Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2023



Manhattan Community District

## **INTRODUCTION**

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

## **HOW TO USE THIS REPORT**

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

#### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

## 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

## 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY23 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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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	
							Percentage	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point	
AGE								
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0	
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8	
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN</b>	NIC 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 houing 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			10	Change, 2010-2020		
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	1,585,873	100.00	1,694,251	100.00	108,378	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	234,435	14.8	232,511	13.7	-1,924	-0.8	-1.1
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN	NIC 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 houing 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 9**

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	110,193	100.00	110,458	100.00	265	0.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	19,170	17.4	15,110	13.7	-4,060	-21.2	-3.7
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN</b>	IIC ORIGIN						
Total population	110,193	100.0	110,458	100.0	265	0.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	47,102	42.7	42,523	38.5	-4,579	-9.7	-4.2
White non-Hispanic	25,385	23.0	28,290	25.6	2,905	11.4	2.6
Black non-Hispanic	27,109	24.6	23,322	21.1	-3,787	-14.0	-3.5
Asian non-Hispanic	7,532	6.8	10,784	9.8	3,252	43.2	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	711	0.6	1,308	1.2	597	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,354	2.1	4,231	3.8	1,877	79.7	1.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	42,973	100.0	44,900	100.0	1,927	4.5	0.0
Occupied housing units	39,856	92.7	41,325	92.0	1,469	3.7	-0.7
Vacant housing units	3,117	7.3	3,575	8.0	458	14.7	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

## **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 COMMU	NITY DISTRICT		

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is made up of several distinct neighborhoods, Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights and a portion of Central Harlem. Our district runs from 110th Street to 155th Street. Our Eastern border runs along Manhattan/Morningside Aves, St. Nicholas/Edgecombe and Bradhurst Aves and the Hudson River is our Western border. Each neighborhood is a distinct community, but all face growing challenges of housing affordability, increased homelessness, and a lack of youth development and employment opportunities. The coronavirus has taken a heavy toll on our community both in terms of cases and deaths, in the economic devastation from businesses closed and jobs lost, and in terms of education interrupted by remote learning that remained inaccessible to many families lacking digital connections or tech skills to troubleshoot issues. Because the demographics of our neighborhoods include many intersections of vulnerable populations (frontline workers, low-income, heavily Black and Latino, many seniors, and high rates of pre-existing conditions like heart disease), our neighborhoods continue to require sustained and aggressive programming for vaccination, testing and tracing, PPE distribution, and anti-hunger initiatives. After being ignored by the City in the initial vaccination rollout in the winter and spring of 2021 (with no City-run vaccination sites in our district until City College was selected at the end of March), our vaccination rates continue to lag those of Manhattan and the city as a whole. ZIP code 10027 has only 62.57% of the population fully vaccinated while 10031 has only 63.81%, compared with a 68% fully vaccinated rate citywide and a 76% fully vaccinated rate in Manhattan. General Grant Houses had the most deaths of any NYCHA development in the city during the first wave of cases this spring, and Manhattanville Houses had a similarly high death toll during the second wave in the fall and winter of 2020. Even prior to the pandemic, our neighborhoods' poverty rate of 20% was significantly higher than the city's overall rate of 15.6%, with poverty concentrated among both families with young children (32.7% of whom were below the poverty line) and the elderly (23.6% of whom lived below the poverty line). Even when looking at a cutoff of 200% of the federal poverty line, our neighborhoods collectively had 34.8% of households below that limit compared to the citywide rate of 29.3% Due to the concentration of residents who held service jobs in the hospitality industry (cooks, servers, bartenders, hotel and facilities workers) and employment in the arts collectively making up 17.4% of the population as of 2018 compared to the citywide average of 10.9%, unemployment in our ZIP codes has soared, hitting 17.69% in 10031, 19.31% in 10027, and 6.68% in 10025 (shared with MCD7). And as work, school, and social life began "going remote," families and individuals in our community were at a disadvantage, with 7.1% of households only having internet on their cellular devices and 13.7% of households lacking an internet connection entirely as of 2019 ACS data. In order to recover from the pandemic, our neighborhood will require sustained support for our most vulnerable, including but not limited to the following interventions:

- Income assistance
- Job placement and training
- Workforce development, particularly in high-growth fields not requiring a college degree like the construction trades, life sciences, and skilled building maintenance
- Subsidized or free internet connections
- Digital literacy programs
- Small business support
- Assistance to renters
- Assistance to homeowners, especially with repairs and capital expenses as well as lower interest rates and more flexible plans for water/sewage arrears and property tax arrears.

Immediate expenditures by agencies, aside from rent assistance, include further technological assistance to families in DOE schools who have difficulty participating in remote learning, an expansion of the Cure Violence program to cover the southern portion of Hamilton Heights where there has been an alarming escalation in the number of shootings, increased resources for homelessness outreach and services, especially around Montefiore Park on Broadway and W 136th to W 138th Streets, and resumption of regular DSNY curb basket collection to help control pest populations. All of these are included in our budget priorities.

Longer-term trends continue to threaten our vibrancy as a diverse, mixed-income community. From 2000 to 2019, the Black population of MCD9 declined from 29.1% to 15.2%; the Hispanic population of MCD9 declined from 42.7% to 37%; and the white population of MCD9 grew from 20.3% to 35.7%. During the same timeframe, households earning less than \$60,000 annually declined from 59.4% to 51.6%; households earning between \$60,000 to \$250,000 grew from 36.6% to 41.1%; and households earning more than \$250,000 grew from 4% to 7.4%. These

trends, accompanied by persistently high eviction rates and a rise in rthe percentage of rent-burdened households, were caused by persistent gentrification marked by residential and commercial displacement of working-class and low-income households in favor of younger, whiter, more highly-educated and higher-income, but more transient students and recent graduates. While we expect the improved 2019 rent regulations and the expansion of the Right to Counsel law to slow the rate of residential displacement, additional resources for proactive tenant legal representation and organizing are necessary to stabilize the neighborhood and protect our economic and racial diversity.

Morningside Heights in the southern portion of the Board contains many of the area's numerous institutions: Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Bank Street College of Education, Columbia University, Barnard College, Teacher's College, Manhattan School of Music, Union Theological Seminary, Jewish Theological Seminary, The National Council of Churches, Riverside Church, Grotto of Notre Dame, and the Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital Center. Morningside Heights itself is an extremely diverse area and is anchored at the northern end by the General Grant Houses NYCHA development and the former limited-equity cooperative Morningside Gardens. Real estate in Morningside Heights is overwhelmingly owned by the aforementioned institutions, with the remaining parcels generally belonging to private co-ops, with a small cluster of rent-stabilized, non-institutionally-owned rental buildings in the northwest area of the neighborhood around Tiemann Place, La Salle Street, and Claremont Avenue. Morningside Heights has recently been the site of battles fought with institutions selling property to developers who then build luxury condominium or rental towers "as of right" that are out of context with no height limits under current zoning. A grassroots movement has erupted to complete the over thirty year old battle to undertake a study to rezone the area of Morningside Heights and put limits on the height and context of buildings in this portion of the district. To the north of Morningside Heights is Manhattanville, which begins at roughly 123rd Street and extends northward to 135th Street. This area includes the south campus of the City College, part of the City University of New York; the Manhattanville Houses NYCHA development; Riverside Park Community Housing at 3333 Broadway, (a former Mitchell-Lama rental building), and a number of small commercial establishments. Manhattanville is also the site of Columbia University's new campus, which is currently under construction in an area formerly inhabited by light manufacturing businesses that served as a middle-class employment base for many working families in the area. Manhattanville is also home to the District's largest concentration of non-institutional commercial office space in the Manhattanville Factory District, comprising an area east of Amsterdam Avenue and west of Convent Avenue between W 125th and W 130th Streets. The northernmost section of Community Board No. 9 is comprised of Hamilton Heights (which includes the "Hamilton Heights/Sugar Hill Historic District". Hamilton Heights is home to a substantial number of owner- occupied brownstones and also includes the Audubon Houses NYCHA development, Riverview Tower/626 Riverside Drive (a Mitchell-Lama co-operative), and the largest number of Housing Development Fund Cooperatives in the city. There are very few vacant structures or lots. The majority of the small businesses in this area are operated by a diverse group, including Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern, Caribbean, and Asian owner/operators. Hamilton Heights is also home to the North River Pollution Control Plant with the Riverbank State Park on its roof. Hamilton Heights and Manhattanville also abut St. Nicholas Park, the site of the Alexander Hamilton House. The unique topography and history of these areas, partially separated from the rest of Upper Manhattan by a series of bluffs on its eastern end (Jackie Robinson Park, St. Nicholas Park, and Morningside Park) helps to create an eclectic and historic area with its own distinct character. We are proud of our neighborhoods and are committed to maintaining them and ensuring that our neighbors will be afforded an excellent quality of life.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

### Affordable housing

The need for affordable housing has become a major problem for low, medium and middle-income families. A significant portion of Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) renter households is under a financial burden to pay rent. Technically, this includes households who have to use 30% or more of their income towards rent. In 2017, 25% of all CB9 households were "moderately rent-burdened", paying 30% or more of their income towards rent. Even worse, an additional 30% of CB9 households are "Severely rent-burdened", paying 50% of their income on rent. Among our low-income population this number increases to 48% of households. In total, 55% of households in CB9 are severely or moderately rent-burdened. As a result of the expiration of public subsidy contracts for affordable housing, and of rapid private development, long-term residents of public and rent-regulated and subsidized housing face the threat of displacement. Riverside Park Community is a recent example of a lost Mitchell Lama property with over 2,000 apartments we encourage the City to take all steps necessary to protect NYCHA, HPD, and Mitchell-Lama properties from privatization. The privatization of the properties would render many residents homeless. Capital funding for repairs at Audubon and Manhattanville Houses is currently envisioned to occur through RAD/PACT. Community Board 9 has serious concerns about the long-term impact of these programs on tenants' stability and their apartments' habitability, and close monitoring of contractors and communication with residents will be essential to ensuring that the proper scope of work for these developments is selected and the true extent of necessary repairs is understood and fully funded. MCB9 is also home to many buildings still in the Tenant Interim Lease program. Tenants in these City-owned buildings gave up their rent regulated leases in exchange for a commitment from the city to repair the buildings and sell the apartments to the tenants for \$250. The City must fulfill its commitment to these tenants by repairing these buildings and allowing them to become shareholders without having the building shoulder an enormous debt burden, as is the case with the Affordable Neighborhood Cooperative Program. Fully funding repairs and co-op conversions in TIL buildings and former TIL buildings without leaving the resulting co-ops with loans is a top priority. Additional investments in low-income housing, especially supportive housing for the formerly homeless (with a local preference for those formerly housed in Manhattan Community District 9) is also desperately needed. Finally, additional enforcement of housing code violations in landlord-owned rental buildings and tenant education is desperately needed. The Tenant Protection Unit and HPD Enforcement both should increase activity in the district using 311 data and DOB violation data.

## **Health care services**

Manhattan Community District 9 faces a multitude of increased risk factors relative to the rest of the city that require increased health interventions. Air quality is relatively poor, especially in the Manhattanville area, due to high concentrations of building boilers, industrial and commercial buildings, and truck traffic, with elevated level of nitrogen dioxide and PM 2.5 (8.0 in MCD9 vs. 7.5 citywide). Fewer households in MCD9 have air conditioning (86% compared to 89% citywide), with more relying on open windows for circulation and cooling during the summer. Our maternal care and infant mortality rates are a cause for special concern, with 11% of delivering mothers in MCD9 having late or no prenatal care (compared to 6.7% citywide) and an infant mortality rate of 4.5 per 1,000 live births, roughly that of Serbia. Childhood obesity rates of 25% are also elevated relative to citywide rates of 20%, and ER visits for childhood asthma emergencies are at 333 per 10,000, over a third higher than the citywide rate of 223 per 10,000. Significantly higher rates of diabetes (10%) and hypertension (29%) also lead to significantly higher rates of stroke and cardiac events 31.7% of premature deaths. High rates of psychiatric hospitalization (726 per 100,000 adults) are likely due to greater stressors and less access to preventative care. MCD9 also has 34.1 new HIV diagnoses per 100,000 people, a third higher than the citywide average, suggesting greater interventions in intravenous drug using populations and more access to treatment as prevention strategies are needed. Significant interventions are needed to educate community members about nutrition, diabetes care, smoking cessation, and

asthma care. More air quality monitoring and community and school exercise programming is needed. Increased investments in chronic disease management, including free or low-cost access to medication and care, is required. The Manhattanville Health Station at 21 Old Broadway should be utilized as a hub for these services.

#### **Schools**

Manhattan Community District 9 contains 29 K-12 school facilities, both public and private, although this is expected to drop to 28 with the closure of Corpus Christi school. Educational attainment in the district is highly unequal, with higher rates of both those having graduate degrees (22%) and bachelor's degrees (21.9%) than the citywide averages, but also higher rates of those having less than a 9th grade education (11%) and having left school between 9th and 12th grades (9%). Our schools have higher languages of English Language Learners than citywide and many are Title I schools with some having over 85% economic need index according to DOE data. Our reading proficiency levels are routinely below 40%. Chronic absenteeism is significantly higher in MCD9 (27%, compared to 20% citywide), graduation rates stand at only 65% vs. 75% citywide, and many families have members incarcerated, with our rate of incarceration at 633 per 100,000, compared to 425 per 100,000 citywide. Growing number of disengaged youth who are not in after-school enrichment or employment programs have led to a notable increase in recruitment of young teens (13-15) into gangs and drug dealing, particularly in the southern area of Hamilton Heights (135th to 140th Streets). With many school operating at least partially remotely, the increase in disconnected youth has risen even more. More interventions and programs assisting young people with issues including mental health, social and skills development, and mentorship are needed. Additionally, a Cure Violence program expansion into said area of Hamilton Heights is also required to help intervene in and prevent additional shooting incidents, which have skyrocketed over the past 2 years.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

## **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Tenants in Manhattan Community Board 9 rental buildings and NYCHA developments continue to face health threats from lead dust and mold that are not properly abated. Local nonproits like WEACT for Environmental Justice and P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem are working with various buildings to organize tenants to file complaints with DOHMH, HPD, and DOB, but comprenhensive testing and housing code enforcement, coupled with robust tenant rights advocacy are needed. There are close to 1100 open HPD violations for mold violations alone, and several hundred open violations for lead to be abated. These conditions both contribute to our community's high rates of asthma and can exacerbate the severity of the condition or trigger asthma attacks. The presence of lead can permanently damage a young child's mental and emotional development, and can contribute to hypertension and kidney damage in adults.

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

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

New York City Department of Health launched TAKE CARE NEW YORK 2020 which provides a health profile for every community board in New York City. As a result, the community boards have a statistically driven idea of what our health issues are in comparison to the rest of the city. MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 (MCB9) ranked 10th in the City for people who are returning home from incarceration. MCB9 ranked in the top twenty-five percent for people who suffer from diabetes and obesity, ranked third in the city for people who needed Medical Care but went without. MCB9 currently has the highest childhood asthma rate in NYC as a whole and Manhattan. Solutions: Fund Reentry programs that have a holistic approach to assist people returning into the community; Fund programs geared toward obesity prevention by reaching out to community groups with programs; Fund outreach to people who have no insurance by going to unemployment offices, welfare offices, and food drives; Fund outreach to schools to provide asthma education training to caregivers in the school; MCB9 has a deficit of health care providers within the community. There needs to be more community-based providers and primary care physicians, MCB9 currently has very few; with Mt. Sinai West being the only Hospital in our district. There should be funding for health care offices on the street level that is accessible to everyone, those with insurance and without. MCB9 is in need of having the Manhattanville Health Station reopened at full capacity. For almost a decade, Manhattanville Health Station remains closed and there has been no clear plan presented as to when we can expect to see the center rehabilitated. Programs originally on site have been relocated to other facilities and areas leaving a major gap in services for this area. Manhattan Community District 9 faces a multitude of increased risk factors relative to the rest of the city that require increased health interventions. Air quality is relatively poor, especially in the Manhattanville area, due to high concentrations of building boilers, industrial and commercial buildings, and truck traffic, with elevated level of nitrogen dioxide and PM 2.5 (8.0 in MCD9 vs. 7.5 citywide). Fewer households in MCD9 have air conditioning (86% compared to 89% citywide), with more relying on open windows for circulation and cooling during the summer. Our maternal care and infant mortality rates are a cause for special concern, with 11% of delivering mothers in MCD9 having late or no prenatal care (compared to 6.7% citywide) and an infant mortality rate of 4.5 per 1,000 live births, roughly that of Serbia. Childhood obesity rates of 25% are also elevated relative to citywide rates of 20%, and ER visits for childhood asthma emergencies are at 333 per 10,000, over a third higher than the citywide rate of 223 per 10,000. Significantly higher rates of diabetes (10%) and hypertension (29%) also lead to significantly higher rates of stroke and cardiac events 31.7% of premature deaths. High rates of psychiatric hospitalization (726 per 100,000 adults) are likely due to greater stressors and less access to preventative care. MCD9 also has 34.1 new HIV diagnoses per 100,000 people, a third higher than the citywide average, suggesting greater interventions in intravenous drug using populations and more access to treatment as prevention strategies

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

2020 has taught us that our greatest weakness when it comes to meeting the needs of seniors is communication. Our committee was able to meet throughout the year, notwithstanding the shutdown, but our main means of communication was by phone, mail or in person. We discovered that the Department for the Aging only has access to the contact information for seniors who are members of a city-run Senior Center, limiting its ability to reach seniors in need.

Our experience has shown that a number of our agencies still do not recognize the need for alternative means of communicating with seniors. Communications come in the form of flyers with zoom links, websites and emails, failing to include a phone number for phone-accessible information. During the citywide shutdown, seniors were not receiving up-to-date information about where to get vaccinated, where to get food, or how to receive other forms of assistance, unless they were signed up at their local senior center or otherwise actively engaged through the Community Board or another organization.

Our committee sees communication as a gateway to improving many other aspects of seniors' lives. When seniors are empowered to communicate their needs, they will be able to address everything from health to transportation, arts to accessibility. And experience shows us that when things improve for seniors, they improve for every member of society.

Given that the amount of funding the Department for the Aging has received from the city has historically been less than half of a percentage of the City's budget (<a href="https://local.aarp.org/news/aarp-commends-nyc-council-mayor-for-increased-funding-for-aging-services-in-fy22-calls-for-longterm-future-investment-ny-2021-07-01.html">https://local.aarp.org/news/aarp-commends-nyc-council-mayor-for-increased-funding-for-aging-services-in-fy22-calls-for-longterm-future-investment-ny-2021-07-01.html</a>) we applaud the city and our Mayor for making the largest investments in DFTA's budget to date and restoring almost all the City Council's Senior Service initiatives to pre-pandemic funding levels. Seniors now represent roughly 20% of the city's population as a whole and they deserve a greater share of the budget. However, the gaps in communication between city agencies and seniors will not be addressed with this funding alone. Therefore, we recommend the following:

1. \$6,000,000 dedicated to the purchase and distribution of tablets to all seniors.

During the pandemic, the city spent almost 300 million dollars in order to provide schoolchildren with tablets so that they could continue to attend school virtually. Schoolchildren represent less than 20% of the city's population.

2. \$6,000,000 dedicated to technology training for seniors.

Most seniors will need help learning how to use this new technology so it is essential that we pair training and technology

3. \$1,000,000 annually, dedicated to training staff at all agencies on how to communicate with seniors.

Agencies continue to communicate using modes that are only accessible via the internet through the use of a computer or smartphone. We must change the culture within our agencies so that seniors' needs are always taken into account.

In addition, long-range comprehensive planning must include housing, health and mental care, home care and senior centers. Therefore, we request

- 1. \$6,000,000 to support outreach to the homebound.
- 2. \$100,000,000 to develop 200 new units of affordable housing for seniors.

#### **Needs for Homeless**

Manhattan Community District 9 has seen an enormous rise in homelessness through tenant eviction and a lack of affordable housing, with two of the highest ZIP codes for evictions in the city (10027 and 10031). From 2017 through 2019, MCD9 saw 524 evictions, or 1 eviction for each 85.5 housing units, among the highest in the City. MCD9 has also seen a massive rise in street homelessness in 2020, with 311 reports of homeless individuals tripling from 2018 to 2020. More outreach staffing to allow daily outreach in hotspots around Montefiore Park, Jacob Schiff Park, Broadway in Morningside Heights, Convent Avenue and 126th/127th Streets east of Amsterdam Avenue, and Riverside Park in Hamilton Heights is needed. Additionally, more targeted outreach to get individuals experiencing homelessness with concurrent mental health and substance abuse disorders into appropriate treatment is necessary.

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

Many of the issues faced by low-income residents in CB9 are issues that overlap with other areas like housing, education, childcare, and senior services. The dilapidated state of Manhattanville Houses, Grant Houses, and Audubon Houses, as with most NYCHA housing stock, contributes to environmental and health issues among many low-income residents. A lack of affordable childcare slots also makes it difficult for low-income families to advance economically. One particular issue that has become incredibly prominent during the pandemic and will continue to grow in importance as inflation raises prices on the grocery store shelves is food insecurity. Map the Meal Gap shows food insecurity in our area was elevated even prior to the pandemic at ~17% of households being food insecure. Contineud efforts to stock local pantries and work with local community based organizations like churches and housing rights organizations is critical to helping fill that gap, along with increased meals programs at schools and senior centers.

# **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/49	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	Provide funds for acquisition and reconstruction of Maranamay SRO at 611 West 112th Street as potential SGL/LGBTQ housing, especially for homeless youth and seniors.	611 West 112 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
14/49	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Provide funds to repair Hamilton Grange Senior Center damaged by flooding during Hurricane Ida, including kitchen renovation (with new freezer, stove, counters, and working sink), repair of floors, and replacement of boiler	420 West 145th Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
45/49	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Provide funds to replace the non-working elevator with an ADA-compliant elevator at the Jackie Robinson Senior Center at 1302 Amsterdam Avenue. The center is both a senior center and a designated cooling center during summer months. Its elevator is not currently operational.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/40	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase funds for Pest Control to reduce mosquito, rat, bedbug, and other pest populations within CD9.	
7/40	DHS	Expand street outreach	Increase funding for dedicated outreach personnel for consistent relationship building outreach to homeless in CD9, particularly with enough staffing capacity to conduct daily outreach at hotspots in 3 block radius around Montefiore Park on W 137th Street and Broadway.	
9/40	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Allocate funding for WiFi and tablet/laptops for low-income seniors isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the digital divide in New York	

14/40	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Provide funds to increase reach of infant mortality reduction initiatives. Despite a decrease in infant mortality across the city, the rate in Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights is still almost five times higher than the rate in the Upper East Side. We think this is due to our high rate of poverty, lack of adequate parents in good health Our community as a high rate of poverty (food insecurity, lack of access to health insurance, unhealthy housing, joblessness) as well as strokes, diabetes and asthma and individuals returning to community post incarceration.
15/40	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide funds to repair Hamilton Grange Senior Center damaged by flooding during Hurricane Ida, including kitchen renovation (with new freezer, stove, counters, and working sink), repair of floors, and replacement of boiler
18/40	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide funds for the renovation and repair of roof and interior of Wilson Major Morris Center
24/40	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Expand lead testing efforts to test every child in NYCHA developments and children in buildings identified by HPD and DOB as poorlymaintained or likely to contain lead paint or other lead dust based on age, violations, and other data.
28/40	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Fund a continuation of and more frequent data collection for the New York City Community Air Survey. Data is currently only available through 2018 and gathered during a two-week period each quarter. DOHMH should invest in continuous air quality monitoring to better capture real-time air quality shifts and conditions. The current combination of NYCCAS, 311, and 911 calls is not working to capture immediate violations. We have a very high rate of asthma and need during times of COVID all respiratory triggers in our community. We need a separate reporting system for Riverbank. 311 calls are insufficient for tracking real-time air quality problems and events.

## 29/40

DOHMH

Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.

Expand culturally-literate public education around stroke and other cardiac events like the Hip-Hop Stroke program at Harlem Hospital for audiences including African, Mexican, and Dominican communities. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in CB9 (943 deaths 2019) The rate of stroke hospitalizations in Morningside Heights and Hamilton Heights (364) is higher than both the Manhattan (264) and citywide rates (140)& High blood pressure being the leading risk factor for stroke.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

### School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Schools in Manhattan Community Board 9 continue to be overcrowded and lack basic, adequate facilities for all students. In particular, students at schools in the Ralph Bunche Campus at 425 W 123rd Street (housing PS 125 and the Columbia Secondary School for Math and Science) lack library services mandated by state law, must change in hallways and stairwells for PE classes, and have been dealing with inadequate ventilation systems and a roof that leaks and allows in pests like raccoons. The DOE should accept the free land required by the Community Benefits Agreement and General Project Plan for the Columbia University Manhattanville Campus expansion and construct a new facility to relieve overcrowding at 425 W 123rd Street and allow the Teachers College Community School to consolidate its grades into a single building.

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

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

MCB9 is in need of adequate physical space for existing schools in light of the co-location of many DOE and charter schools in DOE buildings. Colocation limits the physical space that is available for schools to use for physical education and play space (gyms), arts programming (required arts curricula: music, dance, visual arts, theatre), and adequate provision of special education services as required by law. Relatedly, many buildings are serving a different age range than they were originally designed for, so facilities like desks and bathrooms are inappropriate for the physical needs of current students. We ask that the DOE provide a proper school location for School 05M362 (Columbia Secondary School). This school is currently co-located with TWO other schools, has a myriad of physical building issues such as MOLD, inadequate changing space, inadequate eating areas. There are holes in the ceilings and raccoons and birds invading the school space – this puts our children's lives in jeopardy. Furthermore - the school is not upholding the law in regards to having a separate, but safe space for IEP students to have private sessions, and to take exams. There should also be separate space for Sex Education discussions for High Schoolers. Students are in large closets and subjected to health issues as the school does not have enough room for adequate eating time. Children have to eat lunch at 10 am and stay until 3 pm without a break. The blue book is outdated and does not account for how to schedule students in such an environment where again, there are THREE separate schools using the space. This school houses students from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6 and has been a Marvel - however, the school cannot continue to operate crippled by the parameters of the blue book which does not take into consideration the different needs of elementary-aged children (from the other school in the building) being housed and educated with highschool children. The student's immediate needs are not being met adequately and we request a major part of the budget for the development of physical space for this school. MCB9 also needs adequate wireless Internet and computer technology access in schools and in students' homes, so that students can learn to use these important twenty-first-century tools and so that they can use them to support and enhance their other academic studies. Especially with curricular changes emphasizing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and computer science for all, it is essential that schools have the technology infrastructure, including high-speed internet bandwidth, to support laptop/tablet use in classrooms. It is important to have enough personnel to support all schools with installing, updating, and configuring these devices. MCB9 continues to be concerned about the possibility of the presence of lead in school water fountains. We are not satisfied with the city's level of testing or communication with families about the extent of the problem or possible risks. We request funding for continued water testing and mitigation. In Addition having a special needs program, year-round, within the borderlines of MCB9 is crucial to the development of our community. The special needs population is significant and growing. Yet there aren't many local programs out there. Most therapists and behavioral counselors only accept Medicaid or out of pocket payments. There is a growing number of working-class families that make too much to qualify for free programs or too little to afford specialty special needs care within MCB9. We request funds to continue to extend access to the New York Public Library (NYPL) branches in the community. For in-person Access:

six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support these functions. For remote access: increasing the number of available Wi-Fi hotspots available across our West Harlem library branches for community members to borrow. These will provide greater access to digital library content, as well as other critical digital resources, collections, and sufficient staff to support these functions. We are also requesting that the DOE provide funding for the development of a culturally sensitive curriculum, for use within CD9 schools in cooperation with the Community Education Councils for Districts 5, and 6 recognizing the historical contributions of figures, movements, and more from a diverse set of communities within CD9, including African American, Caribbean, Latino, and LGBTQ communities. Needs for Youth and Child Welfare Manhattan Community Board No. 9's (MCB9) Social service programs and community services are vital to our district residents, and we have seen many successful implementations of these programs physically located in school buildings. Social service "wraparound" programs help both the students in our community and their family members, to cope with the challenges they face in their daily lives. Our committee desires to have funds allocated for support services to beer the lives of all citizens, such as English literacy courses; mental, dental, and eye health providers; and job training and placement programs. MCB9 has a significant population of homeless students. Our community requests to have funds allocated to addressing the specific needs of homeless children: providing students with clothing, counseling, support services, etc. to help them cope with the stresses of being without a permanent home

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# Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/49	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Ensure all schools and students in CB9 have laptops and WiFi to allow for remote teaching/learning.	
4/49	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Design and construct a new facility for Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Technology (CSS), given that existing colocated facility is inadequate and illegal. CSS IS NOT A DISTRICT 5 SCHOOL; CSS is required to accept students from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6 above 96th Street. Columbia University is obligated by the General Project Plan to provide land for a school facility. The existing facility does not have adequate library, gymnasium or special education/IEP space. Meetings with DOE and school leadership have been held to document issues with the physical plant.	425 West 123 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
33/49	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	Provide funding to repair roof and elevator at Manhattanville Community Center. The Manhattanville Community Center (operated by Graham Windham) is in need of repairs to its roof, which currently leaks, and its elevator, which is currently out of service.	530 West 133 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Continue funding to design and construct a school K-8 within CD9 to eliminate the existing over crowding throughout CD9.	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide funding to facilitate a youth outreach effort which will allow opportunities to connect children and their families with necessary resources: youth programs, internships, health clinics, job training and placement, cultural activities, etc.	

4/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide funding for libraries to increase access to information through use of technology, staff, and signage for residents to get info in multiple languages for COVID-related services, educational and employment opportunities.
10/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services	Provide funding for dedicated personnel for community liaison(s) in Community District 9 to conduct regular, ongoing relationship-building and service referrals outreach to homeless SGL/LGBTQ+ youth
17/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide and increase funding to create programming for mental health counseling & psychological support services at the M. L. Wilson Boys & Girls Club at 525 W. 145th St Services should support LGBTQ+, trans/gender non-conforming, and Black/Latinx youth and elders.
31/40	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for development of culturally sensitive curriculum, for use within CD9 schools in cooperation with the Community Education Councils for Districts 5, and 6 recognizing the historical contributions of figures, movements, and more from diverse set of communities within CD9, including African American, Caribbean, Latino, and LGBTQ communities.
32/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care	Provide funding for supported housing for agedout youth within foster care facilities throughout the borough of Manhattan.
38/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide funding for after-school and weekend programs for young people at Our Children's Foundation at 527 W 125th Street to help young people recover from learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

## **Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)**

Manhattan Community Board 9 is dealing with a disturbing increase in public drug use, vending of stolen goods, drug dealing, public urination/defecation, and mental health breakdowns in our streets. Expanded use of social workers, substance abuse counselors, and mental health specialists in emergency response services is needed to address these issues and convince those affected to enter into the appropriate treatment programs in a way that limits involvement of the criminal justice system.

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

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

The Police Department has the Neighborhood Coordination Officers, or NCOs, who are our local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of the 26th and 30th Precincts, assigned sectors, and actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. The Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) program is broken down in the following (3) units: Sectors A, B, and C

## **Needs for Emergency Services**

Expansion of the B-HEARD response team that provides social workers/mental health specialists as emergency response services is needed in CB9 to remove the burden of responding to emotionally disturbed persons from the NYPD. The current system requiring police response to situations with EDPs raises the likelihood of a tragic outcome involving the loss of life.

# **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/49	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funding for WiFi and tablet/laptops for low-income seniors isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the digital divide in New York	
37/49	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Restore funding to improve NYPD parking facilities at the 26th and 30th precincts so that patrol cars and other vehicles are not parked on the street and blocking pedestrian ramps.  Incude additional parking, and structural maintenance	
CS	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funds to renovate and repair the 26th and 30th Precincts to become ADA compliant.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

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

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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

#### Other

The Preservation of Landmarks and revival of Parks within the Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) district is ever more pressing needs for the district today than in the past. Along with the current plans outlined by our city agencies to improve the 175 acres of city parkland and preserve the character of West Harlem with its 27 designated landmarks and 3 historic districts, the request outlined below details specific items in which NYC agencies can reference as areas of major concern for the MCB9 district of Manhattan Landmarks Preservation and Parks needs. Following the statistical trends of our area and desires of MCB9 of Manhattan stakeholders, our budget requests address the need for increased park enforcement, the rehabilitation of park infrastructure, increased support for the Landmark Preservation Commission and other preservation initiatives. Our goals are to have safe green-spaces available and equipped to serve Harlem's growing population of 111,645 people as of 2015, up 5% since the late 1990's and to properly identify & support all qualifying landmarked structures and areas within MCB9.

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

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

No comments

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

While most of the drastic Sanitation cutbacks were restored, this is not enough to improve the quality of life in our community. This is especially true north of West 125th Street. The staffing does not reflect the actual tonnage of garbage handled by Community Board 9 Sanitation Crews. Pick-ups along the Commercial Strips of Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue (W 135th – W 155th Streets), and 125th Street cannot keep up with utilization. We urge the City to increase staffing to facilitate three pickups per day in these locations. There is a need for more garbage cans due to the rat infestation. For Vacant Lots and trouble locations, we need the Clean Team Restored. Recycling figures have greatly improved. We need, if not increased, consistent Sanitation Enforcement in our area, MCB9 has recommended an increase of Enforcement Officers in the afternoon when violations are at their peak. MCB9 believes the health and integrity of our community MUST be a top priority.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/49	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Provide funds to fully repair damaged/worn/cracked sewer and collection lines, repair damaged 16' interceptor, and fix drainage issues repair sinkhole, replace eroded soil under 12th Ave., repave 12th Ave., and construct sidewalks on the east and west sides of 12th Ave in aftermath of street collapse.	
38/49	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Maintain funding for Recycling Facilities in NYCHA Developments within CD9	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/40	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	The presence of additional garbage from people being outside more due to COVID, combined with the reductions to street bin collection, has led to an increase of trash on the streets and accompanying increases of rodent populations.	
16/40	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	Increase funding for additional Sanitation Enforcement Officers within Community District 9. As COVID has led to more outdoor dining and activities, street litter and food scraps have become more prevalent on sidewalks and outside businesses, leading to more unaddressed sanitation violations.	
35/40	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Increase funding for water and sewer maintenance.	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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

#### Other

Allocate funds for an existing conditions report on the City-owned site of the former 135th Street Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (request for interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. Supporting information: Request Report on the Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (Request for Interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. The goal would be to attract developers to support community needs in developing small business enterprises, youth opportunities in education and employment in 21st. century jobs, working in partnership with Community Board 9 and local organizations.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use</u>

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

Manhattan Community Board 9 proudly benefits from a long and rich tradition of historic preservation and tenant empowerment. As a result of these positions, many of the building stock in the community was not demolished in the 1970s or 1980s when landlords were abandoning the area, but instead most became limited-income HDFC cooperatives, while the remaining usually became non-profit owned affordable rentals. To this day, CB9 has the highest concentration of HDFC co-operatives in the City. As a result of this emphasis on preservation and tenant self-determination, there were relatively few vacant lots and soft sites in the neighborhoods. The exception to this, after the Manhattanville eminent domain use and rezoning for Columbia University, was Morningside Heights. Morningside Heights is unique in the overwhelming dominance of institutional owners whose building uses are frequently categorized as community facility space. The ability to agglomerate large assemblages of lots, the exemption to the New York State rent regulations that allow these institutions to remove housing units from rent regulation at the end of a tenancy, and the sky plane exposure-based 1960s zoning in the neighborhood means that Morningside Heights is uniquely vulnerable to unchecked, out-of-context luxury condominium development. The highest land use priority in CB9 is to rezone Morningside Heights with height-based zoning designations while upzoning the remaining potential development sites so that Mandatory Inclusionary Housing applies and affordable housing is required in any new development.

#### **Needs for Housing**

55% of households in Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) are rent-burdened: 30% pay more than 50% of their income in rent, and 25% pay between 30% and 49% of their income in rent. Additionally, there are an estimated 206,000 open housing violations in MCD9, of which over 46,000 are Class C immediately hazardous violations, with an additional 111,000 Class B hazardous violations. The overwhelming majority of these violations (~30,000 of Class C, ~75,000 of Class B) occur in the Hamilton Heights/Sugar Hill area, with the rest (~12,000 of Class C, ~28,000 of Class B) mostly in Manhattanville. To address this crisis, MCB9 seeks to preserve and create affordable housing of various types--NYCHA, rent stabilized, rent controlled, coops/condominiums, HDFCs, TILs and 1-4 family townhouses. Additionally, enforcement of housing code violations and mandated repairs in rental units must be significantly increased, along with coordination with local nonprofits and the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to secure the appropriate rent abatements and reductions for tenants due to the loss of services reflected in the violations. From 2007-2016, we estimate based on DOF data that MCD9 suffered a net loss of 1,824 rent regulated units of our stock of 16,932 units regulated at the start of 2007. We also ask that DOF conduct audits of any property owners who have reported a reduction of rent regulated units while in receipt of a tax abatement like 421a or J-51 which does not permit deregulation of units in the building. We also seek to have community input in development projects big and small--particularly any plans for "soft" development sites. Having a designated planner available to the HLUZ committee and the board, in general, would help greatly in this regard.

Because CB9 has the largest concentration of HDFC cooperatives in New York State, funding for low-interest loans for capital repairs to these buildings and other low-income homeowners, as well as tax abatements and technical assistance, are a very high priority. Additionally, the three NYCHA complexes in CB9 (Manhattanville Houses and Rehabs, General Grant Houses, and Audubon Houses) are is desperate need of capital repairs, with Audobon Houses having over 300 open work orders at the end of every month this year, Grant Houses having almost 4,500 open work orders at the end of each month, and Manhattanville Houses and Rehabs II and III collectively having over 3,700 open work orders at the end of each month. The 2017 Physical Needs Assessment identified \$42 million in necessary capital work at Audubon Houses, \$415 million in necessary work at Grant Houses, and \$316 million in necessary work at Manhattanville Houses and Rehabs II and III. This work must be completed to maintain NYCHA residents' housing in liveable conditions. Finally, MCD9 is in desperate need of more permanent, deeply-affordable supportive housing with on-site services. We strongly suggest HPD fund development of new affordable housing to further that goal at 1763 Amsterdam Avenue.

## **Needs for Economic Development**

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) concerns itself with the processes by which Community Board 9 district's economy can become more robust, creating wealth and community benefits; anything that promotes opportunities for economic growth to the advantage of the citizens of the community. This involves financial resources to cultivate entrepreneurship as well as literacy rates, infrastructure, access to housing, and health care. These efforts are imperative as local employment remains stubbornly high compared to national levels (est. 11.2% in ZIP codes 10027 and 10031) and the persistent lower income levels in the district. MCB9 seeks to support the retention and expansion of startup entrepreneurs and existing businesses which could be Retail, Industrial or Nonprofit, so long as the projects create value and wealth for the MCB9 residents and the community. MCB9 would like to work closely with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) to explore the best practices for supporting the existing manufacturing zone, referred to as the New Amsterdam Special Use District in the 197-a Plan, as currently being considered in the West Harlem Rezoning effort and repurposing the Marine Transfer Station to create economic opportunities for MCB9 residents. Presentations by NYC's Fresh Initiative representatives to discuss bringing healthy supermarkets, including a Farmer's Market to Hamilton Heights or northern Manhattanville. MCB9 works diligently to help small business owners, bodegas, street vendors and other entrepreneurial efforts in our district attain economic sustainability. National studies show that as many as 60 to 70% of new jobs will come from local companies, not new ones coming in. Therefore, and especially in view of the present global pandemic, it is vital that local companies get the help they need so that they can recover from the challenges that COVID-19 has caused and expand their capacity beyond levels at which they had previously operated. It is of paramount importance that businesses within MCB9 are connected to resources both in the kind of financial institutions as well as other kinds of nonstandard sources. Developing strategies that connect companies to local resources and export opportunities and reviewing regulatory processes for expanding an operation, in addition to infrastructure development can help our local companies. The development of sewer and water systems, power, natural gas, telecommunications, space, etc., are crucial to the operations and success of local companies. Additionally, NYC EDC, NYS ESDC, Columbia University, and private groups like Janus Properties have been investing in infrastructure to support and encourage the nascent biomedical and life sciences industry in the Manhattanville area centered on W 125th Street. It is imperative that job training and placement programs/workforce development enable local West Harlem residents to find employment in the new businesses that form in the area.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	PROVIDE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDING WORKSPACE FOR ARTISTS (I.E. DAMP. TIL. LISC/ ENTERPRISE. SIP AND LOWINTEREST LOANS) AGENCY: HOUSING PRESERVATION	
3/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding through grants, loans, and tax incentives to develop more than 100 units of afordable housing and arts space using air rights at 3560 Broadway and the adjacent lot which fronts on 147th St. A community based planning effort to renovate and restore the site has been ongoing for more than 3 years. The community vision is to create a multipurpose space that would accommodate several needs outlined by the community and CB9 that have been working on this project. Two developers have paired to design a project that would renovate (and partial restore) the historic theater into arts space, retail and flexible performance space. Available air rights would be used to create housing above the theater portion and on the vacant lot that fronts on West 148 street.	3560 Broadway, Manhattan, New York, NY
5/49	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior, interior, and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Manhattanville Houses.	
6/49	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide more funding to construct and renovate housing for seniors, particularly in naturally-occurring retirement communities (NORCs) and restore funding for Section 202 program for seniors.	

7/49	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	Allocate funds for an existing conditions report on the City-owned site of the former 135th Street Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (request for interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. Supporting information: Request Report on the Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (Request for Interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. The goal would be to attract developers to support community needs in developing small business enterprises, youth opportunities in education and employment in 21st. century jobs, working in partnership with Community Board 9 and local organizations.	West 135th Street and Marginal Street
8/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	HPD - Increase funding for Senior Citizen Home Assistance Program low interest/no interest loans for senior home owners, as well as Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE), and Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	
12/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for repairs and renovations of Tenant Interim Lease Buildings. Repairs and renovations of TIL buildings and buildings formerly in the TIL program should not be financed through third-party partnerships that leave the successor HDFCs with high levels of debt	
13/49	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior Interior and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Audubon Housing Development.	
15/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Allocate funding for low-interest loans for HDFC's and low/moderate-income homeowners to be used for repairs and facility upgrades.	
23/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding to construct more supportive housing within CD9.	
24/49	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Provide funds to renovate playground in front of Grant Houses daycare center - 1299 Amsterdam Avenue. PY code was 309202124C	1299 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY

29/49	NYCHA	Other capital budget request for NYCHA	Continue funding for installation of security cameras and improved front door security for Manhattanville, Grant, and Audubon Houses.
30/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding incentive to developers for affordable housing for artists.
35/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for tax incentives to developers to include art spaces (rehearsal/performance and visual arts work space) in their building
36/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Allocate funds for low-interest/no interest loans for Mitchell-Lama repair loans to Mitchell Lama buildings for Capital repairs.
44/49	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide funding to construct more affordable Senior housing within CD9
CS	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	Maintain funding for recycling facilities at NYCHA developments within CD9.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/40	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	Provide funding to train skilled professional technical assistance to struggling HDFC's and all homeowners within CD9.	
11/40	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Allocate additional funding for Code Enforcement Personnel at HPD to inspect rental buildings and if necessary conduct repairs through the Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP), especially mold and lead. HDFCs should not be put in AEP.	
19/40	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	Increase funding for community-based tenant protection groups to educate tenants about new rent laws and assist with legal representation.	

22/40	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Provide funding for HHAP Program that aims to improve the health & well-being of NYCHA residents. Health workers are requested from the local community to offer health information on asthma, diabetes, and high blood pressure.
25/40	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	Maintain funding for job training and placement for adults within CD9
26/40	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	Provide funding to increase access to business support centers that offer mentorship programs that help connect local businesses with investment capital and potential partnerships, particularly businesses suffering COVID-related business losses.
30/40	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Continue funding for maintenance staff to control garbage and refuse.
34/40	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Provide funding for rezoning study for Morningside Heights.

## TRANSPORTATION

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### Other

The Preservation of Landmarks and revival of Parks within the Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) district is ever more pressing needs for the district today than in the past. Along with the current plans outlined by our city agencies to improve the 175 acres of city parkland and preserve the character of West Harlem with its 27 designated landmarks and 3 historic districts, the request outlined below details specific items in which NYC agencies can reference as areas of major concern for the MCB9 district of Manhattan Landmarks Preservation and Parks needs. Following the statistical trends of our area and desires of MCB9 of Manhattan stakeholders, our budget requests address the need for increased park enforcement, the rehabilitation of park infrastructure, increased support for the Landmark Preservation Commission and other preservation initiatives. Our goals are to have safe green-spaces available and equipped to serve Harlem's growing population of 111,645 people as of 2015, up 5% since the late 1990's and to properly identify & support all qualifying landmarked structures and areas within MCB9.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

**Needs for Transit Services** 

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
39/49	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funds for the inclusion of Speed Bumps, Special Signage, Traffic signals, and/or strategically placed bollards (needed to protect pedestrians from speeding bicyclists) at the Cherry Walk - Riverside Park Waterfront bike path.	
41/49	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Provide funds for the inclusion of Speed Bumps, Special Signage, Traffic Signals, and/or Strategically placed Bollards (needed to protect pedestrians from speeding bicyclists) at the Cherry Walk - Riverside Park Waterfront Bike Path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place.	
46/49	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	The junction between 125th St and Amsterdam is one of/if not the busiest in the district. In addition to the commercial traffic and cars, there are five (5) MTA bus lines that converge on that corner. The pedestrian traffic includes every demographic. The curb cuts are in adequate to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers and pedestrians. More importantly during inclement weather, the rain and snow pile with inadequate drainage. This creates dangers for crossing and standing pedestrians.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
27/40	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Provide funds for a feasibility study to improve speeds on all bus lines within CD9.	

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## **Manhattan Community Board 9**

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

#### Park care and maintenance

As the population of Manhattan Community Board 9 returns to in-person socialization after long periods of isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic, our parks have continued to remain an essential space both during leisurely and perilous times. In addition to the recreational use of MCB9 parks, the open area at fields, courts and gardens in our parks provided the essential space for our community to safely socialize under social distancing mandates. With a nearly 20% increase in the MCB9 population our park's outdated infrastructure has seen more than its fair share of duress. The MCB9 district needs Park care and maintenance in the form of capital improvements and enforced park regulations to satisfy not only the ever-growing recreational needs of MCB9 but also to maintain the safe and healthy impact that parks bring to our district. Necessary maintenance includes the renovation of turf and track in playgrounds like Annunciation Playground at W 134th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, where decades-old turf well past its useful life posed a safety threat to the young people who played baseball on the fields, or repairs to damaged comfort stations in parks, as well as the expansions through additions of new amenities such as a permanent dog park on Riverside Drive. Much like MCB9's parks, its landmarks and historical districts are a major factor in the character and lifestyle of our district. The MCB9 district needs Landmarks, monuments, sites of cultural significance (new or existing) in the form of areas officially designated for its historical relevance in West Harlem. The preservationists of MCB9 continue to diligently study and advocate for the designation of unrecognized historic areas within MCB9, particularly for the proposed West Harlem Historic District outlined in the RFE submitted with the LPC. With allocated resources from New York City to review these requests, we can ensure the positive impact that landmark preservation and historical designation has on MCB9.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

The preservation of landmarks and revival of parks within the Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) district are ever more pressing needs for the district today than in the past. Along with the current plans outlined by our city agencies to improve the 175 acres of city parkland and preserve the character of West Harlem with its 27 designated landmarks, 2 historic parks and 3 historic districts, the budget request prioritizes specific items in which NYC agencies can reference as areas of major concern for the MCB9 district. Following the statistical trends of our area and desires of MCB9 stakeholders, our budget requests address the need for increased park regulations enforcement, the reconstruction of park infrastructure and allocated resources for the NYC Landmark Preservation Commission to review our request for historical designation. Our goals are to have safe green-spaces available and equipped to serve Harlem's growing population of 132,837 people as of 2020, up 18% since 2015 and to properly identify and to designate all qualifying landmarked structures and historical areas within MCB9. Additionally, during the past two years, our parks have seen a marked increase in homeless encampments, open substance abuse, and other public behaviors that detract from the spaces' ability to provide safe and secure recreation and athletic outlets for familes and children, particularly in Jacob Schiff Park, Jacob Schiff Playground, and Montefiore Park Plaza. Additional coordination between PEP and the Department of Homeless Services Street Outreach Consortium is necessary.

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

Preserving and expanding support and cultural opportunities to all ethnic and cultural groups in our community ranked highest on our needs list, as we discussed the issues most important to the arts and cultural community of Manhattan Community Board Nine (MCB9). Local arts and cultural organizations need: • tools to collectively respond to economic challenges as they arise; • technical support to integrate and improve fundraising and marketing initiatives; • leadership and advocacy training are needed to educate the next generation of arts support and service delivery entrepreneurs; Manhattan Community Board No. 9 needs to identify ways to: • increase Page 35

capacity; • improve outreach; • implement structural changes in such a way that we are prepared to meet fiscal challenges that force closings and curtailments. In this way, we are not simply reacting to each situation on a case by case basis without having a pre-established structure; In addition, MCB9 strongly supports the utilization of the arts and art appreciation as a means of community engagement, development, and empowerment. Finally, arts and cultural organizations frequently require designated spaces for performances, exhibitions, and installations, and as such are threatened by the growing lack of affordable space in our district. MCB9 needs newly dedicated arts and cultural spaces in our district to deal with the currently unmet demand for such spaces. Also, MCB9 needs support for existing spaces which sustainability is threatened by rising costs and other pressures. MCB9 also wants to acknowledge our community's history as a center of artistic and cultural innovation and encourage identification preservation, and restoration of historic theaters, other cultural sites, and artistic venues.

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

Public Libraries provide our community with substantial educational support, not only for current K-12 students but also for parents, families with young children, English language learners, job seekers, and more. Libraries provide access to reading material, technology equipment, and educational programs (homework help, literacy programs, etc.). Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) requests that a portion of the allocated funds be distributed to the libraries located within the MCB9 district to allow them to maintain staffing, increase days/hours of service, and increase the variety of programming and audiences they serve. Two libraries within MCB9 (George Bruce and Hamilton Grange) also have specific capital facilities needs. These libraries have unused custodial apartments that should be converted into usable library space. In both cases, some additional construction is required, chiefly to add elevator service to make the new space ADA compliant. Libraries could use this to provide warm and inviting spaces for teenagers, or additional classrooms in order to provide more regularly scheduled programming.

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

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is requesting the Board's budget be increased. Given the size of our budgets, the cumulative effect of previous budget cuts, combined with those proposed and the increasing population in the district, any further cuts would minimize the effectiveness of the Community Board.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds for the renovation and repair of roof and interior of Wilson Major Morris Center	459 W 152nd St, New York, NY 10031
17/49	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Provide funds to create a theater and Multi- Culture Center for Hamilton Theatre at 3560 Broadway, NYC 10031	
18/49	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to renovate St. Nicholas Park Playground.	
19/49	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funding for public comfort stations at Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, Audubon Park @W. 155th St. and West Harlem Piers Park.	
21/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funding to renovate the Jacob Schiff playground on Amsterdam Ave.	Amsterdam Ave. &, W 136th St, New York, NY 10031
22/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding to renovate Alexander Hamilton Playground at Hamilton Place.	
25/49	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Provide funds to replace windows with energy efficient windows at Hamilton Grange Library.	
26/49	NYPL	Provide new or replacement equipment to a library, including technology (NYPL)	Provide funding for libraries to purchase laptops and WiFi hotspots for use by patrons.	

27/49	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Allocate Funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd Street in St. Nicholas Park, repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th Street (St. Nicholas Park); as well as improve lighting in ALL locations.	
28/49	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 114th and 122nd Streets in Morningside Park and improve lighting throughout the park.	
31/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Provide funds for sidewalk and pathway replacement in and around playgrounds and athletic courts.	
32/49	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Allocate funds to build-out unfinished space in the basement behind staff lounge and community room. Buildout is needed to create 600 sq.ft. classroom for OST. work will include new HVAC system, new lighting and power, and security system	503 West 145 St
34/49	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Allocate funds to maintain an Outdoor Reading Garden on the Westside of the George Bruce Library. (Parcel of Open Space adjacent West of 518 W. 125th Street)	518 West 125 St
42/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The kayak launch at the West Harlem Piers Park was damaged by Superstorm Sandy and has been locked off from the community since 2012. The community is entitled to kayak access to the Hudson River through the Park as part of the Manhattanville redevelopment agreement.	
43/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for turf renovation playground renovation, security upgrades and stadium lighting at Annunciation Playground	
47/49	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Continue Funding to provide lighting along bike path as well as other safety measures along Riverside Park (Waterfront) bike path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place, and Cherry Walk.	
48/49	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to install new roofs, windows, doors, fire alarm, security, ADA compliance, elevator replacements, and technology upgrades at George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries  Page 38	

49/49	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to maintain heating and cooling systems at the George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries	
CS	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd St. (St. Nicholas Park), repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th St. (St. Nicholas Park), and 114th Street on the upper level of Morningside Park.	
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funds to maintain sidewalks along the North and Southbound corridor of Riverside Drive (bet. Grant's Tomb and the 125th St. Viaduct).	Riverside Drive West 122 Street West 122 Street

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	ОМВ	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Maintain and Increase budget for ALL Community Boards.	
12/40	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	Maintain funds to continue six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support theses functions.	
23/40	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase the number of Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers, Foot/Bicycle/Cars assigned to fixed patrols within CB9 specifically in Jacob Schiff Park and playground, which has experienced increase criminal activity and is attached to PS 192.	
33/40	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Provide funds needed for pruning trees throughout parks, plazas and community gardens to deter illegal activity within CD9.	
36/40	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to install new roofs, windows, doors, fire alarm, security, ADA compliance, elevator replacements, and technology upgrades at George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries	

37/40	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to maintain heating and cooling systems at the George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries
40/40	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	Increase NYPL funding to provide initiatives such as outdoor programming and continued digital services

# 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Other Capital Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/49	Other	Other capital budget request	Request for DHS and HPD- Provide funding for development of supportive housing at the site where Child's Memorial Tabernacle stood; Site should be developed into supportive housing for our most in need communities (seniors, individuals returning from incarceration, and former West Harlem residents in shelters)	1763 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
40/49	МОСЈ	Other capital budget request for MOCJ	Provide funding to support the development of a location to support training for Trade positions, Entrepreneurial growth and other needs for the formerly incarcerated population.	

### **Other Expense Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/40	Other	Other expense budget request	DOE, DASNY, DFTA, and all other relevant agencies should continue food distribution and anti-hunger efforts through programs include GLWD, Meals on Wheels, Senior center hot meals, and other food distribution efforts like GetFoodNYC and meals hubs at DOE schools. Libraries, faith-based organizations, and NYCHA offices should also be considered for food distribution efforts.	
5/40	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	Fund an expansion of the Cure Violence Program into Hamilton Heights from W 134th to W 143rd Streets between Riverside Dr and St. Nicholas Ave using an existing CV provider. There were at least 13 shootings in the area in 2019 and approximately 10 YTD in 2020. An increase in narcotics dealing by gangs based in the Bronx has lead to local neighborhood youth being recruited as lookouts, runners, and other positions involved in the dealing of narcotics. Proven methods of intervening with youth, preventing violence, and steering youth into education, employment, or enrichment programs are needed.	

20/40	Other	Other expense budget request	Run a continuous gun by back program with a community partner. Compared to the rest of Manhattan we have a high incidence of gun violence.
21/40	Other	Other expense budget request	+Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Increase funding for outreach programs dedicated to immigrants in an effort to raise awareness and address safety issues, with dedicated outreach to LGBTQ immigrants.
39/40	LPC	Other expense budget request for LPC	Provide funds for the historical study of West Harlem between West 135th Street and W 155th for the express purpose of determining the merit of the proposed West Harlem Historic District area, including identifying whether potential smaller areas may merit consideration for designation as a historic district

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Capital Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	PROVIDE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDING WORKSPACE FOR ARTISTS (I.E. DAMP. TIL. LISC/ ENTERPRISE. SIP AND LOWINTEREST LOANS) AGENCY: HOUSING PRESERVATION	
2/49	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Ensure all schools and students in CB9 have laptops and WiFi to allow for remote teaching/learning.	
3/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding through grants, loans, and tax incentives to develop more than 100 units of afordable housing and arts space using air rights at 3560 Broadway and the adjacent lot which fronts on 147th St. A community based planning effort to renovate and restore the site has been ongoing for more than 3 years. The community vision is to create a multipurpose space that would accommodate several needs outlined by the community and CB9 that have been working on this project. Two developers have paired to design a project that would renovate (and partial restore) the historic theater into arts space, retail and flexible performance space. Available air rights would be used to create housing above the theater portion and on the vacant lot that fronts on West 148 street.	3560 Broadway, Manhattan, New York, NY
4/49	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Design and construct a new facility for Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Technology (CSS), given that existing colocated facility is inadequate and illegal. CSS IS NOT A DISTRICT 5 SCHOOL; CSS is required to accept students from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6 above 96th Street. Columbia University is obligated by the General Project Plan to provide land for a school facility. The existing facility does not have adequate library, gymnasium or special education/IEP space. Meetings with DOE and school leadership have been held to document issues with the physical plant.	425 West 123 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

5/49	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior, interior, and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Manhattanville Houses.	
6/49	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	Provide more funding to construct and renovate housing for seniors, particularly in naturally-occurring retirement communities (NORCs) and restore funding for Section 202 program for seniors.	
7/49	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	Allocate funds for an existing conditions report on the City-owned site of the former 135th Street Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (request for interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. Supporting information: Request Report on the Marine Transfer Station to be included in an RFI (Request for Interest) for the purpose of moving forward with the development of the structure to serve the community. The goal would be to attract developers to support community needs in developing small business enterprises, youth opportunities in education and employment in 21st. century jobs, working in partnership with Community Board 9 and local organizations.	West 135th Street and Marginal Street
8/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	HPD - Increase funding for Senior Citizen Home Assistance Program low interest/no interest loans for senior home owners, as well as Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE), and Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	
9/49	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funding for WiFi and tablet/laptops for low-income seniors isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the digital divide in New York	
10/49	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	Provide funds for acquisition and reconstruction of Maranamay SRO at 611 West 112th Street as potential SGL/LGBTQ housing, especially for homeless youth and seniors.	611 West 112 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

11/49	Other	Other capital budget request	Request for DHS and HPD- Provide funding for development of supportive housing at the site where Child's Memorial Tabernacle stood; Site should be developed into supportive housing for our most in need communities (seniors, individuals returning from incarceration, and former West Harlem residents in shelters)	1763 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
12/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for repairs and renovations of Tenant Interim Lease Buildings. Repairs and renovations of TIL buildings and buildings formerly in the TIL program should not be financed through third-party partnerships that leave the successor HDFCs with high levels of debt	
13/49	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Provide funding for exterior Interior and structural architectural renovations and repairs to Audubon Housing Development.	
14/49	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Provide funds to repair Hamilton Grange Senior Center damaged by flooding during Hurricane Ida, including kitchen renovation (with new freezer, stove, counters, and working sink), repair of floors, and replacement of boiler	420 West 145th Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
15/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Allocate funding for low-interest loans for HDFC's and low/moderate-income homeowners to be used for repairs and facility upgrades.	
16/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds for the renovation and repair of roof and interior of Wilson Major Morris Center	459 W 152nd St, New York, NY 10031
17/49	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Provide funds to create a theater and Multi- Culture Center for Hamilton Theatre at 3560 Broadway, NYC 10031	
18/49	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to renovate St. Nicholas Park Playground.	
19/49	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or	Provide funding for public comfort stations at Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, Audubon	

DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Provide funds to fully repair damaged/worn/cracked sewer and collection lines, repair damaged 16' interceptor, and fix drainage issues repair sinkhole, replace eroded soil under 12th Ave., repave 12th Ave., and construct sidewalks on the east and west sides of 12th Ave in aftermath of street collapse.	
DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funding to renovate the Jacob Schiff playground on Amsterdam Ave.	Amsterdam Ave. &, W 136th St, New York, NY 10031
DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding to renovate Alexander Hamilton Playground at Hamilton Place.	
HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding to construct more supportive housing within CD9.	
NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Provide funds to renovate playground in front of Grant Houses daycare center - 1299 Amsterdam Avenue. PY code was 309202124C	1299 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, New York, NY
NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Provide funds to replace windows with energy efficient windows at Hamilton Grange Library.	
NYPL	Provide new or replacement equipment to a library, including technology (NYPL)	Provide funding for libraries to purchase laptops and WiFi hotspots for use by patrons.	
DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Allocate Funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd Street in St. Nicholas Park, repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th Street (St. Nicholas Park); as well as improve lighting in ALL locations.	
DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 114th and 122nd Streets in Morningside Park and improve lighting throughout the park.	
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29/49	NYCHA	Other capital budget request for NYCHA	Continue funding for installation of security cameras and improved front door security for Manhattanville, Grant, and Audubon Houses.	
30/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Provide funding incentive to developers for affordable housing for artists.	
31/49	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Provide funds for sidewalk and pathway replacement in and around playgrounds and athletic courts.	
32/49	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Allocate funds to build-out unfinished space in the basement behind staff lounge and community room. Buildout is needed to create 600 sq.ft. classroom for OST. work will include new HVAC system, new lighting and power, and security system	503 West 145 St
33/49	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	Provide funding to repair roof and elevator at Manhattanville Community Center. The Manhattanville Community Center (operated by Graham Windham) is in need of repairs to its roof, which currently leaks, and its elevator, which is currently out of service.	530 West 133 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
34/49	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Allocate funds to maintain an Outdoor Reading Garden on the Westside of the George Bruce Library. (Parcel of Open Space adjacent West of 518 W. 125th Street)	518 West 125 St
35/49	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for tax incentives to developers to include art spaces (rehearsal/performance and visual arts work space) in their building	
36/49	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	Allocate funds for low-interest/no interest loans for Mitchell-Lama repair loans to Mitchell Lama buildings for Capital repairs.	
37/49	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Restore funding to improve NYPD parking facilities at the 26th and 30th precincts so that patrol cars and other vehicles are not parked on the street and blocking pedestrian ramps. Incude additional parking, and structural maintenance	
38/49	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Maintain funding for Recycling Facilities in NYCHA Developments within CD9	

42/49	DPR DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)  Reconstruct or upgrade a park or	The kayak launch at the West Harlem Piers Park was damaged by Superstorm Sandy and has been locked off from the community since 2012. The community is entitled to kayak access to the Hudson River through the Park as part of the Manhattanville redevelopment agreement.  Provide funding for turf renovation playground renovation, security upgrades and stadium
44/49	HPD	amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Provide more	lighting at Annunciation Playground  Provide funding to construct more affordable
45/49	DFTA	housing for seniors  Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Provide funds to replace the non-working elevator with an ADA-compliant elevator at the Jackie Robinson Senior Center at 1302  Amsterdam Avenue. The center is both a senior center and a designated cooling center during summer months. Its elevator is not currently operational.

46/49	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	The junction between 125th St and Amsterdam is one of/if not the busiest in the district. In addition to the commercial traffic and cars, there are five (5) MTA bus lines that converge on that corner. The pedestrian traffic includes every demographic. The curb cuts are in adequate to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers and pedestrians. More importantly during inclement weather, the rain and snow pile with inadequate drainage. This creates dangers for crossing and standing pedestrians.
47/49	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Continue Funding to provide lighting along bike path as well as other safety measures along Riverside Park (Waterfront) bike path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place, and Cherry Walk.
48/49	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to install new roofs, windows, doors, fire alarm, security, ADA compliance, elevator replacements, and technology upgrades at George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries
49/49	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to maintain heating and cooling systems at the George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Continue funding to design and construct a school K-8 within CD9 to eliminate the existing over crowding throughout CD9.
CS	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funds to renovate and repair the 26th and 30th Precincts to become ADA compliant.
CS	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	Maintain funding for recycling facilities at NYCHA developments within CD9.
CS	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd St. (St. Nicholas Park), repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th St. (St. Nicholas Park), and 114th Street on the upper level of Morningside Park.

CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access	Provide funds to maintain sidewalks along the North and Southbound corridor of Riverside Drive (bet. Grant's Tomb and the 125th St.	Riverside Drive West 122 Street
		improvements	Viaduct).	West 122
				Street

### **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	ОМВ	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Maintain and Increase budget for ALL Community Boards.	
2/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide funding to facilitate a youth outreach effort which will allow opportunities to connect children and their families with necessary resources: youth programs, internships, health clinics, job training and placement, cultural activities, etc.	
3/40	Other	Other expense budget request	DOE, DASNY, DFTA, and all other relevant agencies should continue food distribution and anti-hunger efforts through programs include GLWD, Meals on Wheels, Senior center hot meals, and other food distribution efforts like GetFoodNYC and meals hubs at DOE schools. Libraries, faith-based organizations, and NYCHA offices should also be considered for food distribution efforts.	
4/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide funding for libraries to increase access to information through use of technology, staff, and signage for residents to get info in multiple languages for COVID-related services, educational and employment opportunities.	
5/40	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	Fund an expansion of the Cure Violence Program into Hamilton Heights from W 134th to W 143rd Streets between Riverside Dr and St. Nicholas Ave using an existing CV provider. There were at least 13 shootings in the area in 2019 and approximately 10 YTD in 2020. An increase in narcotics dealing by gangs based in the Bronx has lead to local neighborhood youth being recruited as lookouts, runners, and other positions involved in the dealing of narcotics. Proven methods of intervening with youth, preventing violence, and steering youth into education, employment, or enrichment programs are needed.	

6/40	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito	Increase funds for Pest Control to reduce mosquito, rat, bedbug, and other pest populations within CD9.	
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7/40	DHS	Expand street outreach	Increase funding for dedicated outreach personnel for consistent relationship building outreach to homeless in CD9, particularly with enough staffing capacity to conduct daily outreach at hotspots in 3 block radius around Montefiore Park on W 137th Street and Broadway.	
8/40	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	Provide funding to train skilled professional technical assistance to struggling HDFC's and all homeowners within CD9.	
9/40	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Allocate funding for WiFi and tablet/laptops for low-income seniors isolated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the digital divide in New York	
10/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services	Provide funding for dedicated personnel for community liaison(s) in Community District 9 to conduct regular, ongoing relationship-building and service referrals outreach to homeless SGL/LGBTQ+ youth	
11/40	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Allocate additional funding for Code Enforcement Personnel at HPD to inspect rental buildings and if necessary conduct repairs through the Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP), especially mold and lead. HDFCs should not be put in AEP.	
12/40	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	Maintain funds to continue six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support theses functions.	
13/40	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	The presence of additional garbage from people being outside more due to COVID, combined with the reductions to street bin collection, has led to an increase of trash on the streets and accompanying increases of rodent populations.	

14/40	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Provide funds to increase reach of infant mortality reduction initiatives. Despite a decrease in infant mortality across the city, the rate in Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights is still almost five times higher than the rate in the Upper East Side. We think this is due to our high rate of poverty, lack of adequate parents in good health Our community as a high rate of poverty (food insecurity, lack of access to health insurance, unhealthy housing, joblessness) as well as strokes, diabetes and asthma and individuals returning to community post incarceration.
15/40	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide funds to repair Hamilton Grange Senior Center damaged by flooding during Hurricane Ida, including kitchen renovation (with new freezer, stove, counters, and working sink), repair of floors, and replacement of boiler
16/40	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	Increase funding for additional Sanitation Enforcement Officers within Community District 9. As COVID has led to more outdoor dining and activities, street litter and food scraps have become more prevalent on sidewalks and outside businesses, leading to more unaddressed sanitation violations.
17/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide and increase funding to create programming for mental health counseling & psychological support services at the M. L. Wilson Boys & Girls Club at 525 W. 145th St Services should support LGBTQ+, trans/gender non-conforming, and Black/Latinx youth and elders.
18/40	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide funds for the renovation and repair of roof and interior of Wilson Major Morris Center
19/40	HPD	Expand tenant protection programs	Increase funding for community-based tenant protection groups to educate tenants about new rent laws and assist with legal representation.
20/40	Other	Other expense budget request	Run a continuous gun by back program with a community partner. Compared to the rest of Manhattan we have a high incidence of gun violence.

Other	Other expense budget request	+Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Increase funding for outreach programs dedicated to immigrants in an effort to raise awareness and address safety issues, with dedicated outreach to LGBTQ immigrants.	
NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Provide funding for HHAP Program that aims to improve the health & well-being of NYCHA residents. Health workers are requested from the local community to offer health information on asthma, diabetes, and high blood pressure.	
DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase the number of Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers, Foot/Bicycle/Cars assigned to fixed patrols within CB9 specifically in Jacob Schiff Park and playground, which has experienced increase criminal activity and is attached to PS 192.	
DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Expand lead testing efforts to test every child in NYCHA developments and children in buildings identified by HPD and DOB as poorlymaintained or likely to contain lead paint or other lead dust based on age, violations, and other data.	
EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	Maintain funding for job training and placement for adults within CD9	
SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	Provide funding to increase access to business support centers that offer mentorship programs that help connect local businesses with investment capital and potential partnerships, particularly businesses suffering COVID-related business losses.	
NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Provide funds for a feasibility study to improve speeds on all bus lines within CD9.	
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32/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care	Provide funding for supported housing for agedout youth within foster care facilities throughout the borough of Manhattan.
31/40	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for development of culturally sensitive curriculum, for use within CD9 schools in cooperation with the Community Education Councils for Districts 5, and 6 recognizing the historical contributions of figures, movements, and more from diverse set of communities within CD9, including African American, Caribbean, Latino, and LGBTQ communities.
30/40	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Continue funding for maintenance staff to control garbage and refuse.
29/40	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Expand culturally-literate public education around stroke and other cardiac events like the Hip-Hop Stroke program at Harlem Hospital for audiences including African, Mexican, and Dominican communities. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in CB9 (943 deaths 2019) The rate of stroke hospitalizations in Morningside Heights and Hamilton Heights (364) is higher than both the Manhattan (264) and citywide rates (140)& High blood pressure being the leading risk factor for stroke.
28/40	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Fund a continuation of and more frequent data collection for the New York City Community Air Survey. Data is currently only available through 2018 and gathered during a two-week period each quarter. DOHMH should invest in continuous air quality monitoring to better capture real-time air quality shifts and conditions. The current combination of NYCCAS, 311, and 911 calls is not working to capture immediate violations. We have a very high rate of asthma and need during times of COVID all respiratory triggers in our community. We need a separate reporting system for Riverbank. 311 calls are insufficient for tracking real-time air quality problems and events.

33/40	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Provide funds needed for pruning trees throughout parks, plazas and community gardens to deter illegal activity within CD9.
34/40	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Provide funding for rezoning study for Morningside Heights.
35/40	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Increase funding for water and sewer maintenance.
36/40	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to install new roofs, windows, doors, fire alarm, security, ADA compliance, elevator replacements, and technology upgrades at George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries
37/40	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	Provide funds to maintain heating and cooling systems at the George Bruce and Hamilton Grange Libraries
38/40	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	Provide funding for after-school and weekend programs for young people at Our Children's Foundation at 527 W 125th Street to help young people recover from learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic
39/40	LPC	Other expense budget request for LPC	Provide funds for the historical study of West Harlem between West 135th Street and W 155th for the express purpose of determining the merit of the proposed West Harlem Historic District area, including identifying whether potential smaller areas may merit consideration for designation as a historic district
40/40	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	Increase NYPL funding to provide initiatives such as outdoor programming and continued digital services