

# ***Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests***

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### 1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

### 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY22 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

## Manhattan Community Board 2

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## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at [communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov](https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov).

# Manhattan Community District 2 - Land Use

One & Two Family Buildings

MultiFamily Walkup Buildings

MultiFamily Elevator Buildings

Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings

Commercial/Office Buildings

Industrial/Manufacturing

Transportation/Utility

Public Facilities & Institutions

Open Space

Parking Facilities

Vacant Land

All Others or No Data

Community Districts

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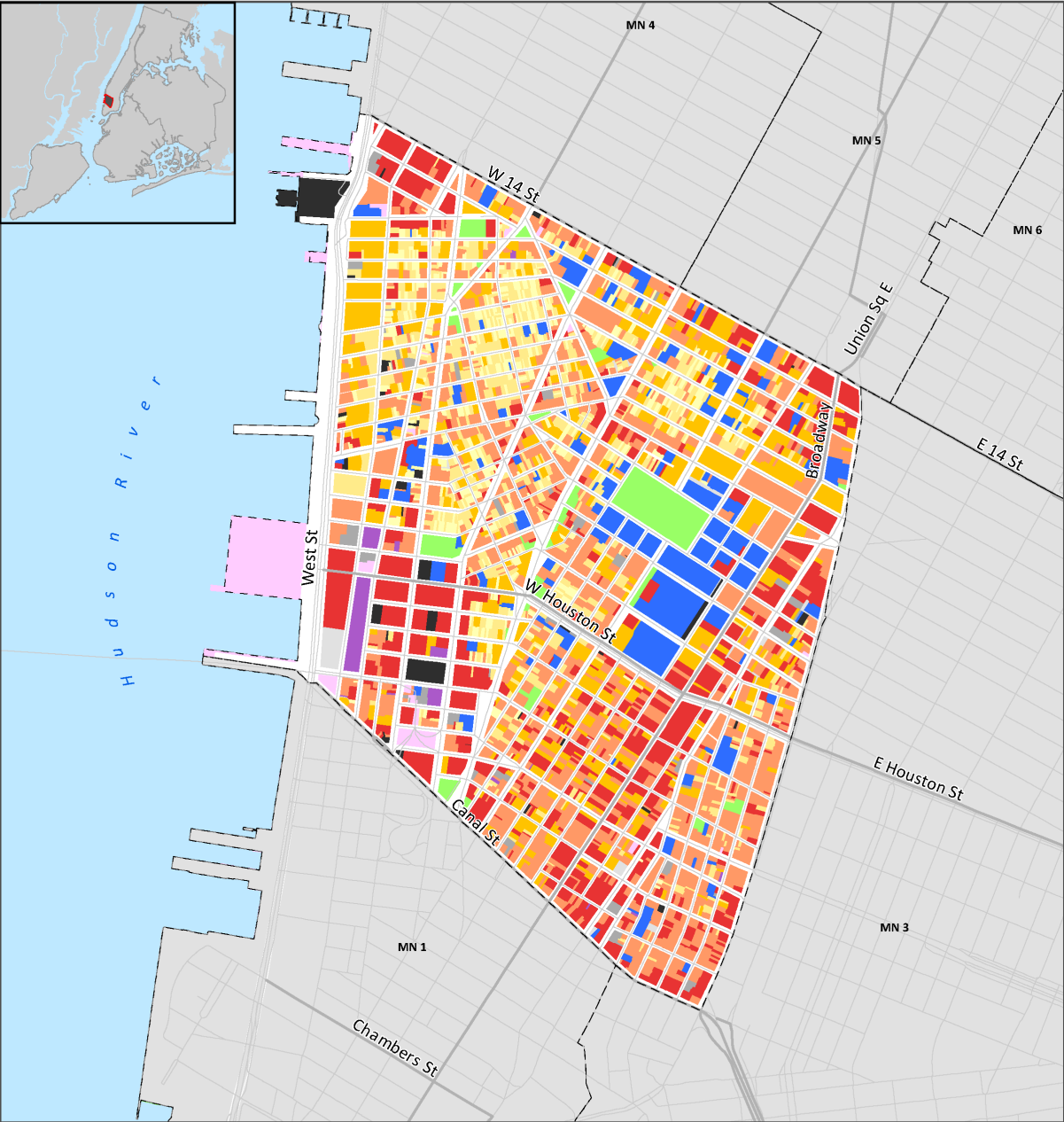
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### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 2 Manhattan ("CB2") continues to be greatly concerned that the City has minimized the impact of the district's rapid changes and has neglected to adequately respond to the need to increase the ancillary services that such changes require. During these years of exponential residential growth in NoHo, SoHo, Chinatown and our Hudson River waterfront, planners have not provided for the necessary amenities that make for a healthy and growing residential community, e.g., public schools, open space and parks, access to health care, adequate public transit opportunities and public transit access, affordable retail space, and general services such as sanitation, police and fire. Each year, CB2 receives many applications for residential conversions and re-zonings. The complaints and requests that come to CB2 reflect the concerns of this new residential population. Our budget priorities for the past few years have continued to focus on servicing these new arrivals to the district, as well as our long-time residents. More specific assessments of services will be set forth throughout this Statement.

I. DISTRICT OVERVIEW

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

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

C. Income structure Much of the architecture and history of our district has been maintained by residents who are determined to preserve the middle class, live-work, merchant and artisan atmosphere of our neighborhoods, past and future, but socioeconomic patterns are changing drastically. Median income for Districts 1 and 2 combined for the period 2007-2009 was \$104,305.

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

E. Tourism/Visitors Within the boundaries of Community District 2 are some of the most popular tourist attractions in New York City, with millions of tourists visiting the restaurants and cafes of Little Italy and Chinatown, the galleries and boutiques of SoHo, the jazz clubs and Off-Broadway theaters of Greenwich Village, as well as burgeoning nightlife, night club and cabaret spots of the entire area. A weekend evening stroll through the Meatpacking and waterfront districts in the west, along West 4th Street and Bleecker St. toward the east, through SoHo and Chinatown in the south and on the western edge of the Bowery from Houston to 14th St reveals the nightlife that is attracting record numbers of tourists. A walk through our landmark districts is an historic delight with many well-preserved buildings dating back to the early part of the nineteenth century. We see many groups conducting walking tours in our neighborhoods, telling stories about our immigrant, arts, and bohemian history. Tour buses travel through our small streets, obstructing pedestrian and bicycle passage as well as emergency access and deliveries, damaging our vulnerable infrastructure, idling and spewing dangerous emissions. Our street trash baskets are often overflowing, especially on the weekends, and it is up to our citizens and merchant associations to supplement the Department of Sanitation pick-ups. We require more police presence to manage the crowds. The parks in our district require more maintenance because they are not just the outdoor space for our residents, but also appeal to visitors who are looking for a pleasant stop on their way through our district. The High Line Park alone has attracted millions of visitors since its opening. Tourists are extremely welcome in our neighborhoods. They provide a significant clientele for our small businesses and cultural institutions. However, the influx of thousands of people on a daily basis puts a severe strain on our infrastructure and resources, and these additional needs are not adequately addressed in the budget allocations.

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



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

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Parks and open space**

(1) Preserve Elizabeth Street Garden and Build More Affordable Housing at Alternative Site. Since 2013, CB 2 has held four public hearings and passed four resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB 2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets, but only if the Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved. Neighborhood Underserved by Open Space. The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB 2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space. About the Garden. Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks. The Garden is open to the public seven days a week, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

#### **Schools**

The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) has the option to build a 100,000 square foot school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land (the Bleecker School Option), under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by New York University (NYU) and amended by a letter from NYU to Councilmember Chin on October 21, 2014. Without action by our elected officials and NYU, the Bleecker School Option will expire on December 31, 2018 and will result in the transfer of \$65+ million of value from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on a real estate market where the price per buildable square foot in Manhattan averages more than \$650, and arguably higher due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village, either city-owned or city-optioned. Please also note, if the option expires, NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility, when and if it decides to build the Bleecker Building. However, if for any one-year period NYU is unable to rent this space, 100% of the site reverts to NYU permanently. Bleecker School Key Community Benefit in 2012 NYU Rezoning: As part its 2012 rezoning, NYU made a good faith promise to our community for the Bleecker School, committing to a 100,000 square foot public school and a 2025 option date. As part ULURP, CB 2, the Manhattan Borough President and the NYC Department of City Planning all reviewed a rezoning package that included NYU's commitment for a 100,000 square foot public school and a 2025 option date. However, the final rezoning approved by the NYC City Council included an option, that expired 11 years earlier on December 31, 2014. Need for Bleecker School: CB 2 recognizes the need for 600 public school seats at the Bleecker School, based on our June 2017 demographic analysis and the following drivers of demand: 1. Current elementary schools remain over capacity and overcrowded; 2. Continued development, rezoning and future zoning changes; 3. Unmet programmatic needs, such as dual-language programs, language based learning programs and inadequate space for physical education, arts, science and other non- math/ELA academic subjects; 4. Need to modernize 19th century school facilities throughout District 2 to meet 21st century education needs and comply with ADA standards for accessible design; 5. Expansion of Pre-K and 3K programs; 6. Inclusion of District 75 seats; 7. CEQR flawed methodology in estimating demand for public school seats, and growth of family-sized apartments; and, 8. Reduction in class size to comply with Contract for Excellence laws; Reinstate 2025 Option Date. To ensure that the SCA exercises its option to build the Bleecker School, NYU must reinstate

the School Election Notice to 2025. Not only is 2025 the date NYU originally promised, it also will a) give the DOE enough time to fund the school, which is currently unfunded in the DOE's Capital Plan for FY 2020-2024; b) new school planning takes time -- 75 Morton took 12 years from advocacy to opening and NYU's own 181 Mercer Building remains under construction; c) downtown schools at Trinity Place and Duarte Square are delayed; and, d) allows more time to consider educational needs in a dynamically changing residential environment. Duarte Square School in Hudson Square Public School & Gym. As part of the 2013 Hudson Square rezoning, Trinity Church will build the core and shell of a 444-seat elementary school, the Duarte Square School, under a March 20, 2013 Restrictive Declaration by The Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the City of New York. The DOE would fund the remaining cost, the majority of which is funded in the DOE's Capital Plan for FY 2020-2024, released in November 2018. In addition, in a March 12, 2013 letter from the Department of Education to the Speaker of the New York City Council, the DOE has the option to build expanded recreation facilities in the Duarte Square site, including a) a double-height, 6,300 square foot gym, b) a 3,500 square foot multipurpose assembly space and c) 2,100 square foot multipurpose space. Trinity Church is exploring leasing or selling the Duarte Square School site and CB 2 want to ensure that the public school and gym commitments are not further delayed by a potential sale or lease. CB 2's priorities for Duarte Square are to ensure that: 1. Trinity Church, or the new owner, and the SCA establish a timeframe for developing the school, 2. The SCA funds the additional recreation facilities and that these are designed with a separate entrance to allow for community use during non-school hours, 3. No charter school claims the site, and, 4. The school is designed and built with a separate gym and auditorium, not a "gymatorium," as well as an outdoor playground. Funding Needs at Existing CB 2 Schools Underfunding = Overcrowding. Public schools in CB 2 are overcrowded and underfunded, resulting in large class sizes as principals attempt to stretch funding allocated on a per-student basis. To reduce class size, New York State needs to allocate additional funding and the DOE would need to increase capacity – one more reason to fund and build the Bleecker School. Technology. CB 2 supports additional funding for technology for MS 297, P751, PS 3, PS 41, PS 130, City-As-School High School and Broome Street Academy to ensure that all children have access to technology, a critical equity issue in education. Other Capital Projects. CB 2 also supports funding new water fountains at PS 3, air conditioning at PS 130, flexible classroom seating to build the literacy program at City-As-School High School and funding a green wall to augment the hydroponics program at City-As-School High School. After School Programming. 75 Morton will be expanding enrollment through the 2020-21 school year, requiring additional funding for on-site after school programming, through the Department of Youth and Community Development's School's Out New York City. Arts Education. CB 2 wants to ensure that the DOE allocates funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools. Funding, Siting and Building New Public Schools The City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process is flawed for analyzing how new development impacts public schools and overcrowding. Most development projects do not trigger an analysis of their impact on school seats and even when a new development triggers an Environmental Impact Analysis, the CEQR Technical Manual and EIS guidelines do not accurately estimate the need for new public school seats. CB 2 recommends that: 1. The Department of City Planning develop new and better formulas, based upon current demographics, that more accurately represent the percentage of families with school age children that comprise our local population, and considers the number of families who can be expected to move into new residential development; 2. The Department of City Planning to institute a policy that would require a school impact study, using local data as required under the 2014 law, on all new residential construction and conversion, regardless of size; and, The City develop a mechanism that would require developers of all new residential buildings to contribute to a capital fund for public schools, and/or include new school seats within their projects.

## Other

The City's lack of enforcement in making outdoor dining a success brings concern as the program transitions into a permanent one at the end of September 2021, with the potential to severely impact the quality of life for residents in the community amid permanent decisions being made during a pandemic with unknown long term consequences. Covid-19 has dramatically increased the pressure on sidewalk access and usage. The existing sidewalk café regime that existed prior to Covid-19 that was administered by the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection was suspended during the onset of the pandemic. In June, CB2 provided a comprehensive set of recommendations to both the Mayor and City Council with an extensive set of suggestions related to exploring new outdoor dining options. In the summer of 2019 with the advent of several outdoor dining initiatives under the auspices of the Department of Transportation, new semi-permanent build outs were created in roadbeds and to some extent on the sidewalk. As we enter the first winter with Covid-19 in resurgence, the dramatic proliferation in a short period of time of full structures on both the sidewalk and in roadbeds where none had previously existed

has significantly changed and impacted the use of sidewalks in our community with rampant illegal uses allowed to proliferate as a result of a lack of any enforcement or clear guidance. CB2 is in the process of reviewing these programs on an ongoing basis as they change monthly and even weekly and current up to date guidance and recommendations from CB2 are expected on an ongoing basis throughout the next year with the hope that at some point that guidance and recommendations will be heeded by the City of New York.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 2

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

###### **Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming)**

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

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

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

No comments

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

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###### **Needs for Homeless**

No comments

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

No comments

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/51	HHC	<b>Other expense budget request for HHC</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Health &amp; Hospitals Corporation for a follow-up Community Health Assessment to examine the success of the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village stand-alone emergency department model to understand the impact of the hospital's closing; and to survey the general experience of accessing medical services.</i>	
21/51	DFTA	<b>Other senior center program requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to collect data on seniors</i>	
22/51	DFTA	<b>Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place</b>	<i>These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>	
27/51	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to provide outreach and treatment that targets individuals who are using drugs on NYC streets. We support the work of Greenwich House as our local provider of needed substance abuse treatment to New Yorkers within our district and without. However, we also support DOHMH initiating an outreach program that targets individuals openly using drugs on public streets, so they can get the help they need.</i>	

33/51	DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request for DFTA</b>	<i>Allocate funds from DFTA to implement suggested improvements recommended by the NYC Comptroller to address problems related to retroactive contracts. One threat to social service agencies is the pace of the City's fulfillment of city contracts. Social services providers are compelled to advance funding to provide services, while the City takes as long as a year to reimburse these expenses. This provides cash flow problems for our providers, increasing the cost of debt service produced by credit lines, and threatening the very existence of providers working at small-scale. We urge the City to improve procurement systems to shorten the time required to register contracts.</i>
38/51	DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request for DFTA</b>	<i>Allocate additional funds from DFTA to cover overhead reimbursements for Greenwich House. Greenwich House works mostly under the constraint of government contracts, which can be inflexible, byzantine in their stipulations, and out-of-step with current costs. The result is that Greenwich House's programs are unable to provide all that our curious, artistic, intellectually vibrant seniors desire. Contract reimbursements have also failed to compensate for inflation, placing increased strain on Greenwich House's budget.</i>
41/51	HRA	<b>Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Tenant Legal Services so it can increase staff and expand its program to Community District 2.</i>
44/51	DFTA	<b>Funding for a new senior center program</b>	<i>Allocate funds for computer upgrades for Greenwich House Behavioral Services programs.</i>



## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

### **Manhattan Community Board 2**

#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **School and educational facilities (Capacity)**

New York City has the option to build a 100,000 square foot new public school in Greenwich Village – the Bleecker School. For this to happen, the NYC Department of Education (DOE) must fund the school before the option expires on December 31, 2021. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's key community giveback was the option to build the Bleecker School, a 100,000 square foot public school that would serve approximately 600 students. If the Bleecker School is not built, 100,000 square feet of school space reverts to NYU for university use. If the Bleecker School option expires on December 31, 2021, \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable square foot in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. Please also note, if the option expires, NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility, when and if it decides to build the Bleecker Building. However, if for any one-year period NYU is unable to rent this space, 100% of the site reverts to NYU permanently. Next Step: NYC DOE Must Fund the Bleecker School by 2021. The DOE must fund the Bleecker School in its FY 2020 – FY 2024 Capital Plan before December 31, 2021, otherwise the option expires. While an extension of the option expiration date to 2025 – the date originally proposed by NYU – would allow the city more time to fund the Bleecker School, NYU has publicly stated that it will not agree to further extensions. What Kind of School Can Be Built at the Bleecker School Site. The Bleecker School can serve public school students from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade, i.e. PK-5, 6-8 or PK 8, but a high school would require NYU consent. The Bleecker School can serve general education students, Students with Disabilities, such as students with dyslexia, or other learning disabilities and/or District 75 students. CB 2's Position. CB 2's September 2019 Resolution – Dyslexia Education: A Critical Equity Issue for NYC Students – supports 1) the implementation of early screening, curriculum development, teacher training, programs and schools to support and teach children with dyslexia in NYC public schools and 2) the creation of a DOE public school program for dyslexic students at the Bleecker School Site. Currently, there are no DOE public schools or programs for students with dyslexia and language-based learning disabilities, even though there are several private special education schools and a newly opened charter school specifically designed to address the learning needs of these students.

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

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

Bleecker School: Under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by New York University (NYU) and amended by a letter from NYU to Councilmember Chin on October 21, 2014, the NYC Department of Education has an option to build a 100,000 square foot public school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land. To exercise this option, the DOE must fund the school by December 31, 2018 and start construction by July 31, 2020. The DOE may build a school to serve students through 8th grade (not high school students.) If the DOE does not exercise this option, the buildable rights revert to NYU and NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility. In addition, under the Restrictive Declaration, NYU has the right to build up to 70,000 square feet of below grade space. Currently, the Bleecker School is not funded in the DOE Capital Plan for 2015-2019, updated in February 2017. Need for School Seats: CB 2 recognizes the need for 600 public school seats at the Bleecker School, based on our June 2017 analysis that shows: 1. 148 to 337 seat shortfall from overcrowding at all three CB 2 elementary schools for 2015-2016, based on outdated Blue Book figures that underestimate overcrowding, at 112% at PS 3, 109% at PS 41 and 109% at PS 130 as well as 114% at PS 11, 2. 88 seat shortfall at the Duarte Square School, based on a CEQR multiplier of 0.16, 3. 169 to 225 seat shortfall resulting from the 550 Washington rezoning – approved with out any school seats – based on a CEQR multipliers of 0.12 and 0.16 respectively, 4. 100+ seats to reduce kindergarten class size to comply with Contract for Excellence class size reductions (and 650+ seats for grades K-5), 5. 69 seats to expand pre-kindergarten seats to 50% of the kindergarten cohort, 6. 131 seats to expand 3K programs to 25% of the kindergarten cohort, 7. 44 seats for District 75 students at Duarte Square, 8. 60 seats for District 75 students at Bleecker, and, 9. Additional square footage and seats to comply with physical education requirements, Next Steps: Community Board 2 is committed to ensuring that the NYC School Construction Authority exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker



Street site. To ensure that this happens, NYU needs to reinstate the School Election Notice to 2025, which was NYU's original proposal. CB 2 also urges the SCA and the DOE to take into account the demographic analysis and projections developed by CB 2 and fund the Bleecker School in the SCA's next five year Capital Plan. Existing Elementary Schools All three of our current primary schools (P.S. 3, 41, and 130) are overcrowded and in need of regular capital investment to maintain the adequacy of the physical plant. For us, excellent public schools are a priority. In FY 2017, the near term capital needs are for improved technology and new water fountains. Funding, Siting and Building New Public Schools The City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process is flawed for analyzing how new development impacts public schools and overcrowding. Most development projects do not trigger an analysis of their impact on school seats and even when a new development triggers an Environmental Impact Analysis, the CEQR Technical Manual and EIS guidelines do not accurately estimate the need for new public schools seats. CB 2 recommends that: 1. The Department of City Planning develop new and better formulas, based upon current demographics, that more accurately represent the percentage of families with school age children that comprise our local population, and considers the number of families who can be expected to move into new residential development; 2. The Department of City Planning to institute a policy that would require a school impact study, using local data as required under the 2014 law, on all new residential construction and conversion, regardless of size; and, 3. The City develop a mechanism that would require developers of all new residential buildings to contribute to a capital fund for public schools, and/or include new school seats within their projects.

#### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/15	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 square foot Bleecker Street School. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's key community giveback was the option to build the Bleecker School, a 100,000 square foot public school that would serve approximately 600 students. If the Bleecker School is not built, 100,000 square feet of school space reverts to NYU for university use. If the Bleecker School option expires on December 31, 2021, \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable square foot in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. P</i>	
3/15	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Allocate funds for technology improvements, including smartboards, laptops and computers for PS 3, PS 41, PS 130, MS 297, P721, P751, Broome Street Academy, Chelsea Career and Technical Education High School, City-As-School High School, Harvest Collegiate High School, Harvey Milk High School and the NYC iSchool. CB 2 supports additional funding for technology at these schools to ensure that all children have access to technology, a critical equity issue in education.</i>	
8/15	SCA	<b>Renovate exterior building component</b>	<i>Allocate funds to P.S. 3 for gymateria dividers to increase flexibility and use, as well as weatherproofing of the rooftop playground.</i>	490 Hudson Steet
13/15	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Allocate funds to build STEAM and Literacy programs including a Wet Lab, Maker Space, Literacy Lab and Library / Media Center, as well as to add water bottle refilling stations at City-as-School High School.</i>	16 Clarkson Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location

7/51	DOE	<b>Assign more teaching staff</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators in order to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them</i>
14/51	DOE	<b>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</b>	<i>Allocate funds for a washing machine and dryer to give students access at MS 297 and City-as-School High School. Because students who lack access to laundry facilities tend to have higher absentee rates, CB 2 supports funding the installation of washers and dryers at schools that serve students in temporary or transitional housing.</i>
17/51	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds for curriculum development and teacher training for Culturally Responsive – Sustaining Education in our district’s public schools. CB 2 supports funding for curriculum development and teacher training for CB 2 areas schools for Culturally Responsive – Sustaining Education in alignment with the Culturally Responsive - Sustaining Education (CR-SE) Framework that the NYS Education Department issued in March 2019 and the definition of Culturally Responsive - Sustaining Education (CR-SE) that the DOE approved in July 2019.</i>
23/51	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Maintain most recent baseline funding for arts education. In 2014, a report by Comptroller Scott Stringer acknowledged the widely accepted benefits of arts education and its positive influence on children, including but not limited to: academic attainment, social emotional development and future employment. Chancellor Carranza’s Arts School Report for 2017-2018 announced a record spending on arts education. This included the administration’s \$23 million investment to expand programming, renovate arts spaces, and hire new teachers. We commend the administration for supporting arts education in our city, and hope they show its continued commitment with an increased allocation</i>
30/51	DOE	<b>Other expense budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Allocate funds for teacher training and reading and writing curricula that use a structured literacy approach.</i>

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Manhattan Community Board 2**

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)**

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

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

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

No comments

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

No comments

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

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

**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 2

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

##### **Noise pollution**

The most frequent quality of life complaints in CD2 relate to noise from various sources, including bars, clubs and restaurants that generate unruly crowds, produce excessively loud amplified sound, and/or have exterior HVAC systems that generate noise levels in excess of code limits. Another source is construction activity, especially when the Department of Buildings authorizes extended daytime hours and weekend hours for projects that are adjacent to residential uses in violation of the department's own rules for issuing such permits. Yet another is unregulated engines, on vehicles like food trucks, which produce noxious fumes as well as excessive noise.

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

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

No comments

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

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/15	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Allocate funds for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it became clear that the Hudson River waterfront was dangerously vulnerable. After making this request last year, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed. We would like to know if any study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations.</i>	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/51	DSNY	<b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the DSNY to evaluate the quantity and condition of trash containers, evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary, design rat-resistant trash containers, and improve trash removal by providing more frequent litter basket collection, especially on weekends and around spaces that attract a large volume of people.</i>	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Manhattan Community Board 2

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

##### **Building code and/or zoning enforcement**

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

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

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

No comments

##### **Needs for Housing**

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

##### **Needs for Economic Development**

No comments



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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/51	DCP	<b>Other zoning and land use requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to allow DCP to coordinate with City and State agencies to commission a comprehensive inventory—by both quantity and type—of all the current affordable housing in the district.</i>	
25/51	SBS	<b>Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Small Business Services to enable BE NYC to support entrepreneurship throughout CB2.</i>	

## TRANSPORTATION

### Manhattan Community Board 2

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Traffic congestion**

One of the District's major traffic and transportation problems is with vehicular congestion around the entrance and exit to the Holland Tunnel. The tunnel brings in great volumes of private vehicles visiting the city from out of state. In addition, trucks make many local commercial deliveries, and use our narrow streets to travel from the Hudson River to the F.D.R. Drive, south to the Financial District and to the outer boroughs. Our fragile network of narrow streets is also clogged with trucks skirting the one-way toll on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in order to use the toll-free Manhattan Bridge to access the Holland Tunnel. With the elimination now of toll booths on the Staten Island side of the bridge, and toll collection being done by way of E-Z Pass scanners and license plate readers, the one-way Verrazano toll is no longer feasible, and we welcome the cohesive steps now being taken in Congress to eliminate it. Every year in our budget requests, we ask that the City work with the Port Authority to consider new approaches to dealing with the traffic back-ups that are caused by the Holland Tunnel. We are pleased to note that some of these problems are now being examined by DOT's Hudson Square/West Village Transportation Study to identify and address longstanding transportation challenges as well as challenges and opportunities anticipated in the near future, and we look forward to the final report of findings and proposals that result from this study. We also ask for enforcement strategies to help keep traffic from "blocking the box" at intersections, as well as to control honking, especially now that "No Honking" signs are no longer used, and to curtail reckless driving done to circumvent congestion. We continue to work with the Hudson Square Business Improvement District to address many of these Holland Tunnel problems, and look to continue to work with them and the relevant agencies, to find and implement long lasting solutions, with hopes that these agencies will respond to our needs and recommendations.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Disabled access in our subway stations is greatly lacking, with not even a handful of stations in the CB2 District providing either elevators and/or escalators to enable the many physically challenged in our area to use the subways. Although the Capital Plan is providing for installation of more elevators and escalators throughout the city, many, many stations where such ADA accessibility is needed will still go without, including most of those in CB2. Our goal is to have every one of the subway stations in CB2 be furnished with the elevators and escalators that will give all of our citizens the rightful access they need to get around. In addition, every effort needs to be made to repair and rehabilitate our deteriorating subway stations for users' comfort and safety. In particular, the West 4th Street station has been severely deteriorating over many years of neglect to the point that current conditions are not only off-putting, but also a threat to people's health and safety. All of the platforms and surrounding areas are plagued with moldy, leaky and peeling walls and ceilings, and a full rehabilitation is long overdue.

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

Community District 2 has several internationally known tourist destinations that encourage heavy nighttime and weekend usage of the district's streets, by both cars and pedestrians. New York City Transit should be initiating a major effort to increase the use of public transportation in this context as well as in general by making it more comfortable, convenient, accessible and frequent, and making transit access points more user friendly for both visitors and residents. The removal of many of our subway station agents compromises our safety and takes away our source for vital information and orientation. We vehemently oppose these cuts that are completely counter to the sustainability goals of PlaNYC and Vision Zero. Public transportation makes more efficient use of space and energy, significantly reduces air and noise pollution, and minimizes pedestrian/vehicular conflicts. Therefore, instead of imposing these destructive cuts on a population that already depends so strongly on transit and its benefits, opportunities must be explored and followed through in providing new transit access and routes in areas of need, and sources of funding for our suffering transit system must be pinpointed and secured. CB2 has passed at different times at least three resolutions in support of congestion pricing, both to raise funds for transit improvements and to curtail the ever-growing congestion that disrupts our streets. One major transit deprivation impact has resulted from the removal of the M6 bus route and the diversion of the M1, M3, and M5 buses from the

routes they followed for many years in District 2. The new route locations are difficult, if not impossible, to reach for CB2's sizable and growing senior and disabled populations who have depended on convenient bus service to access important destinations, such as medical facilities and food shopping. They have resulted in distances, timing, stop locations, and reduced frequencies that severely penalize the entire District's residents, workers, parents and children because of the long waits, crowded buses, far apart stops and lack of needed accessibility. These routes need to be restored to their former locations that provide the service the community needs although with every passing year, the likelihood of this happening becomes more doubtful, but we're hopeful that the remaining existing routes can be modified for the comfort and convenience of our seniors and all our citizens who depend on these buses for transportation. In addition, every effort needs to be made to repair and rehabilitate our deteriorating subway stations for users' comfort and safety. In particular, the West 4th Street station has been severely deteriorating over many years of neglect to the point that current conditions are not only off-putting, but also a threat to people's health and safety. All of the platforms and surrounding areas are plagued with moldy, leaky and peeling walls and ceilings, and a full rehabilitation is long overdue. L-train stations along 14th Street are also in need of upgrades, and their 15-month closing during the Canarsie Tunnel Project presents a perfect opportunity for carrying out needed improvements, including ADA accessibility, at all three CB2 L-train stations. At this point, agreement has been reached for renovations to be done that make our 6th Avenue 14th Street station ADA accessible. We are hoping that not only CB2's other two stations on 14th Street along the L line can be made accessible in the very near future, but that all the subway stations in our district can be converted into ADA-accessible ones very quickly, something that is very needed and long overdue.

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the concrete widening of the subway triangle on 7th Ave. S. between Grove and Christopher Streets and on Grove St. between W. 4th St and 7th Ave. S. Different turning and traffic patterns call for safer pedestrian crossings, while the new bicycle path configuration on 7th Ave. S. has introduced a dangerous conflict for people coming from the subway who expect they can head for the 7th Ave. S. pedestrian island to cross the street, not realizing their vulnerability to bikes. The Grove St. curb edge doesn't align with the southern tip of the 7th Ave. S. island, allowing for a curbside No Parking lane leading directly into the island's protruding southern edge, particularly dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians in the snow with no visibility to avoid the island edge.</i>	
CS	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<i>Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St. including repair &amp; replacement of Belgian blocks and installation of a granite bicycle lane. The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.</i>	Clarkson Street Greenwich Street Greenwich Street
CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton Street between West Street and Washington Street. The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton Street is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite between West and Washington Streets and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton Street school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.</i>	Morton Street West Street West Street

CS	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<i>Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Bond St., between Broadway and the Bowery, on Wooster St. between Houston and Canal Streets., on Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Ave., and on 14th St. between 9th Ave. and Route 9A. Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged, missing or both and need to be restored and/or replaced. In some cases the structural base is so deteriorated, reconstruction is needed. Current poor condition is hazardous to pedestrians and a blight to the historic districts. The restoration of these streets with Belgian blocks is essential in keeping with the nature of these historically important areas</i>
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### Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to extend the protected bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. A northbound bike lane on Church St. connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. continuing to Canal St.; a protected bike lane on 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. goes to 59th St. A protected bike lane extension bet. Canal St. and Greenwich Ave./8th St. would provide a much needed continuous bike route from downtown to uptown</i>	
9/51	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install a fully continuous shared street on University Pl. from 14th St. to W. 4th St., considering provision for deliveries, drop-offs/pickups, emergency and other necessary access. In Phase 2, conduct a study to install a greenway on University Pl. from 14th to W. 4th St. University is now a shared street btw. 13th and 14th streets resulting in reduced vehicular traffic on University, already a quiet street oriented to community life. A fully shared street would create a calm and safe neighborhood environment that further enhances the street's use and enjoyment, which could be even more enhanced by a subsequent greenway</i>	

11/51	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Allocate funds for a study, including test applications and evaluations of curbside access, for package deliveries by commercial vehicles, taxi and car service pick-up and drop-off, and loading and unloading of personal vehicles in CB2M with selection of test areas through community consultation. Increases in e-commerce deliveries on residential streets and in for hire vehicles have led to additional demands on streets and curb space but not enough available curb space to accommodate this demand, resulting in double parking, traffic congestion, increased air and noise pollution, time costs, wasted fuel and other negative impacts, calling for more loading zones</i>	
15/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at Cooper Sq. Plaza crossing (4th Ave. to Bowery at E. 6th St.) including speed humps, signage, signalization changes. The roadway winding around and through Cooper Sq. Plaza bet 4th Avenue at E. 7th St. and the Bowery at E. 6th St. presents numerous crossing hazards to pedestrians and potential vehicular conflicts, such as buses, taxis, livery vehicles, trucks and private cars entering from the Bowery at excessive speeds, obstruction of drivers' visibility at the 4th Ave. bend in the roadway, lack of coordinated traffic light signals at the Bowery with a constant "Walk" light misleading pedestrians, and pedestrians crossing every which way, for lack of information on where to cross.</i>	Cooper Square Bowery East 6th St.
16/51	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Allocate funds to address continuing congestion problems on E. 12th St., focusing on 12th bet. Broadway and 5th Ave. problem areas and placard parking abuses on 12th bet. University Pl. and Broadway. E. 12th St. is an essential ambulance route from Lenox Health Greenwich Village on 7th Ave. to hospitals on the east side.</i>	East 12th Street Broadway Fifth Avenue
26/51	DOT	<b>Other expense traffic improvements requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. bet. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway until more permanent safety improvements can be added. The bike lane at this location is wedged between right and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks at great hazard.</i>	West Houston Street West Street Washington Street



32/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets (Stonewall National Monument area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, improved directional signage. Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.</i>	Waverly Place Christopher Street Grove Street
37/51	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W, 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality</i>	
43/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a holistic study of CB2's streets surrounding and including the 14th St. TTP (busway) and how they relate to each other, including observations and analysis of traffic conditions, examination of relevant busway/bus lane examples in other cities and traffic counts before and after the coronavirus pandemic. As with any improvement or change in a street's design, regulations and signalization, there are always further refinements needed when actual operation takes place. This was a pilot project, scheduled to run for 18 months, with 13 months left to go when it was made permanent, although monitoring showed there was additional work to do. A study would ascertain where modifications are needed</i>	14th Street 4th Avenue 8th Avenue

46/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the southwest side of Christopher St. and Greenwich Ave. Pedestrians crossing Christopher St. are endangered by swift-turning motor vehicles from Greenwich Ave., confusing traffic signalization, and obscured visibility. Traffic signal modifications, such as split phase with a dedicated green pedestrian light or a flashing arrow with delayed left turn, and daylighting at the Greenwich Ave. s.w. corner are needed.</i>
48/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install split phase signalization and bulb outs plus daylight the n.e. corner of W. 13th St. and Greenwich Ave. Speeding vehicles come west on 13th St. and turn north onto Greenwich Ave. at the same time pedestrians are crossing Greenwich there; the vehicles lack visibility of both pedestrians (who have the Walk signal) and the Walk signal itself, while also advancing continuously without slowing down, enabled to speed through because the turning radius is exceptionally wide, closer to 180 degrees than a true corner turning curve, seriously endangering pedestrians.</i>
50/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the blocks with and/or impacted by design changes related to dangerous traffic conditions on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves. and at the W. 13th St./Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. intersection, including Jane btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves., Greenwich btw. 8th Ave. &amp; Jane, Horatio btw. W. 4th St. and 8th Ave. and W. 13th approaching Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. Recent design, operational and regulatory changes related to increasing pedestrian safety at the Mobil gas station at Horatio St. and 8th Ave. have led to westbound traffic from W. 13th St. having to turn either north or south on Greenwich Ave. resulting in unforeseen increases in vehicular activity and speeding on Greenwich btw. W. 13th and W. 14th Sts. and on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves.</i>



**Provide new  
traffic or  
pedestrian  
signals**

*Allocate funds to install louvers on the traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. A traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. which is one block ahead of a hazardous crossing at Downing St. exacerbates the danger crossing Downing as drivers surge past it to catch the Carmine green light. Louvers on the Carmine traffic light would obscure the green signal, eliminating the impetus for drivers to speed up past Downing St.*

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Manhattan Community Board 2**

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

##### **Insufficient park or open space**

The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB 2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space. Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks. The Garden is open to the public seven days a week, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, and with its fully built up high-value land, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal. But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Last year, the new park at St. Vincent's Triangle finally opened to the public and the community looks forward to the ribbon-cutting for the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site. In addition, funding is in place for open space at Duarte Square, and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and DeSalvio Playground. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience. These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the last year, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district. Continuing Upgrade of Parks and Playgrounds and Facilities While most of our parks are in good condition, there are still some that need renovation. DeSalvio Playground, at the corner of Prince and Mulberry Streets, was last renovated in 1996. The park is now run down, uninteresting, and underused despite its location in an area with no other parks and a growing population of families with young children. An energetic group of parents has launched a drive to get the park rebuilt and the council member has allocated some of the required funds. Father Fagan Square is also in the process of being renovated. An active group of local residents has been engaged for several years, funds have been allocated by the City Council, a design has been created, reviewed, revised and recently presented to the community. It received a warm response, so we urge all involved parties to proceed with this project. Trees As an area with very few large parks and

burdened by high vehicular traffic, our district greatly values the benefits of streets trees. We support the citywide effort to plant one million new trees. We passed a resolution urging the Parks Department to make the replacement of trees the highest priority for tree plantings in our district and we have seen some replacements. We also requested a policy change whereby tree and stump removals automatically generate a high priority request for a new tree without the need for a second 311 request.

### **Needs for Cultural Services**

A. The Arts Community Board 2 is delighted by the arts and culture that the Whitney Museum of American Art in the Gansevoort Market district has infused into our district since opening its doors in May 2015, and also appreciates the institution's regular communications with and support of our board. This important institution, which was originally founded in our district, is a great asset to the Far West Village and has begun to help re-focus the neighborhood as an art and design district. The Museum is an exciting center of art, with exterior exhibition spaces as well the traditional interior spaces. Integrated with the High Line Park that runs along the eastern face of the building, the museum offers restaurants, gathering places, and other public areas as part of its overall design. In addition, our district has several other fine museums, including the NYC Fire Museum, the Children's Museum of the Arts, the Museum of Chinese in America, the Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, the Merchant's House Museum, and The Drawing Center, among others. CB2 is also excited about the Jackie Robinson Museum, which is scheduled to open in our district within the next couple of years. Community District 2 is also home to a unique array of performance spaces, Off-Broadway and independent theaters, film centers, and dance organizations. We take tremendous pride in the vibrant cultural scene that these organizations provide our community. These cultural organizations include: HB Playwrights; Cherry Lane Theatre; HERE; Rattlestick Playwrights Theater; Greenwich House & Greenwich House Pottery; The Gym at Judson; IRT Theater; IFC Center; Film Forum; Angelika; Cinema Village; Quad Theater; Actors Playhouse ; 13th Street Rep; Minetta Lane Theater; Westbeth Center; New Ohio; The Public Theater; Joe's Pub; Ars Nova; Axis Theater; The Duplex; Cornelia Street Café; Peridance; Martha Graham Dance Studio; Soho Playhouse; The Greene Space (WNYC Radio); Tenri Cultural Institute; New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture; Lucille Lortel Theater; Village Vanguard; Institutional theaters of NYU and The New School, among others. While we have a vibrant arts and culture scene in our area, we continue to be concerned about the impact on the downtown arts scene due to the closure of so many of the district's Off-Broadway and small theaters and other cultural spaces. The main causes are the exponential increase in rents and ongoing funding challenges faced by non-profits. Some years ago, we supported a proposal to use tax incentives that would encourage landlords to retain live performance space. In addition, CB2 strongly supports funding for the arts both in our area and citywide, and increased arts education in public schools, as a growing body of studies presents compelling evidence connecting student learning in the arts to a wide array of academic and social benefits. Namely, these various studies continue to indicate that the arts help to improve visual analysis skills and critical judgments, inspire creativity and improve motivation, collaboration, attitudes and attendance. B. Arts Advocacy Advocating for arts organizations and artists located within CB2 and for those that produce, program or present arts and culture within CB2 has been, and remains, a top priority for our board. For one, our committee has a history of writing resolutions and letters of support for non-profit arts organizations located within our district that are seeking funding or restoration of funding from grant organizations and city agencies. We were also the first community board City-wide to write a letter of support for New York City's first comprehensive cultural plan. In addition, we speak out against entities and agencies that seek to utilize our local parks and public spaces for arts-related projects that do not have wide community support, while strongly supporting public arts projects that are in alignment with the spirit of our community and neighborhoods. We also strive to foster connections amongst arts organizations located within our district to forge stronger cultural alliances. Finally, as is widely known, CB2 has historically been the home of a wide array of talented artists and, as such, our committee remains dedicated to advocating that the work of these local artists is a part of planned arts programming within our district whenever possible.

### **Needs for Library Services**

We are happy that long-awaited renovations and upgrades to the Jefferson Market Library are under way. On that note, we also think it is time for a master plan to renovate the Hudson Park branch to make its amenities more available. It is an amazing, albeit, somewhat inaccessible facility that has great potential if it was more readily used by the community-at-large. Finally, we are continue to be concerned that budget cuts have resulted in a reduction in staff and in the hours of operation at the libraries in our district. These reductions impact young children and the elderly most of all. We continue to request that additional funds be allocated to keep the libraries and their community rooms open for as many hours as possible. We also ask that the New York Public Library provide a dedicated staff to create special youth programming.

## Needs for Community Boards

No comments

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

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4/51	DPR	<b>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</b>	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal, and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary, trash bins in Parks.</i>	

5/51	DCLA	<b>Other expense budget request for DCLA</b>	<i>Allocate funds to create signage/markers/public art acknowledging and celebrating the rich history and contributions of the African Diaspora within CB2.</i>
24/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks</i>
29/51	DPR	<b>Plant new street trees</b>	<i>Allocate funds to plant new street trees and prune existing trees more frequently throughout Community District 2 as we have had several storm events over the last year that have resulted in great damage and loss as well as risk to people and property</i>
34/51	DCLA	<b>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to increase arts and cultural programs for CB2M community centers, such as Greenwich House, the LGBT Community Center, Center on the Square Neighborhood Senior Center and Our Lady of Pompeii Senior Center.</i>
35/51	DPR	<b>Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers</b>	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden. This garden is one of the truly special gems in CD2. The City should increase funding to it so its hours can be increased and the garden can be enjoyed by more residents in our district.</i>
39/51	DCLA	<b>Support nonprofit cultural organizations</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Ars Nova to support its Ticket Subsidy Program. Ars Nova, one of New York's "most adventurous Off-Broadway companies" (The New York Times), prioritizes keeping shows accessible to New Yorkers of all socio-economic backgrounds through its Ticket Subsidy Program, pricing regular tickets at well-below market value and maintaining an average ticket price of less than \$20 across its season ticket prices. Ars Nova will expand its Ticket Subsidy Program to offer "radical hospitality," allowing audience members to set their own ticket price based on their comfort and need. Arts and culture can and should play a major role in New York City's post-COVID recovery, and radical hospitality is an immediate and tangible way to invite the community to come together and heal.</i>



40/51	DPR	<b>Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)</b>	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs. Learn to Swim offerings for young children especially are very limited in the neighborhood and would be very popular if offered in a heated and indoor pool at Vesuvio. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM!</i>
42/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds from the Parks Department for a re-imagining of the Playground of the Americas. This often overlooked and underused playground needs a redesign to make it more attractive to the children in Community District 2.</i>
45/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds from the Parks department to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>
47/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds from the Parks Department to add benches at Golden Swan Park.</i>

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### Other Capital Requests

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

### Other Expense Requests

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8/51	CECM	<b>Other expense budget request for CECM</b>	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct a study on the effects that full street closures for commercial events have on neighboring businesses and residents. Community Board 2 remains disturbed by the endless proliferation of promotional and commercial events, some permitted and some not, which are occurring regularly in SoHo and, to a lesser extent, in NoHo. These events clog sidewalks and streets and often result in chaotic street scenes costing the City money and resources as it struggles to bring order to the mayhem. Residents are inconvenienced and neighboring businesses are hurt as temporary "pop-up" shops commandeer the sidewalks, close streets and often blast music that illegally impacts the quality of life of the neighbors.</i>	
12/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Commission on Human Rights for mandatory diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-bias training to all incoming and current Community Board Members.</i>	

13/51	LPC	<b>Other expense budget request for LPC</b>	<i>Allocate funds to increase staff to support the identification of properties that are being or have been modified without proper permits and to monitor and verify that modifications and construction are carried out according to approved applications. The board, the landmarks committee, and the residents of the neighborhood are vigilant in documenting work in progress without permission. The Commission does not have staff who survey the districts for violations of this type. They only respond to complaints.</i>
18/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the New York Public Library to maintain FY 2021 expense funding level for all CB2 libraries in FY 2022.</i>
19/51	MOME	<b>Other expense budget request for MOME</b>	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) to conduct enforcement and compliance of film and television permits. As the number of film shoots in CD2 continues to proliferate, as does the number of complaints we receive from our residents and businesses. We feel strongly that MOME needs to have enforcement staff that tracks film shoots in real time and proactively to ensure that all permits are being adhered to.</i>
20/51	DCWP	<b>Other expense budget request for DCA</b>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional DCA inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of sidewalk café regulations. A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk cafe times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times. While sidewalk cafe laws are not in effect right now, they will be in the Fall 2021.</i>

28/51	CECM	<b>Other expense budget request for CECM</b>	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct enforcement and compliance of street activity permits. There has been an explosion in the number of street events receiving permits from SAPO or operating illegally without required permits. The local precincts have not been able to keep up with the proliferation of these events nor do they always have the requisite familiarity with what is permitted. SAPO needs funding to hire additional staff dedicated to monitoring these street events and noting violations when they occur.</i>
31/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to ensure sufficient staff to review and evaluate the increased number of proposals that are reviewed by staff that would have come to the community board for public review under the prior rules.</i>
36/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Sanitation Department to educate residents on compost recycling and drop-off locations and possibly reinstitute residential composting in CB2</i>
49/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to repair the drainage problem apparently resulting from the installation of new fences at the LaGuardia Garden. Following the renovation of LaGuardia Garden, there appears to be a drainage problem resulting in ponding at the site. Several area residents contend that the problem did not exist before the renovation.</i>

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

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2/15	SCA	<b>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 square foot Bleecker Street School. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's key community giveback was the option to build the Bleecker School, a 100,000 square foot public school that would serve approximately 600 students. If the Bleecker School is not built, 100,000 square feet of school space reverts to NYU for university use. If the Bleecker School option expires on December 31, 2021, \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable square foot in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. P</i>	
3/15	DOE	<b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Allocate funds for technology improvements, including smartboards, laptops and computers for PS 3, PS 41, PS 130, MS 297, P721, P751, Broome Street Academy, Chelsea Career and Technical Education High School, City-As-School High School, Harvest Collegiate High School, Harvey Milk High School and the NYC iSchool. CB 2 supports additional funding for technology at these schools to ensure that all children have access to technology, a critical equity issue in education.</i>	

4/15	DEP	<b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>	<i>Allocate funds for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it became clear that the Hudson River waterfront was dangerously vulnerable. After making this request last year, the agency response was that further study of the request was needed. We would like to know if any study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations.</i>	
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CS	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the concrete widening of the subway triangle on 7th Ave. S. between Grove and Christopher Streets and on Grove St. between W. 4th St and 7th Ave. S. Different turning and traffic patterns call for safer pedestrian crossings, while the new bicycle path configuration on 7th Ave. S. has introduced a dangerous conflict for people coming from the subway who expect they can head for the 7th Ave. S. pedestrian island to cross the street, not realizing their vulnerability to bikes. The Grove St. curb edge doesn't align with the southern tip of the 7th Ave. S. island, allowing for a curbside No Parking lane leading directly into the island's protruding southern edge, particularly dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians in the snow with no visibility to avoid the island edge.</i>	

CS	DOT	<b>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>	<i>Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St. including repair &amp; replacement of Belgian blocks and installation of a granite bicycle lane. The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.</i>	Clarkson Street Greenwich Street Greenwich Street
CS	DOT	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton Street between West Street and Washington Street. The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton Street is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite between West and Washington Streets and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton Street school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.</i>	Morton Street West Street West Street
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2/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to extend the protected bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. A northbound bike lane on Church St. connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. continuing to Canal St.; a protected bike lane on 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. goes to 59th St. A protected bike lane extension bet. Canal St. and Greenwich Ave./8th St. would provide a much needed continuous bike route from downtown to uptown</i>	
3/51	DCP	<b>Other zoning and land use requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to allow DCP to coordinate with City and State agencies to commission a comprehensive inventory—by both quantity and type—of all the current affordable housing in the district.</i>	
4/51	DPR	<b>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</b>	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal, and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary, trash bins in Parks.</i>	
5/51	DCLA	<b>Other expense budget request for DCLA</b>	<i>Allocate funds to create signage/markers/public art acknowledging and celebrating the rich history and contributions of the African Diaspora within CB2.</i>	
6/51	DSNY	<b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the DSNY to evaluate the quantity and condition of trash containers, evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary, design rat-resistant trash containers, and improve trash removal by providing more frequent litter basket collection, especially on weekends and around spaces that attract a large volume of people.</i>	

7/51	DOE	<b>Assign more teaching staff</b>	<i>Allocate funds for the NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators in order to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them</i>
8/51	CECM	<b>Other expense budget request for CECM</b>	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct a study on the effects that full street closures for commercial events have on neighboring businesses and residents. Community Board 2 remains disturbed by the endless proliferation of promotional and commercial events, some permitted and some not, which are occurring regularly in SoHo and, to a lesser extent, in NoHo. These events clog sidewalks and streets and often result in chaotic street scenes costing the City money and resources as it struggles to bring order to the mayhem. Residents are inconvenienced and neighboring businesses are hurt as temporary "pop-up" shops commandeer the sidewalks, close streets and often blast music that illegally impacts the quality of life of the neighbors.</i>
9/51	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install a fully continuous shared street on University Pl. from 14th St. to W. 4th St., considering provision for deliveries, drop-offs/pickups, emergency and other necessary access. In Phase 2, conduct a study to install a greenway on University Pl. from 14th to W. 4th St. University is now a shared street btw. 13th and 14th streets resulting in reduced vehicular traffic on University, already a quiet street oriented to community life. A fully shared street would create a calm and safe neighborhood environment that further enhances the street's use and enjoyment, which could be even more enhanced by a subsequent greenway</i>
10/51	HHC	<b>Other expense budget request for HHC</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Health &amp; Hospitals Corporation for a follow-up Community Health Assessment to examine the success of the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village stand-alone emergency department model to understand the impact of the hospital's closing; and to survey the general experience of accessing medical services.</i>

11/51	DOT	<b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>	<i>Allocate funds for a study, including test applications and evaluations of curbside access, for package deliveries by commercial vehicles, taxi and car service pick-up and drop-off, and loading and unloading of personal vehicles in CB2M with selection of test areas through community consultation. Increases in e-commerce deliveries on residential streets and in for hire vehicles have led to additional demands on streets and curb space but not enough available curb space to accommodate this demand, resulting in double parking, traffic congestion, increased air and noise pollution, time costs, wasted fuel and other negative impacts, calling for more loading zones</i>
12/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Commission on Human Rights for mandatory diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-bias training to all incoming and current Community Board Members.</i>
13/51	LPC	<b>Other expense budget request for LPC</b>	<i>Allocate funds to increase staff to support the identification of properties that are being or have been modified without proper permits and to monitor and verify that modifications and construction are carried out according to approved applications. The board, the landmarks committee, and the residents of the neighborhood are vigilant in documenting work in progress without permission. The Commission does not have staff who survey the districts for violations of this type. They only respond to complaints.</i>
14/51	DOE	<b>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</b>	<i>Allocate funds for a washing machine and dryer to give students access at MS 297 and City-as-School High School. Because students who lack access to laundry facilities tend to have higher absentee rates, CB 2 supports funding the installation of washers and dryers at schools that serve students in temporary or transitional housing.</i>

15/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at Cooper Sq. Plaza crossing (4th Ave. to Bowery at E. 6th St.) including speed humps, signage, signalization changes. The roadway winding around and through Cooper Sq. Plaza bet 4th Avenue at E. 7th St. and the Bowery at E. 6th St. presents numerous crossing hazards to pedestrians and potential vehicular conflicts, such as buses, taxis, livery vehicles, trucks and private cars entering from the Bowery at excessive speeds, obstruction of drivers' visibility at the 4th Ave. bend in the roadway, lack of coordinated traffic light signals at the Bowery with a constant "Walk" light misleading pedestrians, and pedestrians crossing every which way, for lack of information on where to cross.</i>	Cooper Square Bowery East 6th St.
16/51	DOT	<b>Address traffic congestion</b>	<i>Allocate funds to address continuing congestion problems on E. 12th St., focusing on 12th bet. Broadway and 5th Ave. problem areas and placard parking abuses on 12th bet. University Pl. and Broadway. E. 12th St. is an essential ambulance route from Lenox Health Greenwich Village on 7th Ave. to hospitals on the east side.</i>	East 12th Street Broadway Fifth Avenue
17/51	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds for curriculum development and teacher training for Culturally Responsive – Sustaining Education in our district's public schools. CB 2 supports funding for curriculum development and teacher training for CB 2 areas schools for Culturally Responsive – Sustaining Education in alignment with the Culturally Responsive - Sustaining Education (CR-SE) Framework that the NYS Education Department issued in March 2019 and the definition of Culturally Responsive - Sustaining Education (CR-SE) that the DOE approved in July 2019.</i>	
18/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the New York Public Liobrary to maintain FY 2021 expense funding level for all CB2 libraries in FY 2022.</i>	



19/51	MOME	<b>Other expense budget request for MOME</b>	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) to conduct enforcement and compliance of film and television permits. As the number of film shoots in CD2 continues to proliferate, as does the number of complaints we receive from our residents and businesses. We feel strongly that MOME needs to have enforcement staff that tracks film shoots in real time and proactively to ensure that all permits are being adhered to.</i>
20/51	DCWP	<b>Other expense budget request for DCA</b>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional DCA inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of sidewalk café regulations. A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk cafe times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times. While sidewalk cafe laws are not in effect right now, they will be in the Fall 2021.</i>
21/51	DFTA	<b>Other senior center program requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to collect data on seniors</i>
22/51	DFTA	<b>Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place</b>	<i>These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>



23/51	DOE	<b>Other educational programs requests</b>	<i>Maintain most recent baseline funding for arts education. In 2014, a report by Comptroller Scott Stringer acknowledged the widely accepted benefits of arts education and its positive influence on children, including but not limited to: academic attainment, social emotional development and future employment. Chancellor Carranza's Arts School Report for 2017-2018 announced a record spending on arts education. This included the administration's \$23 million investment to expand programming, renovate arts spaces, and hire new teachers. We commend the administration for supporting arts education in our city, and hope they show its continued commitment with an increased allocation</i>	
24/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks</i>	
25/51	SBS	<b>Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Small Business Services to enable BE NYC to support entrepreneurship throughout CB2.</i>	
26/51	DOT	<b>Other expense traffic improvements requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. bet. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway until more permanent safety improvements can be added. The bike lane at this location is wedged between right and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks at great hazard.</i>	West Houston Street West Street Washington Street
27/51	DOHMH	<b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to provide outreach and treatment that targets individuals who are using drugs on NYC streets. We support the work of Greenwich House as our local provider of needed substance abuse treatment to New Yorkers within our district and without. However, we also support DOHMH initiating an outreach program that targets individuals openly using drugs on public streets, so they can get the help they need.</i>	

28/51	CECM	<b>Other expense budget request for CECM</b>	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct enforcement and compliance of street activity permits. There has been an explosion in the number of street events receiving permits from SAPO or operating illegally without required permits. The local precincts have not been able to keep up with the proliferation of these events nor do they always have the requisite familiarity with what is permitted. SAPO needs funding to hire additional staff dedicated to monitoring these street events and noting violations when they occur.</i>	
29/51	DPR	<b>Plant new street trees</b>	<i>Allocate funds to plant new street trees and prune existing trees more frequently throughout Community District 2 as we have had several storm events over the last year that have resulted in great damage and loss as well as risk to people and property</i>	
30/51	DOE	<b>Other expense budget request for DOE</b>	<i>Allocate funds for teacher training and reading and writing curricula that use a structured literacy approach.</i>	
31/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to ensure sufficient staff to review and evaluate the increased number of proposals that are reviewed by staff that would have come to the community board for public review under the prior rules.</i>	
32/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets (Stonewall National Monument area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, improved directional signage. Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.</i>	Waverly Place Christopher Street Grove Street

33/51	DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request for DFTA</b>	<i>Allocate funds from DFTA to implement suggested improvements recommended by the NYC Comptroller to address problems related to retroactive contracts. One threat to social service agencies is the pace of the City's fulfillment of city contracts. Social services providers are compelled to advance funding to provide services, while the City takes as long as a year to reimburse these expenses. This provides cash flow problems for our providers, increasing the cost of debt service produced by credit lines, and threatening the very existence of providers working at small-scale. We urge the City to improve procurement systems to shorten the time required to register contracts.</i>
34/51	DCLA	<b>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to increase arts and cultural programs for CB2M community centers, such as Greenwich House, the LGBT Community Center, Center on the Square Neighborhood Senior Center and Our Lady of Pompeii Senior Center.</i>
35/51	DPR	<b>Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers</b>	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden. This garden is one of the truly special gems in CD2. The City should increase funding to it so its hours can be increased and the garden can be enjoyed by more residents in our district.</i>
36/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to the Sanitation Department to educate residents on compost recycling and drop-off locations and possibly reinstitute residential composting in CB2</i>
37/51	DOT	<b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b>	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W. 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality</i>

38/51	DFTA	<b>Other expense budget request for DFTA</b>	<i>Allocate additional funds from DFTA to cover overhead reimbursements for Greenwich House. Greenwich House works mostly under the constraint of government contracts, which can be inflexible, byzantine in their stipulations, and out-of-step with current costs. The result is that Greenwich House's programs are unable to provide all that our curious, artistic, intellectually vibrant seniors desire. Contract reimbursements have also failed to compensate for inflation, placing increased strain on Greenwich House's budget.</i>
39/51	DCLA	<b>Support nonprofit cultural organizations</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Ars Nova to support its Ticket Subsidy Program. Ars Nova, one of New York's "most adventurous Off-Broadway companies" (The New York Times), prioritizes keeping shows accessible to New Yorkers of all socio-economic backgrounds through its Ticket Subsidy Program, pricing regular tickets at well-below market value and maintaining an average ticket price of less than \$20 across its season ticket prices. Ars Nova will expand its Ticket Subsidy Program to offer "radical hospitality," allowing audience members to set their own ticket price based on their comfort and need. Arts and culture can and should play a major role in New York City's post-COVID recovery, and radical hospitality is an immediate and tangible way to invite the community to come together and heal.</i>
40/51	DPR	<b>Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)</b>	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs. Learn to Swim offerings for young children especially are very limited in the neighborhood and would be very popular if offered in a heated and indoor pool at Vesuvio. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM!</i>
41/51	HRA	<b>Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers</b>	<i>Allocate funds to Tenant Legal Services so it can increase staff and expand its program to Community District 2.</i>
42/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds from the Parks Department for a re-imagining of the Playground of the Americas. This often overlooked and underused playground needs a redesign to make it more attractive to the children in Community District 2.</i>

43/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a holistic study of CB2's streets surrounding and including the 14th St. TTP (busway) and how they relate to each other, including observations and analysis of traffic conditions, examination of relevant busway/bus lane examples in other cities and traffic counts before and after the coronavirus pandemic. As with any improvement or change in a street's design, regulations and signalization, there are always further refinements needed when actual operation takes place. This was a pilot project, scheduled to run for 18 months, with 13 months left to go when it was made permanent, although monitoring showed there was additional work to do. A study would ascertain where modifications are needed</i>	14th Street 4th Avenue 8th Avenue
44/51	DFTA	<b>Funding for a new senior center program</b>	<i>Allocate funds for computer upgrades for Greenwich House Behavioral Services programs.</i>	
45/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds from the Parks department to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>	
46/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the southwest side of Christopher St. and Greenwich Ave. Pedestrians crossing Christopher St. are endangered by swift-turning motor vehicles from Greenwich Ave., confusing traffic signalization, and obscured visibility. Traffic signal modifications, such as split phase with a dedicated green pedestrian light or a flashing arrow with delayed left turn, and daylighting at the Greenwich Ave. s.w. corner are needed.</i>	
47/51	DPR	<b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>	<i>Allocate funds from the Parks Department to add benches at Golden Swan Park.</i>	

48/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install split phase signalization and bulb outs plus daylight the n.e. corner of W. 13th St. and Greenwich Ave. Speeding vehicles come west on 13th St. and turn north onto Greenwich Ave. at the same time pedestrians are crossing Greenwich there; the vehicles lack visibility of both pedestrians (who have the Walk signal) and the Walk signal itself, while also advancing continuously without slowing down, enabled to speed through because the turning radius is exceptionally wide, closer to 180 degrees than a true corner turning curve, seriously endangering pedestrians.</i>
49/51	Other	<b>Other expense budget request</b>	<i>Allocate funds to repair the drainage problem apparently resulting from the installation of new fences at the LaGuardia Garden. Following the renovation of LaGuardia Garden, there appears to be a drainage problem resulting in ponding at the site. Several area residents contend that the problem did not exist before the renovation.</i>
50/51	DOT	<b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the blocks with and/or impacted by design changes related to dangerous traffic conditions on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves. and at the W. 13th St./Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. intersection, including Jane btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves., Greenwich btw. 8th Ave. &amp; Jane, Horatio btw. W. 4th St. and 8th Ave. and W. 13th approaching Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. Recent design, operational and regulatory changes related to increasing pedestrian safety at the Mobil gas station at Horatio St. and 8th Ave. have led to westbound traffic from W. 13th St. having to turn either north or south on Greenwich Ave. resulting in unforeseen increases in vehicular activity and speeding on Greenwich btw. W. 13th and W. 14th Sts. and on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves.</i>
51/51	DOT	<b>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</b>	<i>Allocate funds to install louvers on the traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. A traffic light at Carmine St. on Bedford St. which is one block ahead of a hazardous crossing at Downing St. exacerbates the danger crossing Downing as drivers surge past it to catch the Carmine green light. Louvers on the Carmine traffic light would obscure the green signal, eliminating the impetus for drivers to speed up past Downing St.</i>