park Library
4/35	DSNY	Allocate funds for the placement of additional litter baskets and for additional basket service.	Too often, corner litter baskets in pedestrian heavy areas of CD2 are overflowing with debris. We are requesting additional resources be allocated to remedy this situation.	Community Wide
5/35	DOHMH	Allocate funds to provide outreach and treatment that targets individuals who are using drugs on NYC streets.		Community Wide
6/35	DOE	Allocate funds for an additional 150 on-site Schools Out NYC seats for afterschool programming at MS 297 to meet the needs of expanding enrollment.		P.S. 297

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7/35	DOT	Pedestrian Safety at 6th Avenue and West 8th Street	Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W, 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.	6th Ave W. 8th St Greenwich St.
8/35	DOB	Allocate funds to increase staffing levels so the Department of Buildings can monitor approved projects during and after construction to ensure that the work conforms to the approved applications.	Our Community District shares a liaison with seven other districts in Manhattan and all 3 Community Districts in Staten Island. Given that Manhattan is the densest borough in New York City, it is nearly impossible for the liaison to adequately meet the needs of each District, so we feel it is imperative that an additional liaison is assigned to such a large jurisdiction or the jurisdiction for the current liaison is cut down to only a few Districts.	Community Wide
9/35	LPC	Allocate funds to hire additional Landmarks enforcement officers and staff to survey landmark districts	Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is designated as historic or landmarked. We recognize and applaud the hiring of an additional enforcement staff member last year, but request that additional funds be allocated to increase staffing levels even more so as to effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints. We would also urge the LPC to assign additional staff to educate residents and owners about responsibilities with respect to landmarks regulation in historic districts and the educate the public about the procedure to report a suspected violation of landmarks regulations.	Community Wide
10/35	TLC	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and for-hire vehicle violations in Community District 2.	There are many areas in Community District 2, including the Meatpacking District, the Bleecker Street area, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown, that attract a large amount of taxi traffic. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about taxi cabs blowing their horns, especially late at night and in the early morning hours, as they cruise the Meatpacking District in search of passengers leaving the late-night clubs. We need more TLC enforcement agents on the street to target violations, particularly noise violations, that adversely impact area residents.	Community Wide

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11/35	DOE	Allocate funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools.	Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.	Community Wide
12/35	DFTA	Allocate funds to provide supplemental transit for senior citizens who need to get to a hospital.	With the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, an additional burden has been placed on residents of Community District 2 to get to a hospital when necessary. This burden falls most heavily on our senior citizens. We feel that funds should be allocated to transport these individuals to hospitals in non-emergency situations (i.e. when an ambulance should not be called), but when Access-A-Ride would not be a viable option.	Community Wide
13/35	DPR	Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden.		Jefferson Market Garden
14/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements	W. 4th St. is highly irregular approaching 6th Ave. from the west, flaring out after Jones St. and endangering crossing pedestrians, with confusion and danger compounded on the way by traffic feeding in from Cornelia St. and considerable ponding. When vehicular traffic turns left from W. 4th St. onto 6th Ave., it seriously threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing 6th Ave. at the same time (since both have the green light), exemplified by a left-turning tour bus recently striking and seriously injuring a man crossing with the light on 6th Ave.	West 4th St 6th Avenue Cornelia Street
15/35	DPR	Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks, especially Washington Square Park.	Despite efforts by the Department of Parks and Recreation to address the problem of rat infestation in Washington Square Park, the CB2 office continues to receive complaints about it. We are requesting additional resources targeting it, until the rat problem has been eliminated.	Washington Square Park
16/35	NYPL	Allocate funds to libraries to allow their programming to become more accessible	Allocate funds to libraries to allow their programming to become more accessible to more of the population through organizations such as The Uni Project, a non-profit that partners with community organizations and city agencies to create learning environments in public space across New York City.	Community Wide

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18/35	DOT	Allocate more resources for speed hump inspections and installation.	CB2 receives many requests for speed humps, but because of lack of DOT resources, they typically take 2 or more years to install. Sufficient resources are needed to gather the data to address this need and secure proper and timely installation, including assemblage, signage, and markings so that community needs are met more speedily.	Community Wide
19/35	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the Cooper Square Plaza crossing (4th Ave. to Bowery at E. 6th St.) including speed humps, signage, signalization changes.	The roadway winding around and through Cooper Sq. Plaza bet 4th Ave. at E. 7th St. and the Bowery at E. 6th St. presents numerous crossing hazards to pedestrians and potential vehicular conflicts, such as buses, taxis, livery vehicles, trucks and private cars entering from the Bowery at excessive speeds, obstruction of drivers' visibility at the 4th Ave. bend in the roadway, lack of coordinated traffic light signals at the Bowery with a constant "Walk" light misleading pedestrians, and pedestrians crossing every which way, for lack of information on where to cross.	Cooper Square
20/35	DCLA	Allocate funds to support the Children's Museum of the Arts CMA in the Community, CMAs free community programs that provide an artistic environment for families regardless of means or ability.		Children's Museum of the Arts

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21/35	DCA	Allocate funds to hire additional DCA inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of sidewalk caf� regulations.	A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk caf times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times. Finally, will OMB and DCA please stop responding that NYPD is the primary enforcement agent for this request. The NYPD does NO sidewalk cafe enforcement.	Community Wide
23/35	MOME	Allocate funds to enable the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) to conduct enforcement and compliance of film and television permits.	Film shoots have a huge impact on the streets where they occur. The lost parking spaces, the noise and lights that affect residents during nighttime shoots, the impacts on local businesses concern all affected parties. We believe the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment needs additional staff so it can proactively police film shoot locations and take appropriate action when the production companies exceed their permits.	Community Wide
24/35	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets (Stonewall National Park area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, and improved directional signage.	Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.	Waverly Pl Christopher Street Grove Street

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25/35	DSNY	Allocate funds to study the quantity and condition of trash containers, evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary, and improve trash removal by providing more frequent litter basket collection.		Community Wide
26/35	DOT	Allocate funds for a study to determine and implement pedestrian safety measures, including traffic calming and related traffic controls on Bleecker Streets. between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street.	Speeding vehicular traffic, numerous delivery and garbage trucks, lack of enough marked safe crossings, with crossing confusion on these lengthy Superblock expanses create a hazardous environment for the many pedestrians traversing these streets on their way to work, play, school, university, senior centers as well as visitors and tourists. The two streets' different characters and configurations require separate analyses, e.g. W. 3rd is 50 ft. wide; Bleecker is 35 ft. with a bike lane and many tour buses.	West 3rd Street LaGuardia Place Mercer Street
27/35	DYCD	Restore and increase funds for outreach to LGBTQ youth by increasing programmatic funding for The Door.	Thousands of LGBTQ youth find our neighborhood more accepting than most, and many need help with HIV and other problems that they are unable or unwilling to secure in their home neighborhoods. In addition, educational and vocational needs are often unmet, resulting in hostility and distress among the youth as well as our residents. Increased support for groups that help these youth is needed. We applaud DYCD's Family Therapy Intervention Pilot.	The Door 555 Broome Street

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28/35	DCLA	Support Non-Profit Theaters	Allocate funds to subsidize the new Theater Punch Card program, a long-term audience-building initiative created by a network of five non-profit theaters within the CB2 area that will allow patrons to see a show at one of these theaters for free after attending five performances within the network.	Community Wide
29/35	DPR	Allocate funds to initiate the scoping of the Gansevoort Peninsula.	With the demolition of the DSNY garage complete, it is now time for a scope meeting to determine the design of the park space on the Gansevoort Peninsula.	Gansevoort Peninsula
30/35	DPR	Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs.		Community Wide
31/35	DPR	Allocate funds for a re-imagining of the Playground of the Americas.	This often overlooked and underused playground needs a redesign to make it more attractive to the children in Community District 2.	Playground of the Americas
32/35	DOT	Allocate funds to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the southwest side of Christopher Street and Greenwich Avenue.	Pedestrians crossing Christopher St. are endangered by swift-turning motor vehicles from Greenwich Ave., confusing traffic signalization, and obscured visibility. Traffic signal modifications, such as split phase with a dedicated green pedestrian light or a flashing arrow with delayed left turn, and daylighting at the Greenwich Ave. s.w. corner are needed.	Christopher Street Greenwich Avenue Greenwich Avenue

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33/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.	Speeding vehicles at all times of day and blocked visibility threaten the safety of the ever-increasing number of pedestrians who regularly use this street, including families with children, tourists and visitors, working people, and an ever-growing population of neighborhood residents.	Washington Street Gansevoort Street Horatio Street
34/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install speed humps on Spring St. bet Mott and Elizabeth Sts.	Excessive speeding by automobiles, taxis and trucks with many close and hazardous calls, and crash data showing that at least five pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists were injured in the past few years call for speed humps to slow down the dangerous traffic.	Spring Street Mott Street Elizabeth Street
35/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install speed humps on Perry St bet W. 4th St. and 7th Ave S.	Vehicular traffic coming from the north on 9th Ave. and flowing south and then east on Perry St where it reaches a momentum in excess of the speed limit, threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing the street, including many children on their way to PS 41 and needs to be slowed down.	Perry Street 7th Avenue South West 4th Street
36/35	DOT	Allocate funds for a study to determine and implement pedestrian safety measures, including traffic calming and related traffic controls on Bleeker Street. between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street.		Bleecker Street LaGuardia Place Mercer Street

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3/25	DOT	Allocate funds for concrete sidewalk widening of the subway triangle on 7th Av. S. bet. Grove and Christopher Sts and on Grove St. bet. W. 4th St and 7th Ave. S. to avoid dangerous pedestrian and vehicular conflicts and to add pedestrian space.	Different turning and traffic patterns call for safer pedestrian crossings, while the new bicycle path configuration on 7th Ave. S. has introduced a dangerous conflict for people coming from the subway who expect they can head for the 7th Ave. S. pedestrian island to cross the street, not realizing their vulnerability to bikes. The Grove St. curb edge doesn't align with the southern tip of the 7th Ave. S. island, allowing for a curbside No Parking lane leading directly into the island's protruding southern edge, particularly dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians in the snow with no visibility to avoid the island edge.	7th Avenue South Christopher Street Grove Street	
4/25	NYCTA	Allocate funds to refurbish walls, floors and ceilings in the West 4th Street subway station and add a full disabled access elevator at the northern end of the station.	This station, the ninth busiest in the City and a major hub for seven subway lines, suffers from peeling walls, leaky ceilings, and broken wall tiles. These conditions not only affect local and transient users but also have negative impacts on Greenwich Village's role as an important center of business, tourism and major institutions and needs to be quickly addressed by the MTA's Station Renewal Program.	West 4th Street Subway Station	Village Alliance
5/25	DPR	Request for funds to be allocated for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park.	In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it became clear that the Hudson River waterfront was dangerously vulnerable. After making this request last year, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed. We would like to know if any study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations.	Community Wide	
6/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the redevelopment of Pier 40.		Pier 40	

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7/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.	The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, Community Board 2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the center.	Dapolito Recreation Center 1 Clarkson Street	
8/25	DHS	Allocate funds for a homeless youth center, including those who are LGBTQ, where they are safe, respected, counseled and cared for, becoming healthy and productive adults.		Community Wide	
9/25	DFTA	Allocate funds to renovate all the senior centers at which Greenwich House provides meals and programming.	Greenwich House programs are a valuable resource to many residents in the Greenwich Village community and beyond. Among its offerings are the meals and programs it provides to our seniors. Unfortunately, the facilities in which these services are provided are in need of renovation and upgrade.	Community Wide	
10/25	CCHR	Allocate funds to Judson Memorial Church nonsectarian nonprofit affiliate (in formation) to replace aging and overused lift with new elevator to promote ADA accessibility to 2nd & 3rd floor program spaces.	Judson Memorial Church hosts a vast array of nonsectarian events in its main building. For the past few years, the lift which provides ADA access to the second floor has been overused and is often not functioning. We are requesting funds to replace the aging lift with a new elevator, so the community-at-large will continue to be able to use the facilities that Judson generously makes available.	Judson Memorial Church	

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11/25	HHC	Allocate funds for a new full service hospital with a Level 1 Trauma Center needed by the CB2 community since the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital.	Since the closing of St. Vincent's, CB2 has no full-service admitting hospital, and no Level 1 Trauma care. While Northwell Health Greenwich Village handles emergency department needs, the closest admitting hospital is Mount Sinai Beth Israel, across town in CB6 and moving to CB3. With the imminent significant downsizing of that facility, there is serious concern in the community that hospital stays will happen farther from the community, causing greater distances to needed in-hospital testing and care, and greater distance for caregivers, loved ones and other support to visit patients. This will negatively impact outcomes and cause greater overcrowding in the next-nearest full-service hospitals.	Community Wide	
12/25	DOE	Allocate funds for technology improvements, including laptops and carts for MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 41 and PS 130.	CB2 feels strongly that our students need to be provided with the most up-to-date technology to prepare them for the future. Funds must be allocated to ensure this necessity is addressed and met.	Community Wide	
13/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Vesuvio Playground.		Vesuvio Playground	
14/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Mercer Playground.		Mercer Playground	

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15/25	DOT	Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St., including repair and replacement of Belgian blocks, along with installation of a granite bicycle strip.	The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.	Clarkson Street Washington Street West Street	
16/25	DOT	Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Bond St. bet. Broadway and the Bowery, on Wooster St. bet. Houston and Canal Sts., on Gansevoort and Little West 12th Sts. bet. 9A and 8th Ave., and on 14th St. bet. 9th Ave. and Route 9A.		Community Wide	
17/25	DOE	Literacy Program at City-As-School	To build the literacy program at City-as-School High School, allocate funds to furnish classrooms with flexible seating that can be used as a multipurpose space for reading, performances, poetry and essay readings, seminars, mediations and student meetings.	City-As-School	

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18/25	DOE	Allocate funds for a green wall to augment the new hydroponics program at City-As-School High School, allowing CAS extend learning opportunities for plant science and botany.		City-As-School	
19/25	DPR	Allocate funds to install gates at the entrances of Washington Square Park.		Washington Square Park	
20/25	DPR	Allocate funds to repair the drainage and resurface the field at Passannante Ball Field.		Passannante Ball Field	
21/25	DPR	Allocate funds for replace the fence at the Time Landscape.		Time Landscape	
22/25	DPR	Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Duarte Park.		Duarte Park	
23/25	DOE	Allocate funds to PS 3 to replace ten water fountains with improved flow and a place to refill water bottles.		P.S. 3 490 Hudson Street	

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24/25	DPR	Allocate funds to plant new street trees throughout Community District 2.	Trees are very important to the quality of life along our heavily trafficked streets. Many trees have died over the years and have not been replaced. This causes trip hazards to pedestrians and creates an unmanaged appearance. Property owners eventually remove the pits causing the loss of a valuable tree location and an additional cost to the City when the tree is replanted.	Community Wide	
25/25	DOT	Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton St bet West St and Washington St.	The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton St. is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite bet West and Washington Sts and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton St school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.	Morton Street West Street Washington Street	
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to install louvers on the traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St.	A traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. which is one block ahead of a hazardous crossing at Downing St. exacerbates the danger crossing Downing as drivers surge past it to catch the Carmine green light. Louvers on the Carmine traffic light would obscure the green signal, eliminating the impetus for drivers to speed up past Downing St.	Bedford Street Carmine Street Carmine Street	

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CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to study and institute safety improvements at 7th Ave. S., Carmine, Varick and Clarkson Sts. intersection, including neckdowns, traffic signal changes and repositioning, daylighting, lane reconfiguration, and other geometric improvements. Excessively long pedestrian crossings, poor visibility, motorists driving on the sidewalk, gridlock, blocked crosswalks, hazardous turning movements, intermittent speeding, irregularly angled design and chaotic Holland Tunnel-bound traffic create exceptionally dangerous conditions for the many pedestrians (residential, working, tourists/seniors and children) using this area. A promised improvement plan presentation is awaited.	7th Avenue South Carmine Street Clarkson Street	Hudson Square BID
CS	DOT	Allocate funds to widen the sidewalk along the full south side of Houston St. between Crosby and Lafayette Sts., matching the width of the sidewalks bulbout at that block's east end.	The narrow sidewalk, further constricted by two subway stairs, hinders pedestrian passage and causes heavy pedestrian congestion, forcing walkers on the sidewalk into the street, threatening their safety.	Houston Street Crosby Street Lafayette Street	
CS	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as a speed table, road markings and Stop signs, on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.	Speeding vehicles, sharp curves and varied lane sizes with abrupt turns and changes, an unusually wide entrance from 6th Ave., obscured sight lines (in particular at Downing St.), insufficient signage and markings make Bedford St. exceptionally hazardous for the many pedestrians using these neighborhood streets as well as for motorists. CB2 was informed a speed table (raised crosswalk) has been approved at Bedford St. and 6th Ave.	Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street	

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CS	DOT	Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock entrance of the new AIDS Memorial Park at St. Vincent's Triangle.	Broad, oddly angled intersections, long, badly marked crosswalks (or none), shortage of traffic controls and wide street beds endanger the increasing number of pedestrians crossing on Greenwich Ave. between W. 11th and W. 12th Sts. and on W. 12th St. between Greenwich and 7th Aves., heading to the new park, the subway and to school, particularly hazardous at Bank St. and at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and W. 12th St.	Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate the comfort station in Corporal Seravalli Playground on Horatio Street to ensure compliance with ADA accessibility standards. CB2 supports the accessibility of all our public spaces, including the restrooms in our parks and playgrounds.	Corporal Seravalli Playground	Disabled in Action of Metropolitan New York
CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to improve the pedestrian environment, minimizing vehicular use and using a more holistic approach to integrating bus priority, walking, and bicycling through design and construction on Broadway between 14th Street and Canal Street. A less piecemeal approach aimed at reducing traffic and integrating alternate transportation modes can create a more functional, people-friendly and less congested corridor. A study and development of a plan and implementation are needed.	Broadway 14th Street Canal Street	

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CS	DOT	Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.	Numerous cars and trucks turn left rapidly from Houston St. onto West St. going north, while vehicles turn east from West onto Houston, all at the same time pedestrians are crossing West St., endangered by the fast-turning traffic and often getting stuck in the narrow West St. median. A separate green light phase for pedestrians and shortened crossings are needed to safeguard the many people traversing West St. to Pier 40 and the Hudson River Park. NYC DOT is urged to work together with NYS DOT on signalization and geometric improvements.	West Street Houston Street Houston Street	

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1/35	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place by increasing programmatic funding to Visiting Neighbors.	These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.	Community Wide	Visiting Neighbors
2/35	DPR	Allocate funds for a master plan to renovate the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center.	The Dapolito Recreation Center is in dire need of a complete renovation. For the past few years, there have been patch work repairs that only address part of the problem. We are requesting funds for the creation of a master plan to renovate the Center.	Dapolito Recreation Center	
3/35	NYPL	Allocate funds for a master plan to renovate Hudson Park Library.	The Hudson Park Library is one of CB2's great resources. Unfortunately, it is a very old building and much of it is out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We request that a master plan be developed to renovate the library in a way that will make it more habitable and accessible.	Hudson Park Library	
4/35	DSNY	Allocate funds for the placement of additional litter baskets and for additional basket service.	Too often, corner litter baskets in pedestrian heavy areas of CD2 are overflowing with debris. We are requesting additional resources be allocated to remedy this situation.	Community Wide	
5/35	DOHMH	Allocate funds to provide outreach and treatment that targets individuals who are using drugs on NYC streets.		Community Wide	

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6/35	DOE	Allocate funds for an additional 150 on-site Schools Out NYC seats for afterschool programming at MS 297 to meet the needs of expanding enrollment.		P.S. 297	
7/35	DOT	Pedestrian Safety at 6th Avenue and West 8th	Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W, 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.	6th Ave W. 8th St Greenwich St.	
8/35	DOB	Allocate funds to increase staffing levels so the Department of Buildings can monitor approved projects during and after construction to ensure that the work conforms to the approved applications.	Our Community District shares a liaison with seven other districts in Manhattan and all 3 Community Districts in Staten Island. Given that Manhattan is the densest borough in New York City, it is nearly impossible for the liaison to adequately meet the needs of each District, so we feel it is imperative that an additional liaison is assigned to such a large jurisdiction or the jurisdiction for the current liaison is cut down to only a few Districts.	Community Wide	

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9/35	LPC	Allocate funds to hire additional Landmarks enforcement officers and staff to survey landmark districts	Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is designated as historic or landmarked. We recognize and applaud the hiring of an additional enforcement staff member last year, but request that additional funds be allocated to increase staffing levels even more so as to effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints. We would also urge the LPC to assign additional staff to educate residents and owners about responsibilities with respect to landmarks regulation in historic districts and the educate the public about the procedure to report a suspected violation of landmarks regulations.	Community Wide	
10/35	TLC	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and for-hire vehicle violations in Community District 2.	There are many areas in Community District 2, including the Meatpacking District, the Bleecker Street area, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown, that attract a large amount of taxi traffic. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about taxi cabs blowing their horns, especially late at night and in the early morning hours, as they cruise the Meatpacking District in search of passengers leaving the late-night clubs. We need more TLC enforcement agents on the street to target violations, particularly noise violations, that adversely impact area residents.	Community Wide	
11/35	DOE	Allocate funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools.	Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.	Community Wide	

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12/35	DFTA	Allocate funds to provide supplemental transit for senior citizens who need to get to a hospital.	With the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, an additional burden has been placed on residents of Community District 2 to get to a hospital when necessary. This burden falls most heavily on our senior citizens. We feel that funds should be allocated to transport these individuals to hospitals in non-emergency situations (i.e. when an ambulance should not be called), but when Access-A-Ride would not be a viable option.	Community Wide	
13/35	DPR	Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden.		Jefferson Market Garden	
14/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements	W. 4th St. is highly irregular approaching 6th Ave. from the west, flaring out after Jones St. and endangering crossing pedestrians, with confusion and danger compounded on the way by traffic feeding in from Cornelia St. and considerable ponding. When vehicular traffic turns left from W. 4th St. onto 6th Ave., it seriously threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing 6th Ave. at the same time (since both have the green light), exemplified by a left-turning tour bus recently striking and seriously injuring a man crossing with the light on 6th Ave.	West 4th St 6th Avenue Cornelia Street	
15/35	DPR	Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks, especially Washington Square Park.	Despite efforts by the Department of Parks and Recreation to address the problem of rat infestation in Washington Square Park, the CB2 office continues to receive complaints about it. We are requesting additional resources targeting it, until the rat problem has been eliminated.	Washington Square Park	
16/35	NYPL	Allocate funds to libraries to allow their programming to become more accessible	Allocate funds to libraries to allow their programming to become more accessible to more of the population through organizations such as The Uni Project, a non-profit that partners with community organizations and city agencies to create learning environments in public space across New York City.	Community Wide	

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18/35	DOT	Allocate more resources for speed hump inspections and installation.	CB2 receives many requests for speed humps, but because of lack of DOT resources, they typically take 2 or more years to install. Sufficient resources are needed to gather the data to address this need and secure proper and timely installation, including assemblage, signage, and markings so that community needs are met more speedily.	Community Wide	
19/35	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the Cooper Square Plaza crossing (4th Ave. to Bowery at E. 6th St.) including speed humps, signage, signalization changes.	The roadway winding around and through Cooper Sq. Plaza bet 4th Ave. at E. 7th St. and the Bowery at E. 6th St. presents numerous crossing hazards to pedestrians and potential vehicular conflicts, such as buses, taxis, livery vehicles, trucks and private cars entering from the Bowery at excessive speeds, obstruction of drivers' visibility at the 4th Ave. bend in the roadway, lack of coordinated traffic light signals at the Bowery with a constant "Walk" light misleading pedestrians, and pedestrians crossing every which way, for lack of information on where to cross.	Cooper Square	
20/35	DCLA	Allocate funds to support the Children's Museum of the Arts CMA in the Community, CMAs free community programs that provide an artistic environment for families regardless of means or ability.		Children's Museum of the Arts	

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21/35	DCA	Allocate funds to hire additional DCA inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of sidewalk caf� regulations.	A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk caf times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times. Finally, will OMB and DCA please stop responding that NYPD is the primary enforcement agent for this request. The NYPD does NO sidewalk cafe enforcement.	Community Wide	
22/35	CECM	Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct enforcement and compliance of street activity permits.	There has been an explosion in the number of street events receiving permits from SAPO or operating illegally without required permits. The local precincts have not been able to keep up with the proliferation of these events nor do they always have the requisite familiarity with what is permitted. SAPO needs funding to hire additional staff dedicated to monitoring these street events and noting violations when they occur.	Community Wide	
23/35	MOME	Allocate funds to enable the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) to conduct enforcement and compliance of film and television permits.	Film shoots have a huge impact on the streets where they occur. The lost parking spaces, the noise and lights that affect residents during nighttime shoots, the impacts on local businesses concern all affected parties. We believe the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment needs additional staff so it can proactively police film shoot locations and take appropriate action when the production companies exceed their permits.	Community Wide	

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24/35	DOT	Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets (Stonewall National Park area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, and improved directional signage.	Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.	Waverly Pl Christopher Street Grove Street	
25/35	DSNY	Allocate funds to study the quantity and condition of trash containers, evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary, and improve trash removal by providing more frequent litter basket collection.		Community Wide	

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26/35	DOT	Allocate funds for a study to determine and implement pedestrian safety measures, including traffic calming and related traffic controls on Bleecker Streets. between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street.	Speeding vehicular traffic, numerous delivery and garbage trucks, lack of enough marked safe crossings, with crossing confusion on these lengthy Superblock expanses create a hazardous environment for the many pedestrians traversing these streets on their way to work, play, school, university, senior centers as well as visitors and tourists. The two streets' different characters and configurations require separate analyses, e.g. W. 3rd is 50 ft. wide; Bleecker is 35 ft. with a bike lane and many tour buses.	West 3rd Street LaGuardia Place Mercer Street	
27/35	DYCD	Restore and increase funds for outreach to LGBTQ youth by increasing programmatic funding for The Door.	Thousands of LGBTQ youth find our neighborhood more accepting than most, and many need help with HIV and other problems that they are unable or unwilling to secure in their home neighborhoods. In addition, educational and vocational needs are often unmet, resulting in hostility and distress among the youth as well as our residents. Increased support for groups that help these youth is needed. We applaud DYCD's Family Therapy Intervention Pilot.	The Door 555 Broome Street	The Door
28/35	DCLA	Support Non-Profit Theaters	Allocate funds to subsidize the new Theater Punch Card program, a long-term audience-building initiative created by a network of five non-profit theaters within the CB2 area that will allow patrons to see a show at one of these theaters for free after attending five performances within the network.	Community Wide	
29/35	DPR	Allocate funds to initiate the scoping of the Gansevoort Peninsula.	With the demolition of the DSNY garage complete, it is now time for a scope meeting to determine the design of the park space on the Gansevoort Peninsula.	Gansevoort Peninsula	

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30/35	DPR	Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs.		Community Wide	
31/35	DPR	Allocate funds for a re-imagining of the Playground of the Americas.	This often overlooked and underused playground needs a redesign to make it more attractive to the children in Community District 2.	Playground of the Americas	
32/35	DOT	Allocate funds to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the southwest side of Christopher Street and Greenwich Avenue.	Pedestrians crossing Christopher St. are endangered by swift-turning motor vehicles from Greenwich Ave., confusing traffic signalization, and obscured visibility. Traffic signal modifications, such as split phase with a dedicated green pedestrian light or a flashing arrow with delayed left turn, and daylighting at the Greenwich Ave. s.w. corner are needed.	Christopher Street Greenwich Avenue Greenwich Avenue	
33/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.	Speeding vehicles at all times of day and blocked visibility threaten the safety of the ever-increasing number of pedestrians who regularly use this street, including families with children, tourists and visitors, working people, and an ever-growing population of neighborhood residents.	Washington Street Gansevoort Street Horatio Street	
34/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install speed humps on Spring St. bet Mott and Elizabeth Sts.	Excessive speeding by automobiles, taxis and trucks with many close and hazardous calls, and crash data showing that at least five pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists were injured in the past few years call for speed humps to slow down the dangerous traffic.	Spring Street Mott Street Elizabeth Street	

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35/35	DOT	Allocate funds to install speed humps on Perry St bet W. 4th St. and 7th Ave S.	Vehicular traffic coming from the north on 9th Ave. and flowing south and then east on Perry St where it reaches a momentum in excess of the speed limit, threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing the street, including many children on their way to PS 41 and needs to be slowed down.	Perry Street 7th Avenue South West 4th Street	
36/35	DOT	Allocate funds for a study to determine and implement pedestrian safety measures, including traffic calming and related traffic controls on Bleecker Street. between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street.		Bleecker Street LaGuardia Place Mercer Street	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



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