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and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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**Manhattan
Community District
6**



Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Manhattan

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

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

Manhattan Community District 6

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	142,745	100.00	155,614	100.00	12,869	9.0	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	11,017	7.7	14,281	9.2	3,264	29.6	1.5
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	142,745	100.0	155,614	100.0	12,869	9.0	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	10,830	7.6	13,779	8.9	2,949	27.2	1.3
White non-Hispanic	103,667	72.6	101,605	65.3	-2,062	-2.0	-7.3
Black non-Hispanic	4,934	3.5	5,424	3.5	490	9.9	0.0
Asian non-Hispanic	19,864	13.9	27,293	17.5	7,429	37.4	3.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	654	0.5	1,474	0.9	820	125.4	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,796	2	6,039	3.9	3,243	116	1.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	92,067	100.0	99,371	100.0	7,304	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	82,128	89.2	87,186	87.7	5,058	6.2	-1.5
Vacant housing units	9,939	10.8	12,185	12.3	2,246	22.6	1.5

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District Six (CD6) encompasses the East Side of Manhattan from 14th to 59th Streets, from the East River to Lexington Avenue and farther west in some areas to include Gramercy Park, Murray Hill, Turtle Bay and parts of East Midtown. Additional well-known neighborhoods lie within our boundaries: Sutton Place, Beekman Place, Tudor City, Kips Bay, Rosehill, East Midtown Plaza, Waterside Plaza, Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village. The district is a mixture of residential, commercial, medical, educational and institutional uses with major office buildings, including 731 Lexington (“Bloomberg Tower”), 601 Lexington Avenue (former Citigroup Center), and the Chrysler building, and retail shops lining the avenues. There are several medical facilities used by all New Yorkers including VA Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center, NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital, and Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Hospital. Numerous substance abuse, mental health, and ambulatory care clinics as well as some facilities of the New York Eye and Ear Hospital are located in the district. CD6 hosts the HRA 30th St Men’s Shelter, the city’s largest at 850 beds, Samaritan Village on 53rd, New Providence Women’s Shelter and other homeless facilities, including a Safe Haven site on East 17th Street. The district includes the Baruch College campus, the School of Visual Arts, the NYU School of Medicine, the NYU College of Dentistry, and the Beren Campus of Yeshiva University, Stern College and other institutions. We host numerous bioscience laboratories out of the Alexandria Center for Life Science and expect more facilities as NYU continues expansion. CD6 is also home to the United Nations as well as hundreds of missions and diplomatic residences.

While recognizing the diversity of residential and commercial use, the district is primarily a middle-income community that has significant numbers of low-income residents and a large elderly population, many living on fixed incomes. We are always mindful that data about the neighborhoods of affluence in CD6 must not mask the very real need for access to affordable housing, homeless and general social services, and adequate measures for personal safety and overall well-being for all our neighbors. There are five Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) within CD6 or at its borders: The Grand Central Partnership, 34th Street Partnership, East Midtown Association, Union Square Partnership and the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership. These continue to improve the quality of life within the district and we encourage the city to continue endorsing new BIDs where viable.

We also must draw attention to the two 197-a plans prepared by CB6 and adopted, with modifications, by the City Planning Commission and the City Council. In January 2008, the City Planning Commission approved with modifications the 197-a plan submitted by Manhattan Community Board 6. In March 2008 the City Council adopted the plan as modified by the City Planning Commission. In May of 1995, CB6 submitted a 197-a plan regarding Stuyvesant Cove. This plan was modified and adopted by the City Planning commission and City Council in 1997. These long-term planning documents should guide future action of all city agencies and are integral to the understanding of the needs of our district. This is particularly true in planning related to the waterfront and for the medical corridor that is anchored by First Avenue from 14th Street to 38th Street. CB6 is committed to seeing the planning guidelines and specific proposals of the 197-a plans fully implemented. CD6 is undergoing several major shifts in its urban planning landscape. Along the waterfront, the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project promises to transform access to additional open space and recreational opportunities, while increasing our district’s ability to withstand flood damage like that experienced during Superstorm Sandy.

Recent rezoning efforts in East Midtown promise to transform several blocks in our district into more densely populated areas that could bring additional challenges to our docket. Mount Sinai Beth Israel’s Campus transformation continues to pose questions, especially in the midst of a global pandemic. It is not clear how service closures will affect the community and working groups continue to meet to review the possible impacts of redevelopment of real estate at the site. Finally, affordability remains a difficult issue to solve and one which affects our middle- and working-class communities in direct, immediate ways. We will always look at any shifts in zoning (in-district or city-wide) and governmental- or institutionally-owned property as potential means to provide residents with housing units at reasonable cost based on their income levels.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 6

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

CD6 like many other community districts across the city is in dire need of affordable housing, particularly NEW low-income and moderate-income housing. Thanks to the passage of Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019, rent-stabilized housing remains the most effective measure of preserving existing affordable housing City-wide. We are grateful to the State legislature for passing comprehensive rent regulation reform which will preserve our district's stock of affordable rent stabilized housing. However, preserving our existing stock of affordable housing is not enough to ameliorate the housing crisis we face. Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of Mitchell-Lama, and loss of Section 8 housing, and loss of rent-controlled and loss of rent-regulated housing, have led to 13.7% of rental units being rented at 80% AMI, 20.6% of district renters are rent burdened, and 64.8% of low-income renters in the district are severely rent burdened. To support and retain population and economic diversity, the board seeks new or reclaimed low- and moderate-income housing within the district.

Homelessness

Despite the major residential development in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), affordable housing in our district is disappearing. At the same time, there has been little attention to the housing and support services needed by specific groups such as the disabled, seniors, and individuals facing homelessness. The City has opened both temporary and permanent housing for those experiencing homelessness but seldom provides the necessary support to transition individuals to permanent housing. Outreach to the chronically homeless is a long and difficult process and the basic humanitarian needs of the chronically homeless who turn to our parks and public spaces during the day are not being met. Funding for these critical support services should be increased not merely maintained. We include in basic humanitarian support, services that provide a measure of personal dignity such as restrooms and showers for those who currently have no way of accessing such services.

Parks and open space

CD6 has the least amount of open space of any community district in Manhattan. Census data shows our child-age population growing quickly, and therefore more playground and recreation space is needed. Residents of all ages keep our current spaces busy with active and passive uses and during the pandemic those green spaces provided a welcome relief to the necessary isolation and social distancing. Unfortunately, much of the open space we do have has fallen into disrepair and needs regular clean up and security patrols. Additionally, lack of open space is tied to air quality. Manhattan CD6 remains towards the top of several pollutant levels lists in recent municipal studies. As these levels are aggravated by lack of tree cover and extent of "impermeable surface," additional green spaces can be considered a health matter.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

There have been state level commitments to build or rehabilitate 20,000 supportive housing units Statewide over the next fifteen years. While there has been some recent movement in a positive direction, at this time, CD6 has only one supportive housing facility, Kenmore Hall. CB6 asks that additional supportive housing units be built in CD6 —especially given CD6’s proximity to many public health facilities that support this population. Supportive housing will help our most vulnerable residents by creating a more robust social safety net to prevent a rise in street homelessness and to reduce crowding at our homeless shelters. CD6 has the largest men's homeless shelter in the country, the HRA 30th Street Men’s Shelter (located on 30th Street between 1st Avenue and the FDR Drive). This shelter maintains 850 beds and is the entry point for many citywide into the shelter system. Homelessness is a citywide issue; however, we are particularly concerned that the lack of supportive housing units in CD6 has led to an increase in street-homeless. We need to put greater focus on health care, mental health care, and other social services. CB6 asks that the City and State ensure that supportive housing providers be fully funded so that they can continue to plan, build, and operate supportive housing and the associated social services. The City continues to invest in costly temporary solutions while underinvesting in long-term systemic solutions, The structural shortage of affordable housing, the undersupply of supportive housing and social support services, and the urgent relocations for health and safety reasons forced by the covid emergency – taken together these things have made it clearer than ever that we as a community are not adequately serving unhoused New Yorkers and that we are not delivering on our social commitment to enable all our citizens to live in safety, security and dignity.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/26	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The FY 2022 Budget includes funding to open 25 more senior centers in underserved communities. Manhattan Community District 6 only has Stein Senior Center and the Center at St. Peter's, a satellite location of Lenox Hill Houses located in CD8. For almost 20 years we have asked the City to establish a new senior center in our district and now ask that our district be included in the new funding for the establishment of a senior center, particularly focused on the ability to have safe programming. Further, we ask that CB6 be included in all aspects of the decision making for location and facilities of the new center. We also ask that DFTA enlist the use of other City owned facilities such as colleges & schools for programming needs.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/24	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>A new senior facility providing meals and services has been requested by CB6 for almost 20 years and included as a capital budget request for FY 2023. Our aging population would also benefit from an expansion of programming that can be housed in existing City facilities or in sites run by community organizations, and funded by DFTA and other agencies. Libraries or CBOs, for example, can host or provide exercise programs, fall prevention programming (i.e., Tai Chi), lifelong learning, and technology programming. The pandemic has shown us that creative thinking is needed to find new ways to provide supportive services and programming to relieve isolation and provide intellectual engagement.</i>	

7/24	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly in Manhattan Community District 6. 18.3% of the population of the district is over age 65. CB6 requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population. Increased availability of home assistance may become particularly important after the cutbacks in services at senior centers throughout the area. This method of care is far less expensive than subsidized nursing home care, which is typically the alternative. Enhanced home care may also be required for individuals who are at high risk during a pandemic such as Covid-19.</i>
8/24	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>We ask that the City conduct research on how the nonprofit and corporate sectors could help provide restroom and shower facilities to individuals experiencing homelessness. Models for providing restroom and shower facilities in this way currently exist in New York City, including in northern Manhattan and in Battery Park City, and the Manhattan Borough President has made it a priority to develop solutions to the problem. Research would include identifying appropriate locations, operational success experienced by the organizations, level of security required, costs, and a number of other elements. We hope the research would lead to contracting with one or more providers.</i>
15/24	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>With an aging population comes a greater need for attention to crimes perpetrated that are particular to seniors. Combating elder abuse, whether physical (domestic) abuse or the financial kind is critical in a district that has 18.2% of its population over the age of 65 (and growing). CB6 asks for additional funds to be devoted to specialized programs developed by the Department for the Aging to identify and prevent these situations. Additionally, more data on the extent of elder abuse in our city would be helpful in identifying needs in the district and citywide.</i>

16/24	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>CB6 would like to see enhanced funding for job training programs in existence or under development by HRA and its partners. These programs seek to increase clients' skills, readying them for employment and facilitating their exit from public assistance. These programs and associated training materials should be free or low-cost so as not to deter clients from participating. With the recent disruption to jobs due to the pandemic and the need to assist individuals who are either experiencing homelessness or seek an exit from public assistance, training is increasingly needed.</i>
18/24	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	<i>We were pleased to see that the FY 2023 budget provides some funds to support seniors living at home. For tens of thousands of seniors in Manhattan Community District 6 who remain capable of independent and semi-independent living, aging in place is the best way to remain in a comfortable and familiar environment, and retain their neighborhood connections and access to services and support. Our district has the third-highest proportion of residents over 65 in Manhattan and the tenth-highest in the city, and that proportion is increasing. As our residents age, we hope the administration will increase funding for this commitment.</i>
20/24	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	<i>CD6 has experienced an increase in the density of shelters and facilities serving New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, leading to a quality-of-life impact on other residents in parts of our district. While we know that our district is home to permanent facilities like the 30th Street Men's Shelter and Bellevue with their own impacts, the Fair Share analyses submitted by DHS do not seem to reflect the reality on the ground in other parts of CD6, leading to DHS siting decisions that exacerbate disparities. We ask that the city fund a comprehensive census of shelters and facilities to update the Fair Share data, to ensure that their community impact is distributed equitably across the city.</i>

Other request for services for the homeless

As the population of sheltered New Yorkers experiencing homelessness increases, the number of individuals spending time on the street during the day is also increasing, because many New York City shelter facilities are not open during the day. We ask the city to invest more heavily in services and support for people experiencing homelessness who are living in the shelter system, including dedicated all-day outreach in areas with a large population of sheltered homeless New Yorkers, along with more extensive, standardized, and systematically provided welfare, support, and quality-of-life services for those residents.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)

Schools in CD6 need continued investment in their aging infrastructure. HVAC issues, electrical and plumbing lines, and fiber optic cabling are just some of the areas in need of attention. We should also point out that while the welfare of students is the primary focus of any school maintenance, adult staff facilities should be kept in mind when renovations are identified and planned. Retrofitting our schools based on the COVID-19 experience has begun and has already allowed for a resumption of in-person classroom instruction, but there may be a long and expensive period ahead.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>It is our understanding that PS 116 currently has no security system or not a sufficient security system, making it difficult for the school to keep track of what is going on throughout its building. At this time, it is not clear exactly what will be needed in light of other modifications to the physical plant to accommodate any health-required changes to the building interior and entrances/exits. We do know that installing a security system at PS 116 will be a major step towards ensuring the safety of kids at the school.</i>	210 East 33 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/24	DYCD	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	<i>According to the latest research by NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, one out of every eight children in New York City experiences homelessness before the fifth grade. The trauma of homelessness leaves many children unable to reach their full potential and in need of expanded support. In addition, elementary schools across the entire city are seeing rises in homeless students, including in Chinatown, Midtown West and Midtown East, with some schools experiencing rates of students in temporary housing as high as 27%. These schools include institutions in our neighboring Community Districts and significantly impact children in PS 116 in our district.</i>	

6/24

ACS

Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth

CB6 requests that funding be enhanced for ACS preventative services that allow families to remain together which maintaining the welfare of the children in the home. We understand these programs are effective in preventing children from entering foster care and can include services such as family or individual counseling, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, home care, and support for pregnant and parenting teens, among others. However, this funding must be coupled with additional staff and better training for caseworkers to ensure children's safety.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other

As previously mentioned, CD6's "public health district," the several block radius that encompasses NYCHA's Nathan Straus Houses (located at 2nd Avenue between 27th and 28th Street), the 30th Street Men's Shelter (located on 1st Avenue and 30th Street), ACS's Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center (located on 1st Avenue between 26th and 27th Streets), Bellevue South Park (located between 1st and 2nd Avenues and 26th and 28th Streets), and the single largest concentration of hospitals in the city, including NYCHH's Bellevue Hospital and the VA Medical Center (all located along 1st Avenue between 23rd Street and 34th Streets, has resulted in a concentration of three separate constituencies (homeless, local residents and ACS teens), all within a few blocks of one another, each competing for extremely limited places to go, particularly during the day, and thereby creating a variety of challenges and pressures on this area of the district.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/26	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Park and local residents request the installation of video camera(s) in the Garden Area of Dag Hammarskjold Park. District residents have reported criminal or offensive public behavior in the Park but PEP Officers and law enforcement are hindered by the need to actually observe the behavior when it occurs. Surveillance by video camera(s) would be a cost-effective means to identify incidents and deter future illegal activity.</i>	E. 47 St. between 1 Ave. and 2 Ave.
11/26	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>A video security system at Bellevue South Park would increase security for people using the park and help identify and deter criminal activity. Manhattan CB6 board office continues to receive notices from residents about problems at this site. Members of the board who reside at this location report that regularly they see inappropriate and vulgar behavior.</i>	Mt. Carmel Place & E 27th St, New York, NY 10016

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/24	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>The Mayor has several policies and programs meant to improve traffic flow and traffic safety in New York City, such as more protected bicycle lanes, dedicated bus lanes, and Vision Zero. However, because of a lack of traffic enforcement in our district, those policies and programs are left compromised. Protected bicycle lanes are compromised because of drivers interfering with those lanes. Bus lanes are compromised because other vehicles park in those dedicated bus lanes. Vision Zero is compromised because of vehicles that travel in a dangerous manner, therefore compromising the safety and lives of pedestrians. Additional traffic enforcement officers will be helpful in the carrying out of these initiatives.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 6

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

Noise pollution

With major arteries and approaches, such as to the Queens Midtown Tunnel and the 59th St Bridge, and due to increased bike/bus lanes and private and public street closures, traffic has become a major problem and results in increased noise. Additionally, high-rise building construction is rampant and causes its own noise pollution. With several bar and nightlife stretches, we also experience noise complaints due to evening activities. Noise is the number one CD6 resident complaint to 311.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/24	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	<i>Noise is our district's #1 complaint. Aside from late-night noise from bars/restaurants, our district also sees increased complaints due to traffic congestion. Our roads are narrower due to bike/bus lanes and we have major approaches in our borders, such as the Queensboro Bridge and Queens Midtown Tunnel. We also host the 34th St Heliport and large construction projects. Finally, because of After-Hours Variances, there are complaints about late night construction noise. More inspectors would stay ahead of complaints with 24/7 monitoring, rather than the current after-the-fact on-site visits. Recognizing budget constraints which may continue into FY2022, we trust that at least staffing not be decreased in this area and that possibilities for additional noise monitoring are explored.</i>	
11/24	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>While in recent years we had seen a fairly stable level of over-flowing waste baskets, since the pandemic we are experiencing a major uptick. Trash ends up in the street creating unsightly and unhygienic conditions. Our City Council Members have helped provide additional trash receptacles but the City budget should take up this expense directly.</i>	

23/24	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>This funding increases collection of compost in the district to twice per week, a move that will improve the environment by keeping food and other organics out of landfills. A 2022 EPA study reports that “more than 15 percent of total U.S. human-caused methane emissions come from municipal solid waste landfills.” This expansion will include any residential, commercial, institutional and industrial sources, and prioritize compost locations with the most volume. The funding for this increased collection would include educational outreach to the community. This funding ties to other composting goals in the city. For example, Council Member Keith Powers reported in 2022 that the city’s Zero Waste proposal will “greatly expand accessibility to composting and recycling across our city.”</i>
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HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 6

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

Affordable housing creation

Affordable housing is disappearing from CD6 and demand continues to increase. Thanks to the passage of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019, rent-stabilized housing remains the most effective measure of preserving existing affordable housing City-wide. CB6 requests the development of NEW low-income and moderate-income housing in CD6. Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of Mitchell Lama, and loss of Section 8 housing, and loss of rent-controlled and loss of rent-regulated housing, have led to 13.7% of rental units being rented at 80% AMI, 20.6% of district renters are rent burdened, and 64.8% of low-income renters in the district are severely rent burdened. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to provide new or reclaimed low-and moderate-income housing within our district in the forthcoming year.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>CB6 asks that additional supportive housing be built in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6). During his 2019 State of the State address Governor Cuomo announced a new commitment to build or rehabilitate 20,000 supportive housing units statewide over the next fifteen years. As CD6 currently has only one supportive housing facility, Kenmore Hall, and especially given CD6's proximity to many public health facilities that support this population, CB6 asks that additional supportive housing units be built in CD6. In addition, CB6 asks that the City and State ensure that supportive housing providers be fully funded so that they can continue to operate their current facilities.</i>	
3/26	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>There is little supportive housing dedicated to seniors in CD6. While some privately-funded accommodations are available, they are expensive and out of reach for most seniors. CB6 is currently reviewing potential sites for senior housing and asks the City to join us in filling this important need in our community and give significant weight to community input in the selection of the type and location of such services.</i>	
4/26	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Our waterfront is a significant resource for our city and has for many years been a priority for CB6. Currently our community cannot access large segments of our waterfront because our waterfront esplanade has significant gaps: from 41st - 51st Streets, 54th - 56th Streets, and 57th - 59th Streets. In a city where we live in such close quarters, our outdoor spaces, especially our waterfronts, were lifesavers during the pandemic. The Department of City Planning confirms our district has "the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts". We urgently need an unbroken and accessible waterfront. The East Midtown Greenway will create a waterfront esplanade from 54th to 59th Streets, but CB6 requests a plan for connecting the stalled 41st to 54th Streets segment.</i>	East River Esplanade E 14th Street E 14th Street

12/26	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of: Mitchell-Lama, Section 8 housing, as well as rent-controlled and rent-regulated apartments, has caused areas in CD6 to become increasingly more income segregated. Statistics from ANHD indicate that almost 43% of renters in our district are rent burdened. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to preserve and develop NEW low- and moderate-income housing in CD6.</i>	
26/26	EDC	Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime	<i>Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) hosts a premier medical corridor along First Ave that includes several major hospitals and the successful Alexandria Center for Life Science. This cluster of institutions, in addition to university and training facilities, make our district ideal for construction of additional, affordable research lab space and tech-related incubators. The rising cost in the traditional office corridors discourages greater expansion of these industries in New York. We welcome the added employment opportunities they bring, as well as the partnerships they can forge with our educational centers. We encourage exploration of city-owned sites for this purpose.</i>	
CS	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Solar One conducts numerous educational programs in the park using indigenous and exogenous varieties of plants as part of its instruction for responsible environmental practices. An irrigation system is essential for survival of the plants used throughout Stuyvesant Cove Park. We request that funds be committed to assist in implementing the system.</i>	24-20 FDR Drive East Service Road

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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12/24	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>CB6 asks for the restoration of NYC's graffiti removal program and encourages its application to our district. Graffiti has suddenly become a major problem in Manhattan Community District 6 including in previously graffiti-free areas in Murray Hill and Kips Bay. The graffiti makes the business area unappealing at a time when we hope to encourage patronage of small businesses in the district. Similarly, a degraded quality of life in residential areas has been reported.</i>
19/24	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Renters in New York City depend on HPD to enforce housing quality and safety codes and to protect tenants from harassment and discrimination, and individuals working in affordable housing construction depend on HPD to enforce certain wage laws. The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) also depends on collaboration with HPD to enforce tenant protections at the state level. We understand that HPD's ability to do this important work depends on adequate funding for monitoring, investigation, and enforcement staff, and we ask that the city increase funding for such staff to ensure that applicable tenant and worker protection laws are enforced.</i>
22/24	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	<i>Under the Right to Counsel (RTC) law, DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) must provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation and advice. And city data shows that 86% of tenants with RTC representation remain in their homes. But New York State court data shows that due to a shortage of available lawyers, thousands of New Yorkers faced eviction proceedings without lawyers in 2022. Some tenants are also eligible for grants and subsidies that they do not apply for, which could make eviction proceedings unnecessary. We request that the city provide additional funding for DSS, both to completely fulfill its RTC obligation under law, and to support and advocate for tenants in ensuring they receive all the public support for which they are qualified.</i>

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

A comprehensive study of coastal resiliency and flood risk is required between E 25th St. and E 42nd St. east of First Avenue. This area houses human services infrastructure critical to the health and safety of Manhattan residents, such as Bellevue and NYU Langone Hospitals, and the 30th Street Men's Intake Shelter. Even a temporary loss of these facilities would put lives at risk and create extensive hardship. There are also residential apartment buildings, schools, medical practice offices, pet shelters, and other services. The DCP Flood Hazard Mapper shows the study area is vulnerable to flooding to varying degrees. The study is urgently required to ensure this area can maintain operations during coastal storms and that CB6 residents do not suffer the loss of essential services.

TRANSPORTATION

Manhattan Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)

Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan. However, any such plans are on hold indefinitely for lack of funds in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that funds will become available sooner than expected and that the critical accessibility upgrades can be back on schedule. The City should provide funding to the MTA to make all subway stations in and near our district accessible by constructing elevators and accessible entrances to subway platforms.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan. However, any such plans are on hold indefinitely for lack of funds in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that funds will become available sooner than expected and that the critical accessibility upgrades can be back on schedule.</i>	
7/26	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>CB6 continues to receive complaints about individuals, many of them New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, urinating and defecating in parks, POPS, and the street. Individuals do not relieve themselves in public as a choice; they are forced to do so as the City has failed to provide them with public restrooms and handwashing stations. We ask that the City construct new public restrooms in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), including by finding suitable sites to place a few of the automatic public toilets purchased over a decade ago that currently sit in a DCAS warehouse waiting to be installed. Our highest priority is a restroom facility, or more than one, in the vicinity of Bellevue South Park, Bellevue Hospital Center, the Men's Shelter, and the Children's Center.</i>	
10/26	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>It is our understanding that the City has not completed its ADA obligation to install pedestrian ramps and curb cuts at various locations within our District. We can work with the City to identify the areas of most significant need and recognize budget constraints on such projects, but there is a pressing need to provide street accessibility to all residents. In addition, drainage at curb cuts can be an issue that cannot be left to an arbitrary review and work timetable, Inspection at the time of significant rainfall or snow/ice thaw is essential in adapting the schedule to the actual need as soon as possible.</i>	

14/26	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Waterside Plaza has an existing pedestrian bridge at East 25th Street which should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end. The agency should also work with Waterside to make sure that resident concerns are addressed including the installation of safer surfaces that reduce problems in snow and rain, improved lighting and other safety issues. It is our understanding that the project is in the Ten-Year Plan. However, we are concerned that this project will continue to be deferred and want to express our interest in having the project be completed. When we are certain the project is securely in the plan, we will shift this item to Continued Support.</i>
17/26	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Manhattan Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to not delay this work. We understand that federal money and other sources will be challenged for the near term. However, this is an essential infrastructure project that is needed to ensure the vitality of Midtown Manhattan as a business and residential community.</i>
18/26	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Numerous express buses that originate in the outer boroughs end their routes in or near Manhattan Community District 6. However, these buses have no suitable parking options and therefore park in our district's streets, taking away parking spaces from residents and blocking bus lanes. Residents frequently complain about express buses parking along 34th and 57th Streets, and in the 2nd Avenue bus lane. CB6 has passed resolutions in support of finding layover locations for these buses. A bus depot or other solution will remove obstructions from our bus lanes and increase parking availability.</i>

22/26	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>We request automatic walkway counters at strategic locations throughout Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) that would collect counts for pedestrians and cyclists. This data is valuable for multi-modal planning in CD6 for pedestrians and cyclists, specifically for projects relating to the new Green Wave initiative and other system improvements in CD6. Ideal counters would be able to differentiate between cyclists and pedestrians and distinguish the direction of users. Data would then be made available to CB6 through regular reports. A permanent walkway counter would allow for the collection of data year-round, making it easier to understand total use and identify trends over time.</i>	
CS	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and we hear from constituents that have been hit by bikes at this "pinch point." The Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. The bridge is currently fully funded with \$129M in City capital funds and we advocate for the project's swift progress, as creating a safe space for pedestrians and cyclist is an urgent concern here.</i>	East River Esplanade East 13th Street East 13th Street

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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9/24	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>The entrance area for the Queens Midtown Tunnel is plagued by numerous problems: constant traffic backups, slow buses, pedestrian safety issues, and a lack of a bicycle lane for the part of Second Avenue that includes the Queens Midtown Tunnel area. All these issues need addressing, but first, CB6 believes that the NYC Department of Transportation needs to perform a comprehensive traffic study that can figure out how to best address these issues. CB6 requests a traffic study for the Queens Midtown Tunnel entrance area, with the study area being between 38th and 33rd Streets (north to south) and between the FDR Drive and 3rd Avenue (east to west).</i>
14/24	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>For each of the past several years, well over 1,000 calls about street conditions have been made to 311 in Manhattan Community District 6. Given this fact, robust paving personnel is necessary to repair roads in poor condition as well as keep roads in good condition. Having more paving crews would also prevent lane closures, improve traffic in spots, and avoid damage to cars, trucks and city vehicles due to potholes and sinkholes.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 6

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

CB6 selects parks as an important capital priority because of limited open space in our district. In a borough-wide comparison, CD6 has the least amount of open space and outdoor recreation. CD6 is also one of the densest districts in New York City, with 146.8k residents and only 18 acres of park space. Compared to other districts, the ratio of parks to people is disproportionate, ranking open space as one of CB6's top capital and expense objectives. CB6 advocates for additional open space and improved park facilities that provide not just rest and recreational opportunities but also visual relief in the district's densely developed areas.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Five security cameras are needed at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza for essential public safety in the ungated 1.5-acre public space which serves global and local populations on a block with the Japan Society, the Holy Family Church, the Family School, U.N. Missions and a residential building. Cameras should be installed on the block-long plaza with additional cameras placed at three points in the wooded garden, locations designated by Parks Department representatives during site visits. In addition, the park's six fountains — inoperative for three years — are in need of repair. Other infrastructure needs for the plaza includes painting, masonry, plumbing and electrical systems, plus improvements like a second entrance to the garden and lighting for the sculpture platform.</i>	E. 47 St. bet. 1 Ave. and 2 Ave., Manhattan
6/26	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Public safety and environmental health upgrades are needed at Stuyvesant Square, with security cameras, restoration of park buildings, lighting and electricity repair the park priorities. Security cameras should be placed at each of the park's eight entrances. The east building requires electricity, plumbing, and structure repairs to be used for storage and staffing. ConEd reports that it will not run electrical lines to the east building until building electrical repairs are made. The west building also needs repairs. LED lighting is needed for park lampposts on both sides of the park. The irrigation system and east fountain require repaired electricity. During a drought in 2022, the demise of a tree and many other plants in the park was attributed to the broken irrigation system.</i>	Rutherford Pl. To N D Perlman Pl., E 15 St. To E 17 St., Manhattan

8/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>On behalf of the Office Manager at Asser Levy Recreation Center, CB6 asks for substantial renovation and upgrades at the recreation center: replace, upgrade, and flood proofs the center's windows; replace all ceiling tiles at the recreation center; repair indoor pool dehumidifier/HVAC system; add LED lights in the pool. In addition, CB6 requests that air conditioning is installed throughout the building. CB6 request that the men's locker room, woman's locker room, and handicapped restrooms are remodeled to include new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks.</i>	392 Asser Levy Place
13/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Department of City Planning confirms our district has “the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts”. Still, our district has underutilized land that should be repurposed as park space. There's 276,000 sq ft of privately-owned land at 38th & 1st Avenue that has sat vacant for over a decade; there are two prime City-owned waterfront spaces at 34th Street: an 11,000 sq ft property that is currently used as a parking lot and a 40,000 sq ft heliport that adversely impacts the quality of life of nearby residents and was the origin of the helicopter that crashed into a midtown office building on June 10, 2019, killing the pilot. There's approximately 25,000 sq ft of City-owned waterfront space at 30th Street that is only used intermittently as a party venue.</i>	34th Street & the FDR
15/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Located adjacent to MS 104 and regularly used by many students and community residents, Peter's Field has long been in need of an upgrade. Community Board Six has received various complaints that the facility is not up to standard and, as such, decreases the enjoyment of the space--especially the basketball courts--and delivers a perception that the community is a victim of urban blight. The upgrade should be anchored by leveling and repainting the damaged, uneven and potentially unsafe court surface. Peter's Field is home to the only NYC Parks basketball facility in the district that has rims that do not allow nets, so regulation basketball rims, backboards, stanchions and nets should be installed.</i>	E. 20th St. To E. 21st St., along 2nd Avenue

16/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>CB6 requests that the bluestone sidewalk at Ralph J. Bunche Park be reconstructed. The bluestone pavers have been deteriorating for years and are dangerous to pedestrians and those using walkers and wheelchairs. It poses ADA issues and potential liability issues for the City. We also note that this Park is opposite the south end of the UN property and is viewed by and used by visitors to the UN.</i>	
20/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>We have been alerted that elevators at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center need to be renovated and that locker rooms are in need of repair and updating. We are supportive of our recreation centers and among the repairs and renovations we would like to see any improvements that might allow faster re-opening of all or part of the facility if there is a future pandemic or required shut down.</i>	348 East 54th Street, New York, NY 10022
21/26	DCAS	Other capital budget request for DCAS	<i>Yes, CB6 secured a new office a few years ago, but we request a City-owned multi-use facility to accommodate local offices of resident-facing City agencies, the community board office, and public meeting space for events of varying size. East Midtown lacks places for the Community Board and other groups to meet, particularly with social distancing. Just a few years ago CB6 went through an arduous 3 ½ year process to replace its office, as space was at premium prices and in high demand. A City owned solution would provide a permanent, affordable space. A city owned multi-use property could also be called into service for a citywide emergency or can be used as a polling place. We ask DCAS to recognize these needs.</i>	

23/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>More than 500 pickleball and handball players in the St. Vartan Park community are in need of renovated courts in the west end of the park on each side of the handball wall. The four pickleball courts require resurfacing to create regulation-size and level playing surfaces, and appropriate lines for both pickleball and handball. The current courts have cracks and, as such, have been causing player injuries. The surface material currently used for the adjacent basketball courts would be a more appropriate playing surface. As pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport, there is a significant increase in space and time needed for pickleball players. The addition of more court lights and/or lampposts would allow more community members to use the courts.</i>
24/26	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Ralph Bunche Park on First Avenue across the street from the United Nations Headquarters is in need of a water irrigation system for the park's plants. During a drought in 2022, the demise of many plants in the park was attributed to the absence of an irrigation system. The current system of volunteers periodically watering plants through hoses and watering cans is insufficient. With scaffolding in the park having been removed, there is a heightened need for care of sun-impacted plants. In 2022, community residents and visitors to what is known as the city's first peace park were denied a thriving park because of the lack of an irrigation system. Visitors include attendees of September's United Nations General Assembly, the world's largest annual assemblage of world leaders.</i>
25/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The community is in need of significant infrastructure upgrades at the Asser Levy Recreation Center building, for modernization of windows, locker rooms and a multi-purpose room and LED lighting. The requested window modernization upgrades include flood proofing. The locker rooms renovations are for the men's locker room, women's locker room and handicap restrooms. This remodeling will provide new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks. The LED lights are needed for the indoor, intermediate pool. The multi-purpose room hosts recreation activities including dance classes.</i>

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.</i>	FDR Drive and East 36 Street
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>We believe the design work and majority of the physical work has been completed at Bellevue South Park as we and the nearby community requested. We maintain this item as continued support to ensure that the promised funding results in the promised deliverables.</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>It is our understanding that a dog run is included in the current ESCR plans for Project Area 2, in which Murphy Brothers Playground is located. We will be monitoring to make sure this is the case.</i>	Avenue C, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>There are only five comfort stations in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) parks and with greater use during the pandemic, the need for facilities including places to wash hands has increased. CB6 is pleased that the Mayor announced funding in June 2021 for a new comfort station at Murphy Brothers Playground. CB6 urges the City to begin construction as soon as possible.</i>	Avenue C, Manhattan, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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2/24	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks which appear to have ramped up during the pandemic; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South. If additional officers are not possible at this time, we urge that the current level of staffing continue and that the Department of Parks consider patrol routes to address changing needs.</i>
3/24	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Manhattan Community District 6 needs increased staffing at parks, such as a dedicated district gardener, city parks workers, and additional welders. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening and accessibility. Also, non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in our district. The pandemic has resulted in an increase in park usage. And as a district lacking park space, maintaining what little we do have is crucial. We were pleased to see the Executive Budget for FY 2022 included money for 10,000 new hires for the City Clean-up Corps. We hope that the budget will protect this program throughout FY 2022 and FY 2023.</i>
13/24	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>In previous years we have asked for additional electronic assets for libraries and staffing increases. The City did respond with some additional funding and the Branches in our district have told us they do not need an increase at this time even to make internal renovations for social distancing. However, the funding has not been baselined in the budget making reliance on future amounts precarious. We ask that the budget for NYPL and particularly for the branches in our district be baselined and then increased to address upgrades to resources when budgets allow.</i>

17/24	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>In Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 all 59 Community Boards received a non-baselined \$42,500 increase to their OTPS budget. These increases should be baselined to ensure reliable funds that will allow Community Boards to hire new staff and retain current staff. With the changing nature of in-office vs remote work situations, we will need to assess budgetary impacts. Some employees may need to exercise greater independence and less supervision. Expenses for equipment, supplies, and the like may be affected. We therefore urge that at a minimum community board budgets are baseline to FY2020 levels.</i>	211 East 43rd Street
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6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>CB6 asks that additional supportive housing be built in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6). During his 2019 State of the State address Governor Cuomo announced a new commitment to build or rehabilitate 20,000 supportive housing units statewide over the next fifteen years. As CD6 currently has only one supportive housing facility, Kenmore Hall, and especially given CD6's proximity to many public health facilities that support this population, CB6 asks that additional supportive housing units be built in CD6. In addition, CB6 asks that the City and State ensure that supportive housing providers be fully funded so that they can continue to operate their current facilities.</i>	
2/26	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan. However, any such plans are on hold indefinitely for lack of funds in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that funds will become available sooner than expected and that the critical accessibility upgrades can be back on schedule.</i>	
3/26	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>There is little supportive housing dedicated to seniors in CD6. While some privately-funded accommodations are available, they are expensive and out of reach for most seniors. CB6 is currently reviewing potential sites for senior housing and asks the City to join us in filling this important need in our community and give significant weight to community input in the selection of the type and location of such services.</i>	

4/26	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Our waterfront is a significant resource for our city and has for many years been a priority for CB6. Currently our community cannot access large segments of our waterfront because our waterfront esplanade has significant gaps: from 41st - 51st Streets, 54th - 56th Streets, and 57th - 59th Streets. In a city where we live in such close quarters, our outdoor spaces, especially our waterfronts, were lifesavers during the pandemic. The Department of City Planning confirms our district has “the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts”. We urgently need an unbroken and accessible waterfront. The East Midtown Greenway will create a waterfront esplanade from 54th to 59th Streets, but CB6 requests a plan for connecting the stalled 41st to 54th Streets segment.</i>	East River Esplanade E 14th Street E 14th Street
5/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Five security cameras are needed at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza for essential public safety in the ungated 1.5-acre public space which serves global and local populations on a block with the Japan Society, the Holy Family Church, the Family School, U.N. Missions and a residential building. Cameras should be installed on the block-long plaza with additional cameras placed at three points in the wooded garden, locations designated by Parks Department representatives during site visits. In addition, the park’s six fountains — inoperative for three years — are in need of repair. Other infrastructure needs for the plaza includes painting, masonry, plumbing and electrical systems, plus improvements like a second entrance to the garden and lighting for the sculpture platform.</i>	E. 47 St. bet. 1 Ave. and 2 Ave., Manhattan

6/26	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Public safety and environmental health upgrades are needed at Stuyvesant Square, with security cameras, restoration of park buildings, lighting and electricity repair the park priorities. Security cameras should be placed at each of the park's eight entrances. The east building requires electricity, plumbing, and structure repairs to be used for storage and staffing. ConEd reports that it will not run electrical lines to the east building until building electrical repairs are made. The west building also needs repairs. LED lighting is needed for park lampposts on both sides of the park. The irrigation system and east fountain require repaired electricity. During a drought in 2022, the demise of a tree and many other plants in the park was attributed to the broken irrigation system.</i>	Rutherford Pl. To N D Perlman Pl., E 15 St. To E 17 St., Manhattan
7/26	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>CB6 continues to receive complaints about individuals, many of them New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, urinating and defecating in parks, POPS, and the street. Individuals do not relieve themselves in public as a choice; they are forced to do so as the City has failed to provide them with public restrooms and handwashing stations. We ask that the City construct new public restrooms in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), including by finding suitable sites to place a few of the automatic public toilets purchased over a decade ago that currently sit in a DCAS warehouse waiting to be installed. Our highest priority is a restroom facility, or more than one, in the vicinity of Bellevue South Park, Bellevue Hospital Center, the Men's Shelter, and the Children's Center.</i>	
8/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>On behalf of the Office Manager at Asser Levy Recreation Center, CB6 asks for substantial renovation and upgrades at the recreation center: replace, upgrade, and flood proofs the center's windows; replace all ceiling tiles at the recreation center; repair indoor pool dehumidifier/HVAC system; add LED lights in the pool. In addition, CB6 requests that air conditioning is installed throughout the building. CB6 request that the men's locker room, woman's locker room, and handicapped restrooms are remodeled to include new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks.</i>	392 Asser Levy Place

9/26	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Park and local residents request the installation of video camera(s) in the Garden Area of Dag Hammarskjold Park. District residents have reported criminal or offensive public behavior in the Park but PEP Officers and law enforcement are hindered by the need to actually observe the behavior when it occurs. Surveillance by video camera(s) would be a cost-effective means to identify incidents and deter future illegal activity.</i>	E. 47 St. between 1 Ave. and 2 Ave.
10/26	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>It is our understanding that the City has not completed its ADA obligation to install pedestrian ramps and curb cuts at various locations within our District. We can work with the City to identify the areas of most significant need and recognize budget constraints on such projects, but there is a pressing need to provide street accessibility to all residents. In addition, drainage at curb cuts can be an issue that cannot be left to an arbitrary review and work timetable, Inspection at the time of significant rainfall or snow/ice thaw is essential in adapting the schedule to the actual need as soon as possible.</i>	
11/26	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>A video security system at Bellevue South Park would increase security for people using the park and help identify and deter criminal activity. Manhattan CB6 board office continues to receive notices from residents about problems at this site. Members of the board who reside at this location report that regularly they see inappropriate and vulgar behavior.</i>	Mt. Carmel Place & E 27th St, New York, NY 10016
12/26	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of: Mitchell-Lama, Section 8 housing, as well as rent-controlled and rent-regulated apartments, has caused areas in CD6 to become increasingly more income segregated. Statistics from ANHD indicate that almost 43% of renters in our district are rent burdened. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to preserve and develop NEW low- and moderate-income housing in CD6.</i>	

13/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Department of City Planning confirms our district has “the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts”. Still, our district has underutilized land that should be repurposed as park space. There's 276,000 sq ft of privately-owned land at 38th & 1st Avenue that has sat vacant for over a decade; there are two prime City-owned waterfront spaces at 34th Street: an 11,000 sq ft property that is currently used as a parking lot and a 40,000 sq ft heliport that adversely impacts the quality of life of nearby residents and was the origin of the helicopter that crashed into a midtown office building on June 10, 2019, killing the pilot. There's approximately 25,000 sq ft of City-owned waterfront space at 30th Street that is only used intermittently as a party venue.</i>	34th Street & the FDR
14/26	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Waterside Plaza has an existing pedestrian bridge at East 25th Street which should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end. The agency should also work with Waterside to make sure that resident concerns are addressed including the installation of safer surfaces that reduce problems in snow and rain, improved lighting and other safety issues. It is our understanding that the project is in the Ten-Year Plan. However, we are concerned that this project will continue to be deferred and want to express our interest in having the project be completed. When we are certain the project is securely in the plan, we will shift this item to Continued Support.</i>	
15/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Located adjacent to MS 104 and regularly used by many students and community residents, Peter's Field has long been in need of an upgrade. Community Board Six has received various complaints that the facility is not up to standard and, as such, decreases the enjoyment of the space--especially the basketball courts--and delivers a perception that the community is a victim of urban blight. The upgrade should be anchored by leveling and repainting the damaged, uneven and potentially unsafe court surface. Peter's Field is home to the only NYC Parks basketball facility in the district that has rims that do not allow nets, so regulation basketball rims, backboards, stanchions and nets should be installed.</i>	E. 20th St. To E. 21st St., along 2nd Avenue

16/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>CB6 requests that the bluestone sidewalk at Ralph J. Bunche Park be reconstructed. The bluestone pavers have been deteriorating for years and are dangerous to pedestrians and those using walkers and wheelchairs. It poses ADA issues and potential liability issues for the City. We also note that this Park is opposite the south end of the UN property and is viewed by and used by visitors to the UN.</i>
17/26	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Manhattan Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to not delay this work. We understand that federal money and other sources will be challenged for the near term. However, this is an essential infrastructure project that is needed to ensure the vitality of Midtown Manhattan as a business and residential community.</i>
18/26	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Numerous express buses that originate in the outer boroughs end their routes in or near Manhattan Community District 6. However, these buses have no suitable parking options and therefore park in our district's streets, taking away parking spaces from residents and blocking bus lanes. Residents frequently complain about express buses parking along 34th and 57th Streets, and in the 2nd Avenue bus lane. CB6 has passed resolutions in support of finding layover locations for these buses. A bus depot or other solution will remove obstructions from our bus lanes and increase parking availability.</i>

19/26	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The FY 2022 Budget includes funding to open 25 more senior centers in underserved communities. Manhattan Community District 6 only has Stein Senior Center and the Center at St. Peter's, a satellite location of Lenox Hill Houses located in CD8. For almost 20 years we have asked the City to establish a new senior center in our district and now ask that our district be included in the new funding for the establishment of a senior center, particularly focused on the ability to have safe programming. Further, we ask that CB6 be included in all aspects of the decision making for location and facilities of the new center. We also ask that DFTA enlist the use of other City owned facilities such as colleges & schools for programming needs.</i>	
20/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>We have been alerted that elevators at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center need to be renovated and that locker rooms are in need of repair and updating. We are supportive of our recreation centers and among the repairs and renovations we would like to see any improvements that might allow faster re-opening of all or part of the facility if there is a future pandemic or required shut down.</i>	348 East 54th Street, New York, NY 10022
21/26	DCAS	Other capital budget request for DCAS	<i>Yes, CB6 secured a new office a few years ago, but we request a City-owned multi-use facility to accommodate local offices of resident-facing City agencies, the community board office, and public meeting space for events of varying size. East Midtown lacks places for the Community Board and other groups to meet, particularly with social distancing. Just a few years ago CB6 went through an arduous 3 ½ year process to replace its office, as space was at premium prices and in high demand. A City owned solution would provide a permanent, affordable space. A city owned multi-use property could also be called into service for a citywide emergency or can be used as a polling place. We ask DCAS to recognize these needs.</i>	

22/26	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>We request automatic walkway counters at strategic locations throughout Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) that would collect counts for pedestrians and cyclists. This data is valuable for multi-modal planning in CD6 for pedestrians and cyclists, specifically for projects relating to the new Green Wave initiative and other system improvements in CD6. Ideal counters would be able to differentiate between cyclists and pedestrians and distinguish the direction of users. Data would then be made available to CB6 through regular reports. A permanent walkway counter would allow for the collection of data year-round, making it easier to understand total use and identify trends over time.</i>
23/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>More than 500 pickleball and handball players in the St. Vartan Park community are in need of renovated courts in the west end of the park on each side of the handball wall. The four pickleball courts require resurfacing to create regulation-size and level playing surfaces, and appropriate lines for both pickleball and handball. The current courts have cracks and, as such, have been causing player injuries. The surface material currently used for the adjacent basketball courts would be a more appropriate playing surface. As pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport, there is a significant increase in space and time needed for pickleball players. The addition of more court lights and/or lampposts would allow more community members to use the courts.</i>

24/26	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Ralph Bunche Park on First Avenue across the street from the United Nations Headquarters is in need of a water irrigation system for the park's plants. During a drought in 2022, the demise of many plants in the park was attributed to the absence of an irrigation system. The current system of volunteers periodically watering plants through hoses and watering cans is insufficient. With scaffolding in the park having been removed, there is a heightened need for care of sun-impacted plants. In 2022, community residents and visitors to what is known as the city's first peace park were denied a thriving park because of the lack of an irrigation system. Visitors include attendees of September's United Nations General Assembly, the world's largest annual assemblage of world leaders.</i>
25/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The community is in need of significant infrastructure upgrades at the Asser Levy Recreation Center building, for modernization of windows, locker rooms and a multi-purpose room and LED lighting. The requested window modernization upgrades include flood proofing. The locker rooms renovations are for the men's locker room, women's locker room and handicap restrooms. This remodeling will provide new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks. The LED lights are needed for the indoor, intermediate pool. The multi-purpose room hosts recreation activities including dance classes.</i>
26/26	EDC	Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime	<i>Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) hosts a premier medical corridor along First Ave that includes several major hospitals and the successful Alexandria Center for Life Science. This cluster of institutions, in addition to university and training facilities, make our district ideal for construction of additional, affordable research lab space and tech-related incubators. The rising cost in the traditional office corridors discourages greater expansion of these industries in New York. We welcome the added employment opportunities they bring, as well as the partnerships they can forge with our educational centers. We encourage exploration of city-owned sites for this purpose.</i>

CS	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>It is our understanding that PS 116 currently has no security system or not a sufficient security system, making it difficult for the school to keep track of what is going on throughout its building. At this time, it is not clear exactly what will be needed in light of other modifications to the physical plant to accommodate any health-required changes to the building interior and entrances/exits. We do know that installing a security system at PS 116 will be a major step towards ensuring the safety of kids at the school.</i>	210 East 33 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and we hear from constituents that have been hit by bikes at this "pinch point." The Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. The bridge is currently fully funded with \$129M in City capital funds and we advocate for the project's swift progress, as creating a safe space for pedestrians and cyclist is an urgent concern here.</i>	East River Esplanade East 13th Street East 13th Street
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.</i>	FDR Drive and East 36 Street
CS	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Solar One conducts numerous educational programs in the park using indigenous and exogenous varieties of plants as part of its instruction for responsible environmental practices. An irrigation system is essential for survival of the plants used throughout Stuyvesant Cove Park. We request that funds be committed to assist in implementing the system.</i>	24-20 FDR Drive East Service Road

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>We believe the design work and majority of the physical work has been completed at Bellevue South Park as we and the nearby community requested. We maintain this item as continued support to ensure that the promised funding results in the promised deliverables.</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>It is our understanding that a dog run is included in the current ESCR plans for Project Area 2, in which Murphy Brothers Playground is located. We will be monitoring to make sure this is the case.</i>	Avenue C, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>There are only five comfort stations in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) parks and with greater use during the pandemic, the need for facilities including places to wash hands has increased. CB6 is pleased that the Mayor announced funding in June 2021 for a new comfort station at Murphy Brothers Playground. CB6 urges the City to begin construction as soon as possible.</i>	Avenue C, Manhattan, New York, NY

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/24	DYCD	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	<i>According to the latest research by NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, one out of every eight children in New York City experiences homelessness before the fifth grade. The trauma of homelessness leaves many children unable to reach their full potential and in need of expanded support. In addition, elementary schools across the entire city are seeing rises in homeless students, including in Chinatown, Midtown West and Midtown East, with some schools experiencing rates of students in temporary housing as high as 27%. These schools include institutions in our neighboring Community Districts and significantly impact children in PS 116 in our district.</i>	
2/24	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks which appear to have ramped up during the pandemic; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South. If additional officers are not possible at this time, we urge that the current level of staffing continue and that the Department of Parks consider patrol routes to address changing needs.</i>	

3/24	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Manhattan Community District 6 needs increased staffing at parks, such as a dedicated district gardener, city parks workers, and additional welders. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening and accessibility. Also, non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in our district. The pandemic has resulted in an increase in park usage. And as a district lacking park space, maintaining what little we do have is crucial. We were pleased to see the Executive Budget for FY 2022 included money for 10,000 new hires for the City Clean-up Corps. We hope that the budget will protect this program throughout FY 2022 and FY 2023.</i>
4/24	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>A new senior facility providing meals and services has been requested by CB6 for almost 20 years and included as a capital budget request for FY 2023. Our aging population would also benefit from an expansion of programming that can be housed in existing City facilities or in sites run by community organizations, and funded by DFTA and other agencies. Libraries or CBOs, for example, can host or provide exercise programs, fall prevention programming (i.e., Tai Chi), lifelong learning, and technology programming. The pandemic has shown us that creative thinking is needed to find new ways to provide supportive services and programming to relieve isolation and provide intellectual engagement.</i>
5/24	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>The Mayor has several policies and programs meant to improve traffic flow and traffic safety in New York City, such as more protected bicycle lanes, dedicated bus lanes, and Vision Zero. However, because of a lack of traffic enforcement in our district, those policies and programs are left compromised. Protected bicycle lanes are compromised because of drivers interfering with those lanes. Bus lanes are compromised because other vehicles park in those dedicated bus lanes. Vision Zero is compromised because of vehicles that travel in a dangerous manner, therefore compromising the safety and lives of pedestrians. Additional traffic enforcement officers will be helpful in the carrying out of these initiatives.</i>

6/24	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>CB6 requests that funding be enhanced for ACS preventative services that allow families to remain together which maintaining the welfare of the children in the home. We understand these programs are effective in preventing children from entering foster care and can include services such as family or individual counseling, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, home care, and support for pregnant and parenting teens, among others. However, this funding must be coupled with additional staff and better training for caseworkers to ensure children's safety.</i>
7/24	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly in Manhattan Community District 6. 18.3% of the population of the district is over age 65. CB6 requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population. Increased availability of home assistance may become particularly important after the cutbacks in services at senior centers throughout the area. This method of care is far less expensive than subsidized nursing home care, which is typically the alternative. Enhanced home care may also be required for individuals who are at high risk during a pandemic such as Covid-19.</i>
8/24	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>We ask that the City conduct research on how the nonprofit and corporate sectors could help provide restroom and shower facilities to individuals experiencing homelessness. Models for providing restroom and shower facilities in this way currently exist in New York City, including in northern Manhattan and in Battery Park City, and the Manhattan Borough President has made it a priority to develop solutions to the problem. Research would include identifying appropriate locations, operational success experienced by the organizations, level of security required, costs, and a number of other elements. We hope the research would lead to contracting with one or more providers.</i>

9/24	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>The entrance area for the Queens Midtown Tunnel is plagued by numerous problems: constant traffic backups, slow buses, pedestrian safety issues, and a lack of a bicycle lane for the part of Second Avenue that includes the Queens Midtown Tunnel area. All these issues need addressing, but first, CB6 believes that the NYC Department of Transportation needs to perform a comprehensive traffic study that can figure out how to best address these issues. CB6 requests a traffic study for the Queens Midtown Tunnel entrance area, with the study area being between 38th and 33rd Streets (north to south) and between the FDR Drive and 3rd Avenue (east to west).</i>
10/24	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	<i>Noise is our district's #1 complaint. Aside from late-night noise from bars/restaurants, our district also sees increased complaints due to traffic congestion. Our roads are narrower due to bike/bus lanes and we have major approaches in our borders, such as the Queensboro Bridge and Queens Midtown Tunnel. We also host the 34th St Heliport and large construction projects. Finally, because of After-Hours Variances, there are complaints about late night construction noise. More inspectors would stay ahead of complaints with 24/7 monitoring, rather than the current after-the-fact on-site visits. Recognizing budget constraints which may continue into FY2022, we trust that at least staffing not be decreased in this area and that possibilities for additional noise monitoring are explored.</i>
11/24	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>While in recent years we had seen a fairly stable level of over-flowing waste baskets, since the pandemic we are experiencing a major uptick. Trash ends up in the street creating unsightly and unhygienic conditions. Our City Council Members have helped provide additional trash receptacles but the City budget should take up this expense directly.</i>

12/24	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>CB6 asks for the restoration of NYC's graffiti removal program and encourages its application to our district. Graffiti has suddenly become a major problem in Manhattan Community District 6 including in previously graffiti-free areas in Murray Hill and Kips Bay. The graffiti makes the business area unappealing at a time when we hope to encourage patronage of small businesses in the district. Similarly, a degraded quality of life in residential areas has been reported.</i>
13/24	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>In previous years we have asked for additional electronic assets for libraries and staffing increases. The City did respond with some additional funding and the Branches in our district have told us they do not need an increase at this time even to make internal renovations for social distancing. However, the funding has not been baselined in the budget making reliance on future amounts precarious. We ask that the budget for NYPL and particularly for the branches in our district be baselined and then increased to address upgrades to resources when budgets allow.</i>
14/24	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>For each of the past several years, well over 1,000 calls about street conditions have been made to 311 in Manhattan Community District 6. Given this fact, robust paving personnel is necessary to repair roads in poor condition as well as keep roads in good condition. Having more paving crews would also prevent lane closures, improve traffic in spots, and avoid damage to cars, trucks and city vehicles due to potholes and sinkholes.</i>
15/24	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>With an aging population comes a greater need for attention to crimes perpetrated that are particular to seniors. Combating elder abuse, whether physical (domestic) abuse or the financial kind is critical in a district that has 18.2% of its population over the age of 65 (and growing). CB6 asks for additional funds to be devoted to specialized programs developed by the Department for the Aging to identify and prevent these situations. Additionally, more data on the extent of elder abuse in our city would be helpful in identifying needs in the district and citywide.</i>

16/24	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>CB6 would like to see enhanced funding for job training programs in existence or under development by HRA and its partners. These programs seek to increase clients' skills, readying them for employment and facilitating their exit from public assistance. These programs and associated training materials should be free or low-cost so as not to deter clients from participating. With the recent disruption to jobs due to the pandemic and the need to assist individuals who are either experiencing homelessness or seek an exit from public assistance, training is increasingly needed.</i>	
17/24	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>In Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 all 59 Community Boards received a non-baselined \$42,500 increase to their OTPS budget. These increases should be baselined to ensure reliable funds that will allow Community Boards to hire new staff and retain current staff. With the changing nature of in-office vs remote work situations, we will need to assess budgetary impacts. Some employees may need to exercise greater independence and less supervision. Expenses for equipment, supplies, and the like may be affected. We therefore urge that at a minimum community board budgets are baseline to FY2020 levels.</i>	211 East 43rd Street
18/24	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	<i>We were pleased to see that the FY 2023 budget provides some funds to support seniors living at home. For tens of thousands of seniors in Manhattan Community District 6 who remain capable of independent and semi-independent living, aging in place is the best way to remain in a comfortable and familiar environment, and retain their neighborhood connections and access to services and support. Our district has the third-highest proportion of residents over 65 in Manhattan and the tenth-highest in the city, and that proportion is increasing. As our residents age, we hope the administration will increase funding for this commitment.</i>	

19/24	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Renters in New York City depend on HPD to enforce housing quality and safety codes and to protect tenants from harassment and discrimination, and individuals working in affordable housing construction depend on HPD to enforce certain wage laws. The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) also depends on collaboration with HPD to enforce tenant protections at the state level. We understand that HPD's ability to do this important work depends on adequate funding for monitoring, investigation, and enforcement staff, and we ask that the city increase funding for such staff to ensure that applicable tenant and worker protection laws are enforced.</i>
20/24	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	<i>CD6 has experienced an increase in the density of shelters and facilities serving New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, leading to a quality-of-life impact on other residents in parts of our district. While we know that our district is home to permanent facilities like the 30th Street Men's Shelter and Bellevue with their own impacts, the Fair Share analyses submitted by DHS do not seem to reflect the reality on the ground in other parts of CD6, leading to DHS siting decisions that exacerbate disparities. We ask that the city fund a comprehensive census of shelters and facilities to update the Fair Share data, to ensure that their community impact is distributed equitably across the city.</i>
21/24	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>As the population of sheltered New Yorkers experiencing homelessness increases, the number of individuals spending time on the street during the day is also increasing, because many New York City shelter facilities are not open during the day. We ask the city to invest more heavily in services and support for people experiencing homelessness who are living in the shelter system, including dedicated all-day outreach in areas with a large population of sheltered homeless New Yorkers, along with more extensive, standardized, and systematically provided welfare, support, and quality-of-life services for those residents.</i>

22/24	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	<i>Under the Right to Counsel (RTC) law, DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) must provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation and advice. And city data shows that 86% of tenants with RTC representation remain in their homes. But New York State court data shows that due to a shortage of available lawyers, thousands of New Yorkers faced eviction proceedings without lawyers in 2022. Some tenants are also eligible for grants and subsidies that they do not apply for, which could make eviction proceedings unnecessary . We request that the city provide additional funding for DSS, both to completely fulfill its RTC obligation under law, and to support and advocate for tenants in ensuring they receive all the public support for which they are qualified.</i>
23/24	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>This funding increases collection of compost in the district to twice per week, a move that will improve the environment by keeping food and other organics out of landfills. A 2022 EPA study reports that “more than 15 percent of total U.S. human-caused methane emissions come from municipal solid waste landfills.” This expansion will include any residential, commercial, institutional and industrial sources, and prioritize compost locations with the most volume. The funding for this increased collection would include educational outreach to the community. This funding ties to other composting goals in the city. For example, Council Member Keith Powers reported in 2022 that the city’s Zero Waste proposal will “greatly expand accessibility to composting and recycling across our city.”</i>

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

A comprehensive study of coastal resiliency and flood risk is required between E 25th St. and E 42nd St. east of First Avenue. This area houses human services infrastructure critical to the health and safety of Manhattan residents, such as Bellevue and NYU Langone Hospitals, and the 30th Street Men's Intake Shelter. Even a temporary loss of these facilities would put lives at risk and create extensive hardship. There are also residential apartment buildings, schools, medical practice offices, pet shelters, and other services. The DCP Flood Hazard Mapper shows the study area is vulnerable to flooding to varying degrees. The study is urgently required to ensure this area can maintain operations during coastal storms and that CB6 residents do not suffer the loss of essential services.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/34	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>CB6 asks that additional supportive housing be built in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6). During his 2019 State of the State address Governor Cuomo announced a new commitment to build or rehabilitate 20,000 supportive housing units statewide over the next fifteen years. As CD6 currently has only one supportive housing facility, Kenmore Hall, and especially given CD6's proximity to many public health facilities that support this population, CB6 asks that additional supportive housing units be built in CD6. In addition, CB6 asks that the City and State ensure that supportive housing providers be fully funded so that they can continue to operate their current facilities.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
02/34	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan. However, any such plans are on hold indefinitely for lack of funds in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that funds will become available sooner than expected and that the critical accessibility upgrades can be back on schedule.</i>	For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.
03/34	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>There is little supportive housing dedicated to seniors in CD6. While some privately-funded accommodations are available, they are expensive and out of reach for most seniors. CB6 is currently reviewing potential sites for senior housing and asks the City to join us in filling this important need in our community and give significant weight to community input in the selection of the type and location of such services.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
04/34	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Our waterfront is a significant resource for our city and has for many years been a priority for CB6. Currently our community cannot access large segments of our waterfront because our waterfront esplanade has significant gaps: from 41st - 51st Streets, 54th - 56th Streets, and 57th - 59th Streets. In a city where we live in such close quarters, our outdoor spaces, especially our waterfronts, were lifesavers during the pandemic. The Department of City Planning confirms our district has the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts. We urgently need an unbroken and accessible waterfront. The East Midtown Greenway will create a waterfront esplanade from 54th to 59th Streets, but CB6 requests a plan for connecting the stalled 41st to 54th Streets segment.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.

05/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Five security cameras are needed at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza for essential public safety in the ungated 1.5-acre public space which serves global and local populations on a block with the Japan Society, the Holy Family Church, the Family School, U.N. Missions and a residential building. Cameras should be installed on the block-long plaza with additional cameras placed at three points in the wooded garden, locations designated by Parks Department representatives during site visits. In addition, the park's six fountains ? inoperative for three years ? are in need of repair. Other infrastructure needs for the plaza includes painting, masonry, plumbing and electrical systems, plus improvements like a second entrance to the garden and lighting for the sculpture platform.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
06/34	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p><i>Public safety and environmental health upgrades are needed at Stuyvesant Square, with security cameras, restoration of park buildings, lighting and electricity repair the park priorities. Security cameras should be placed at each of the park's eight entrances. The east building requires electricity, plumbing, and structure repairs to be used for storage and staffing. ConEd reports that it will not run electrical lines to the east building until building electrical repairs are made. The west building also needs repairs. LED lighting is needed for park lampposts on both sides of the park. The irrigation system and east fountain require repaired electricity. During a drought in 2022, the demise of a tree and many other plants in the park was attributed to the broken irrigation system.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
07/34	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<p><i>CB6 continues to receive complaints about individuals, many of them New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, urinating and defecating in parks, POPS, and the street. Individuals do not relieve themselves in public as a choice; they are forced to do so as the City has failed to provide them with public restrooms and handwashing stations. We ask that the City construct new public restrooms in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), including by finding suitable sites to place a few of the automatic public toilets purchased over a decade ago that currently sit in a DCAS warehouse waiting to be installed. Our highest priority is a restroom facility, or more than one, in the vicinity of Bellevue South Park, Bellevue Hospital Center, the Men's Shelter, and the Children's Center.</i></p>	Please enter requests for Street Furniture on-line at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/infrastructure/streetfurniture.shtml#suggest

08/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>On behalf of the Office Manager at Asser Levy Recreation Center, CB6 asks for substantial renovation and upgrades at the recreation center: replace, upgrade, and flood proofs the center's windows; replace all ceiling tiles at the recreation center; repair indoor pool dehumidifier/HVAC system; add LED lights in the pool. In addition, CB6 requests that air conditioning is installed throughout the building. CB6 request that the men's locker room, woman's locker room, and handicapped restrooms are remodeled to include new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
09/34	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Park and local residents request the installation of video camera(s) in the Garden Area of Dag Hammarskjold Park. District residents have reported criminal or offensive public behavior in the Park but PEP Officers and law enforcement are hindered by the need to actually observe the behavior when it occurs. Surveillance by video camera(s) would be a cost-effective means to identify incidents and deter future illegal activity.</i>	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.
10/34	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>It is our understanding that the City has not completed its ADA obligation to install pedestrian ramps and curb cuts at various locations within our District. We can work with the City to identify the areas of most significant need and recognize budget constraints on such projects, but there is a pressing need to provide street accessibility to all residents. In addition, drainage at curb cuts can be an issue that cannot be left to an arbitrary review and work timetable, Inspection at the time of significant rainfall or snow/ice thaw is essential in adapting the schedule to the actual need as soon as possible.</i>	Pedestrian ramps will be constructed at all locations citywide by NYCDOT over the next several years. DOT received additional funding for this purpose.
11/34	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>A video security system at Bellevue South Park would increase security for people using the park and help identify and deter criminal activity. Manhattan CB6 board office continues to receive notices from residents about problems at this site. Members of the board who reside at this location report that regularly they see inappropriate and vulgar behavior.</i>	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.

12/34	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of: Mitchell-Lama, Section 8 housing, as well as rent-controlled and rent-regulated apartments, has caused areas in CD6 to become increasingly more income segregated. Statistics from ANHD indicate that almost 43% of renters in our district are rent burdened. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to preserve and develop NEW low- and moderate-income housing in CD6.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/34	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Department of City Planning confirms our district has ?the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts?. Still, our district has underutilized land that should be repurposed as park space. There's 276,000 sq ft of privately-owned land at 38th & 1st Avenue that has sat vacant for over a decade; there are two prime City-owned waterfront spaces at 34th Street: an 11,000 sq ft property that is currently used as a parking lot and a 40,000 sq ft heliport that adversely impacts the quality of life of nearby residents and was the origin of the helicopter that crashed into a midtown office building on June 10, 2019, killing the pilot. There?s approximately 25,000 sq ft of City-owned waterfront space at 30th Street that is only used intermittently as a party venue.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
14/34	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Waterside Plaza has an existing pedestrian bridge at East 25th Street which should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end. The agency should also work with Waterside to make sure that resident concerns are addressed including the installation of safer surfaces that reduce problems in snow and rain, improved lighting and other safety issues. It is our understanding that the project is in the Ten-Year Plan. However, we are concerned that this project will continue to be deferred and want to express our interest in having the project be completed. When we are certain the project is securely in the plan, we will shift this item to Continued Support.</i>	This project is included in the ten-year plan.

15/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Located adjacent to MS 104 and regularly used by many students and community residents, Peter's Field has long been in need of an upgrade. Community Board Six has received various complaints that the facility is not up to standard and, as such, decreases the enjoyment of the space--especially the basketball courts--and delivers a perception that the community is a victim of urban blight. The upgrade should be anchored by leveling and repainting the damaged, uneven and potentially unsafe court surface. Peter's Field is home to the only NYC Parks basketball facility in the district that has rims that do not allow nets, so regulation basketball rims, backboards, stanchions and nets should be installed.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
16/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>CB6 requests that the bluestone sidewalk at Ralph J. Bunche Park be reconstructed. The bluestone pavers have been deteriorating for years and are dangerous to pedestrians and those using walkers and wheelchairs. It poses ADA issues and potential liability issues for the City. We also note that this Park is opposite the south end of the UN property and is viewed by and used by visitors to the UN.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
17/34	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Manhattan Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to not delay this work. We understand that federal money and other sources will be challenged for the near term. However, this is an essential infrastructure project that is needed to ensure the vitality of Midtown Manhattan as a business and residential community.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
18/34	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Numerous express buses that originate in the outer boroughs end their routes in or near Manhattan Community District 6. However, these buses have no suitable parking options and therefore park in our district's streets, taking away parking spaces from residents and blocking bus lanes. Residents frequently complain about express buses parking along 34th and 57th Streets, and in the 2nd Avenue bus lane. CB6 has passed resolutions in support of finding layover locations for these buses. A bus depot or other solution will remove obstructions from our bus lanes and increase parking availability.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

19/34	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The FY 2022 Budget includes funding to open 25 more senior centers in underserved communities. Manhattan Community District 6 only has Stein Senior Center and the Center at St. Peter's, a satellite location of Lenox Hill Houses located in CD8. For almost 20 years we have asked the City to establish a new senior center in our district and now ask that our district be included in the new funding for the establishment of a senior center, particularly focused on the ability to have safe programming. Further, we ask that CB6 be included in all aspects of the decision making for location and facilities of the new center. We also ask that DFTA enlist the use of other City owned facilities such as colleges & schools for programming needs.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
20/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>We have been alerted that elevators at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center need to be renovated and that locker rooms are in need of repair and updating. We are supportive of our recreation centers and among the repairs and renovations we would like to see any improvements that might allow faster re-opening of all or part of the facility if there is a future pandemic or required shut down.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
21/34	DCAS	Other capital budget request for DCAS	<i>Yes, CB6 secured a new office a few years ago, but we request a City-owned multi-use facility to accommodate local offices of resident-facing City agencies, the community board office, and public meeting space for events of varying size. East Midtown lacks places for the Community Board and other groups to meet, particularly with social distancing. Just a few years ago CB6 went through an arduous 3 year process to replace its office, as space was at premium prices and in high demand. A City owned solution would provide a permanent, affordable space. A city owned multi-use property could also be called into service for a citywide emergency or can be used as a polling place. We ask DCAS to recognize these needs.</i>	That community board relocated to a new long-term leased space at 211 43rd St, NY as of 5/29/2018. Furthermore, there is no available City-owned space within their district.
22/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>We request automatic walkway counters at strategic locations throughout Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) that would collect counts for pedestrians and cyclists. This data is valuable for multi-modal planning in CD6 for pedestrians and cyclists, specifically for projects relating to the new Green Wave initiative and other system improvements in CD6. Ideal counters would be able to differentiate between cyclists and pedestrians and distinguish the direction of users. Data would then be made available to CB6 through regular reports. A permanent walkway counter would allow for the collection of data year-round, making it easier to understand total use and identify trends over time.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

23/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>More than 500 pickleball and handball players in the St. Vartan Park community are in need of renovated courts in the west end of the park on each side of the handball wall. The four pickleball courts require resurfacing to create regulation-size and level playing surfaces, and appropriate lines for both pickleball and handball. The current courts have cracks and, as such, have been causing player injuries. The surface material currently used for the adjacent basketball courts would be a more appropriate playing surface. As pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport, there is a significant increase in space and time needed for pickleball players. The addition of more court lights and/or lampposts would allow more community members to use the courts.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
24/34	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p><i>Ralph Bunche Park on First Avenue across the street from the United Nations Headquarters is in need of a water irrigation system for the park's plants. During a drought in 2022, the demise of many plants in the park was attributed to the absence of an irrigation system.</i></p> <p><i>The current system of volunteers periodically watering plants through hoses and watering cans is insufficient. With scaffolding in the park having been removed, there is a heightened need for care of sun-impacted plants. In 2022, community residents and visitors to what is known as the city's first peace park were denied a thriving park because of the lack of an irrigation system. Visitors include attendees of September's United Nations General Assembly, the world's largest annual assemblage of world leaders.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
25/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<p><i>The community is in need of significant infrastructure upgrades at the Asser Levy Recreation Center building, for modernization of windows, locker rooms and a multi-purpose room and LED lighting. The requested window modernization upgrades include flood proofing. The locker rooms renovations are for the men's locker room, women's locker room and handicap restrooms. This remodeling will provide new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks. The LED lights are needed for the indoor, intermediate pool. The multi-purpose room hosts recreation activities including dance classes.</i></p>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

26/34	EDC	Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime	<i>Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) hosts a premier medical corridor along First Ave that includes several major hospitals and the successful Alexandria Center for Life Science. This cluster of institutions, in addition to university and training facilities, make our district ideal for construction of additional, affordable research lab space and tech-related incubators. The rising cost in the traditional office corridors discourages greater expansion of these industries in New York. We welcome the added employment opportunities they bring, as well as the partnerships they can forge with our educational centers. We encourage exploration of city-owned sites for this purpose.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/34	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	<i>It is our understanding that PS 116 currently has no security system or not a sufficient security system, making it difficult for the school to keep track of what is going on throughout its building. At this time, it is not clear exactly what will be needed in light of other modifications to the physical plant to accommodate any health-required changes to the building interior and entrances/exits. We do know that installing a security system at PS 116 will be a major step towards ensuring the safety of kids at the school.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.
CS/34	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Solar One conducts numerous educational programs in the park using indigenous and exogenous varieties of plants as part of its instruction for responsible environmental practices. An irrigation system is essential for survival of the plants used throughout Stuyvesant Cove Park. We request that funds be committed to assist in implementing the system.</i>	Funding constraints, project capacity and citywide priorities preclude this project at this time.
CS/34	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and we hear from constituents that have been hit by bikes at this "pinch point." The Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. The bridge is currently fully funded with \$129M in City capital funds and we advocate for the project's swift progress, as creating a safe space for pedestrians and cyclist is an urgent concern here.</i>	This project is in design by EDC.
CS/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

CS/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>We believe the design work and majority of the physical work has been completed at Bellevue South Park as we and the nearby community requested. We maintain this item as continued support to ensure that the promised funding results in the promised deliverables.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/34	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>It is our understanding that a dog run is included in the current ESCR plans for Project Area 2, in which Murphy Brothers Playground is located. We will be monitoring to make sure this is the case.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/34	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>There are only five comfort stations in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) parks and with greater use during the pandemic, the need for facilities including places to wash hands has increased. CB6 is pleased that the Mayor announced funding in June 2021 for a new comfort station at Murphy Brothers Playground. CB6 urges the City to begin construction as soon as possible.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/24	DOE	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	<i>According to the latest research by NYUs Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, one out of every eight children in New York City experiences homelessness before the fifth grade. The trauma of homelessness leaves many children unable to reach their full potential and in need of expanded support. In addition, elementary schools across the entire city are seeing rises in homeless students, including in Chinatown, Midtown West and Midtown East, with some schools experiencing rates of students in temporary housing as high as 27%. These schools include institutions in our neighboring Community Districts and significantly impact children in PS 116 in our district.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
02/24	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks which appear to have ramped up during the pandemic; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South. If additional officers are not possible at this time, we urge that the current level of staffing continue and that the Department of Parks consider patrol routes to address changing needs.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
03/24	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Manhattan Community District 6 needs increased staffing at parks, such as a dedicated district gardener, city parks workers, and additional welders. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening and accessibility. Also, non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in our district. The pandemic has resulted in an increase in park usage. And as a district lacking park space, maintaining what little we do have is crucial. We were pleased to see the Executive Budget for FY 2022 included money for 10,000 new hires for the City Clean-up Corps. We hope that the budget will protect this program throughout FY 2022 and FY 2023.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

04/24	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>A new senior facility providing meals and services has been requested by CB6 for almost 20 years and included as a capital budget request for FY 2023. Our aging population would also benefit from an expansion of programming that can be housed in existing City facilities or in sites run by community organizations, and funded by DFTA and other agencies. Libraries or CBOs, for example, can host or provide exercise programs, fall prevention programming (i.e., Tai Chi), lifelong learning, and technology programming. The pandemic has shown us that creative thinking is needed to find new ways to provide supportive services and programming to relieve isolation and provide intellectual engagement.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
05/24	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>The Mayor has several policies and programs meant to improve traffic flow and traffic safety in New York City, such as more protected bicycle lanes, dedicated bus lanes, and Vision Zero. However, because of a lack of traffic enforcement in our district, those policies and programs are left compromised. Protected bicycle lanes are compromised because of drivers interfering with those lanes. Bus lanes are compromised because other vehicles park in those dedicated bus lanes. Vision Zero is compromised because of vehicles that travel in a dangerous manner, therefore compromising the safety and lives of pedestrians. Additional traffic enforcement officers will be helpful in the carrying out of these initiatives.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
06/24	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>CB6 requests that funding be enhanced for ACS preventative services that allow families to remain together which maintaining the welfare of the children in the home. We understand these programs are effective in preventing children from entering foster care and can include services such as family or individual counseling, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, home care, and support for pregnant and parenting teens, among others. However, this funding must be coupled with additional staff and better training for caseworkers to ensure children's safety.</i>	ACS currently offers services for youth and families. Please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for additional information at 212-341-2673 or check our website at www.nyc.gov/acs .
07/24	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly in Manhattan Community District 6. 18.3% of the population of the district is over age 65. CB6 requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population. Increased availability of home assistance may become particularly important after the cutbacks in services at senior centers throughout the area. This method of care is far less expensive than subsidized nursing home care, which is typically the alternative. Enhanced home care may also be required for individuals who are at high risk during a pandemic such as Covid-19.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

08/24	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>We ask that the City conduct research on how the nonprofit and corporate sectors could help provide restroom and shower facilities to individuals experiencing homelessness. Models for providing restroom and shower facilities in this way currently exist in New York City, including in northern Manhattan and in Battery Park City, and the Manhattan Borough President has made it a priority to develop solutions to the problem. Research would include identifying appropriate locations, operational success experienced by the organizations, level of security required, costs, and a number of other elements. We hope the research would lead to contracting with one or more providers.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
09/24	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>The entrance area for the Queens Midtown Tunnel is plagued by numerous problems: constant traffic backups, slow buses, pedestrian safety issues, and a lack of a bicycle lane for the part of Second Avenue that includes the Queens Midtown Tunnel area. All these issues need addressing, but first, CB6 believes that the NYC Department of Transportation needs to perform a comprehensive traffic study that can figure out how to best address these issues. CB6 requests a traffic study for the Queens Midtown Tunnel entrance area, with the study area being between 38th and 33rd Streets (north to south) and between the FDR Drive and 3rd Avenue (east to west).</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
10/24	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	<i>Noise is our district's #1 complaint. Aside from late-night noise from bars/restaurants, our district also sees increased complaints due to traffic congestion. Our roads are narrower due to bike/bus lanes and we have major approaches in our borders, such as the Queensboro Bridge and Queens Midtown Tunnel. We also host the 34th St Heliport and large construction projects. Finally, because of After-Hours Variances, there are complaints about late night construction noise. More inspectors would stay ahead of complaints with 24/7 monitoring, rather than the current after-the-fact on-site visits. Recognizing budget constraints which may continue into FY2022, we trust that at least staffing not be decreased in this area and that possibilities for additional noise monitoring are explored.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
11/24	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>While in recent years we had seen a fairly stable level of over-flowing waste baskets, since the pandemic we are experiencing a major uptick. Trash ends up in the street creating unsightly and unhygienic conditions. Our City Council Members have helped provide additional trash receptacles but the City budget should take up this expense directly.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.

12/24	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>CB6 asks for the restoration of NYC's graffiti removal program and encourages its application to our district. Graffiti has suddenly become a major problem in Manhattan Community District 6 including in previously graffiti-free areas in Murray Hill and Kips Bay. The graffiti makes the business area unappealing at a time when we hope to encourage patronage of small businesses in the district. Similarly, a degraded quality of life in residential areas has been reported.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
13/24	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>In previous years we have asked for additional electronic assets for libraries and staffing increases. The City did respond with some additional funding and the Branches in our district have told us they do not need an increase at this time even to make internal renovations for social distancing, However, the funding has not been baselined in the budget making reliance on future amounts precarious. We ask that the budget for NYPL and particularly for the branches in our district be baselined and then increased to address upgrades to resources when budgets allow.</i>	NYPL is in favor of this project but added or restored City funding is required for all expense budget costs and any needed capital costs. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Contact NYPL for more information.
14/24	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>For each of the past several years, well over 1,000 calls about street conditions have been made to 311 in Manhattan Community District 6. Given this fact, robust paving personnel is necessary to repair roads in poor condition as well as keep roads in good condition. Having more paving crews would also prevent lane closures, improve traffic in spots, and avoid damage to cars, trucks and city vehicles due to potholes and sinkholes.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner with the specific location(s) of concern.
15/24	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<i>With an aging population comes a greater need for attention to crimes perpetrated that are particular to seniors. Combating elder abuse, whether physical (domestic) abuse or the financial kind is critical in a district that has 18.2% of its population over the age of 65 (and growing). CB6 asks for additional funds to be devoted to specialized programs developed by the Department for the Aging to identify and prevent these situations. Additionally, more data on the extent of elder abuse in our city would be helpful in identifying needs in the district and citywide.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

16/24	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	<i>CB6 would like to see enhanced funding for job training programs in existence or under development by HRA and its partners. These programs seek to increase clients' skills, readying them for employment and facilitating their exit from public assistance. These programs and associated training materials should be free or low-cost so as not to deter clients from participating. With the recent disruption to jobs due to the pandemic and the need to assist individuals who are either experiencing homelessness or seek an exit from public assistance, training is increasingly needed.</i>	HRA's Career Services provides services to clients to assist them in developing job skills, obtaining employment, financial counseling and building sustainable careers that provide a path out of poverty.
17/24	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>In Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 all 59 Community Boards received a non-baselined \$42,500 increase to their OTPS budget. These increases should be baselined to ensure reliable funds that will allow Community Boards to hire new staff and retain current staff. With the changing nature of in-office vs remote work situations, we will need to assess budgetary impacts. Some employees may need to exercise greater independence and less supervision. Expenses for equipment, supplies, and the like may be affected. We therefore urge that at a minimum community board budgets are baseline to FY2020 levels.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
18/24	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	<i>We were pleased to see that the FY 2023 budget provides some funds to support seniors living at home. For tens of thousands of seniors in Manhattan Community District 6 who remain capable of independent and semi-independent living, aging in place is the best way to remain in a comfortable and familiar environment, and retain their neighborhood connections and access to services and support. Our district has the third-highest proportion of residents over 65 in Manhattan and the tenth-highest in the city, and that proportion is increasing. As our residents age, we hope the administration will increase funding for this commitment.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
19/24	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Renters in New York City depend on HPD to enforce housing quality and safety codes and to protect tenants from harassment and discrimination, and individuals working in affordable housing construction depend on HPD to enforce certain wage laws. The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) also depends on collaboration with HPD to enforce tenant protections at the state level. We understand that HPD's ability to do this important work depends on adequate funding for monitoring, investigation, and enforcement staff, and we ask that the city increase funding for such staff to ensure that applicable tenant and worker protection laws are enforced.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

20/24	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	<i>CD6 has experienced an increase in the density of shelters and facilities serving New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, leading to a quality-of-life impact on other residents in parts of our district. While we know that our district is home to permanent facilities like the 30th Street Men's Shelter and Bellevue with their own impacts, the Fair Share analyses submitted by DHS do not seem to reflect the reality on the ground in other parts of CD6, leading to DHS siting decisions that exacerbate disparities. We ask that the city fund a comprehensive census of shelters and facilities to update the Fair Share data, to ensure that their community impact is distributed equitably across the city.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
21/24	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>As the population of sheltered New Yorkers experiencing homelessness increases, the number of individuals spending time on the street during the day is also increasing, because many New York City shelter facilities are not open during the day. We ask the city to invest more heavily in services and support for people experiencing homelessness who are living in the shelter system, including dedicated all-day outreach in areas with a large population of sheltered homeless New Yorkers, along with more extensive, standardized, and systematically provided welfare, support, and quality-of-life services for those residents.</i>	DHS funds street outreach services in all five boroughs. In addition to services available through DHS, DYCD also funds programs focused on runaway and homeless youth. To learn more about these services, please contact DHS or DYCD.
22/24	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	<i>Under the Right to Counsel (RTC) law, DSS/HRA's Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) must provide tenants facing eviction free legal representation and advice. And city data shows that 86% of tenants with RTC representation remain in their homes. But New York State court data shows that due to a shortage of available lawyers, thousands of New Yorkers faced eviction proceedings without lawyers in 2022. Some tenants are also eligible for grants and subsidies that they do not apply for, which could make eviction proceedings unnecessary. We request that the city provide additional funding for DSS, both to completely fulfill its RTC obligation under law, and to support and advocate for tenants in ensuring they receive all the public support for which they are qualified.</i>	HPD does not administer this program.

23/24	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>This funding increases collection of compost in the district to twice per week, a move that will improve the environment by keeping food and other organics out of landfills. A 2022 EPA study reports that ?more than 15 percent of total U.S. human-caused methane emissions come from municipal solid waste landfills.? This expansion will include any residential, commercial, institutional and industrial sources, and prioritize compost locations with the most volume. The funding for this increased collection would include educational outreach to the community. This funding ties to other composting goals in the city. For example, Council Member Keith Powers reported in 2022 that the city?s Zero Waste proposal will ?greatly expand accessibility to composting and recycling across our city.?</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
24/24	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>A comprehensive study of coastal resiliency and flood risk is required between E 25th St. and E 42nd St. east of First Avenue. This area houses human services infrastructure critical to the health and safety of Manhattan residents, such as Bellevue and NYU Langone Hospitals, and the 30th Street Men?s Intake Shelter. Even a temporary loss of these facilities would put lives at risk and create extensive hardship. There are also residential apartment buildings, schools, medical practice offices, pet shelters, and other services. The DCP Flood Hazard Mapper shows the study area is vulnerable to flooding to varying degrees. The study is urgently required to ensure this area can maintain operations during coastal storms and that CB6 residents do not suffer the loss of essential services.</i>	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.