

Fiscal Year 2021





Bronx Community District 5

### **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) 2021. 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, 2019.

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 FY21 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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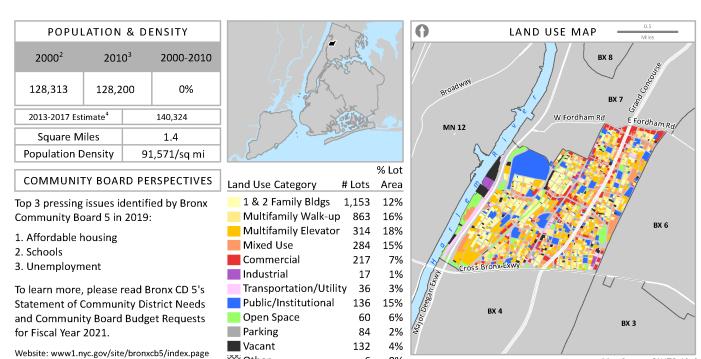
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### 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

# **Bronx Community District 5**

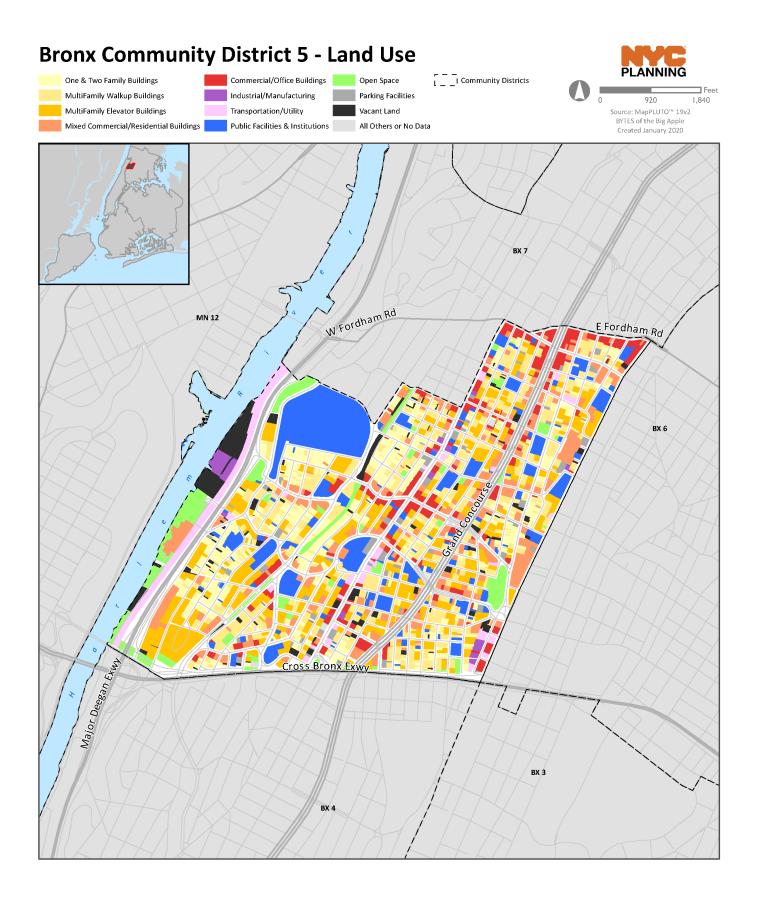


Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>: Fordham, Morris Heights, Mount Hope, University Heights



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	A S	napshot of Key Comn	nunity Indica	tors		
COMMUNITY A	SSETS <sup>5</sup>	RENT BURDI	E N 4, 6	ACCESS TO PA	ARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Public Schools	40	Bronx CD 5	Bronx	Bronx CD 5		
Public Libraries	3	59%	51%		Citywide	
Hospitals and Clinics	35	33/0		100%	Target	
Parks	19	of households spend 35% or	NYC	of residents live within walking distance of a	85%	
Click to visit the NYC Faci	lities Explorer	more of their income on rent	45%	park or open space		
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Bronx CD 5	Bronx	Bronx CD 5	Bronx	Bronx CD 5	Bronx	
43	44 minutes	36%	26%	14	14.3	
minutes	NYC	of residents 5 years or	NYC	major felonies were reported	NYC	
······································	41 minutes	older have limited English proficiency	23%	per 1,000 residents in 2017	11.8	
EDUCATIONAL ATTA	AINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	UNEMPLOYM	ENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	NYCgov POVERTY I	MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Bronx CD 5	Bronx	Bronx CD 5	Bronx	Bronx CD 5	Bronx	
13%	19%	7.7%	6.9%	36%	26%	
of residents 25 years or	NYC	of the civilian labor force	NYC	of residents have incomes below	NYC	
older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	37%	was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	4.9%	the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	20%	

Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); <sup>6</sup> Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>8</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.



#### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community District 5, known as the West Tremont area, is located in the mid-West Bronx with a total land area of 1.4 square miles. It is bounded by the Harlem River to the West, in the Cross Bronx Expressway on the South, Webster Avenue on the East, and the northern boundary extends from Hall of Fame Terrace at Bronx Community College to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and 183rd Street, East to Jerome Avenue and North to Fordham Road. The major streets running East to West are Fordham Road, Burnside and Tremont Avenues. The major streets running North and South are Jerome Avenue, Grand Concourse, Bainbridge, and 3rd Avenue. The Grand Concourse is a major North/South corridor. Our district overlaps with City Council districts 14, 15, and 16. Bronx Community District 5 is comprised of the following four neighborhoods: South Fordham, University Heights, Morris Heights, and Mount Hope. The overall population count in this district was 131,879 in 2012, the last year the data was made available, and its population density (1,000 persons per square mile) was 87.4. There was a 2.8 percent increase in the population from the year 2010. The racial diversity of our residents is rich and the majority of the population is Hispanic and Black/African American. According to the 2010-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, 68.6 percent of the population in this district is of Hispanic origin; 33.7 percent of the residents are Black/African American; 1.1 percent of the residents are Asian or Pacific Islander; 12.9 percent of the residents are White; 0.8 percent of the residents are American Indian or Alaska Native. The ACS estimated that of the Hispanic/ Latino group, 6.4 percent of the residents are Mexican; 18.3 percent of the residents are Puerto Rican; 0.5 percent of the residents are Cuban; 43.5 percent of the residents identify themselves as part of another Hispanic or Latino group. There are also a significant proportion of residents that is foreign born. The population of foreign-born residents increased from 34.8 percent in 2000 to 43.4 percent in 2012. The ACS 2008-2012 data breaks down the region of birth of the foreign born population in our district: 12 percent of the foreign born population is African of which 11 percent is West African; 85 percent of the foreign born population is Latin American; 2 percent of the population is Asian; 1 percent of the population is European. The growth of our foreign born population and the large population of Hispanic or Latino residents has potentially impacted the primary languages represented in our district. Of the residents living in our district for five years and more, 70.2 percent speak a language other than English and Spanish speakers make up 62.3 percent of this group. In addition to race, the age groups contribute to the diversity of the residents living in this area. The population of residents in the 65 and older age group increased from 5 percent in 2000 to 8.2 percent in 2012. The households with children under 18 years old decreased from 55.4 percent to 43.9 percent from 2000 to 2012. Although there is a range in the socioeconomic makeup of the residents in the district, the percent of households living near the poverty line and who are considered to be lowincome is high. The proportion of residents with a household income below \$20,000 increased from about 35 percent to about 46 percent from 2000 to 2012. The poverty rate also increased from 40.6 percent to 42.3 percent from 2000 to 2012. It was ranked as one of the community districts with the highest number of households with the total income below the poverty level. For the year 2012, the median household income was \$21,959 which is significantly less when compared to the Bronx overall (\$33,006) and New York City (\$51,750). It was ranked as one of the community districts with the lowest median household income levels. The percent unemployed is about 20.9 percent. The proportion of residents who used supplemental security income was 18.3 percent. The proportion of residents who needed cash public assistance income was 12.3 percent. The proportion of residents requiring food stamps/SNAP benefits was significant at 50.6 percent. Morris Heights is the lowest density area in District 5. Morris Heights is along the western ridge of the district, covering the area from Jerome Avenue valley to the Harlem River Valley. Here, the zoning ranges from R5 (typically 2 and 3-family row houses and small apartment buildings). In addition to the low density development, several high-rise developments including Sedgwick Houses, a NYC Housing Authority Development complex and several large private apartment towers along the Undercliff and Sedgwick Avenues, as well as River Park Towers along the Harlem River. University Heights is part of the same rock ridge that characterizes most of Morris Heights, and is similar, architecturally. One of the key landmarks in this area is the beautiful Bronx Community College Campus, which gives the neighborhood its name. This public facility is the highest geographic point in New York City. University Heights is the least dense area of the district and benefits

from a large proportion of 1-4 family housing stock. The area East of Jerome Avenue and Fordham Road encompasses two neighborhoods: South Fordham, North of Burnside to Fordham Road, and Mount Hope, South of Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Both extend east to Webster Avenue. The Mount Hope/South Fordham neighborhoods are densely populated mostly with five and six-story housing. At the eastern edge of these neighborhoods is a large residential development known as Twin Parks West, consisting of four residential towers. At the northern portion of this area is the Fordham Road Shopping District, the third largest generator retail sales in the City of New York. Fordham Road has approximately 1-million square feet of retail space.

#### 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Affordable housing

Community Board #5 has an old housing stock with over half our housing built before 1930, and it is defined as a primarily a multi-dwelling bedroom community. The home ownership rate in our district is categorized as having the lowest rates in the New York City community districts. It has a homeownership rate of 2.8 percent. Also, our district is ranked as having the highest number of renter households whose gross rent was more than 50 percent of their pre-tax income. Other issues affecting housing quality are increasing utility costs for landlords and homeowners; the percentage of housing with five or more maintenance deficiencies has increased over 35 percent; a lack of code enforcement (this district ranks in the top 20 in serious housing code violations throughout the City); an increase in building debts due to over-financing. Approximately 44.4 percent of the rental housing units considered overcrowded (our district ranks 6th overall in the City).

#### **Schools**

There is a dearth of available school seats in our district, especially in elementary school seats. Community Board 5 encompasses School Districts 9 and 10. In CSD 9 the elementary school utilization rate is 118.23% In CSD 10 the rate is 122.06% (Jerome Avenue Rezoning EIS; p. 4-13).

#### Unemployment

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

#### **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

#### Chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

Our community has a high incidence for asthma and diabetes. Among adults the rate of hospitalizations for asthma are 571 per 100,000 adults. For the Bronx this rate is 508 and the average city-wide is 249. For children the rate for hospitalization is 55 in our community per 10,000 children between the ages of 5-14 years old. The rate for such children throughout the Bronx is 72 and for New York City the rate is 36. In regards to diabetes hospitalizations for adults, our community ranks as the sixth highest in the city. Per 10,000 adults we have a hospitalization rate of 616. For the Bronx the corresponding rate is 503. The rate of hospitalizations for New York City is 312. Among the leading causes of death in Community Board 5 diabetes related causes ranks 5th (26.7 per 100,000 adults). The rate of infant mortality and premature death (before the age of 65) is higher than city-wide. The infant mortality rate in Community Board 5 is 5.4 per 1,000 live births. For the Bronx his rate is 5.7. The New York City this rate is 4.7. By comparison the rate of infant mortality in the Upper East Side is 1.0. In our community the rate of premature death is 266.2 per 100,000 adults. The rate for the Bronx is 238.9 and the City is 198.4.

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

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

Within the Bronx, the infant mortality rate (IMR) remains extremely high for black women (including African American, African immigrants, and non-Hispanic Afro-Caribbean women) compared to the average IMR in the borough at the community level. This statistic is relevant for Community Board 5, since 33.7 percent of our residents are Black/African American. From 2007 to 2009, the IMR surpassed 10 deaths per 1,000 live births for black women under the age of 20 in the University/Morris Heights neighborhood. We urge the Department of Health Services to increase funding to address this health issue in our district. Also, Bronx Community Board 5 has the 4th highest number of asthma hospitalization in the City. Our district requests the DHS to increase funding for asthma treatment. Our other requests are an increase of funding for the expansion of the Pest Control Unit to add additional personnel and field inspectors/Exterminators, and to improve the teen pregnancy obesity programs in our district.

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

The elderly population in our district continues to increase. The proportion of the population group of 65 and older has increased from 5 percent to 8.2 percent from 2000 to 2012. We are requesting that the city provides for the special needs of our seniors especially for the recent seniors which require services that will keep them active. Community Board 5 is requesting that long range planning include housing, health and mental health care, home care and senior centers. With this approach, Community Board 5 feels we can improve their quality of life and prevent the isolation which many of our elderly are at risk for. Our priorities include: Increase funding for the improvement of senior citizens' facilities in Community Board 5. Increase funding for senior housing Increase funding for innovative senior programs in Community Board District 5, such as a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community.

#### **Needs for Homeless**

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#### **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
2/29	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	Expand Pest & Animal Control Units to also include Animal Inspectors; additional Personnel Needed. CD5 is experiencing a major rat infestation. With major redevelopment, new construction and a growing population, rats are multiplying and moving into buildings/homes. Rats pose a health and safety danger with diseases they carry, especially to children.	
5/29	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Requesting Funding for Special Needs Services for Immigrants. For example, citizenship applications, residency, employment applications, spousal waivers, accessing resources and other legal documents. The foreign born are more than one-third of the population in Community Board #5. By addressing these immigrant specific concerns will ultimately enable the foreign born to contribute even more to the economic vitality of the community.	
6/29	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Provide Independent Living Skills Programs for Single Mothers. Community Board #5 is in dire need of funding for he Independent Skills Services program in our district. This program will provide a solid support system to singe mothers who are working to make he transition from public dependency to self sufficiency.	
16/29	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Community Board #5 is Requesting funding for Stay Well exercising programs for seniors who are fit and for those with disabilities. Seniors are in dire need of Aerobic exercise as well as routines designed to enhance balance, build muscle strength and aid in the performance o task associated with daily living.	

17/29	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Requesting funding for computer labs and training. This will assist seniors to navigate computer and complex systems. The elderly have been an integral part of this community for generations. Seniors today live longer and despite some disabilities generally live better overall than their counterparts of previous generations. Many older adults are isolated, frail, homebound, vulnerable to fraud and intimidation.	
18/29	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	There is a dearth of access to the number 4 elevated train in our district. Through the length of Jerome Avenue in our district there is no access to the train for those with mobility impairments. We seek additional funding so that providers of services for the elderly can expand transportation services.	

#### YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### School and educational facilities (Capacity)

A large proportion of our residents fall under the youth category. The 2010 U.S. Census showed that about 42 percent of our population is under the age of 18. Also, Community Board 5 is ranked as the district with the 4th highest number of households with children under 18 years old. Students are performing at the lower levels of the city wide average scores in reading and math subjects; only 14.4 percent of the students were performing at grade level in math and only 12.3 percent of the students were performing at grade level in reading. Thus, it is very important for the Department of Education to assist our district to provide adequate services intended for this age group. We are requesting that as housing developments occur in our district, there are sufficient funds available for the needs of the youth.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

No comments

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

There is a dearth of programming for youth of all ages. We need further resoourcesd for anti-gang/violence programms, especially trying to combat youth against the elderly crime prevention.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
33/41	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	Community Board #5 requests that the schoolyard of MS 459X be renovated for use by the school community, as well as programs sponsored by Good Shepherd Services and B.R.A.G. The schoolyard includes basketball courts, handball courts and a play area and is need of rehabilitation and new fixtures and play equipment.	120 East 184th Street

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Provide additional funds for CD 5 area youth programs: Fair Share Delinquency prevention, specialized programs and a Beacon School. Youth programs remain at funding levels of ten years ago. Youngsters make up approximately 40% of population. Needs far outweigh ability to provide services/programs.	
21/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	The mission of the Featherbed Lane Improvement Assoc. two-fold: 1) to reduce the risk of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use / abuse, and 2) to assist socially and economically disadvantaged youth and young adults in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation to become responsible self-sufficient citizens. The end result is stronger families and a better community. FLIA also utilizes evidence based program curriculums designed to help students develop self-control, communication skills, and acquire resources to help them resist drug use, improve decision making strategies, and develop the motivation not use drugs. The philosophy is to help children and families grow physically, healthy, emotionally strong, socially involved, educationally prepared, and more culturally aware.	

22/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	Community Board #5 requests that DYCD establish a Computer Coding Program in the district for residents, (Youth and Young Adults and senior citizens) to learn computer coding. This is a very important skill which leads to quality job opportunities and assists in their educational development.	
28/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for all grade levels	There is a dearth of programming for youth of all ages. We need further resources for antigang/violence programs, especially trying to combat youth against the elderly crime prevention.	

#### PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **General crime**

Community residents feel that the 46th police pct physical appearance and chaotic parking, sanitation, are contributing to the quality life of local residents, like the broken window theory.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Safety in our community is a major concern, and we believe more investment and efforts should be dedicated to strengthening the capacity of the police force in our district since District 5 still has some of the highest crime rates in the City. Also another primary objective is to expedite the process of acquiring and constructing a new 46th Precinct with parking facilities. This will definitely improve police department services and consequently improve the quality of life of our residents. In addition, we request that the local police precinct increase funding for the Operation Clean Hallways program. It should work with the City's Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) agency to stop indoor drug dealing and loitering. This has been a quality of life and public safety issue for our community. In order to maintain security and enhance livability in our community, we require that there be more attention focused on the indoor drug dealing issue in our district. Our priorities for the NYC Police Department in our district include: Allocate funding to build a new front entrance ramp to make the existing 46th Police Precinct ADA accessible Increase funding for 911 emergency dispatchers to improve response time Increase funding to purchase noise meter devices and fire hydrant wrenches Increase funding for Narcotics' Enforcement Increase funding for School Crossing Guards to assist students to navigate the wide street crossing corridors such as the Grand Concourse, University Avenue, and W. Tremont Avenue. Conduct a pilot initiative on Community Policing to enhance safety in our neighborhoods . Install security cameras along selected streets.

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

Our priority for the NYC Fire Department is to increase funding for 911 dispatchers Emergency Response Time for Ambulance Services. The average response time from the 2013 Mayor's Management Report for the city was 4:06 for structural fires, and the response time in the Bronx was 4:12. We believe it is necessary to improve the capacity of our Fire Department to maintain the safety of our residents. We also request additional funding for carbon monoxide detectors, and medical kits for: each of our Engine Company and Juvenile fire setters program.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Construct New 46th Precinct Facility. The 46th Precinct is in need of a new facility. The current facility is old, dilapidated, archaic and most of the furniture is old & broken. There is no space for parking, causing the streets to be congested with very little space for pedestrians. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.	
5/41	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Handicap Accessibility in Front of the 46th Precinct. Seniors and physically challenged residents are requesting a ramp and hadrails to the entrance of he 46th Precinct to make it ADA accessible.	
17/41	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Fund Firehouse Renovations/Upgrades. Funding is needed for firehouse renovations and upgrades in CD5 such as new roof (waterproofing), apparatus floor replacements, emergency generators, window replacements, pointing, electrical as well as kitchen and bathroom. Engine Company 42, Engine Company 43 and Engine Company 48	
22/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	New York Police Department Surveillance Cameras along Burnside Avenue Shopping District from Grand Concourse to Harrison Avenue. Burnside Avenue Shopping district is Vibrant. Merchants and shoppers have concerns about public safety. Surveillance cameras would enhance public safety and would serve as deterrent.	Burnside Avenue Grand Concourse Harrison Avenue
27/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Aqueduct Homeowners Request Surveillance Camera's for Grand Avenue, Davidson Avenue and West 181st Street. Homeowners have public safety concerns. Surveillance camera's would enhance public safety and quality life. Cameras will serve as a deterrent.	West 181st Street Grand Avenue Davidson Avenue
35/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Security cameras are needed along Burnside Avenue between University Avenue and Sedgewick Avenue. This extension of security cameras would effectively extend our request for cameras along Burnside Avenue to our eastern most shopping hub.	Burside Avenue University Avenue Sedgewick Avenue

40/41	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking near the 46th precinct is very constrained. Officers, precinct vehicles, residents and commercial vehicles all compete for constrained space. A means to alleviate this is to build parking decks on the lots operated and owned by NYPD at 2069 and 2119 Valentine Avenue.
			Avenue.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/29	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	Feasibility Study for the Expansion of the Existing 46th Precinct. Increase in personnel has made it extremely crowded in this old dilapidated and archaic building. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.	
12/29	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Hire Additional Clerical Workers for the 46th Precinct. The addition of 100 new officers to the 46th Precinct over the next 24 months will require additional support staff to process paper work and service community requests/complaints.	
15/29	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Funding fire safety education outreach. The fire department needs to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distributing to the public.	
24/29	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Community Board #5 requests that the city establish a Victim Support Services Program in the district which would deal with the victims of crimes or the families of victims of crime. The program would assist these victims and their family's with funeral arrangements, counseling, financial support and other needs of these residents.	

#### CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

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

#### Cleanliness/trash collection

Community Board #5 has been a lock down community board with custodial hydrant locks since the early nineties. For the past ten years we have been top three in complaints. In the past four years we have been chosen for the HEAP Initiative. Community Board #5 welcomes this initiative but with changes for example: 1. the initiative is not operational until July, we would like to see it implemented earlier either late April or early May. 2. DEP should incorporate a speakers bureau to consist of DEP, FDNY, NYPD personnel and Community Boards in order to speak on the impact full running hydrants have on public safety property damage and the exorbitant cost of the city. 3. CB #5 recommends DEP change its policy on what agency is issued hydrant wrenches e.g. DSNY hydrants can be shut during am hours.

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

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

No comments

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

Although sanitation has improved in the district, it still has the lowest sanitation score card rating in the borough related to sidewalk and street cleanliness. Sanitation has continued to be an important priority for Community Board 5 to improve the quality of life and economic stability and growth within our district. Therefore, we are requesting an increase of funding for cleaning personnel for our six commercial districts on Fordham Road, South Grand Concourse (Fordham Road), Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, West Tremont Avenue and University Avenue, and Featherbed Lane. Also, we request funding for our Canine Unit, additional personnel for the 13 Step Streets, cleaning personnel for Grand Concourse and University Malls, sanitation equipment (for cleaning the Grand Concourse and the University Malls, tree pruning, and weed whackers), and for personnel to service garbage baskets in our district (especially in commercial areas).

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

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

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/29	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Create a Step Street Task Force to Clean the City's 128 Step Streets. Until the recent use of Work Experience Program (WEP) workers for cleaning step streets, DOS had abandoned its responsibility for these public streets. CD5 has 12 step streets which are mad unsightly and dangerous by litter.	
13/29	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Increase Illegal Dumping Task Force from Current Low Level. Sanitation police personnel cannot serve the ire need of our district. Must improve ability of Department to conduct surveillance and apprehend illegal dumpers. his is a major quality of life concern in CD5.	

### HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

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

#### Affordable housing preservation

Community Board #5 has an old housing stock with over half our housing built before 1930, and it is defined as a primarily a multi-dwelling bedroom community. The home ownership rate in our district is categorized as having the lowest rates in the New York City community districts. It has a homeownership rate of 2.8 percent. Also, our district is ranked as having the highest number of renter households whose gross rent was more than 50 percent of their pre-tax income. Other issues affecting housing quality are increasing utility costs for landlords and homeowners; the percentage of housing with five or more maintenance deficiencies has increased over 35 percent; a lack of code enforcement (this district ranks in the top 20 in serious housing code violations throughout the City); an increase in building debts due to over-financing. Approximately 44.4 percent of the rental housing units considered overcrowded (our district ranks 6th overall in the City).

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

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

Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study: Jerome Avenue is a major street in our district running North and South, and the section we wish to focus on is an auto-body corridor from the Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. The physical appearance of this corridor has a negative impact on the residents' quality of life. Even though this corridor provides some employment opportunities (but not necessarily to residents in our community), we believe that the businesses should be relocated to another location. The objective is to change the existing C8 zoning along Jerome Avenue with the support of stakeholders and community members. We believe this is an opportunity area for mixed-use development, and request for a zoning change to residential with a commercial overlay. This is also an opportunity for affordable housing on Jerome Avenue, and the establishment of an Inclusionary Housing Program can be a tool to incentivize this type of housing development along the corridor. Many community stakeholders have suggested that Jerome Avenue be revitalized to meet existing area needs and plan for the future. Through the planning process, City Planning and sister agencies will seek to address the needs of local residents, businesses, and institutions. The study and resulting community plan will evaluate and identify opportunities to promote a range of elements to support community vitality: affordable housing, job growth and training, economic development, cultural activities, pedestrian safety, parks, schools and daycare, retail and services. The study and plan will promote coordinated investments in infrastructure and services to shape a resilient, sustainable community. The study and plan will include land use and zoning changes and the application of a mandatory Inclusionary Housing program within the area to promote affordable housing. Bronx Community Board #5 is waiting for the Department of City Planning zoning and planning framework for Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study.

**Needs for Housing** 

No comments

**Needs for Economic Development** 

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/41	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	Increase Funds to 8A Loan Program for Upgrading and Ongoing Maintenance Needs in Rehabilitated Buildings. New focus is to preserve existing housing of what has been rehabilitated. HPD indicates the fund is drying up.	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
23/29	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	Community Board #5 requests that a business incubator be established in the district to assist local business and Entrepreneurs to grow the businesses or establish new business ventures in technology, health care and retail areas, etc Possibly using Bronx Community College as a location for such an incubator.	

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### Bus crowding and quality issues

A large proportion of our residents, about 68.2 percent, use public transportation to commute to work. Other popular modes of commuting to work include driving to work alone (11.5 percent) or carpooling (5.8 percent), or walking (9.6 percent). The objective of Bronx Community Board 5 is to improve the existing transportation infrastructure. The resurfacing of our most important street, the Grand Concourse from 175th to Fordham Road, is an important priority for our district. The objective is to initiate a greening project which would be vital for enhancing the beautification and improving economic development in the area. Also, due to the heavily utilized major thoroughfares in our district (including Grand Concourse, Fordham Road, University Avenue, and Tremont Avenue), traffic mitigation efforts are of paramount importance. Sep street maintenance is important as the district's 13 step streets are a feature of significant aesthetic and pedestrian circulation value.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility</u>

**Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**No comments

**Needs for Transit Services** 

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/41	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Install an Elevator/Escalator at the IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station. The IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station is heavily used in Bronx Community Board 5. It is highly elevated facility having three sets of stairs before a passenger arrives at the mezzanine level. Disabled individuals, people with carriages/strollers and seniors have a difficult time getting to the platform of this station serves as a main gateway to Bronx Community College, Roberto Clemente State Park and other institutions in our district. The community has signed a petition with over 1000 signatures for an elevator/escalator at this station.	
4/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Reconstruct Step Streets from Palisades Place to Sedgwick Avenue. Step Streets are important access points. These are in extremely dangerous condition which must be addressed promptly.	Palisades Place Sedgwick Avenue
13/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Install Higher Intensity Lighting along Jerome Avenue, form the Cross Bronx Expressway to Fordham Road. Special lighting is needed for streets with elevated rail lines. Presently, Jerome Avenue is dark and unsafe because of improper lighting. This is a public safety measure.	Jerome Avenue Cross Bronx Expressway Fordham Road
14/41	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Reconstruct Grand Concourse Bridge over 175th Street-Walls over 175th Street/ Part of Subway System. Walls on east and west side of Grand Concourse over 175th Street have been damaged by years of leaking water. he community youth mural project is on hold as a result.	
21/41	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	The Placement One-for-One of regular COBRA-Head Street lights with "M" Pole-Type Distinctive Lamp Posts is an appropriate design that would be most compatible with the Vision for Residential, Burnside Avenue Shopping District from East Burnside Avenue & Valentine Avenue to University Avenue & Burnside Avenue. The "M" Pole-type of street lights is the preferred street amenities and streetscape enhancements in our neighborhood.	University Avenue East Burnside Avenue Valentine Avenue

23/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Rehabilitate Step Street at Davidson Avenue between Featherbed Lane and Davidson Avenue Proper is seriously deteriorated. Many steps are loose and pose a danger to pedestrian access to the subway station. Heavy pedestrian traffic, vandalism and weather have caused severe deterioration of the step street. Include hand railings and better lighting.	Davidson Avenue Featherbed Lane
28/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar avenue. Step Streets are important access points. This particular step street provides access form Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar Avenue which is the gateway to Roberto Clemente State Park. This location is in extremely poor condition and must be addressed promptly.	Sedgwick Avenue Cedar Avenue
30/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Marion Avenue to 187th Street. The Step Street has been seriously deteriorated. There is heavy pedestrian traffic e.g. students, patrons and residents. Request additional lighting.	Marion Avenue 187th Street
31/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Create Step Street at Kingsland Place (between West Tremont Avenue and Harrison Avenue) This location is in poor condition. DOT has paved and resurfaced this location in the prior fiscal year, however it remains unsafe and is heavily usedby pedestrians and children. Creating a step street would improve pedestrian mobility. Access now is dangerous for those that are mobility impaired. Repaving/reconstruction should make the step street ADA-compliant.	Kingsland Place West Tremont Avenue Harrison Avenue
36/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Community Board members voiced concern about the lack of adequate lighting along Webster Avenue. A PAL is located at this corner so improved lighting would add to the security of youth and enhance the attraction of this youth recreation facility.	Webster Avenue 182nd Street 183rd Street
39/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	The replacement of lighting from conventional lighting to LED will enhance the illumination of the street and increase the durability and service-life of such lights. An improvement in illumination will enhance this area as a commercial node.	Sedgewick Avenue Cedar Avenue UNdercliff Avenue

41/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Burnside Avenue is a primary commercial and pedestrian corridor for our community. Adequate street lighting is vital for both safety and business concerns.	Burnside Avenue Walton Avenue University	
				Avenue	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/29	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Create a NYC Transit Authority Clean Team. A special team is needed to clean and paint elevated subway line stations, fight graffiti and work with communities on anti-litter/ant-graffiti activities.	
14/29	DOT	Other expense traffic improvements requests	Increase Staff in Bureau of Highways Maintenance Division: Additional Staff Persons Needed. With an increase in the need to repair streets as well as sidewalks and radways, there is a serious need for additional manpower in the Bronx Highways Maintenance Division. One gang is not sufficient to address the street repair needs in the borough.	
20/29	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	On Street Parking Study for Community Board 5 Area. On Street Parking is a priority Quality of Life issue for district 5. CB 5 is highly dense bedroom community. In addition, we have 7 Commercial Shopping Districts (Fordham Road, Webster Avenue, South Grand Concourse, Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, University Avenue/West Tremont Avenue and Featherbed Lane) and street parking is vital for our Community Board area.	

#### PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

#### **Bronx Community Board 5**

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

#### Library facilities and access

The two libraries that serve our community, Francis Martin and Sedgwick Branch libraries are vital components of the cultural and educational resources in our community. The ongoing physical, programming and aesthetic accessibility of these branches are of vital concern. These libraries are hubs for community activity. They have also developed innovative programming through the 'Summer Reading in the park' program. Sunday/expanded hours would be of great benefit.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

No comments

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

Immigration: The foreign born comprises more than one-third of the population within Community Board #5. In order to serve our immigrant residents a increase in funding is needed to enable our immigrant population to integrate into the social and economic fabric of Community Board #5.

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

Community Board 5 (Bronx) has two branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Francis Martin and Sedgwick. These are vital resources for our community. • Based on a 2015 report from the Center for an Urban Future, libraries in the Bronx saw the biggest increase in program attendance and circulation out of the five boroughs. The Bronx has seen a 225 percent increase in program attendance and a 35 percent increase in circulation. Data shows that these statistics will continue to increase throughout the New York public Library system. • The libraries are especially important to low and moderate income residents who depend on the libraries for access to books, internet access, job search and film and as the only quiet place to read or do homework or other work. • Residents who have laptop computers but cannot afford internet fees use the library for internet access. • The arts and cultural programming along with English for Speakers of Other Languages and Out-of School Time programs in the neighborhood are extremely important to many residents, particularly families with children and seniors, who cannot otherwise afford access to commercial alternatives. An initiative that is being explored is to bring the library to local parks during the summer school break. We are exploring how the library at Francis Martin (to begin with) may bring materials and dedicate staff to a 'reading in the park' initiative. • The NYPL libraries within CB 5 (Bronx) are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation • The NYPL will continue to work with the Mayor, Speaker, City Council and local elected officials to increase capital funding.

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

No comments

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Request Funding for Lighting Via Flood lights from the Light Post for the Steps of the park. Also funding Stage/Presentation/Community area at the top of the park. Restoration of walls, railings and update the fencing. To shift the current physical conditions and negative community perceptions of University Woods and help other communities use their parks to improve the conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods.	
7/41	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The Library is seeking much-needed capital funding to ensure that our branches can continue to meeting the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: -Heating and cooling system updates -New roof, windows and doors -Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades -ADA compliance -Elevator replacement -ADA Bathroom renovations	2150 University Ave
8/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Improve & Develop the Environment Walk at Aqueduct Land from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. Build a Pedestrian Bridge, ADA Compliance Step Street or Ramp. Aqueduct Walk is adjacent to the newly constructed Morton Playground & Morton Place Homeowners Association. Walkway is in dire need of improvement.	
9/41	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Partial Renovation of Francis Martin Library Branch. Francis Martin Library Branch needs the front faade rehabilitated, HVAC replaced additional units), electrical system upgraded, PC Refresh and VoIP Technology, 1st floor and lower level, (including ADA compliance), including elevator and bathrooms upgraded.	2150 University Ave
11/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Increase Funds to Parks Department for Miscellaneous Park Repairs. (P-245) Contract is Needed for Replacing Play Equipment-\$150k Per Borough. This funding is used for a variety of basic renovation efforts such as paving, fencing and benches. This line is primarily used to stress rehabilitation, rather than new construction.	

12/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Replace Lighting in Aqueduct Park from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. During the rehabilitation of this park the lighting was not replaced and subsequent vandalism has incapacitated all of the lights. It is necessary to replace all of the park lights in Aqueduct Park form Morton Place to Burnside Avenue.	
16/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Acquire Block 3194, Lot 27 to Extend Existing Parks Managed Property/ West 181st Street & Grand Avenue. Additional Funding to repair retaining wall. The retaining wall is crumbling and created dangerous conditions in the playground.	
18/41	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Acquire & Develop Empty Lot Block 2877, Lot 531 on Montgomery Avenue corner of Popham Avenue. This lot has been neglected for many years. The development of a tot lot at this location will enhance the quality of life for the children of our community.	
19/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Community Board #5 is Requesting the Redesign of the University Avenue Park Malls. University Avenue from West Tremont Avenue to 175th Street. Community Board #5 is requesting that these malls be redesigned to accommodate some benches as well as some additional spaces for tree pits.	University Avenue West Tremont Avenue 175th Street
20/41	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Capital)	The Redesign and Expansion of existing Green Street Median on University Avenue, 174th Street and Cross Bronx Expressway. Community Board #5 feels that the existing median is to narrow, the location would be enhanced if medians were redesigned and expanded as a traffic calming device as well as provide a beautiful Green Street which will enhance the South West gateway presences of Community Board #5.	University Avenue 174th Street Cross Bronx Expressway
24/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Phase II Construction for University Woods Park to Develop the Plaza/Stage area of the park. University Woods Park construction improvements will enhance public safety perception and will increase environmental and recreational programming activities within the park.	

25/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovation of Galileo Playground. Galileo Playground is an outdoor science playground classroom with play equipment that stimulates children's imagination. It focuses on the Solar System and the individual planets. This playground is in disrepair and in need of capital improvement.	
26/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Funding for Capital Reconstruction of Echo Park. Echo Park is in poor physical condition. We are requesting the following enhancements basketball courts, playground area, park house and construct an amphitheater. In addition improve parks natural landscaping, plant new shrubs and trees.	
29/41	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests (Capital)	Site Acquisition of 1800-1808 Grand Concourse. 1800-1808 Grand Concourse is an art-deco property known as the United Pilgrim Church. This building has numerous outstanding violations. The Community Board has identified this site for the Mount Hope Center for the Arts. Currently, not one cultural arts center exists within the community board five area.	1800-1808 Grand Concourse
32/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Transfer & Develop the Greenthumb Property at Townsend Avenue & East 175th Street to the Department of Parks & Recreation. This Greenthumb, maintained by the Mount Hope Housing Company, is a beautiful resource with the potential of becoming a playground for neighborhood children.	Townsend Avenue East 175th Street
37/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Morris Community Garden is dilapidated and needs to be overhauled and maintained.	2116 Morris Avenue
38/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The gardens at Twin Park Southwest is dilapidated and needs renovation.	2000 Valentine Avenue

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location

3/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	New York Public Library Request the City Restore Funding. The New York Public Library requests that the City restore funding to provide robust six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. in these challenging economic times, the services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers more than ever.	
4/29	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Hire Parks Enforcement Police Officers for Bronx Parks. Our parks are becoming increasingly dangerous and are often unattended/unpatrolled by NYPD. Many parks are becoming havens for drug dealers.	
7/29	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers	Hire Parks Recreation Specialist-Consider Seasonal Hires for Cost Containment. Our parks and playgrounds are in dire need of adequate staff with which to provide recreational activities for the tens of thousands of young people using our parks. We presently have only one recreation staff person for all our parks and playgrounds.	
19/29	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Restore Parks Maintenance Employees (to include the Division of Forestry and a Greenthumb Crew). Bronx Community District #5 has several playgrounds and parks which need to be properly maintained. Essential increases in maintenance staff are needed.	
25/29	DPR	Plant new street trees	We are requesting tree plantings for the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue, Roberto Clement State park bridge and West Tremont Avenues. There are few plantings ta this location and there are residencies at this location. Tree plantings would also aesthetically link the park with the nearby community.	Sedgewick Ave R CLEMENTE STATE PARK BRDG West Tremont Ave
26/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	We are requesting monies so that staff may be allocated to provide services outside the Francis Martin Library branch. The proposed project will provide one library staffer to supervise reading of library materials in the park abutting the Francis Martin library during summer hours.	2150 University Avenue
27/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Extend the library's programming so that it may be open 6 days per week.	1701 Martin Luther King Blvd.

29/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library	To extend the Francis Martin branch hours to 6 days per week.	2150 University Avenue
		programs		

# 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Other Capital Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/41	Other	Other capital budget request	DCAS - Davidson Community Center is a DCAS leased property. The Center is seeking to renovate their existing space as well as potentially add 2 additional stories to the existing building. This space would be used for an expansion of youth and community services for the residents of the district. In addition, this renovation would add an elevator for handicap accessibility and add a kitchen for meal preparation.	2038 Davidson Avenue
10/41	Other	Other capital budget request	EDC - Requesting Phase II of Mount Hope Housing Inc. Project to Construct Indoor Gymnasium, Parking Facility as Well as a Useable Pavilion Roof top on City Owned Land. The Mount Hope Housing project has just completed phase I a state of the art Community Center. In order to make this facility viable it needs parking facilities to accommodate conference hall and gymnasium participants.	
34/41	Other	Other capital budget request	Request for 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue Property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue is extremely deteriorated, dangerous and eyesore in he community. Community Board #5 is in desperate need of open space	1801-1805 Davidson Avenue

### **Other Expense Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/29	Other	Other expense budget request	DEP - Hire additional Inspectors for the Department of Environmental Protection. Personnel Inspectors to Monitor Fire Hydrants (Opening and Closing). Community District 5, for the last three years, has experienced the highest rate of hydrant openings in the borough of the Bronx. Ranking in the top three citywide.	

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Capital Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Construct New 46th Precinct Facility. The 46th Precinct is in need of a new facility. The current facility is old, dilapidated, archaic and most of the furniture is old & broken. There is no space for parking, causing the streets to be congested with very little space for pedestrians. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.	
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5/41	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Handicap Accessibility in Front of the 46th Precinct. Seniors and physically challenged residents are requesting a ramp and hadrails to the entrance of he 46th Precinct to make it ADA accessible.	
6/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Request Funding for Lighting Via Flood lights from the Light Post for the Steps of the park. Also funding Stage/Presentation/Community area at the top of the park. Restoration of walls, railings and update the fencing. To shift the current physical conditions and negative community perceptions of University Woods and help other communities use their parks to improve the conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods.	
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17/41	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Fund Firehouse Renovations/Upgrades. Funding is needed for firehouse renovations and upgrades in CD5 such as new roof (waterproofing), apparatus floor replacements, emergency generators, window replacements, pointing, electrical as well as kitchen and bathroom. Engine Company 42, Engine Company 43 and Engine Company 48	
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22/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	New York Police Department Surveillance Cameras along Burnside Avenue Shopping District from Grand Concourse to Harrison Avenue. Burnside Avenue Shopping district is Vibrant. Merchants and shoppers have concerns about public safety. Surveillance cameras would enhance public safety and would serve as deterrent.	Burnside Avenue Grand Concourse Harrison Avenue
23/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Rehabilitate Step Street at Davidson Avenue between Featherbed Lane and Davidson Avenue Proper is seriously deteriorated. Many steps are loose and pose a danger to pedestrian access to the subway station. Heavy pedestrian traffic, vandalism and weather have caused severe deterioration of the step street. Include hand railings and better lighting.	Davidson Avenue Featherbed Lane
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27/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Aqueduct Homeowners Request Surveillance Camera's for Grand Avenue, Davidson Avenue and West 181st Street. Homeowners have public safety concerns. Surveillance camera's would enhance public safety and quality life. Cameras will serve as a deterrent.	West 181st Street Grand Avenue Davidson Avenue

28/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar avenue. Step Streets are important access points. This particular step street provides access form Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar Avenue which is the gateway to Roberto Clemente State Park. This location is in extremely poor condition and must be addressed promptly.	Sedgwick Avenue Cedar Avenue
29/41	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests (Capital)	Site Acquisition of 1800-1808 Grand Concourse. 1800-1808 Grand Concourse is an art-deco property known as the United Pilgrim Church. This building has numerous outstanding violations. The Community Board has identified this site for the Mount Hope Center for the Arts. Currently, not one cultural arts center exists within the community board five area.	1800-1808 Grand Concourse
30/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Marion Avenue to 187th Street. The Step Street has been seriously deteriorated. There is heavy pedestrian traffic e.g. students, patrons and residents. Request additional lighting.	Marion Avenue 187th Street
31/41	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Create Step Street at Kingsland Place (between West Tremont Avenue and Harrison Avenue) This location is in poor condition. DOT has paved and resurfaced this location in the prior fiscal year, however it remains unsafe and is heavily usedby pedestrians and children. Creating a step street would improve pedestrian mobility. Access now is dangerous for those that are mobility impaired. Repaving/reconstruction should make the step street ADA-compliant.	Kingsland Place West Tremont Avenue Harrison Avenue
32/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Transfer & Develop the Greenthumb Property at Townsend Avenue & East 175th Street to the Department of Parks & Recreation. This Greenthumb, maintained by the Mount Hope Housing Company, is a beautiful resource with the potential of becoming a playground for neighborhood children.	Townsend Avenue East 175th Street
33/41	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	Community Board #5 requests that the schoolyard of MS 459X be renovated for use by the school community, as well as programs sponsored by Good Shepherd Services and B.R.A.G. The schoolyard includes basketball courts, handball courts and a play area and is need of rehabilitation and new fixtures and play equipment.	120 East 184th Street

34/41	Other	Other capital budget request	Request for 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue Property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue is extremely deteriorated, dangerous and eyesore in he community. Community Board #5 is in desperate need of open space	1801-1805 Davidson Avenue
35/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Security cameras are needed along Burnside Avenue between University Avenue and Sedgewick Avenue. This extension of security cameras would effectively extend our request for cameras along Burnside Avenue to our eastern most shopping hub.	Burside Avenue University Avenue Sedgewick Avenue
36/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Community Board members voiced concern about the lack of adequate lighting along Webster Avenue. A PAL is located at this corner so improved lighting would add to the security of youth and enhance the attraction of this youth recreation facility.	Webster Avenue 182nd Street 183rd Street
37/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Morris Community Garden is dilapidated and needs to be overhauled and maintained.	2116 Morris Avenue
38/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The gardens at Twin Park Southwest is dilapidated and needs renovation.	2000 Valentine Avenue
39/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	The replacement of lighting from conventional lighting to LED will enhance the illumination of the street and increase the durability and service-life of such lights. An improvement in illumination will enhance this area as a commercial node.	Sedgewick Avenue Cedar Avenue UNdercliff Avenue
40/41	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking near the 46th precinct is very constrained. Officers, precinct vehicles, residents and commercial vehicles all compete for constrained space. A means to alleviate this is to build parking decks on the lots operated and owned by NYPD at 2069 and 2119 Valentine Avenue.	

41/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Burnside Avenue is a primary commercial and pedestrian corridor for our community. Adequate street lighting is vital for both safety and business concerns.	Burnside Avenue Walton Avenue University Avenue

### **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Provide additional funds for CD 5 area youth programs: Fair Share Delinquency prevention, specialized programs and a Beacon School. Youth programs remain at funding levels of ten years ago. Youngsters make up approximately 40% of population. Needs far outweigh ability to provide services/programs.	
2/29	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	Expand Pest & Animal Control Units to also include Animal Inspectors; additional Personnel Needed. CD5 is experiencing a major rat infestation. With major redevelopment, new construction and a growing population, rats are multiplying and moving into buildings/homes. Rats pose a health and safety danger with diseases they carry, especially to children.	
3/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	New York Public Library Request the City Restore Funding. The New York Public Library requests that the City restore funding to provide robust six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. in these challenging economic times, the services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers more than ever.	
4/29	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Hire Parks Enforcement Police Officers for Bronx Parks. Our parks are becoming increasingly dangerous and are often unattended/unpatrolled by NYPD. Many parks are becoming havens for drug dealers.	
5/29	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Requesting Funding for Special Needs Services for Immigrants. For example, citizenship applications, residency, employment applications, spousal waivers, accessing resources and other legal documents. The foreign born are more than one-third of the population in Community Board #5. By addressing these immigrant specific concerns will ultimately enable the foreign born to contribute even more to the economic vitality of the community.	

6/29	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Provide Independent Living Skills Programs for Single Mothers. Community Board #5 is in dire need of funding for he Independent Skills Services program in our district. This program will provide a solid support system to singe mothers who are working to make he transition from public dependency to self sufficiency.
7/29	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers	Hire Parks Recreation Specialist-Consider Seasonal Hires for Cost Containment. Our parks and playgrounds are in dire need of adequate staff with which to provide recreational activities for the tens of thousands of young people using our parks. We presently have only one recreation staff person for all our parks and playgrounds.
8/29	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Create a Step Street Task Force to Clean the City's 128 Step Streets. Until the recent use of Work Experience Program (WEP) workers for cleaning step streets, DOS had abandoned its responsibility for these public streets. CD5 has 12 step streets which are mad unsightly and dangerous by litter.
9/29	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Expense)	Feasibility Study for the Expansion of the Existing 46th Precinct. Increase in personnel has made it extremely crowded in this old dilapidated and archaic building. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.
10/29	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Create a NYC Transit Authority Clean Team. A special team is needed to clean and paint elevated subway line stations, fight graffiti and work with communities on anti-litter/ant-graffiti activities.
11/29	Other	Other expense budget request	DEP - Hire additional Inspectors for the Department of Environmental Protection. Personnel Inspectors to Monitor Fire Hydrants (Opening and Closing). Community District 5, for the last three years, has experienced the highest rate of hydrant openings in the borough of the Bronx. Ranking in the top three citywide.

12/29	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Hire Additional Clerical Workers for the 46th Precinct. The addition of 100 new officers to the 46th Precinct over the next 24 months will require additional support staff to process paper work and service community requests/complaints.
13/29	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Increase Illegal Dumping Task Force from Current Low Level. Sanitation police personnel cannot serve the ire need of our district. Must improve ability of Department to conduct surveillance and apprehend illegal dumpers. his is a major quality of life concern in CD5.
14/29	DOT	Other expense traffic improvements requests	Increase Staff in Bureau of Highways Maintenance Division: Additional Staff Persons Needed. With an increase in the need to repair streets as well as sidewalks and radways, there is a serious need for additional manpower in the Bronx Highways Maintenance Division. One gang is not sufficient to address the street repair needs in the borough.
15/29	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Funding fire safety education outreach. The fire department needs to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distributing to the public.
16/29	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Community Board #5 is Requesting funding for Stay Well exercising programs for seniors who are fit and for those with disabilities. Seniors are in dire need of Aerobic exercise as well as routines designed to enhance balance, build muscle strength and aid in the performance o task associated with daily living.
17/29	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Requesting funding for computer labs and training. This will assist seniors to navigate computer and complex systems. The elderly have been an integral part of this community for generations. Seniors today live longer and despite some disabilities generally live better overall than their counterparts of previous generations. Many older adults are isolated, frail, homebound, vulnerable to fraud and intimidation.

18/29	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	There is a dearth of access to the number 4 elevated train in our district. Through the length of Jerome Avenue in our district there is no access to the train for those with mobility impairments. We seek additional funding so that providers of services for the elderly can expand transportation services.
19/29	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Restore Parks Maintenance Employees (to include the Division of Forestry and a Greenthumb Crew). Bronx Community District #5 has several playgrounds and parks which need to be properly maintained. Essential increases in maintenance staff are needed.
20/29	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	On Street Parking Study for Community Board 5 Area. On Street Parking is a priority Quality of Life issue for district 5. CB 5 is highly dense bedroom community. In addition, we have 7 Commercial Shopping Districts (Fordham Road, Webster Avenue, South Grand Concourse, Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, University Avenue/West Tremont Avenue and Featherbed Lane) and street parking is vital for our Community Board area.
21/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	The mission of the Featherbed Lane Improvement Assoc. two-fold: 1) to reduce the risk of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use / abuse, and 2) to assist socially and economically disadvantaged youth and young adults in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation to become responsible self-sufficient citizens. The end result is stronger families and a better community. FLIA also utilizes evidence based program curriculums designed to help students develop self-control, communication skills, and acquire resources to help them resist drug use, improve decision making strategies, and develop the motivation not use drugs. The philosophy is to help children and families grow physically, healthy, emotionally strong, socially involved, educationally prepared, and more culturally aware.
22/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	Community Board #5 requests that DYCD establish a Computer Coding Program in the district for residents, (Youth and Young Adults and senior citizens) to learn computer coding. This is a very important skill which leads to quality job opportunities and assists in their educational development.

23/29	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	Community Board #5 requests that a business incubator be established in the district to assist local business and Entrepreneurs to grow the businesses or establish new business ventures in technology, health care and retail areas, etc Possibly using Bronx Community College as a location for such an incubator.	
24/29	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Community Board #5 requests that the city establish a Victim Support Services Program in the district which would deal with the victims of crimes or the families of victims of crime. The program would assist these victims and their family's with funeral arrangements, counseling, financial support and other needs of these residents.	
25/29	DPR	Plant new street trees	We are requesting tree plantings for the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue, Roberto Clement State park bridge and West Tremont Avenues. There are few plantings ta this location and there are residencies at this location. Tree plantings would also aesthetically link the park with the nearby community.	Sedgewick Ave R CLEMENTE STATE PARK BRDG West Tremont Ave
26/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	We are requesting monies so that staff may be allocated to provide services outside the Francis Martin Library branch. The proposed project will provide one library staffer to supervise reading of library materials in the park abutting the Francis Martin library during summer hours.	2150 University Avenue
27/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Extend the library's programming so that it may be open 6 days per week.	1701 Martin Luther King Blvd.
28/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for all grade levels	There is a dearth of programming for youth of all ages. We need further resources for antigang/violence programs, especially trying to combat youth against the elderly crime prevention.	
29/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	To extend the Francis Martin branch hours to 6 days per week.	2150 University Avenue