

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2027

**Manhattan Community
District
8**

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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) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Manhattan

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

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

Manhattan Community District 8

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 219,920 | 100.00 | 231,983 | 100.00 | 12,063 | 5.5 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 30,678 | 13.9 | 33,594 | 14.5 | 2,916 | 9.5 | 0.6 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 219,920 | 100.0 | 231,983 | 100.0 | 12,063 | 5.5 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 15,563 | 7.1 | 18,517 | 8.0 | 2,954 | 19.0 | 0.9 |
| White non-Hispanic | 173,711 | 79.0 | 170,406 | 73.5 | -3,305 | -1.9 | -5.5 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 7,098 | 3.2 | 6,257 | 2.7 | -841 | -11.8 | -0.5 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 18,847 | 8.6 | 26,536 | 11.4 | 7,689 | 40.8 | 2.8 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 833 | 0.4 | 1,789 | 0.8 | 956 | 114.8 | 0.4 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 3,868 | 1.8 | 8,478 | 3.7 | 4,610 | 119.2 | 1.9 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 136,751 | 100.0 | 138,922 | 100.0 | 2,171 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 120,193 | 87.9 | 122,565 | 88.2 | 2,372 | 2.0 | 0.3 |
| Vacant housing units | 16,558 | 12.1 | 16,357 | 11.8 | -201 | -1.2 | -0.3 |

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 8 (CD8) comprises the Upper East Side (UES) of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. Boundaries stretch from the north side of 59th Street to the south side of East 96th Street between Central Park and the East River. Well-known neighborhoods within the district include Lenox Hill, Carnegie Hill, and Yorkville. The district is home to nearly 200,000 residents, as well as world-famous hospitals, medical research centers, museums, art galleries, shopping, and restaurants. CD8 also has seven historic districts and 131 individual landmarks. The UES historic districts are valued for their historical significance and architectural beauty, featuring a mix of brownstone row houses, opulent townhouses, mansions, and imposing apartment buildings.

According to a 2025 NYU Furman profile of the neighborhood, the Upper East Side is the city's sixth-largest neighborhood by population, with an estimated 198,035 residents in 2023, of which 11% identified as Asian, 9.5% identified as Hispanic, 2.7% identified as black, and 71.3% identified as white. The total number of people living on the Upper East Side declined from a high of 231,983 identified in the 2020 census. Even with this reduction in population, the UES remains one of the densest districts in the nation, facing challenges including scarce affordable housing, quality of life issues, including delivery of municipal services, inadequate green space, crowded schools, and taxed social services.

A construction boom continues unabated, but many units are in large-scale luxury residential towers. According to the Furman study, in 2023, over 22% of residents were rent-burdened, spending over 50% of their household income on rent. Median gross rents on the UES increased from \$2,400 in 2006 to \$3,260 in 2023, a 35.8% increase over this period. Only 1.9% of the rental units were public housing units. CB8 has advocated for affordable housing, including preservation of walk-up residences on the avenues, which tend to have more affordable rents and have been targeted for demolition and replacement by high-rise luxury towers.

The neighborhood lost many businesses after the construction of the Second Avenue Subway, followed by the pandemic. On East 86th Street and neighboring blocks, over 70% of the building stock is now residential. The district hosts two business improvement districts, which advocate for businesses and community economic development. These entities are the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District and the East Midtown Partnership.

The serious crime rate, including property and violent crime, was 9.9 serious crimes per 1,000 residents in 2024, compared to 13.6 serious crimes per 1,000 residents citywide.

The median household income on the UES in 2023 was \$165,280 compared to an inflation-adjusted median income of \$141,610 in 2000. The poverty rate in 2023 was 6.1%. For residents aged 65 and over, the poverty rate is 8.3%.

More than a quarter of residents in the neighborhood are 65 or older, an increase of nearly 12 percentage points since 2000. This highlights the ongoing need for adequate social and public services, particularly for seniors facing challenges such as food insecurity, social isolation, and housing instability.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 8

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

The need for affordable housing continuously rates as a top issue in surveys of community residents and has long been a priority for Community Board 8. A recent report from Columbia University found that between 2010 and 2021, the Upper East Side gained a net of only 101 housing units, one of the lowest citywide. The trend in the district is toward tearing down older buildings and replacing them with larger luxury buildings that include fewer housing units. The result has exacerbated the affordable housing challenges in our district. As of October 2025 the median rent on the UES is \$4,644. This is a 139% above or \$2,699 higher than the national average. The loss of inventory is making it harder for people on lower incomes or young professionals to get a toe-hold in the neighborhood. In response to a lack of sufficient affordable units in the district and citywide, the Board has voiced its overall support of retaining and increasing affordable housing in the district, and recommends additional units in new developments be set aside as affordable units. Developers should be encouraged to use creativity taking into account neighborhood character and infrastructure challenges given that the UES is the densest neighborhood in the City with 11,070 persons per square mile. Also, at present, there are a limited number of un-developed or under-developed sites on City-owned or other publicly owned sites on which new affordable housing could be created. The City should be encouraged to develop affordable housing on these sites. Additionally, the Board recommends rescinding the NYC Administrative Code §26-511, C, 9, which has increased institutional expansion within the district. The Board further recommends additional investments in NYCHA housing to bring the apartments up to a state of good repair.

Parks and open space

Parks and open spaces are vital for CD8, serving as essential resources for community well-being, recreation, and environmental sustainability. In one of the most densely populated areas in the city, access to green spaces provides residents with vital opportunities for physical activity, relaxation, and social interaction, contributing to improved mental and physical health. Furthermore, parks serve as crucial ecological havens, supporting local biodiversity and enhancing urban resilience against climate change. Prioritizing the enhancement and maintenance of parks not only enriches the quality of life for residents but also fosters a sense of community, making the Upper East Side a more vibrant and livable environment for all. Parks are not a luxury; they are a necessity and should therefore be funded as such. The Parks Department lacks the resources to properly maintain our parks and keep our parks safe with adequate levels of parks maintenance staffing and Parks Enforcement officers. Additional expense funds are critically needed to allow the Parks Department to hire additional maintenance and security staff to keep our parks in good condition and safe.

Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)

For the second year in a row a survey of CD8 residents and neighborhood employees revealed that public safety and quality of life concerns topped the list of the most important issues facing the community. While these are separate topics in the District Needs Statement, they reflect growing community concerns about safety, security and cleanliness. Quality of life concerns cut across several policy areas in the District Needs Statement. Survey input in the category of healthcare and human services indicates that the community has a major concern about homelessness and the need for mental health and substance abuse treatment. Within the core infrastructure category, residents raised issues related to cleanliness including litter, overflowing trash cans, and rodent problems underscoring the community's desire for a cleaner environment. In the transportation and mobility category, concerns about e-bikes and pedestrian safety were noted. Although there was a

decrease in major crime statistics, including murder and rape as compared to last year, there has been a notable increase in incidents of assault and petit larceny. Residents consistently voiced concerns about safety and security in both neighborhoods and parks throughout the survey. Although major crime incidents have decreased, the community's perception is that the district is not as safe as in the past.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

In a survey of district residents, issues related to homelessness was ranked a significant concern among respondents. Community Board 8 Manhattan remains strongly in favor of continued support for homeless services, mental health and substance abuse services, environmental health solutions, senior services, and domestic violence and elder abuse victim services, and supports public and private sector efforts to assist the diverse population in our community. We are particularly concerned that with the city's homeless population at record-setting levels, the Department for Homeless Services saw fit to promulgate, and persists in its attempts to implement, new shelter eligibility rules deemed likely to further swell the numbers of homeless single individuals.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Coler Hospital on Roosevelt Island provides critical services rehabilitation, long term skilled nursing care, specialized care and medically complex services, and memory care for dementia and Alzheimer's. This critical community facility is understaffed and in need of additional funding to support the recruitment and retention of skilled nursing staff.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the Furman Center, in 2023 CD8 was home to approximately 214,194 senior residents aged 60 and over, including many aged 85 and above. CD8 has among the highest concentrations of older adults (25.8%) in the borough of Manhattan. A significant percentage of CD8's older population (21.5%) lives below the poverty level, are frail, or both. The district also includes a varying but seemingly growing number of individuals without shelter.

Seniors in CD8 require continued and expanded support related to affordable housing, financial stability, access to technology, food security, transportation, and social services. The elderly, along with those in other age groups, experienced increased food insecurity last year. According to data released by the New York City Council in 2024, 17.8% of residents in the Carnegie Hill neighborhood were food insecure as were 10.2% in Yorkville. Visits to NYC pantries and soup kitchens are up 69% since 2019. Rising food prices have further straining low-income residents. Increased funding for food pantries and soup kitchens is essential to support the food insecure in our community.

A top priority for the community board remains protecting and adequately funding the senior centers and programs that provide services to seniors regardless of income. These centers and programs provide older members of the community with social interaction and nutrition, two elements vital to maintaining their long-term health and well-being. It is imperative that senior center budgets be included in the Mayor's Executive budget, and that key programs such as case management and elder abuse prevention be treated as essential budget items. The main programs for seniors are offered by Lenox Hill Neighborhood House (partially funded by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center (a NYCHA facility), Carter

Burden Center for the Aging, Roosevelt Island Senior Center, and Search and Care. CB8M has advocated for maintaining NYCHA social service programs, including the NYCHA senior centers at Lenox Hill and Stanley Isaacs.

Needs for Homeless

CB8M remains strongly in favor of continued support for homeless services and supports public and private sector efforts to assist the diverse homeless population in our community. A top capital priority is increased funding for permanent affordable and supportive housing for homeless individuals and families. One out of four New York City children experience homelessness by the fifth grade. We support the efforts of the faith-based organizations to maintain their homeless shelter beds and of the food pantries in and out of our district to continue their work of feeding our hungry. Overall, the area of homeless services continues to be one of loss and insufficiency. There is an urgent need for additional programs that address the root causes of homelessness.

Needs for Low Income NYs

CB8M continues to support strongly the services and programs aimed at aiding those of our community who are in need; they remain critically important. CB8M urges the City to respond strongly to this growing segment of our city's population.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|--------------------------------|
| DHS | 1 / 1 | Permanent Housing for Homeless |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---|
| DFTA | 1 / 2 | Eviction Prevention Services |
| DFTA | 2 / 2 | Services for Older Adults |
| DHS | 1 / 1 | Expand street outreach |
| DOHMH | 1 / 3 | Rodent Control |
| DOHMH | 2 / 3 | Vendor Food Safety Enforcement |
| DOHMH | 3 / 3 | Rat Mitigation in Tree Pits |
| HHC | 1 / 1 | Coler Hospital |
| HRA | 1 / 2 | Support for Community Organizations |
| HRA | 2 / 2 | Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing |

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

In 2024, members of the public brought up concerns about the changes made during the de Blasio administration to the high school admissions process for applicants who are residents of District 2. They described long commute times for their students traveling to non-specialized public high schools in New York City since many 8th-grade students in District 2 and Manhattan are not receiving matches for non-specialized public high schools in New York City from their selection list. This meant that students in certain districts (including District 2) had a lower likelihood of admission to a school on their selection list, while all or almost all high schools in other boroughs give geographic priority to residents of that borough.

We know from news reports based on NYC Department of Education data that only about 55% of District 2 students got an admissions offer at one of their top three high school choices in 2023, making it the lowest rate of any district in the city. It is also our understanding that 13% of D2 families did not receive a match to a school on their list last year, which was the highest % of all districts Citywide. We find this troubling and unacceptable for the families in our community.

Given these community concerns, CB8M supports the public statement of the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to restore District 2 priority to schools that previously provided this preference. However, we recognize that this action does not address the needs of District 2 students who may be in lower academic priority groups or the needs of residents of other Manhattan districts and further that this action will result in less diversity at these schools. As such, CB8M urges the Chancellor and the DOE to provide Manhattan borough residents priority admission to all non-specialized Manhattan high schools and to fully fund and develop a long-term plan that provides admissions priority to one or more local schools to all students citywide – which could include local district or borough priority for a portion of seats at all or almost all high schools citywide -- while also maintaining priorities to ensure socioeconomic diversity in selective public high schools. We request increased city funding to implement this.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

CB8M would like to see more early childhood programs in the district, including more 3-K childhood seats in the district and adequate daycare facilities. As more family-size apartments are being constructed in the district, there is a need for more early childhood 3-K seats. Similarly, CB8M is concerned about the lack of early childhood seats in the district. We continue to request increased funding for 3-K seats and after-school childcare programs. A glance at data by zip codes in the CB8M district (including Roosevelt Island) shows that there were approximately 300+ more applicants than seats available for 3-K last year.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

CB8M recognizes the importance of providing adequate after-school facilities for our children. There are many CD8 residents, especially single working parents, who need affordable daycare and afterschool programs, but whose income is slightly too high for eligibility. Additional affordable programs are essential.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| SCA | 1 / 2 | Fund the construction of 3K and Pre-K seats |
| SCA | 2 / 2 | Provide a new or expand an existing high school |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|---------------|-----------------|--|
| ACS | 1 / 1 | Fund Programs to Prevent Abuse and Neglect |
| DOE | 1 / 1 | Additional 3-K and Pre-K Seats |
| DYCD | 1 / 3 | Youth Workforce Development |
| DYCD | 2 / 3 | Out-of-school time and Daycare Programs |
| DYCD | 3 / 3 | Isaacs Center Youth Services |

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

In a recent survey of community residents, two thirds of respondents ranked general crime, crime prevention programs and traffic enforcement as a priority to be addressed. The 19th Precinct requires additional funding to support the hiring of new police officers. When CB8M surveyed residents to ascertain their district priorities, crime and public safety topped the list. While some crime statistics have declined others have increased, and the perception of the lack of safety and an increase in crime is exacerbated by the increase in homelessness and people with mental issues on the streets. The Board strongly supports an increase in community policing in our neighborhoods and in our parks to address this critical issue.

The 19th Precinct is located in a landmarked building at 153 East 67th Street that dates back to the 1880's. For a number of years, a temporary air conditioning system has been parked on 67th Street in front of the 19th Precinct taking up three parking spots, generating noise, vibrations, and pollution, and creating an eyesore on the street. As a result of the poor condition of the roof of the building, the AC system cannot be move to the roof and the temporary system remains in the street. To enable the 19th Precinct to protect our community, the Board supports efforts to upgrade and repair the building that houses the 19th Precinct. We applaud the City and the NYPD for prioritizing this capital project, given that \$300,000 in City Council discretionary funding has already been allocated. We appreciate the efforts of Council Member Menin last year to award discretionary funding towards this important project.

CB8M also continues to be concerned about bike/electric bicycle/scooter enforcement and seeks additional funding for traffic enforcement agents in the district to enforce all traffic rules and protect pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety, as well as the number of scams and fraud against the elderly and vulnerable. We are deeply concerned about the dangers caused by e-bikes that are not licensed and are not obeying the rules of the road leading to accidents and severe injuries of pedestrians and bicyclists. CB8M would also like to see an increase in street vending enforcement as unlicensed food vendors are popping up around construction sites and siphoning business away from law-abiding, tax paying small businesses.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

CB8M supports increased funding for the police to support the hiring of additional police officers for the 19th Precinct. CB8M also supports full funding for all fire and emergency medical services in our district and citywide.

Needs for Emergency Services

CB8M supports the maintenance of emergency response capacity. The Board supports provision of ambulances with mobile stroke treatment units.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|----------------------------------|
| NYPD | 1 / 1 | 19th Precinct House Improvements |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---|
| NYPD | 1 / 7 | Additional Officers |
| NYPD | 2 / 7 | Queensboro Bridge Area Traffic Agents |
| NYPD | 3 / 7 | Traffic Agents at 96th and the FDR |
| NYPD | 4 / 7 | Expand the Truck Traffic Enforcement Unit |
| NYPD | 5 / 7 | Traffic Agents and Crossing Guards |
| NYPD | 6 / 7 | Bike and Scooter Enforcement |
| NYPD | 7 / 7 | Parking Enforcement |

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community Board 8 Manhattan is responsive to residents' concerns about sanitation and the environment. Attendees of local street fairs have also commented to community board members about the increased litter and trash on the streets and the need to address this problem. We receive numerous complaints and are trying to be responsive to our residents and businesses about sanitation and the environment.

We continue to be concerned about the increase in litter on the streets, the lack of big belly garbage bins to help control the rat population, as well as the condition of existing bins especially around East 89th Street. We further request garbage bins be emptied on a more frequent basis, including composting bins, to ensure that there is capacity in the bins to support community interest in composting. In addition, we urge sanitation to provide for tree waste disposal for licensed City Street True Pruners.

We strongly urge additional enforcement against commercial property owners who fail to clean their sidewalk and 18 inches from the curb into the street, with emphasis on East 86th Street between Lexington and Second Avenues. We also need more garbage collections and street cleanings in an integrated approach to a cleaner community. We support more frequent sanitation inspections and efforts to consistently maintain presentable clean-swept sidewalks and streets

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

With work continuing on efforts to repair and reconstruct the tunnels and water mains that supply the City's clean drinking water, the Community Board supports continued efforts to increase the resiliency of our water infrastructure. The Community Board also supports protecting our waterways and that includes support of the City's sewer infrastructure including the construction of more green and gray infrastructure, upgrading and cleaning of catch basins, and incentivizing rainwater capture in new building construction.

The Community has been asking for a catch basin to be installed at the northwest corner of 72nd Street and Second Avenue since 2016. Rainwater regularly pools at this location after every rain, sometimes more than 7 to 8 feet beyond the curb at the crosswalk into Second Avenue and 72nd street. The lack of drainage forces people to access the sidewalk by crossing in the middle of Second Avenue between 72 and 73rd streets. The lack of drainage presents a serious traffic safety issue for everyone and especially those who are mobility impaired. The conditions have steadily worsened over the years with the increased frequency and severity of rain storms we have experienced; it can sometimes take a week or more for large pools of water to disappear, and it does not take much rain to render the corner inaccessible. The conditions are also terrible in winter when we experience snow, with large pools of slush and water making the intersection impassable and hazardous. This condition has been noted in District Needs statement for many years and remains unresolved.

Needs for Sanitation Services

CB8M is responsive to residents' concerns about sanitation and the environment. The cleanliness of our streets and neighborhoods is of great importance to our community and is related to successful business operations, to our well-being, and to the quality of life. The number of reported rat sightings continues to be high and complaints about street cleanliness/increase in litter ranked

high in the survey of district needs and in comments from residents at local street fairs. In an integrated approach to a cleaner community, we support frequent sanitation inspections and efforts to consistently maintain presentable clean-swept sidewalks and streets. CB8M is concerned about the reduction in the frequency of street sweeping and the resulting increase in dirty streets and the increase in the rat population. CB8M is also concerned about the quality of garbage bins installed on street corners and the frequency with which the latch to the bins break. The community needs more garbage bins that do not break and more rat patrols and other rat control efforts, especially of empty lots and buildings. We support the Adopt-a-Basket program, and additional resources for education related to this program.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| DSNY | 1 / 1 | Improve Public Trash Receptacles |
| DSNY | CS | Recycling and Organics Collection |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---|
| DEP | 1 / 1 | Catch Basin Cleaning |
| DSNY | 1 / 7 | Increase Pickup and Cleaning Frequency |
| DSNY | 2 / 7 | Catch Basin Cleaning |
| DSNY | 3 / 7 | Mobile Food Vendor Enforcement |
| DSNY | 4 / 7 | Increase Litter Basket Collection Frequency |
| DSNY | 5 / 7 | Cleaning Rule Enforcement |
| DSNY | 6 / 7 | Pooper Scooper Enforcement |
| DSNY | 7 / 7 | Pigeon Feeding Enforcement |

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Affordable housing creation

Affordable housing creation, land use and zoning and neighborhood preservation were rated the top issues by community residents in response to a survey of district needs. As low-rise tenements are torn down to make way for ever larger apartment towers that replace affordable housing units with expensive market-rate units, many residents are being priced out of the district, and those who grew up in the neighborhood cannot afford to stay. CB8 strongly supports financial and other incentives to encourage the construction of affordable housing in the district. CB8M calls on the Department of City Planning to conduct a detailed analysis of the potential to convert specific blocks in CD8 that are currently zoned M1-4 or C8-4 with the goal of rezoning some or all of these blocks to residential use and any new developments subject to mandatory inclusionary housing requirements.

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

Needs for Land Use

CB8M seeks to preserve the Upper East Side's residential character and to maintain a careful balance to prevent new buildings from detracting from CD8's historic districts. CB8M believes that new and more effective regulations, coupled with increased enforcement, would ease this problem. Zoning changes including R8-B and R10-A were enacted to protect the midblock from massive structures and to govern use of the plaza bonus and towers on a base for avenues and cross-town streets but have not significantly moderated over-development in the district. In fact, new residential development in the district almost exclusively consists of market-rate and luxury apartments with little or no local retail space. The influx of very tall as-of-right buildings along the eastern avenues (Third through York, inclusive) strains the infrastructure and municipal services, reduces access to light and air, and threatens the character of the surrounding mid-blocks. The Board initiated and continues to vigorously advocate for the establishment of two Zoning Special Districts (Lenox Hill and Yorkville). Their features will include a height limit of 210 feet for buildings on York, First, Second, and Third Avenues. At the heart of the proposed Special Districts is the preservation of existing affordable housing and existing small-scale local retail in existing tenement buildings along the avenues in question. CB8M and local civic groups have urged the Department of City Planning to review the Community Facility provisions of the Zoning Resolution. CD8M is the only district where community facilities are entitled to a 5.1 FAR in the R8-B mid-blocks. CB8M has proposed to the Department of City Planning modifications to the Zoning Resolution to change the current community facility bulk regulations in R8-B areas from a 5.1 to a 4.0 FAR. Current C1 and C2 zoning (Local Retail Use) theoretically controls commercial signage in the district, but enforcement is lax. Roosevelt Island has undergone major change with the addition of the Cornell Tech graduate center. The campus occupies most of the southern part of the island, with further expansion planned. While the graduate center benefits the community and city, the quality of life of the residents must be protected while the island undergoes further construction.

Needs for Housing

Only 36.8% of households on the Upper East Side are owner-occupied, and residents of Community District 8 pay more for rent than the rest of Manhattan and New York. Overall, the district offers disproportionately few housing opportunities for low- and middle-income New Yorkers, and needs much more affordable housing development to meet the City's affordable

housing need and fair housing obligations. As new market rate developments have proliferated in recent years, the district's senior and fixed income residents face challenging conditions in which to find affordable housing.

There are three NYCHA developments located in Community Board 8: Holmes Towers, Isaacs Houses and Robbins Plaza. Together these developments contain over 1300 residential housing units. All three developments need timely repairs to apartments, heat and hot water systems, and elevators. In addition, increased extermination is needed to address infestations of mice and roaches in certain dwellings due to the lack of repairs from water damage in the bathrooms and kitchens. At Holmes Towers and Isaacs Houses there is a need for a children and adolescent after school program. There is also a need for youth activities in the evenings for our children to thrive, maintain good grades and stay out of trouble. There should be trainings offered directly to the young people of these two developments. Working parents and non-working parents should be able to have their children in an afterschool program. Our older youth should be able to utilize our community centers for activities such as learning, tutoring, arts, crafts, drama, dance, chess and so forth. A strong community invests in its own.

Needs for Economic Development

CB8M works with the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District, the East Midtown Partnership and the DOE Fund on a range of issues. CB8M's efforts on traffic and quality of life are critical to our local businesses. We support city programs that promote the retention and growth of local businesses.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---|
| HPD | 1 / 1 | More affordable housing at all levels |
| NYCHA | 1 / 1 | Upgrades at Isaacs Houses/Holmes Towers |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---|
| DOB | 1 / 1 | Additional Inspectors for Compliance and Code Enforcement |
| NYCHA | 1 / 1 | Rodent Extermination |
| SBS | 1 / 1 | Expand Resources for Small Businesses |

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Bicycle network (bike lanes, signage, bike safety, etc.)

Enforcement of traffic rules for all modes of transportation have been raised at numerous community board meetings and in community responses to a survey of district needs. The transportation network serving Community District 8 should be resilient, safe, convenient and reliable for all users, including persons who travel on foot, by bus, subway, car, bike, or other mode. At the same time, enforcement of traffic rules for all modes of transportation are critically important to ensure the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Though congestion disappeared for a brief time during 2020 as Covid-19 peaked in New York City, it has recovered to levels comparable to pre-pandemic years, with peak travel times now being more evenly distributed throughout each day creating longer periods of congestion. There is also higher vehicle ownership in Community District 8 as a result of Covid-19, and more reliance on e-commerce that has resulted in more competition for street space; this has also had a detrimental impact on congestion caused by double parking, truck unloading and warehousing activities that illegally take place in moving lanes, parking lanes and on sidewalks, and increased presence of bicycles, mopeds, and scooters. Given these changes the need for a proposed comprehensive study of York Avenue traffic operations between 59th Street and 79th Street that includes cross streets that impact York Avenue's traffic conditions is critical and should be carried out as soon as possible.

The Board has consistently ranked funding for street repair and maintenance high on its list of priorities, and we applaud the NYC Department of Transportation's Manhattan Highway Maintenance Division on the job they do managing this substantial task. Continued swift and proactive attention to maintenance needs such as regular resurfacing of roadways and filling potholes are especially critical. With more extreme weather events occurring with increased regularity, it is crucial that NYCDOT proactively address any road and sidewalk deficiencies that excessive heat, rain and snow can exacerbate, and improve road permeability wherever possible.

Safety continues to be a major concern across all modes of transportation. Vision Zero initiatives have made streets safer, but additional action is needed to further improve safety and reduce interactions between cars, cyclists, mopeds, other types of motorized transportation and pedestrians. Particular attention is needed to address bike safety, as biking has grown significantly with the introduction of bike lanes and people shifting to bike use during the pandemic. Funding to provide additional resources for traffic enforcement for both general traffic lanes and bike lanes is especially needed; funding is also needed to support NYCDOT enforcement of outdoor seating areas that emerged with the introduction of the open restaurants program that was brought upon by Covid.

Finally, we understand from discussions with both DOT and DEP that the ongoing drainage problem at the northwest corner of East 72nd Street and Second Avenue—resulting in frequent standing water—is now a matter between DOT and the MTA, as the pedestrian ramps in question were installed as part of the Second Avenue Subway project. This condition has persisted for nearly ten years, and we urge that it now be given the highest priority for resolution. The affected corner serves as the primary pedestrian approach to the escalator entrance for the 72nd Street Q station.

Until a permanent fix is implemented, we request that an interim arrangement be made with the MTA to ensure the area is swept and cleared daily, particularly during inclement weather, so that pedestrians can safely access the crosswalk and sidewalk.

Needs for Transit Services

As New York City recovers from the impacts of Covid-19 and more passengers resume their use of the transit network, MTA NYC Transit must fully restore service on subways and buses to pre-Covid levels and further increase levels that would fully reverse cuts made to the M31 and M66 bus lines that occurred in the years preceding Covid. Furthermore, New York City Transit must plan to add service ahead of the implementation of congestion pricing so that any new transit passengers can be comfortably accommodated; more service is especially needed on the Q train during peak hours and across the system during off-peak periods. Select Bus Service has had a beneficial impact on bus travel times on 1st Avenue, 79th Street and 86th Street, and Community Board 8 supports full funding of the Better Buses Action Plan that includes Select Bus Service on the M96.

Community Board 8 also calls for the addition of a select bus stop on First and Second Avenues at East 72nd Street for the M15. This stop is nearest to the elevator entrance (with 5 elevators) to the Q Line which allows for easiest access for disabled users of the subway. Indeed, the original plan for the Second Avenue Subway streetscape shows a bus stop by the escalator entrance of the subway, which is why there were no additional trees planted on that side of the street.

Community Board 8 will continue to work with commuters to address ongoing bus service issues such as punctuality, bus bunching and lengthy dwell times; expanded investment in traffic cameras to enforce bus lanes can help address this issue. We support full funding of the MTA Capital Program to finance continued improvements to system infrastructure, including making all district subway stations fully accessible, maintaining a state of good repair and normal replacement, upgrading critical components such as signal systems, and improvements to address resiliency and reduce the impact that flooding events have on transit operations.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------|
| DOT | 1 / 2 | 72nd and Second Curb Drainage |
| DOT | 2 / 2 | Uptown Bike Lanes |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---------------------------|
| DOT | 1 / 2 | Outdoor Dining Inspectors |
| DOT | 2 / 2 | Fund Maintenance Workers |

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Insufficient park or open space

Quality of life issues topped a recent survey of community needs. The condition of the district's limited parks and open spaces plays a role in the quality of life and community well-being in CD8. As one of the densest districts, CD8 faces competing demands for its limited park resources. It is essential to ensure that our facilities are safe and well-maintained to accommodate a diverse range of users—from young children to seniors, and from pickleball and tennis players to swimmers and everyone in between. Prioritizing the enhancement of these spaces will not only elevate the quality of life for residents but also promote the overall sustainability of our neighborhood. Thanks to our Councilmembers, Ruppert Park has secured funding for its complete reconstruction and the installation of restrooms, a key priority for the community. However, the project has faced delays due to various factors, which has raised significant concern among residents. Timely progress on this project is crucial, as the park is a vital resource for our community, providing essential recreational space and enhancing overall quality of life. We urge the City to prioritize this project, clear the bureaucratic hurdles and ensure that the construction of both the park and the public restroom building moves forward without further setbacks and that any additional funding needed to complete this project is made available.

The construction of Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 2B has been a tremendous benefit to the community, enhancing access to green space and providing vital recreational opportunities. With this successful phase now almost complete, it is essential to secure funding for the third and final phase of this priority project. We are pleased to learn that full funding has been secured for the reconstruction of St. Catherine's Park and 24 Sycamores Park and we look forward to seeing these projects advance quickly.

Public restrooms in our neighborhood parks are also an essential resource and we call on the city to ensure adequate funding is available for upgrades to the public restroom building in St. Catherine's park, renovation to the public restroom building in Carl Schurz Park at 87th Street, and renovation and installation of heating for the public restroom building in Samuel Seabury Playground to allow the restroom to stay open year-round, and repairs to the utility issues forcing the closure of the public restroom building in 24 Sycamores Park.

While Capital funding for our neighborhood parks is essential to bring the parks up to a state of good repair, expense funding is equally as critical to ensure that our parks are safe, clean and properly maintained, trees are pruned, and rats eradicated to protect this critical resource for our neighborhood residents. The Parks Department suffers from constrained staffing of maintenance workers and PEP officers, millions of dollars in deferred maintenance, and minimal funding for recreation centers. To that end we call on the City to fund the Parks Department at 1 percent of the City's operating budget. The additional funding will optimize parks maintenance for cleaner parks, preserve and grow the tree canopy, and provide improved safety.

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

Needs for Cultural Services

We support cultural programming and the use of community facilities to enhance the quality of life in our district. Art plays a crucial role in the public sphere. We take an active role in helping the community access art to improve quality of life by working to provide art in public spaces. We

support local artists and the community's interest in the visual and performing arts. Through access to the arts, more community members have become engaged with and interested in the arts.

The Community Board supports several Art Shows. Increased funding for the Community Board would help the Board support Art and Culture events in the community.

The Board supports additional funding for cultural programming -- and space for cultural programming -- including art installations available for public viewing, such as sculptures and murals.

Needs for Library Services

For more than a century, the New York Public Library has provided quality service to all New Yorkers. The branch libraries are an important public resource for local residents, especially senior citizens and students. We call for an increase in expense funding for libraries, to support 7 day a week service at all branches and to ensure that our district libraries are accessible to all. We also urge increased funding for infrastructure, technological improvements and library materials, particularly increased funding for books, periodicals, and other information resources in all our branch libraries. As sources of information have evolved, the Library has kept pace, offering one of the only free points of access to the internet in New York City. CB8M believes that all New Yorkers should have free opportunities to use electronic resources. We support the restoration and enhancement of libraries in their use as a community facility.

We also call for increased capital funding through the city's ten-year capital plan process so that libraries can address their unfunded needs, including making sure the libraries in CD8 are fully accessible.

Needs for Community Boards

Additional funding is needed to adequately fund community board budgets. It is essential that we have sufficient funding to recruit and retain talented staff members, particularly as reliance on staff increases owing to member term limits. Community boards also need additional funding for other operational expenses. Community boards are an essential part of city government, and we request they be adequately funded so that we can retain excellent, capable staff and maintain the necessary services for our community members.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
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| DPR | 1 / 7 | Fund phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park |
| DPR | 2 / 7 | Provide restroom renovation at Carl Schurz Park |
| DPR | 3 / 7 | St. Catherine's Park Restroom |
| DPR | 4 / 7 | Samuel Seabury Playground Reconstruction |
| DPR | 5 / 7 | Renovate the Public Restroom Building at the Samuel Seabury Playground |
| DPR | 6 / 7 | Renovate the Historic Park House In John Jay Park |
| DPR | 7 / 7 | Stanley Isaacs Playground Imrovements |
| NYPL | 1 / 3 | Yorkville Branch Accessibility Upgrades |
| NYPL | 2 / 3 | 67th Street Library Facility Upgrades |
| NYPL | 3 / 3 | Yorkville Library Improvements |
| DPR | CS | Ruppert Park Restroom and Reconstruction |
| DPR | CS | East River Esplanade structural repairs |
| DPR | CS | St. Catherine's Park Reconstruction |
| DPR | CS | 24 Sycamores Park Reconstruction |
| DPR | CS | Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
|--------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| DPR | 1 / 5 | Additional Parks Enforcement Officers |
| DPR | 2 / 5 | Senior Programming |
| DPR | 3 / 5 | Additional Staff Funding |
| DPR | 4 / 5 | Rodent Prevention |
| DPR | 5 / 5 | Replace Missing Trees |
| NYPL | 1 / 1 | Sunday Hours |
| OMB | 1 / 2 | Community Board Funding |

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title |
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| OMB | 2 / 2 | Board of Elections Funding |

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

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| 1 of 1 | Upgrades at Isaacs Houses/Holmes Towers | NYCHA |
| Renovate or upgrade public housing developments | | |

Fund needed repairs and upgrades at the Isaacs Houses/Holmes Towers, including elevator replacements, apartment repairs, and general maintenance. There are over 1,100 open work orders at Holmes Towers and 1,500 open work orders at Isaacs Houses.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

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| 1 of 1 | 19th Precinct House Improvements | NYPD |
| Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | | |

The Board understands that \$300,000 in City Council discretionary capital funding, to be used in part for a new cooling system at the 19th Precinct House, has been accepted by the NYPD's Facility Management division. Please advise as to the scope of work and project timeline. We urge that this project be advanced for completion prior to the hot summer months, and that additional funding be provided should it become necessary to avoid delays.

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

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| 1 of 1 | More affordable housing at all levels | HPD |
| Other capital budget request for HPD | | |

Provide more affordable housing for all income very low, low, and middle income New Yorkers.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

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| 1 of 7 | Fund phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park | DPR |
| Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | | |

Location: East River Esplanade - 60th St & 60th St
Fund phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park.

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| 2 of 7 | Provide restroom renovation at Carl Schurz Park | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Provide funding to renovate the restrooms in Carl Schurz Park at 87th Street. The restrooms are dated and in need of renovation. This is critical as there is an insufficient number of public restrooms in the district and is an issue that comes up at many community board meetings.

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| 3 of 7 | St. Catherine's Park Restroom | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | | |

Provide funding to renovate the public restroom building in St. Catherine's Park.

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| 4 of 7 | Samuel Seabury Playground Reconstruction | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Fund the reconstruction of Samuel Seabury Playground and multipurpose play area. This park is used by adjacent public schools and residents of both the Upper East Side and East Harlem.

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| 5 of 7 | Renovate the Public Restroom Building at the Samuel Seabury Playground | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | | |

Provide funding to renovate the public restroom building at the Samuel Seabury Playground.

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| 6 of 7 | Renovate the Historic Park House In John Jay Park | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Provide funding to redesign and renovate the one-hundred-year-old park house and related infrastructure in John Jay Park.

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| 7 of 7 | Stanley Isaacs Playground Improvements | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Provide funding to repair the Stanley Isaacs Playground at 96th Street. We appreciate the funding provided by the New York Rangers to replace the hockey rink. However, repairs and upgrades are needed to the playground as well, including improved lighting, new benches, and new play equipment.

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| CS | Ruppert Park Restroom and Reconstruction | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | | |

Expedite the reconstruction of Ruppert Park and the construction of a restroom at Ruppert Park. Ensure sufficient funding is available to advance this project.

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| CS | East River Esplanade structural repairs | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Provide funding to complete the full structural repair of the East River Esplanade between 59th and 96th Streets, including all underground infrastructure and seawall repair. Ensure all sinkholes are repaired and the root cause of the sinkholes is corrected

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| CS | St. Catherine's Park Reconstruction | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Continue reconstruction work at St. Catherine's Park

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| CS | 24 Sycamores Park Reconstruction | DPR |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Continue with reconstruction work at 24 Sycamores Park.

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|---|--------------------------------------|-----|
| CS | Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B | DPR |
| Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | | |

Proceed with funded work at Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B

New York Public Library (NYPL)

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|---|--|------|
| 1 of 3 | Yorkville Branch Accessibility Upgrades | NYPL |
| Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | | |

Provide funding for a ramp or other means of accessibility at the Yorkville Branch Library. We appreciate that this project is in front end planning and request that the project be accelerated as accessibility of the libraries is critically important. We have prioritized this request for several years, we ask for an update on the status of this request.

2 of 3 67th Street Library Facility Upgrades

NYPL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Please allocate \$5 million in funding to repair and improve the facade and windows, as well as fund a partial replacement of the HVAC system on the third floor of the 67th Street Library.

3 of 3 Yorkville Library Improvements

NYPL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Please allocate \$2.5 million for facade restoration at the Yorkville Library and allocate an additional \$r million to install a new ADA elevator and 4 stop electrical upgrade at the library.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**1 of 1 Improve Public Trash Receptacles**

DSNY

Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

Purchase and install Big Belly or other large and secure trash bins. Some of the larger bins have been replaced recently with open mesh cans, resulting in garbage spilling out and feeding the rat population, especially along Second Avenue.

CS Recycling and Organics Collection

DSNY

Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

The Board appreciates DSNY's state-of-the-art recycling programs and the rollout of organics collection in the five boroughs, and urges continued support for these excellent programs.

School Construction Authority**1 of 2 Fund the construction of 3K and Pre-K seats**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

Fund the construction of 3K and Pre-K seats in Community District 8. There are insufficient seats in the district to meet demand, and parents are required to bring their children to other parts of the city for services.

2 of 2 Provide a new or expand an existing high school

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing high school

There is a need for a new high school in Community District 8. The number of qualified students admitted to Eleanor Roosevelt High School from Community District 8 has declined significantly forced qualified students to travel to other parts of New York City. Accordingly, the district needs a new high school.

Department for Homeless Services (DHS)**1 of 1 Permanent Housing for Homeless**

DHS

Other facilities for homeless requests

Increase funding to provide more permanent housing for homeless people.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 2 72nd and Second Curb Drainage

DOT

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Location: East 72nd Street & Second Avenue

We understand from discussions with both DOT and DEP that the ongoing drainage problem at the northwest corner of East 72nd Street and Second Avenue, resulting in frequent standing water, is now a matter between DOT and the MTA, as the pedestrian ramps in question were installed as part of the Second Avenue Subway project. This condition has persisted for nearly ten years, and we urge that it now be given the highest priority for resolution. The affected corner serves as the primary pedestrian approach to the escalator entrance for the 72nd Street Q station. Until a permanent fix is implemented, we request that an interim arrangement be made with the MTA to ensure the area is swept and cleared daily, particularly during inclement weather, so that pedestrians can safely access the crosswalk and sidewalk.

2 of 2 Uptown Bike Lanes

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Install crosstown bike lanes approximately every 10 blocks between 60th Street and 110th Street on both sides of Central Park and a two-way protected bikeway around Central Park. This is a safety issue and CB8 passed a resolution supporting this request in September 2022.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

1 of 2 Community Board Funding

OMB

Other community board facilities and staff requests

Increase funding for community boards to support and retain talented staff, and pay staff fairly.

2 of 2 Board of Elections Funding

OMB

Other expense request

Provide funding to the Board of Elections for additional poll sites; more maintenance technicians available to repair machines/ensure machines are working.

Department for Homeless Services (DHS)

1 of 1 Expand street outreach

DHS

Expand street outreach

Increase funding for mental health and other services targeted to the homeless, as well as for homeless services outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours. Dedicate extra resources at 86th Street and Lexington Avenue, 72nd Street and Second Avenue, Second Avenue between 86th and 87th Streets, and the west side of Second Avenue at 64th and 65th Streets.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

1 of 3 Youth Workforce Development

DYCD

Other youth workforce development requests

Increase funding for youth programs in CB8. Fully fund the Summer Youth Employment Program, Learning to Work Program, and other youth workforce development programs.

2 of 3 Out-of-school time and Daycare Programs

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)

Fund accessible and affordable out-of-school time and daycare programs for all children who go to school in CD8 or who have parents who work in CD8.

3 of 3 Isaacs Center Youth Services

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services

Provide additional funding for youth services at the Isaacs Center and give priority for Isaacs Center programs to youth and adolescent residents of Holmes Towers and Isaacs Houses.

Department of Education (DOE)**1 of 1 Additional 3-K and Pre-K Seats**

DOE

Other educational programs requests

Fund additional 3-K and Pre-K seats in Community District 8.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 2 Support for Community Organizations**

HRA

Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

Increase funding to support food pantries and other community organizations that provide meals and groceries to food insecure residents of Community District 8.

2 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing

HRA

Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing

Further increase funding for more permanent housing for homeless people.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 1 Rodent Extermination**

NYCHA

Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness

Provide more rodent extermination in the Isaacs Houses and Holmes Tower.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**1 of 3 Rodent Control**

DOHMH

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Fund increased rodent control throughout the district, particularly on 85th Street between Second and Third Avenues, and on 88th Street between Fifth and Park Avenues.

2 of 3 Vendor Food Safety Enforcement

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Increase funding for enforcement of all food vendor rules and regulations, in cooperation with the Department of Sanitation.

3 of 3 Rat Mitigation in Tree Pits

DOHMH

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Provide for rat mitigation in tree pits, especially along East 89th Street, and on First Avenue between 79th and 80th Streets.

New York Public Library (NYPL)

1 of 1 Sunday Hours

NYPL

Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

Fund Sunday service without cutting weekday hours at one library in Community District 8.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 5 Additional Parks Enforcement Officers**

DPR

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Fund additional PEP officers to enforce parks rules in all District parks.

2 of 5 Senior Programming

DPR

Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers

Provide increased funding for senior programming at community parks and senior centers

3 of 5 Additional Staff Funding

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Restore the Parks budget and provide additional funding for year-round workers and Associate Parks and Recreation Workers (APSWs) at NYC Parks and Recreation, including parks maintenance staff, gardeners, and tree pruners.

4 of 5 Rodent Prevention

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Provide funding for rodent exterminators in all parks within CD8 and plant rodent-resistant foliage.

5 of 5 Replace Missing Trees

DPR

Plant new street trees

Install new trees where they are missing in Community District 8.

Administration for Children's Services (ACS)**1 of 1 Fund Programs to Prevent Abuse and Neglect**

ACS

Provide, expand, or enhance primary prevention services to strengthen families

Provide additional funding for children's services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.

Department of Transportation (DOT)**1 of 2 Outdoor Dining Inspectors**

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Fund additional DOT inspectors for enforcement of regulations related to the outdoor dining program.

2 of 2 Fund Maintenance Workers

DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair, and preserve the DOT's infrastructure -- both bridges and roads -- as well as sidewalk repairs. These are critical for pedestrian safety.

Department of Buildings (DOB)

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| 1 of 1 | Additional Inspectors for Compliance and Code Enforcement Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs) | DOB |
| Train and hire additional DOB inspectors for compliance and code enforcement, including for illegal signage. Hire auditors for applications. | | |

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

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| 1 of 2 | Eviction Prevention Services Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place | DFTA |
| Provide funding for eviction prevention services for at-risk senior citizens. | | |
| 2 of 2 Services for Older Adults Other expense budget request for DFTA | | |
| 2 of 2 | Services for Older Adults Other expense budget request for DFTA | DFTA |
| Increase funding for services for older adults, including personal and home care, transportation services, meals-on-wheels, senior congregate care meal programs and case managers. | | |

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

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| 1 of 1 | Expand Resources for Small Businesses Other business regulatory assistance requests | SBS |
| Expand funding and support programs to address challenges faced by small businesses. Expand grants, technical assistance, OATH hearing assistance, landlord harassment assistance, marketing opportunities, low-interest loans, and other support to for small businesses facing challenges from hybrid work resulting in fewer full time employees to frequent their businesses, on-line retailers, high rents and changing purchasing patterns. | | |

New York Police Department (NYPD)

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| 1 of 7 | Additional Officers Hire additional uniformed officers | NYPD |
| Fund additional police officers for the 19th Precinct and the Central Park Precinct. | | |
| 2 of 7 Queensboro Bridge Area Traffic Agents Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | | |
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| Fund additional traffic agents near the Queensboro Bridge, especially East 62nd and East 63rd Streets, to help with traffic and to enforce bike and electric scooter rules to protect pedestrians and cyclists. | | |
| 3 of 7 | Traffic Agents at 96th and the FDR Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | NYPD |
| Location: East 96th Street & FDR Drive Provide funding to increase the hours of traffic agents at the 96th Street entrance to the FDR. | | |
| 4 of 7 | Expand the Truck Traffic Enforcement Unit Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | NYPD |
| Provide additional funding to expand the Truck Traffic Enforcement Unit. | | |

5 of 7 Traffic Agents and Crossing Guards
Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

NYPD

Provide funding to increase the current number of traffic control agents and school crossing guards.

6 of 7 Bike and Scooter Enforcement
Hire additional uniformed officers

NYPD

Provide funding to increase the number of officers focused on bike and scooter enforcement.

7 of 7 Parking Enforcement
Hire additional traffic enforcement agents

NYPD

Provide funding for increased enforcement related to parking placard abuse, as well as general parking enforcement.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 7 Increase Pickup and Cleaning Frequency
Other cleaning requests

DSNY

Increase the frequency of sanitation pick up and street sweeping.

2 of 7 Catch Basin Cleaning
Other cleaning requests

DSNY

In cooperation with DEP, provide for more frequent cleaning of catch basins across Community District 8, and especially at East 87th Street and Second Avenue, as well as East End Avenue near 89th and 90th Streets.

3 of 7 Mobile Food Vendor Enforcement
Increase enforcement of street vending

DSNY

Provide funding for inspectors to regulate and enforce rules concerning mobile food vendors.

4 of 7 Increase Litter Basket Collection Frequency
Provide more frequent litter basket collection

DSNY

Location: East 86th Street - Fifth Avenue & East End Avenue

Increase the collection frequency of litter baskets, especially along East 86th Street. Litter baskets are often overflowing.

5 of 7 Cleaning Rule Enforcement
Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws

DSNY

Location: East 86th Street - Fifth Avenue & East End Avenue

Provide for increased enforcement of street and sidewalk cleaning rules against landlords and shop owners, especially along East 86th Street.

6 of 7 Pooper Scooper Enforcement
Increase enforcement of canine waste laws

DSNY

Provide for increased enforcement of "pooper scooper" laws requiring dog owners to clean up after their dogs. Additionally, furnish dog waste bag dispensers throughout Community District 8 and provide regular bag refills.

Provide for increased enforcement of rules against feeding pigeons.

Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)

1 of 1 Coler Hospital

HHC

Other expense budget request for HHC

Provide additional funding for Coler on Roosevelt Island to address staffing needs

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

1 of 1 Catch Basin Cleaning

DEP

Clean catch basins

Provide for more frequent cleaning of catch basins across Community District 8, and especially at East 87th Street and Second Avenue, as well as East End Avenue near 89th and 90th Streets.