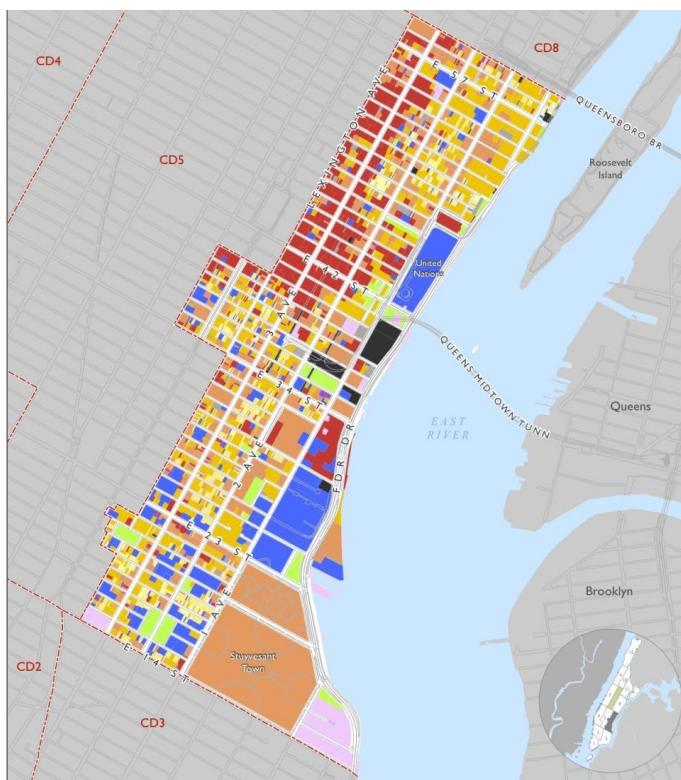


Manhattan Community Board 6



Statements of Community District Needs *and* Community Board Budget Requests *for* Manhattan Community District 6 Fiscal Year 2019

Submitted to the Department of City Planning
January 2018

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 Manhattan Community Board 6's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact:

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 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.

Disclaimer

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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.

LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY BOARD

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October 11, 2017

RE: FY 2019 MCD6 Needs Statement and Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

At the Full Board Meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, the Board passed the enclosed District Needs Statement, Capital Budget Priorities and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2019.

Resolution Vote: 42 For 0 Against 0 Abstain 0 Not entitled

Every year, the Board has a robust discussion about many of the issues that affect our District — this year was no exception. This document is the result of several months of hard work by our various committees in engaging the public, community groups and local stakeholders to determine how improved programming and additional capital funding can help fulfill our most urgent needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Eggers".

Richard M. Eggers
Chair
Manhattan Community Board Six

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pedro Carrillo".

Pedro Carrillo
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Manhattan Community Board 6

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Ms. Molly Hollister, Officer

2. Community District Profile

Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Manhattan Community District 6



Neighborhoods¹: Beekman Place, Gramercy Park, Murray Hill, Peter Cooper Village, Stuyvesant Town, Sutton Place, Tudor City, Turtle Bay

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
136,152	142,745	+5%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		146,468
Square Miles		1.4
Population Density		101,961/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

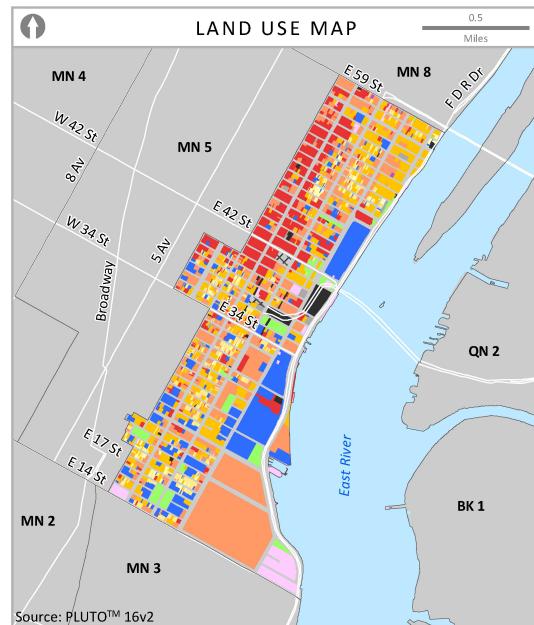
Top 3 pressing issues identified by Manhattan Community Board 6 in 2017:

1. Affordable housing
2. Parks
3. Senior services

To learn more, please read [Manhattan CD 6's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	246	2%
Multifamily Walk-up	557	5%
Multifamily Elevator	482	18%
Mixed Use	839	31%
Commercial	335	14%
Industrial	5	<1%
Transportation/Utility	40	6%
Public/Institutional	220	16%
Open Space	37	3%
Parking	28	1%
Vacant	56	3%
Other	7	<1%



[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Manhattan CD 6](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	27
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	44
Parks	16
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Manhattan CD 6	34%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Manhattan CD 6	92%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Manhattan CD 6	27 minutes
Manhattan	31 minutes
NYC	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Manhattan CD 6	6%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Manhattan CD 6	11.0
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 6	79%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 6	4.6%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Manhattan CD 6	11%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	

¹ Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ² 2000 US Census; ³ 2010 US Census; ⁴ American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). ⁵ NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶ Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷ NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸ Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹ NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰ Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹ 2011-2015 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.

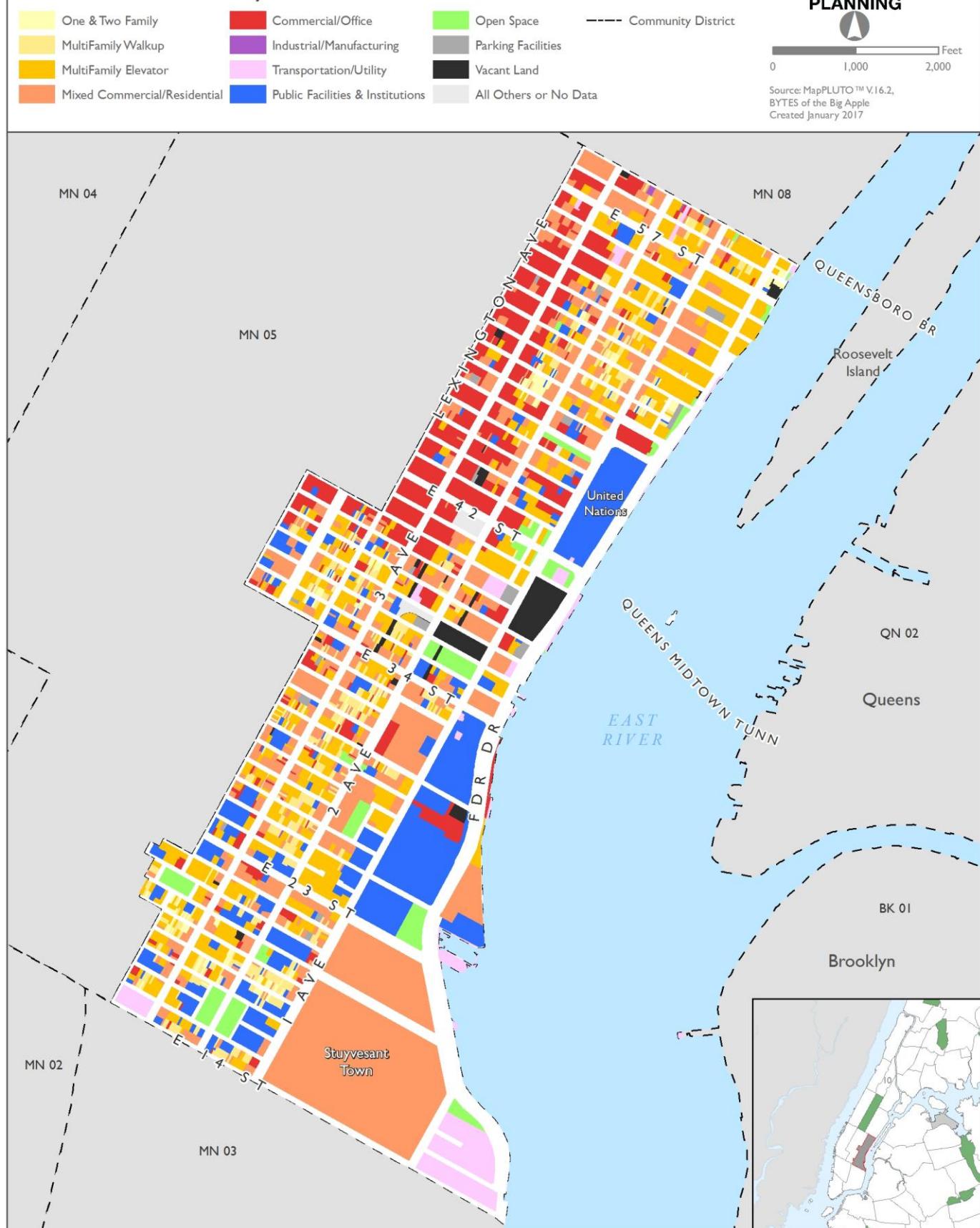
2. Community District Land Use

Manhattan Community District 6 - Land Use



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3. Overview of Community District

Community District Six (CD6) encompasses the East Side of Manhattan from 14th to 59th Streets, from the East River to Lexington Avenue and farther west in some areas to include Gramercy Park, Murray Hill, Turtle Bay and parts of East Midtown. Additional well-known neighborhoods lie within our boundaries: Sutton Place, Beekman Place, Tudor City, Kips Bay, Rosehill, East Midtown Plaza, Waterside Plaza, Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village.

The district is a mixture of residential, commercial, medical, educational and institutional uses with major office buildings, including 731 Lexington ("Bloomberg Tower"), 601 Lexington Avenue (former Citigroup Center), and the Chrysler building, and retail shops lining the avenues. There are several medical facilities used by all New Yorkers including VA Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center, NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases, and Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, which is undergoing major restructuring that will affect our community in important ways noted throughout this document. Numerous substance abuse, mental health, and ambulatory care clinics as well as some facilities of the New York Eye and Ear Hospital are located in the district.

CD6 hosts the 30th St Shelter, the city's largest at 850 beds, Samaritan Village on 53rd, New Providence Women's Shelter and other homeless facilities, including an additional site on East 17th Street. The district includes the Baruch College campus, the School of Visual Arts, the NYU School of Medicine, the NYU College of Dentistry, and the Beren Campus of Yeshiva University, Stern College and other institutions. We host numerous bioscience laboratories out of the Alexandria Center for Life Science and expect more facilities as NYU continues expansion. CD6 is also home to the United Nations as well as hundreds of missions and diplomatic residences.

While recognizing the diversity of residential and commercial use, the district is primarily a middle-income community that has significant numbers of low-income residents and a large elderly population, many living on fixed incomes. We are always mindful that data about the neighborhoods of affluence in CD6 must not mask the very real need for access to affordable housing, homeless and general social services, and adequate measures for personal safety and overall well-being for all our neighbors.

There are five Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) within CD6 or at its borders: The Grand Central Partnership, 34th Street Partnership, East Midtown Association, Union Square Partnership and the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership. These continue to improve the quality of life within the district and we encourage the city to continue endorsing new BIDs where viable.

We also must draw attention to the two 197-a plans prepared by CB6 and adopted, with modifications, by the CPC and the City Council. They are attached to this document (see Section 10, "Additional Information"). These long-term planning documents should guide future action of all city agencies and are integral to the understanding of the needs of our district. This is particularly true in planning related to the waterfront and for the medical corridor that is anchored by First Avenue from 14th Street to 38th Street. CB6 is committed to seeing the planning guidelines and specific proposals of the 197-a plans fully implemented.

CD6 is undergoing several major shifts in its urban-planning landscape. Along the waterfront, the East River Resiliency Project promises to transform access to additional open space and recreational opportunities, while increasing our district's ability to withstand flood damage like that experienced during Superstorm Sandy. Upcoming rezoning efforts in East Midtown promise to transform several blocks in our district into more densely populated areas that could bring additional challenges to our docket. The continuation of Mount Sinai's Beth Israel Campus's transformation continues to pose questions, as effects of service closures remain in doubt as the community awaits the hospital's impact assessment and as working groups continue to meet on the issue – what impact redevelopment of real estate at the site may have is also a concern. Finally, affordability remains a difficult issue to solve and one which affects our middle- and working-class communities in direct, immediate ways. We will always look at any shifts in zoning (in-district or city-wide) and governmental- or institutionally-owned property as potential means to provide residents with housing units at reasonable cost based on their income levels.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 6 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Parks*
- *Senior services*

Despite major residential development in Manhattan CD6, affordable housing in our district is disappearing, and we seek to remedy the situation. Due to the loss of Mitchell-Lama and Section 8 housing and fewer rent-controlled and rent-regulated housing units, areas in CD6 are becoming increasingly income-segregated. To support and retain population and economic diversity, the board seeks new or reclaimed low- and moderate-income housing within the district. An uptick in homelessness in the city and our area in particular could be mitigated, as would the housing difficulties of other vulnerable New Yorkers, such as fixed-income seniors.

Regarding senior services, CD6 hosts 32,727 persons age 60 and over. The growth in the 60-and-over population from 2000 to 2010 was 16.9%, a faster rate than the City overall. Almost half of our district's population in this category is 75 or older. There are now just two city-supported senior centers in the district. The reduction in senior center locations is clearly unfortunate since, according to the 2014 American Community Survey, 22.5% of the district population is age 60 or older. Many of our expense requests reflect our need for additional senior services for a whole host of Aging in Place initiatives which organizations and constituents feel are warranted to serve this population. Better, smarter programming for seniors is needed for those seeking social engagement and physical activity outside of the traditional, city-funded senior center environment – locations can include libraries or community centers. At the time of this draft, CB6 is reviewing results of a district-wide senior survey that demonstrates that older adults want wants this type of programming, with additional opportunities closer to their homes and at a price point that fits their limited budgets.

Finally, CD6 has the least amount of open space of any community district in Manhattan. Census data shows our child-age population growing quickly, more playground and recreation space is needed. The overall population would benefit from a quality of life standpoint from additional green spaces. Moreover, much of the open space we do have has fallen into disrepair. Additionally, lack of open space is tied to air quality. Manhattan CD6 remains towards the top of several pollutant levels lists in recent municipal studies [see "Community Air Survey" under Section 6a ("Water, Sewer and Environment ")]. As these levels are aggravated by lack of tree cover and extent of "impermeable surface," additional green spaces can be considered a health matter.

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*State of health facilities*

The transformation of Mount Sinai's Beth Israel campus, and subsequent relocation or elimination of services from this site, is CD6's most pressing concern. Some of the questions the hospital's restructuring (and downsizing) raises include: what are the land-use implications for the district where hospital buildings will be sold; will CD6 residents and other downtowners be sufficiently served with changes to clinical and emergency service levels and capacity; and, will significant hardship be caused to the most vulnerable residents who will have to seek specialty care at other sites, potentially in other boroughs. CD6 needs the support of local elected officials and lead agencies in minimizing impact to our area's health care services and in monitoring the likely disposition and development of these sites where it veers from current use and zoning.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

There are several major hospitals in CD6, used by all New Yorkers, including Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center, VA Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center, and the NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases. Numerous substance abuse, mental health, and other ambulatory care clinics as well as some facilities of the New York Eye and Ear Hospital are located in CD6. These together essentially comply an "medical corridor" within New York City, as alluded to in our 197-a Plan. We look forward to continued cooperation with these medical facilities as they expand and modernize their operations, as well as cooperation with city agencies in ensuring that these institutions have the adequate, surrounding infrastructure and supportive programming needed to properly serve both district residents and New Yorkers at large. Of utmost concern in the coming months and years is the status of Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center. After Mt. Sinai Health System's (MSHS) merger with Continuum Health Partner, their Downtown Transformation Plan (DTP) was developed. This plan involves the distribution of services throughout the MSHS citywide systems, creating specialized satellite treatment centers at each of their network facilities. This would mean reduction or elimination of certain specialty services within the current Beth Israel campus, including Gynecological and Obstetric care, and potentially, longer distances for our most vulnerable citizens seeking care they currently receive locally. Further, Beth Israel Hospital itself will be relocated to a new site on 13th Street, with a significantly-reduced bed count. This, in addition to the elimination of 25 acute-care beds for AIDS treatment through closure of its Mapplethorpe Center and a further reduction of 29 acute-care beds through closure of the campus's inpatient physical rehab facility. Understandably, the residents of CD6 and nearby areas served by this medical center have serious questions as to whether their healthcare needs will be adequately met and if the reduced scope of service is sufficient for the population of our district and much of Downtown Manhattan, especially in the wake of St. Vincent Hospital's closure and considering New York-Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital's limited capacity. We worry about not just non-emergency care and everyday emergencies, but also large-scale calamities like Superstorm Sandy or the attacks of 9/11. The appropriate agencies and elected officials, along with MSHS, must monitor the plan in conjunction with CB6 to mitigate downside risks to our community. As of this document's submission, the hospital corporation has not released its community assessment report. However, CB6 hopes that in anticipation of further healthcare facility changes or closures, the City and State initiate a systemwide study of both the public and private healthcare networks so that communities can better understand current coverage, connectivity, and shortfalls across the five boroughs. For decades, CB6 has been advocating for a strategic plan to determine Bellevue Hospital's immediate and future health care and land use needs, especially prior to any potential disposition of property. No such study has ever been conveyed to the board. We will continue to advocate for updated facilities, state-of-the-art equipment, and improved services there. CB6 has taken note of the lack of high quality skilled nursing facilities in Manhattan and especially within CD6. Also, the number of hospice beds is woefully inadequate. The NYC Department of City Planning projects that Manhattan's elderly population, aged 65 and over, will grow by 57.9% between 2000 and 2030, adding 108,000 elderly persons (see "NYC Population Projections" report below). CD6 has seen an increase in the number of persons age 65 and over of 9.8% just since the 2000 census – and more than 45% of these individuals are 75 and older. We therefore must plan for the additional health and other support services needed by this population. Consistent with the 197-a Plan, we are looking at development of health-related facilities within this "medical corridor." Among other options, we would welcome a sub-acute facility or multiple use facility that would allow for a continuum of care for

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

seniors and others. Biotech incubators, such as the Alexandria Center for Life Sciences, are also well-received additions to the corridor's development. Non-medical and non-research related uses within this corridor, such as the proposed Sanitation Garage, will be subject to the greatest scrutiny or opposition. Finally, we ask the city, as well and state and federal agencies, consider additional ways to curtail our continued rodent problem. While funding has increased for rat abatement efforts, it seems they are never enough, resulting in among the most-frequent complaints to the board office and 311. This is not only a quality of life issue, but a major health concern.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[Bellevue Hospital a Top Performer - HHC - December 2014](#)

[NYC Population Projections to 2030 - DCP - December 2006](#)

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

As mentioned throughout our report, CD6 has the highest mean age in the city, hosting a population where over 22% is 60 and older (see "Manhattan 6 Demographic" below). We have the 10th highest proportion of seniors relative to other community districts. Therefore, senior services are of paramount importance to our district, especially since seniors are likelier to have income restraints. To encourage innovative programming, we urge the city to provide funding that looks beyond just the number of meals served and focuses instead on the services seniors seek for social and mental stimulation. We recognize older adults prioritize the ability to maintain and create new relationships. Social isolation is a major concern when considering aging segments, whether due to living alone or to disabilities. Research suggests that isolation may be as harmful as smoking, obesity and lack of physical activity. Social isolation also contributes to elder abuse and preventable deaths. The board also notes fall rates among seniors in CD6. Therefore, programming to foster social and physical activity would help prevent avoidable injury and illness in many of our seniors. We are pleased by DFTA's efforts to introduce "innovative senior centers" which help fulfill these goals; however, none of the centers are in CD6. We ask that DFTA look at expanding programs for our seniors beyond the confines of the traditional senior center, making them available throughout our district. We note that we only have two senior centers at the northern- and southern-most ends of the map, and they are at capacity. We propose shared space with existing educational facilities such as libraries, identification of underutilized city-owned spaces, or partnerships with area community-based organizations. Facilities and organizations should have the funds to provide services not just for the frail, but also for active seniors. Computer labs with Internet access provide a wide range of opportunities so all seniors may research issues related to their health, keep informed of programs for their age group, and expand their skill set. Education on how to manage benefits online should lead to improved quality of life as well as greater use of federal programs and less reliance on city funds. CB6 consistently advocates for lifelong learning in budget requests to provide on-going education for seniors. In addition to meals and programming, aging-in-place services are vital, like homecare (a cheaper option than nursing homes) and escort assistance. Respite assistance for caregivers also is needed and ultimately, is a cost-cutting measure. Further, affordable housing options should keep this segment in mind - seniors should be able to remain in their neighborhoods of choice. Specialized legal needs and support for the physically and financially abused elderly have recently arisen as pressing concerns. We understand federal funding has been cut over the years, but various studies suggest an aging population and services supporting it remain vital – these requests are shared by CD's across New York (see attachment). The city must take steps to make up the funding gap since we can no longer rely on other government sources.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

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[Senior Services - Funding Decline and Funding Requests by Type - Center for Urban Future](#)

[Manhattan 6 Demographic Estimates - DCP - January 2015](#)

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

CD6 is host to several homeless shelters and drop-in centers. Among them are Samaritan Village on 53rd, New Providence Women's Shelter, and the 850-bed 30th Street Shelter, the largest in the country. We expect a new "safe haven" shelter to open on East 17th Street some time in 2018. Considering the amount of service facilities concentrated in our district (homeless facilities, hospitals, treatment centers, and clinics), CB6 believes that it is due some consideration when sites for public facilities are being explored in this part of the City. Current Fair Share analysis does not take into account all facility types as a whole, whether public or private. Nor does the analysis consider patterns in people traffic at various times of the day, stresses on infrastructure, and impacts on quality of life. The 30th Street Shelter, in particular, has been the focus of community concern for some time. CD6 residents, reflected in increases calls to our board office in the last several years and more frequent attendance at Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings, deserve continued action to minimize the impact of this service location. As the Mayor's office moves forward with its shelter plan, CB6 would ask that, in addition to the considerations mentioned on expanding Fair Share criteria and catchment area, any additional facilities in the district require a corresponding reduction of beds at 30th Street. Ultimately, CB6 believes that the homelessness problem can most effectively be dealt with by creating more permanent housing opportunities and reinstating programs that keep people in their homes. We have directed requests to HPD and DOHMH such as additional low- and moderate-income housing construction and preservation, additional city and state funding towards permanent, supportive housing units (see benefits in "Supportive Housing Analysis" below), and additional permanent housing units specifically for homeless families - offering CD6 for some of these sites along with community input on where to locate them. Alternatives to sheltering and finding more suitable and cost-effective options for re-housing are a must. The Living in Communities (LINC) program is an excellent start and we look forward to receiving measurable results from the agencies involved. We also encourage New York State to pass programs like Home Stability Support, a rental assistance program that the City Comptroller's office has estimated would prevent homelessness and re-house families at a faster rate than current plans.

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[Supportive Housing Analysis - Coalition for the Homeless - April 2002](#)

[Families and Children in Shelters - ICPH - October 2014](#)

Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

CD6 welcomes programming that seeks to help individuals find employment opportunities, particularly when a job can allow them to exit public assistance. It is estimated that over 5% of our district receives some form of government-funded income support; many of these residents do not have the skills to gain employment in a competitive, changing marketplace. Free or affordable job training programs and employment-readying services are essential to this mission. We acknowledge the city's progress in integrating social services to make it easier for individuals and families to reach the proper agencies and programs when they need help. AccessNYC, the city's benefits portal, allows them to more easily attain those benefits, including food assistance, rent support and supplemental health insurance, which stabilize their current hardships. Further outreach is needed to make sure CD6 residents are aware of this website. Despite recent federal cuts, we must make sure citizens know they might have food, housing and medical security in these still-difficult economic times. As CD6 continues to see luxury residential development replace low- and middle-income housing, HRA's oversight of legal services becomes an indispensable part of the affordable housing arsenal, as fixed-income constituents, including seniors, face landlord harassment and complicated visits to Housing Court. We welcome the city's major investment in legal aid for these and other purposes that assist people in staying in their current home, thereby solidifying our neighborhoods. Increased funding for these programs should be maintained in FY 2019 and beyond to avoid displacing neighbors and prevent homelessness.

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[Income Support - Community District 6 Profile - NYC DCP - 2014](#)

[Barriers to SNAP Benefits - AARP - 2013](#)



Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/29	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<p><i>The Children's Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program at Bellevue Hospital is the only psychiatric emergency care environment in New York State, and one of three in the world, dedicated solely to the care of children and adolescents. The C-CPEP census doubled from 2011 to 2012 and almost doubled again in 2013. With significant growth in volume, it is essential that Bellevue expand the physical space dedicated to these services. Space has been identified to enlarge the waiting area, add 4 consultation rooms for emergency evaluations and Interim Crisis Clinic visits, and to add office space for new staff. All that is lacking is the funding to make this possible. Project cost estimated at \$840,000.</i></p>	<i>Bellevue Hospital C-CPEP 462 First Avenue</i>
12/29	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	<p><i>The Board understands the lack of fed & state funds for a new senior center, but asks DFTA to aggressively advocate for such funds & seek city funds, in conjunction with other agencies, to ensure adequate services to our aging population. CD6 only has Stein Ctr & the Center at St. Peter's, a satellite location of Lenox Hill Houses. CB6 also notes DFTA's objective to provide innovative senior ctrs and the life-long learning concept clearly fits in the innovative approach. If an addt'l physical location is not feasible now, we ask that centers in CD6 have these enhanced programs and that DFTA use future support programs for seniors in other spaces such as colleges & schools.</i></p>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>A new senior facility providing meals and services has been requested by CB6 for over a decade. While we continue to advocate for an additional center in our district, our aging population would benefit from an expansion of programming that can be housed in existing city facilities or in sites run by community organizations, and funded by DFTA and other agencies. Libraries or CBOs, for example, can host or provide exercise programs, fall prevention programming (i.e., Tai Chi), life long learning and technology programming.</i>	Community Wide
7/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance home care services</i>	<i>Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly in CD6. 15.6% of the population of the district is over age 65 and the mean age in the district is the oldest in the city. CB6 requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population. Increased availability of home assistance may become particularly important after the cutbacks in services at senior centers throughout the area. This method of care is far less expensive than subsidized nursing home care, which is typically the alternative.</i>	Community Wide
10/25	DOHMH	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	<i>Reports of rats increased significantly in 2014 and continued since - a multi-agency effort, rat control is still a problem. Increased construction planned in the district in the next few years will only exacerbate the problem. We also take note of the need to coordinate rat abatement activities through adequate park maintenance, litter enforcement, and increased sanitation pickups. Major infestations persist throughout the district and additional efforts are needed</i>	Community Wide
14/25	DHS	<i>Provide programs for homeless veterans</i>	<i>The city is making strides towards eradicating veteran homelessness, encapsulated in the Veteran Service Unit (VSU). CB6 requests that those efforts continue to be funded so that we hit our target of zero veterans living on the street. Additional support to keep them housed is also warranted. This special population deserves our appreciation and attention.</i>	Community Wide
16/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>With an aging population comes a greater need for attention to crimes perpetrated that are particular to seniors. Combating elder abuse, whether physical (domestic) abuse or the financial kind is critical in a district that has over 15% of its population over the age of 65 (and growing). CB6 asks for additional funds to be devoted to specialized programs developed by the Department for the Aging to identify and prevent these situations. Additionally, more data on the extent of elder abuse in our city would be helpful in identifying needs in the district and citywide.</i>	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/25	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</i>	<i>CB6 would like to see enhanced funding for job training programs in existence or under development by HRA and its partners. These programs seek to increase clients' skills, readying them for employment and facilitating their exit from public assistance. These programs and associated training materials should be free or low-cost so as not to deter clients from participating.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child WelfareSchools and educational facilities (Maintenance)

Schools in CD6 need continued investment in their aging infrastructure. HVAC issues, electrical and plumbing lines, and fiber optic cabling are just some of the areas in need of attention. We should also point out that while the welfare of students is the primary focus of any school maintenance, adult staff facilities should be kept in mind when renovations are identified and planned.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Universal Pre-K seats and insufficient afterschool and support services for children continue to be a problem in CD6. The board's ability to address the state of our schools is hampered by the lack of adequate communication about proposed educational plans, facility enhancements, and resource allocation. Although PS 281 opened in 2013, issues have already arisen, including child safety concerns due to changing traffic patterns and construction on adjacent sites, as well as the concerns about the anticipated lack of sunlight in the schoolyard and potential degradation of St. Vartan Park across the street. CB6 restates its belief that communication between boards and the DOE and School Construction Authority would improve outcomes. To keep our schools up to date, they need appropriate technology upgrades and wiring to support the bandwidth of tomorrow. Some schools in CD6 have upgraded infrastructure, but many facilities remain unaddressed, including facilities used by adult staff and parents, which are often overlooked. Refurbished facilities would also be available for community events providing year-round, multi-purpose utilization of school buildings. Our schools should also be constantly monitored for air quality to protect our children from exposure to toxic substances. Overall, CD6, located in School District 2, should see a greater rate of spending per child, since IBO reports we have among the lowest per-pupil allocations in the city (see "Per Pupil Allocations" below). CB6 continues to urge that the old Police Academy location on East 20th St should be considered a possible location for a school once the NYPD vacates. It is our current understanding that the agency does not have immediate plans to leave, but we urge the administration to include the board and surrounding community in any future planning for this site as required by the New York City Charter. CB6 has a stated position that any future private charter schools not be placed in current public-school facilities as this undermines their efficacy. In addition, CB6 supports the establishment and continuation of stand-alone capital fund accounts formed when we experience large-scale residential or commercial development. Financial contributions by private developers and institutions in these instances would help address increased collateral needs resulting from such projects that add permanent or commuter populations to our district. These needs can include new schools, transit services and below-surface infrastructure.

Supporting Materials:

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[Per Pupil Allocations by School District - IBO Report - September 2015](#)

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

CB6 appreciates the difficulty and quantity of the caseload covering children's issues in New York. We support efforts that establish an effective and appropriate caseworker-per-child ratio. A recent spate of fatalities of children that were being monitored by ACS demonstrates that more well-qualified caseworkers are needed to ensure the safety of our kids. Proper management of these cases can help prevent other tragedies, but in some cases, can help prevent the alternative - foster care - by providing households with counseling and services that allow the family to stay intact. Kinship programs, where relatives care for the child in lieu of strangers, should be promoted where possible, and support for those caregivers must be adequately distributed. Our board also encourages lead agencies to promote foster parenting to citizens within our borders in cooperation with the CD6 office. ACS's facility on First Ave in CD6, known as The Children's Center, is an item the board would like to collaborate further on with the agency. We welcome constructive dialogue to help identify, understand and support ACS's priorities and objectives. We continue to seek the establishment of a Community Advisory Board (CAB) to regularly meet with the center's leadership and better connect this institution to the district. Community concerns about the facility and its programming would be best channeled through expanded communication with our board and local groups. This would also enable CB6 to better assist the facility in navigating channels for additional support. Additionally, CD6 recognizes the important role ACS plays in early childhood education and welcomes new hires to manage programs and providers of such services. It is essential that, coupled with Universal Pre-K, EarlyLearn and other initiatives seek funding to achieve maximum enrollment in CD6 and beyond.

Supporting Materials:

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[Kinship Care Analysis - Urban Institute-Princeton - 2004](#)

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

CB6 asks for the development of youth services targeted to children in our district. The at-capacity and potentially overcrowded conditions in our schools require that we provide every opportunity possible to focus on the needs of our school-age population. Even more acute is the lack of dedicated centers providing such services in CD6 (such as Beacon or Cornerstone facilities), while other districts host several. We recognize that federal and state funding are critical components for financing such projects, but we ask that New York City take greater responsibility for providing youth services and increase efforts to procure the necessary funding from state, federal and private sources. Additionally, CD6 school principals should be consulted regularly to identify additional programming that would help their pupils make the most of their out-of-school time. The city should build on recent successes of programs like SONYC and expand the initiatives currently under COMPASS so that all New York youth are encouraged to participate in positive activities when out of school. Reports show that when after-school programs are made available, new enrollment increases accordingly (see "After School Program National Report" below). The study's conclusion leads us to believe there is pent-up demand for these services. Of the major programming made available by the Department of Youth and Community Development, their September 2016 summary shows only 7 distinct initiatives in CD6 – our district is at the bottom of the list as compared to other Manhattan districts. CB6 also notes the value in getting teens the training and experience they need in advance of entering the workforce. Greater access to internships or part-time employment, such as through the Summer Youth Employment program, can mitigate the difficulties of adjusting to full-time work. Training programs for teens that may not think college is an option is also needed to ensure they have the skills for jobs regardless of their post-secondary education decisions. Our board asks that, when funded, a fair share of employment opportunities be provided to residents of CD6, with additional focus on youth at our oft-overlooked NYCHA developments.



Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Supporting Materials:

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[After School Program National Report 2014 - Afterschool Alliance](#)

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/29	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>PS 40 underwent some capital improvements, but monies allocated only covered children's bathrooms. The staff and other adults must use restrooms that are in need of renovation. Employees and visiting parents should have adequate facilities and therefore, we request they be upgraded</i>	PS 40 320 E 20th Street
20/29	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>The windows on the fifth floor of PS 40 are in poor condition, allowing heat to escape and creating extra expenses to air condition the school. Custodians must constantly reopen them when ventilation is needed, as they do not remain open on their own. Replacement of the windows would make the students and staff more comfortable and save the Department of Education some money on their heating and electric bills.</i>	PS 40 320 E 20th Street
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Due to construction work on the roof of PS 40, the rubberized flooring was considerably damaged by equipment and worker traffic. School parents were fearful it would incur additional damage over time and become dangerous to children using the play areas. The board looks forward to completion of the roof resurfacing at this school.</i>	PS 40 320 E 20th Street



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/25	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>CB6 requests that funding be enhanced for preventive services that allow families to remain together while maintaining the welfare of children in the home. We understand these programs are effective in preventing children from entering foster care and can include services such as family or individual counseling, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, home care, and support for pregnant and parenting teens, among others. However, this funding must be coupled with additional staff and better training for caseworkers to ensure children's safety.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
21/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>CB6 notes the value in providing jobs for our city's youth while they are out of class for the summer. It helps teens transition into the disciplinary structure of full-time employment and in many cases, adds much needed income to a household. There remains a large gap between funded summer youth positions and extraordinary number of applications received each year. The City has increased funding for this program in FY 2016 and FY 2017, and we look to an additional increase in FY 2019. We also ask the city target populations within our district where possible.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
24/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>CB6 requests the development of after-school youth services targeted at school children and teens in the district. The overcrowded conditions in our schools require that we provide every opportunity possible to focus on the needs of our school-age children. We recognize that federal and state funding are critical components for financing such projects but we ask that the city take greater responsibility for providing youth services and increase efforts to procure the necessary funding from both government and private-partner sources.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency ServicesPublic Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

The CB6 office has received a noticeable increase in calls regarding noise and smaller crimes, requiring attention from our police precincts. Loitering, aggressive panhandling, littering, drug use and public drinking and urination have spurred action on the part of residents to form new community alliances to address them. Overflow associated with our many shelters and certain support-service clinics has also been a focus of CD6 residents' concerns. Additionally, noise complaints remain a top issue. As our district continues to host large stretches of nightlife/drinking establishments, we need support in dealing with loud music and rowdy patrons. An increased number of noise complaints are the result of traffic conditions caused by the Midtown Tunnel repairs and other infrastructure projects throughout the district, most notably in Murray Hill. Prompt reaction to residential noise complaints is also warranted.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

The increased staffing of the 13th and 17th Precincts had been our top expense budget request for several years. CB6 was pleased that elected officials increased overall staff of the NYPD in 2015, and we look forward to receiving our fair share of new personnel as cadets continue to graduate from the academy. While our crime rates remain stable (or lower in some categories), issues associated with some of our homeless shelters and several clinics, particularly headlines regarding the 30th Street Shelter, have stirred CD6 residents' interest, increasing calls about issues including public drinking and drug use, loitering in playgrounds, aggressive littering, and panhandling. Through Community Advisory Boards (CABs), we continue to communicate with NYPD, lead agencies and the service sites to find solutions to these problems, including more frequent patrols of surrounding streets. As traffic worsens in CD6, so do infractions. Blocking of intersections, parking in bus and bike lanes, and illegal stopping are frequently not cited. This adds to potential dangers to our pedestrian-heavy district. Moreover, continued increase in bicycle ridership adds a new element to policing of traffic safety. Our precincts should have dedicated personnel specifically monitoring bike activity. To be clear, CB6 does not intend to put the onus on cyclists, but rather suggests the comprehensive monitoring of how they, cars and pedestrians interact safely and follow traffic rules. We would welcome officers or auxiliary personnel on bike patrol to add units that mimic the new transportation landscape. We further suggest that, as an ongoing City Hall priority, Vision Zero help place emphasis on integrating the many new and old facets of transportation to ensure everyone commutes safely. Noise remains the top complaint as registered by 311. There have been many concerns voiced by the community about the concentration of bars along 2nd and 3rd Avenues, particularly in the East 20s, 30s and 50s. These areas are heavily congested and noisy when patrons congregate outside or leave the venue. Some owners blast music out of open storefronts. Advertised pub crawls exacerbate the issue. Residents have found calls to 311 frustrating as law enforcement has many hours to respond to non-emergency; therefore, there is limited response to these issues as they are happening. NYPD should coordinate activities with DEP to provide better response times to address these ongoing violations. DEP should also explore outreach efforts to the community where they could educate the public on how to best monitor and document noise problems to assist the agency in investigations. Of course, our police precincts cannot carry out their duties effectively with aging infrastructure hampering their efforts. We have asked for full modernization of precincts in CD6 that reflect the force's 21st Century needs. Some upgrades at the 13th Precinct have been budgeted, but the station needs major renovation. Additionally, when reviewing existing facilities in our district, CB6 wishes to be involved in any re-purposing or disposition of the old Police Academy on East 20th St. Should the NYPD no longer need the facility, we support a new school for the site.

Supporting Materials:

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[Pedestrian Traffic - NYC Business Atlas - August 2015](#)

[2017 Noise Complaints to 311 - CB6Manhattan](#)

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

CD6 hosts first-class emergency rooms and hospital facilities within its borders. Our first responders should have state-of-the-art bases and training, ready for more of the potential crises we have experienced in the recent past. The community is better served, while our firefighters, EMS workers and other emergency support workers feel more capable when fulfilling their missions if they are equipped with the right tools. With regards to EMS Battalion 8, a concern is construction and renovation of sites adjacent to their facility. With a major development project on the horizon at the former Brookdale Campus on East 25th St and the upcoming resiliency-related upgrades at Bellevue Hospital Center, CB6 is concerned Battalion 8 will be hampered or may have to be temporarily relocated. We will watch the progress at these sites so that they do not adversely affect this essential deliverer of emergency services. Responding to emergencies does not just begin with city emergency personnel - studies show that bystander CPR training initiatives improve health outcomes significantly (see attached report). CB6 would like to see additional city funds for CPR and life safety programs via NYC Service to make up for shortfalls in funding provided by the FDNY Foundation. In addition, we stress the continued need for funding for all manner of education regarding fire safety. The FDNY reported 2016 as the lowest for fire fatalities in its recorded history and cites its outreach efforts as instrumental.

Supporting Materials:

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[Bystander CPR Training Improves Survival Rates - American College of Cardiology - July 2015](#)

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/29	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Provide a back-up generator to Manhattan's Engine 016/007. After Superstorm Sandy, New Yorkers became aware of how our first responders could be limited in carrying out their important work when first-line equipment fails due to flooding or blackouts. Engine 16 confirms the firehouse does not have a generator, even though they are located in the post-Sandy Manhattan power-loss zone.</i>	<i>Engine 16/Ladder 7 234 E 29th Street</i>
10/29	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>CB6 requests that the 13th Precinct receive funds for a full renovation or replacement of the precinct house. Though NYPD has replied that this has been funded, requests for scope so far only cite upgrades to wiring and aesthetics, not the full structural work we have been told is needed. With crime-fighting shifting more and more to technology-heavy approaches, precincts should be fully equipped with state-of-the-art hardware that would increase the efficiency of uniformed and civilian staff. NYPD management acknowledged the need and requested our support for this request in 2016.</i>	<i>13th Precinct 230 E 21st Street</i>
18/29	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>After Superstorm Sandy, New Yorkers became aware of how our first responders could be limited in carrying out their important work when first-line equipment fails due to flooding or blackouts. Back-up generators for our first responder units are essential. Engine 21, to the best of our knowledge, does not have one. We request it receive funding for a generator, as this station served the post-Sandy Manhattan power-loss zone with limited capacity.</i>	<i>Engine 21 238 E 40th Street</i>



Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>We request that the 17th Precinct receive additional uniformed officers. The precinct staff level decreased from 142 in Aug 2014 to 137 as of Oct 2016. Some enforcement issues, particularly those related to safety of our seniors, pedestrian safety, and quality of life issues cannot be aggressively monitored at lower staff levels. We would like to see an increase in Police presence & enforcement against illegal and/or dangerous bike riding; expanded enforcement of traffic & noise violations; expanded number of bicycle equipped Officers; greater vigilance on issues arising from increased homeless population; action against public nuisances and recent upticks in vagrancy near transit points, shelter facilities and parks.</i>	17th Precinct 167 E 51st Street
6/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>In light of recent staff increases, we request that the 13th Precinct, at a minimum, maintain its 2015 uniformed staff levels of 190 (requests for updated numbers have gone unanswered). Some enforcement issues, particularly those related to safety of our seniors, pedestrian safety, and quality of life issues cannot be aggressively monitored at prior, lower staff levels. We would like to see an increase in Police presence & enforcement against illegal and/or dangerous bike riding; expanded enforcement of noise violations; expanded number of bicycle-equipped officers; greater vigilance on issues arising from homelessness; and action against public nuisances and recent upticks in vagrancy near transit points, shelter facilities and parks.</i>	13th Precinct 230 E 21st Street
12/25	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>We have elsewhere requested maintaining uniformed staff levels at the 13th Precinct and increasing staff at the 17th. This request is specifically directed at the need for increased enforcement of parking and traffic violations which is under a separate command in the NYPD. CD6 residents are mostly pedestrians. Vehicles in pedestrian crosswalks or traveling in a dangerous manner are a threat, particularly to our aging population, and cause congestion in a traffic-plagued district. In addition, drivers who cause air and noise pollution through excessive honking, unmuffled exhausts and idling should be penalized. Bike and bus lanes are not being respected. Many of these facets fall in line with the Mayor's Vision Zero plan and could be addressed with increased traffic officers.</i>	Community Wide
23/25	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>Extend Funding of the FDNY CPR Initiative: Community Board 6 endorses this borough-wide initiative. We understand that funding constraints have, in the past, limited the full implementation of this important community program. While some non-governmental funds are available, for example, via the FDNY Foundation, the City should be responsible for any short-fall in funding.</i>	Community Wide



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency*Noise pollution*

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

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

CB6 continues to advocate for measures that better the overall environmental quality of the district, including resolutions on greater efficiency for city vehicles and boats, monitoring of construction projects and "macro" items, such as advocacy for greater recycling efforts and full completion of the city's Third Water Tunnel. However, we look for support in day-to-day monitoring of air and noise pollution. With increased traffic congestion due to several factors, street noise and concerns about air quality have increased. As the attached Air Survey maps show, NO and NO₂ levels, heavily weighted towards congestion, remains at their highest in Manhattan CD6. Other contributing factors to air and noise pollution: The 34th Street Heliport's noise, odors and air blast impacts have drawn criticism from nearby residents and necessitated replacement of costly air filtration equipment at NYU Langone Medical Center. Residential and commercial real estate development in the district raises many of the same noise and air concerns. Additionally, our prominent nightlife districts result in frequent calls from residents to 311, complaining about loud patrons and blaring music from open storefronts into the early morning hours. A greater number of inspectors to monitor noise is needed. We also ask that more air monitoring devices be placed in areas of recently increased construction and traffic activity (i.e. Queens Midtown Tunnel) so that their short- and medium-term impact can be analyzed. CB6 also believes better coordination on hot-button issues between DEP and these other agencies could prove fruitful (NYPD in the case of traffic and nightlife; DOT with regards to conducting traffic studies and observing emission levels; DOB when it comes to onsite construction inspections and asbestos abatement). As we have suggested elsewhere, DEP should also educate the public in how to best monitor and document on-going noise issues to assist the agency's enforcement measures.

Supporting Materials:

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[Community Air Survey April 2017](#)



Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Trash complaints to the CD6 office, both residential and on our streets, seem to have increased. We continue to note that additional enforcement of alternate sides of the street regulations is needed to facilitate regular maintenance. Some sidewalks also fare poorly, as they are continuously littered. Existing litter baskets often fill to overflowing. Additional baskets or “big belly” enclosures would help, particularly on high-traffic corners of streets with subway stops, such as East 23rd, 28th and 33rd Streets, which serve as pedestrian arteries to our hospital facilities on First Avenue. CB6 supports purchasing additional basket trucks and hiring of additional crews to remedy the situation, and encourage further review of pick-up routes and frequency. Commercial and residential garbage frequently sits on the street for many hours in advance of mandated curbside placement times, which creates odors and unsightly messes that also attract rodents. This issue pertains to both privately- and government-owned buildings. Enforcement of sanitation rules must be increased. Additional pickups seem warranted to handle the increase in mandated recycling efforts. Small- and medium-sized buildings do not have space to store the added volume between once-weekly pickup times. Anecdotal evidence suggests many buildings are commingling their recycling with regular garbage on sanitation pick-up days to free up space in receptacles and refuse rooms. It's time to treat recycling collection and enforcement the same as that for regular trash. Finally, DSNY with EDC has proposed that a garage be located at the former Hunter College Brookdale Campus, 425 East 25th St, between First Ave and FDR Dr. While CB6 recognizes the principle of locating such facilities in or near the district being served, we have objected to the placement of this project in the middle of the medical corridor (between Bellevue Center and the VA Hospital) and near major residential developments and schools. The location is in clear opposition to our 197-a plan. A planning study commissioned by CB6 proposed two alternatives that have gone ignored (see "25th Street Sanitation Garage" study below). We still have no specifics as to plans for the remainder of the site on either end of the planned garage, even after several scoping hearings with community groups, but the ULURP process remains. CB6 is strongly opposed to a sanitation garage at this site.

Supporting Materials:

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[25th Street Sanitation Garage - Alternate Site Study - BFJ Planning - Dec 2014](#)

[DSNY Commissioner on Recycling - CapitalNY - February 2015](#)

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
27/29	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>The Board supports increased activity in the district to address the problem of overflowing trash baskets and the prompt removal of trash generated by high-rise apartment buildings and other residential buildings. An additional basket truck would help respond to this concern.</i>	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/25	DEP	<i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>	<i>Increase staffing of Noise Pollution Control Inspectors. In recent years, 311 and other reports show noise as #1 complain in the district. Aside from noise from late-night revelers and bars/restaurants, CD6 has also experienced increased complaints due to traffic congestion. Our roads are narrower due to bike/bus lanes and we have major approaches in our borders, such as the Queensboro Bridge and Queens Midtown Tunnel - the latter currently undergoing major shutdowns for improvements. We also host the 34th St Heliport and large construction projects that deserve monitoring. More inspectors would stay ahead of complaints with 24/7 monitoring, rather than the current after-the-fact on-site visits.</i>	Community Wide

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development*Affordable housing programs*

Despite widespread development throughout the district in the last two decades, CD6 has received few new affordable housing units. CD6 has also lost many stabilized units that have phased out of state and city subsidy programs. The district has become one that a typical middle-class family, senior citizens and low-income persons are hard-pressed to afford. CB6 is frequently assessing the state of its current affordable stock. Any district-specific analysis or data from the relevant agencies is essential when reviewing both future housing needs and the Housing New York plan's progress in creating and preserving units within our community.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Before the 2008 recession, CD6 saw rapid building growth, with over 2000 additional residential units constructed since the 2000 Census, plus over 2 million square feet of new office and retail space. By 2016, a boom in residential permitting had returned, with building applications at record highs. DOB and related agencies need enough tools and personnel to process paperwork and inspect sites correctly. Expanded online capabilities for submission of zoning and construction documents and their subsequent public review is also welcomed. Rapid growth also means additional infrastructure requirements, such as transit options, subsurface service delivery, sanitation services, and open space – City Planning staff should be sufficient to meet these challenges. The rezoning of about 70 blocks of East Midtown remains on our radar. Greater East Midtown rezoning was approved in August 2017, after extensive community comment and input. Responding to community requests for additional open space, the text amendment requires each site developed under the rezoning to provide public open space. Additionally, there will be a governing group to prioritize public realm improvements in the area. CB6 wants to encourage the creation of open space in the district, and will work with the city and private developers to facilitate open space development, as well as street level public realm improvements. CB6 remains an advocate for expanded transportation and subsurface infrastructure and specific public realm upgrades. We hope to work with DCP and partners to preserve East Midtown's global competitiveness in the 21st Century, while retaining some human scale and meeting demands of local residents. This applies not just to multi-block rezoning, but also to the rising number of individual sites slated for "superscrapers," which CB6 opposes when they threaten the scale and character of a neighborhood. We are committed to working with local elected and community groups to address out-of-scale development, such as the recent application for the Sutton Place area submitted by East River Fifties Alliance – our board is in favor of this zoning plan. As to remapping streets, 30th St east of First Ave does not appear on the official city map, thus is technically not a street. In our 2008 City Council-approved 197-a plan, CB6 stated its desire to re-map this street. Since NYU Langone has completed its new laboratory building, we cannot see why the hospital would object. Another re-mapping request is 26th St east of First, at the site of the proposed DSNY Garage. The Sanitation Garage Working Group requested that DSNY re-map the street as it enhances oversight of adjoining parcels. Any further changes on the horizon to street mapping proposed by government or institutional actors, due to issues such as waterfront resiliency or otherwise, will continue to receive our board's highest scrutiny. Regarding the DSNY garage, the proposed rezoning would change the property from an R to M zone, which would constitute spot zoning. The property is located between Bellevue and the VA, an area designated as a medical corridor in CD6's 197-a plan. The community at large asks that the ULURP process take objections into account. Due to strong local opposition and since it contradicts our 197-a, CB6 remains firmly opposed to a sanitation garage at this location and requests DSNY re-evaluate alternatives sites. As pertains to forthcoming, large-scale development issues, the upcoming restructuring of Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center is being met with skepticism from CD6 residents. As Mount Sinai plans to relocate services from the current site and dispose of real estate, questions remain as to potential development in its place. ULURP procedures, as alternative uses become apparent, especially those not in keeping with current zoning or use provisions, should be sensitive to community input. CB6 will make sure new construction will be of minimal impact while studying possible services and infrastructure improvements the district may need as the area suffers the loss of this vital institution. A related concern is the proximity of Beth Israel to Stuyvesant Town, which contains additional development rights whose transfer parameters have yet to be defined. Any disposition of Stuyvesant Town air rights here or to other district sites should be subject to extensive public review. Finally, CB6 has compiled a detailed list of our privately-owned public spaces



Community District Needs Related to Land Use

(POPS) and each site's physical condition. The report, included below, also compares the amenities required to those currently provided. Many are inaccessible or unwelcoming, due to lack of clear signage, barriers to entry or potential code infractions. We ask for additional oversight of our POPS and a for City Planning to partner with community boards on developing a better POPS framework, especially since CD6 ranks lowest in amount of open space in Manhattan.

Supporting Materials:

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[NYC Construction Permits Surge - The Real Deal - July 2015](#)

[CB6 POPS Condition Report - 2015](#)

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

As shown on the attached charts illustrating rent increases and loss of subsidized housing, CD6 is confronting a housing crisis along with the rest of the city. We also show that CD6 did not benefit greatly from the New Market Place program under the prior administration, nor have we seen significant upticks in preservation or new affordable development under the current Housing New York plan. To support and retain our existing residents and promote economic diversity, CB6 calls on the city to commit funds to provide new or reclaimed low- and moderate-income housing within the district, with particular attention to senior citizens and other fixed-income households. Our community has demonstrated great compassion for the homeless and is aware of the enormous demands for service needed by this population. CD6 welcomed new developments within the district built or converted under the successful city-and-state joint program NY/NY III, which created 9000 supportive housing units for the mentally-ill homeless and other target segments. We believe it is essential that successor programs learn from the positive lessons in interagency communication and community involvement in site selection (led in the city by DOHMH and HPD). We are encouraged by recent (but separate) city and state commitments to the construction of new supportive units. In 2015, the Mayor announced a 15,000-unit goal, while the Governor's proposal includes another 20,000 units statewide. We ask that funding be disbursed immediately so they can begin to sensibly address our persistent homelessness crisis. The case for this type of housing can be made financially, as shown in the attached report, which shows it saves taxpayers when compared to sheltering or institutionalization – \$40 per person per day in supportive housing vs. a staggering \$802 per day in the latter options. Homelessness is not just a function of disability but also of affordability. CD6 seeks additional permanent placement for homeless families, which require larger units than those offered via other programs. HPD and DHS should consider allocating an increased portion of the city's affordable housing resources to this population. Finally, we would like to draw attention to our district's NYCHA developments. CB6 is aware that capital needs are an agency-wide problem, but Straus Houses requires upgrades that deal with immediate security concerns. Residents and management have alerted us to items such as new lobby doors that would prevent non-residents from entering the premises without permission. On an operations level, these developments need new refuse disposal facilities and policies, where curbside placement frequently occurs on the wrong days and times, leading to accumulation of garbage and attracting vermin and persons looking to rummage through. Recycling efforts should also be redoubled, and pest control should be further explored. We want to make sure CD6 NYCHA residents' needs are communicated through our office, which is why we also encourage the agency to expand and share informational resources so we can achieve this effectively.

Supporting Materials:

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[Taking Stock of NY-NY III - Report by the Supportive Housing Network of NY](#)

[Increase in rents Loss of subsidized units and Lack of future inventory - CD6 in Red - Furman-IBO Studies](#)



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

We are pleased that sources of highly skilled medical and research jobs and the economic stimulus they provide are in and near CD6. NYU Langone recently completed a 14-story laboratory building on East 30th St and First Ave and a new hospital at East 34th Street and First Ave. The Alexandria Center of Life Science, part of East River Science Park, has two operational buildings with a third on the way. It is devoted primarily to biotech facilities and contains 300,000 sq. ft. of lab and other R&D space. Funding for this project was a public/private arrangement including money from city and state entities, the city's business community, some federal funding, and the developer. We welcome the addition of the Cornell NYC Tech Campus on Roosevelt Island which, while located outside CD6, will have great impact. CB6 has advocated for a strategic plan to determine Bellevue's health care and land use needs prior to disposition of property. No such study has been conveyed to us. We continue to advocate for the renovation and re-purposing of the former Bellevue Psychiatric Building. In 2008, EDC issued an RFP for it, and several proposals were received; however, no selection was made. Our 197-a Plan explicitly calls for scientific, medical, and institutional uses for this building. CB6 stands by the plan and continues to ask for renovation of the building. It has been considered for landmarking by the state and contains WPA-era murals in need of restoration. CB6 remains diligent about our waterfront. We work towards a continuous esplanade and bikeway along the East River. The former ConEd site pier has been restored and is in need of beautification and amenities. Earlier this year the Mayor pledged funding for an esplanade between East 53rd and East 61st Streets which will have a dramatic impact on our waterfront access and use. Our continuing participation in the Eastside Coastal Resiliency plan remains essential, as the plan is finalized and ULURP is imminent. Continued incorporation of Blueway Plan items into these resiliency projects are positive steps that we will keep lobbying for. We also welcome an upcoming NYC Ferry stop at East 20th Street and the return of kayaking near Stuyvesant Cove. The attachment detailing needs for additional portions of the waterfront reflects our overall work (see "CD6 Waterfront development" below). Much of the funding for our waterfront (and near-waterfront) priorities, however, remains contingent on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) involving the disposition of assets to the United Nations. The UN, to date, has not formally approved the MOU. We still look forward to this key step. Notwithstanding, CB6 seeks a proactive approach by EDC in ensuring alternative funding sources for some of these important projects so that they are not put off indefinitely nor solely dependent on agreements with non-city institutions. The Mayor's commitment to funding a partial stretch of East River waterfront from East 53rd to 61st Streets is a step in the right direction, but more will be needed to make our waterfront accessible and useful – we hope this limited capital project does not replace the need to continue pressing for the MOU's approval. Finally, DSNY with EDC proposed that a garage be built at the former Hunter College Brookdale Campus on East 25th St. While CB6 recognizes the principle of locating such facilities in or near the district being served, we have objected to this site as it contradicts our 197-a plan. Strong community opposition to the project persists. We continue to support alternative plans as presented in a 2014 planning study independently commissioned by CB6 (see attachment in "Sanitation Services") and strenuously encourage a re-evaluation of alternatives sites that would be more suitable for this purpose.

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[CD6 Waterfront Development Summary - October 2016](#)

[Life Sciences Trends - Jones Lang Lasalle - 2015](#)



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/29	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>CB6 requests the preservation of existing and the development of NEW low- and moderate-income housing in CD6. Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of Mitchell-Lama, and loss of Section 8 housing, and loss of rent-controlled and loss of rent-regulated housing, have caused areas in CD6 to become increasingly more income segregated. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to commit at least \$20 Million to provide new or reclaimed low-and moderate-income housing within our district in the forthcoming year.</i>	Community Wide
3/29	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	<i>CB6 has been advocating for a fully-connected esplanade along the East River for over 20 years. A Memorandum of Understanding between New York State & New York City is now in place detailing the funding sources for construction of the esplanade from East 38th St. to East 59th St. Certain particulars of funding, such as UN Plaza-related dispositions are yet to be accomplished. CB6 will insist that the City continue its commitment to its realization, and requests updated timelines for the esplanade and bikeway plans when possible. We are encouraged by funding of improvements north of 38th by the Mayor, but insist on further funding of the entire greenway.</i>	East River Esplanade E 14th Street E 59th Street
4/29	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	<i>CB6 asks that additional housing units be built for the homeless mentally ill population in the spirit of the NY/NY supportive housing programs. Too many mentally ill people are on the streets, in shelters or in jails where they do not receive support or medications. For these individuals, supportive housing will sharply reduce shelter recidivism and greatly improve the City's quality of life. More NY/NY-type units are needed citywide. In light of the homelessness crisis, we ask that the final disbursements be made through the NY/NY III program and that funding be expedited towards Mayor De Blasio's new 15,000-unit City-led goal. We include a special note to New York State, asking for full funding of the Governor's 20,000-unit statewide commitment.</i>	Community Wide
7/29	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	<i>CB6 requests city dollars be committed to the development of additional permanent housing for homeless families. There is an insufficient supply of housing for homeless families. HPD needs to allocate to homeless families just five percent (5%) more of the vacant units that become available annually from the city's existing affordable housing resources. These resources include public housing, Section 8 rent subsidies and units developed by HPD, and inclusionary zoning on rezoned manufacturing and Brownfield sites.</i>	Community Wide



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/29	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>CB6 is aware that for several years, the front and rear lobby doors at Nathan Straus Houses have been malfunctioning, thereby constituting a significant safety and security concern for residents and management. Given the \$18 million the city and state allocated in 2015 to NYCHA for comprehensive security upgrades throughout its developments, we strongly request any uncommitted funds be used to replace all these doors entirely with layered access control (LAC) technology, including security key fobs, for all buildings within this local NYCHA development.</i>	<i>Straus Houses</i>
26/29	EDC	<i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i>	<i>CD6 hosts a premier medical corridor along First Ave that includes several major hospitals and the successful Alexandria Center for Life Science. This cluster of institutions, in addition to university and training facilities, make our district ideal for construction of additional, affordable research lab space and tech-related incubators. The rising cost in the traditional office corridors discourages greater expansion of these industries in New York. We welcome the added employment opportunities they bring, as well as the partnerships they can forge with our educational centers. We encourage exploration of city-owned sites for this purpose.</i>	<i>First Avenue E 23rd Street E 34th Street</i>
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Solar One conducts numerous educational programs in the park using indigenous and exogenous varieties of plants as part of its instruction for responsible environmental practices. An irrigation system is essential for survival of the plants used throughout Stuyvesant Cove Park. We look forward to its completion now that funds are committed as part of resiliency efforts on the waterfront.</i>	<i>Stuyvesant Cove Park 24-20 FDR Drive East Service Road</i>

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
25/25	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Maintenance of CD6's precious few acres of open space is essential. Increased traffic along our waterfront and weather-related damage requires that certain segments be repaved or that brick pavers be replaced as needed. Of particular interest is the segment known as Patrick J. Brown walk, along the East River between 15th and 18th Streets. Please repair this memorial walkway.</i>	<i>East River Esplanade E 15th Street E 18th Street</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation*Traffic congestion*

CD6 traffic seems to worsen by the year. Major bridge, tunnel and highway approaches are jammed; all our avenues, and some side streets, are clogged. This is likely due to several factors, but we will not know which ones to target unless the city publishes better data and shares possible mitigation plans. The effects are known: air pollution increases, based on several studies showing CD6 at the highest levels of known car-related pollutants; vehicular noises on our streets are a regular complaint; business productivity is hampered; cyclists find it difficult to navigate streets and bike lanes; and pedestrians face dangerous crossings.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Traffic in CD6 is a major concern. We need a traffic study and action plan to understand how vehicular flow can improve. With major vehicular transit points like the 59th St Bridge, Midtown Tunnel and FDR on/off ramps, plus sometimes all-day avenue and side street jams, solutions need to be identified to allow better movement for private cars, buses, bikes and pedestrians alike. Major construction at the Queens Midtown Tunnel has exacerbated the problem on major streets, side streets, and avenues that feed this vital artery. Work on the MTA's Park Avenue infrastructure may make matters on those same side streets worse. Congestion increases due to partial and full street closures by real estate development and construction, plus DOT or utility company street work. The need for studying traffic patterns and better coordination of work/permitting that might affect them is evident. As the board does not have resources to process a study alone, a DOT-directed action plan based on available and requested research would be most beneficial. CB6 has high hopes for Vision Zero. We are pleased with the initial efforts being made to install accessible crossing signals and continue to request them at problem-corners via DOT's portal. Traffic incidents occur throughout the district but some locations are of greatest concern. Re-engineering has improved the conditions of the intersection at 24th St and Lexington Ave; however, other intersections remain problematic. The area around 34th St and FDR Dr Service Rd consistently ranks high in collision rates. Engineering to address traffic flow here is key. CB6 has also heard from residents about 23rd St and 2nd Ave, 23rd St and 3rd Ave, and the ever-problematic 57th to 58th Street section of 2nd Ave. To help address pedestrian-vehicle collisions, several measures can be studied. Left turn signals are necessary at several major intersections along our avenues. Additionally, CB6 asks that DOT consider traffic calming measures, such as leading pedestrian intervals, speed bumps, all-red stop phases or other methods to improve safety for pedestrians along some avenue segments. Pedestrian-bicycle incidents are on the rise. There has been a noticeable increase in bike ridership. CB6 supports bike lanes, though we must recognize that pedestrians can be injured by illegal and unsafe cyclists, such as sidewalk riding, ignoring stop lights, and traveling against traffic. Enforcement is the easiest solution. Cyclists, though, should also benefit. They deal with lanes shared by buses, vehicles, and double parking. Major gaps in the East River Greenway force cyclists into dangerous traffic conditions. Completion of protected bike lanes along the east side of CD6 is a critical component of DOT strategy. As for waterways, CB6 anticipates East River Ferry expansion and is pleased by EDC's identification of East 20th Street as a prime landing location. We look forward to this maritime complement to our current, congested land-based transportation network. We note, however, that as ferry-related pedestrian and bicycle traffic increases along the FDR Service Road, so should monitoring of possible safety issues related to vehicular traffic flow. Recent discussion of expansion of Staten Island Ferry service to the 34th Street pier is additional cause for consideration of waterfront traffic patterns. We also note the recent commencement of service to 34th Street from Astoria.

Supporting Materials:

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[Accidents with Injuries or Fatalities in 2014 - Daily News - May 26 2015](#)

[2016-07-15 Letter to DOT about 58th and 2nd fatality](#)



Transportation

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

While we do not have specific budget requests falling under the New York City Transit Authority, CB6 notes its continuing support for a full-length Second Avenue Subway which would relieve the burden on the Lexington Line and provide much-needed relief to the congested bus system along First, Second and Third Avenues. Many on the East Side currently walk over one-half mile to a subway station. Phases 3 and 4 of the project are expected to benefit Manhattan CD6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the city to block any efforts to further delay it.

Consideration of simultaneous work on Phases 2-4 should be considered as funding and machinery is available. In light of capital demands on the Metropolitan Transit Authority, we hope the city and the state will cooperate in funding shortfalls in the MTA's capital budget, with particular attention to the Second Avenue Subway line's completion. The economic benefits are apparent: it would secure New York its place as a competitive, world-class business environment, while its construction provides good-paying jobs for New Yorkers (see attached report). The proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant (EVP) for the Lexington Avenue Subway Line, currently under further review, was slated for the area under Park Avenue in the East 30s. Although the core infrastructure will be housed below street level, construction for its placement will certainly affect the surrounding neighborhood in various ways, including noise, potential street closures, pedestrian detours, and general traffic flow disruptions. The MTA estimates a project duration of over 4.5 years. As many of these streets feed the Queens Midtown Tunnel, currently undergoing repairs of its own, CB6 and the surrounding community are especially concerned since we already experience elevated traffic congestion due to such infrastructure projects. As the MTA has further delayed this action item pending review of possible alternatives to the original plan, we await a resolution that is considerate of the community in this project-intensive neighborhood. The L Train shutdown is one of the community's top concerns, with a projected interruption in service of 18 months from commencement. As of this document's submission, the MTA has still not released a final proposal on how it will transport affected commuters between Brooklyn and Manhattan, nor how it will accommodate intra-Manhattan riders along 14th Street. CB6 and other affected boards expect the ability for community input before a plan is finalized. Additionally, the board hopes that along with vital upgrades to the line, the MTA will consider making L train stops further compliant with ADA regulations – the opportunity to close these stations fully presents a unique opportunity to promote accessibility. Additionally, CB6 has identified other transit issues that it looks to solve with its transit agency partners: 1) Reinstatement of local bus stops on crosstown bus lines, particularly on the M34, M34A and M23 lines; 2) Providing connectivity of bus services with existing bus routes and with proposed ferry services; 3) completion of an additional entrance for the First Ave station of the L subway line; and 4) increasing efficiencies of bus lanes along First and Second Avenues to decrease clustering and improve travel times. Real-time Passenger Information would also be helpful, especially along our Select Bus Service lines. Finally, we want to ensure the MTA and NYCTA remain vigilant in its oversight of maintenance at stations managed and constructed by private developers. The long-term upkeep of these stations requires continued supervision and their completion should be monitored for unreasonable delays.

Supporting Materials:

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[Economic Benefits of Second Ave Subway - Rep. Carolyn Maloney - 2009](#)



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/29	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>PS 116 needs additional street lighting on the 32nd Street side of their building, along their schoolyard, to provide additional security for students and faculty exiting the building. Local residents at large would also be well-served to have additional lighting near that building in light of a recent uptick in vagrancy on the block and in the area.</i>	<i>PS 116 210 E 33rd Street</i>
25/29	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and promotes collisions - known as the "pinch point." Using some existing FDR Dr infrastructure, the Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. CB6 requests that this plan be further studied and funded.</i>	<i>East River Esplanade East 13th Street East 15th Street</i>
28/29	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>CB6 requests rehabilitation of medians along the FDR service road in CD6, between 34th and 42nd Streets. Some rehabilitation has been completed along some portions of the Service Road but this area has not been addressed. We understand some implementation by DOT has begun, but we call for full funding and commencement.</i>	<i>FDR Drive Service Road East 34th Street East 42nd Street</i>
CS	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to block any efforts to further delay work.</i>	<i>Second Avenue Hanover Square E 125th Street</i>
CS	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Waterside Plaza has an existing pedestrian bridge at East 25th Street which should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end. The agency should also work with Waterside to make sure that resident concerns are addressed including the installation of safer surfaces that reduce problems in snow and rain, improved lighting and other safety issues. It is our understanding that the project is in the Ten-Year Plan but we want to ensure that the funds remain and that the project is completed.</i>	<i>EAST 25 STREET PEDESTRIAN OVPS East 25 Street and FDR Drive</i>



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	DOT	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>Intersections such as 23rd and 2nd Ave have had incidence of pedestrian-automobile collisions, 57th and 2nd Ave and 34th and FDR Dr have high general collision rates. Traffic jams plague CD6, particularly on approaches to the Midtown Tunnel, 59th St Bridge and the lengths of 2nd and 3rd Aves. Despite bus lanes, our buses are frequently stuck in traffic. Pedestrian-bicycle incidents are on the rise. A planned sanitation garage may bring dozens of trucks to sections of the district. As the Mayor continues to roll out the Vision Zero plan, a comprehensive traffic study in CD6 should be incorporated into the strategy. We are aware that an East Midtown traffic study was conducted and request that it and any other studies be made available to the Board as we await a district-wide survey.</i>	Community Wide
15/25	DOT	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	<i>A paving crew should help with traffic conditions in CD6, while it would save money due to vehicular damage claims against the city. We have been informed by DOT sources that additional staffing is necessary to meet the needs of maintenance and repair of streets in our District. This would prevent lane closures, improve traffic in spots, and avoid damage to cars, trucks and city vehicles due to potholes and sinkholes. According to the Comptroller's Office, \$138 Million was spent on pothole claims in New York from 2010-2015 and wait time for pothole repairs as of July 2015 average 7 days.</i>	Community Wide

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities*Quality of parks and park facilities*

Quality of parks and park facilities is selected as the most important issue under this section based on the number of capital priorities Manhattan CB6 has identified as crucial considering our low open-space inventory. This is not to say their ongoing staffing and maintenance is not as important, since care of our parks would likely prevent them from falling into disrepair, thereby requiring more expensive capital funding. Further, as we have the lowest acreage of active open space in Manhattan, CB6 would add "quantity" as a simultaneous need to quality.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

CD6 has the least amount of open space (especially parks and playgrounds designated as active use) of any Manhattan district, as shown in attachment. This disproportionate allocation is further exacerbated by its population being at the median of community district size for both Manhattan and all of New York City. Furthermore, recent census data shows a 30% increase in the population of very young children in Manhattan. CD6, therefore, should be a top priority in the development of new, active open space and in the maintenance or upgrades to existing spaces. We welcome recent increased funding overall for the Parks Department, as well as improvements in some of our existing open space as spearheaded by our Council Members in cooperation with neighborhood associations – for example, new parkland along the “ConEd site” at 38th St and FDR Dr, completed projects like Asser Levy Playground and Tygve Lie Plaza, or those under way, like the 54th Street Rec Center and Bellevue South Park; however, we continue to stress the need for increased staffing at parks and rec centers and commencement of critical capital projects that have languished for years. Upkeep would improve with specialty staff such as a dedicated district gardener and additional welders on Parks Department. As we address these maintenance issues, we seek better security from additional PEP officers and cameras in some locations. DCP confirms that CD6 has 26 acres of open space and 5000 residents per acre, the highest density in Manhattan. A ripe opportunity for usable open space is the completion of a continuous East River esplanade, currently under MOU as the Eastside Greenway and Park project, and which would add much-needed open space – this must be funded in the spirit of OneNYC, regardless of United Nations-related land dispositions on which this MOU depends (see "EGAP MOU" below). Finally, preservation of our 77 privately owned public spaces (POPS) are vital due to our low park count. We ask for the city's support in ensuring they are compliant and accessible. Our CD6 POPS report, attached to this District Needs Statement under Section 7a ("Land Use"), provides a guide to the varying physical condition of many of these often-overlooked sites. Reductions to open space footprints of this kind, as in the case of Joseph Slifka Park, will continue to receive community opposition.

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[Eastside Greenway and Park MOU](#)

[CD6 Open Space Data and Related Demographics](#)



Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

While CD6 does not host famous Broadway theaters, it is home to several off-Broadway stages, some of which provide entertainment in other languages or enable up-and-coming theatrical artists access to an affordable venue. We also host important museums with distinguished collections, like the Morgan Library and Japan Society. CB6 is always supportive of existing and enhanced supportive programs that allow these smaller theaters and lower-key museums to thrive, through direct grants or via funding to community organizations that utilize them. CB6 also acknowledges that schools and universities in our district, as well as some long-standing art institutes, may benefit directly from cultural funds. We note, however, and will monitor recent decreases in Manhattan's share of cultural development spending, as per the attached analysis, which we assume might affect our district disproportionately as it is not well-known as an artistic focal point. Additionally, public works of art are considered of benefit in CD6, and we welcome the continued use of corporate or public plazas to host artistic installations that enhance the cultural program of the area. We also encourage a conversation to identify additional locations for public art in our district. Our report documenting our district's Privately-Owned Public Spaces (POPS) may provide a guide for where new art installations might be placed (see attachment in Section 7a "Land Use").

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[Cultural Development Funds by Borough - IBO - 2015](#)

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

A survey by the Gates Foundation found that one-third of Americans now relies on libraries for computers and Internet access for, among other things, job searches, college applications and health monitoring (see "Gates Foundation" study below). Many New Yorkers have no alternatives to services like those they receive at our public libraries. Additionally, programs for subgroups like seniors are increasingly provided by libraries, and as requested of DFTA, we believe the library system should increase its services to older New Yorkers seeking social and educational stimulation. We are enthusiastic about the increased funding for libraries in recent budgets and that six-day operation is restored, but we are cautiously optimistic as these institutions are usually among the first on the chopping block when budget cuts are sought. Funds should be disbursed quickly for aging library buildings. Programming to meet information-age demands for those of all economic strata should be expanded, as should the upgrading of computer software and hardware. We also urge that our library branches be fully staffed with qualified professional librarians. As the attached report shows, capital needs for all city libraries are dire (see "Report on NYC Library Capital Needs" below). The Epiphany Library requires replacement of windows and needs renovation of its interior spaces to meet ADA compliance. Kips Bay Library is in need of a complete renovation including replacement of HVAC, boiler and radiators. Upgrading of interior spaces including ADA compliance, replacement of an elevator and addressing water infiltration in the basement all need to be addressed. And while we remain excited over the decision to keep the Grand Central Branch as a permanent fixture of the district, we do note some infrastructure investments are required here as well.

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[Gates Foundation - Study on Reliance on Library Computers](#)

[Center for an Urban Future - Report on NYC Library Capital Needs](#)



Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

For two years, the CB6 office has been without a permanent home. Before our lease at 866 United Nations Plaza expired, we searched for and found better spaces. Because of Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) policy, the office market moved more quickly than the city's ability to secure a site. As a result, since March 2017 our office has been housed "temporarily" in the basement of the old Police Academy building on East 20th Street. This location does not work for several reasons. First, it violates the law concerning public access: no one, including CB6 members, can enter the old Academy without calling ahead, undergoing electronic and personal searches, and being met by a CB6 staff person at the police security desk to be escorted down to our basement office. Second, the space used as our conference room is barely able to hold our Executive Committee, not to mention other group meetings. Third, the basement of the old Academy, now called the Candidate Assessment Center, is not ADA-compliant, which creates additional barriers for those with disabilities, an issue not just for our constituents but for our members and staff. As a recent audit by New York City's Equal Employment Practices Commission pointed out, non-ADA compliant community boards like CB6 may well be open to formal EEO complaints or litigation on these points. Fourth, the space is a morale-killer - windowless, airless, hardly motivating for our staff or members as we work daily on community business. And so, after two years of considering and, due to lengthy DCAS timelines, failing to find a permanent office location, we have formulated minimum practical needs for the space we seek. Our offices must be housed in a multi-use, city-owned facility within CD6. Besides making CB6 secure in the space, since NYC will be both landlord and tenant, this should minimize the great difficulty in finding space once leases expire. This new CB6 space should include not just staff offices but meeting areas. Currently, our committees and full board meet at spaces lent to us by various institutions. This creates recurrent scheduling problems, often at the last minute, since those host institutions naturally prioritize their own uses over ours; additionally, they have refused us use of their spaces when they fear being associated with items on our agendas that are potentially controversial or in conflict with their self-interest. After years of such debilitating experiences, we have concluded that we need a sizable conference room for our Executive Committee and other smaller meetings; an area able to hold up to 100 people for our monthly committee meetings; and an auditorium capable of seating up to 200 people for our monthly full board meetings. Since many of our community-based service institutions face exactly the same problems in arranging usable facilities for their functions, these CB6 meeting spaces would also serve as a general community center open to the public and specialized programming, as well as a polling place. We urge our officials to consider possible existing or new, permanent sites that can satisfy these outstanding needs, so that we can carry out our duties effectively and provide a welcoming community facility for local groups and residents at large. As we prepare this document, data-driven analysis of community conditions helps us make the case for our stated needs. Unfortunately, we run into some roadblocks as we collect this information. Communications between some city agencies and the board need to be improved. Consultation on district capital projects is required by the NYC Charter but too often the board is often informed about decisions without appropriate notice. As a result, CB6 is unable to provide timely information to community-based organizations and loses resident feedback on some of our most important projects. While Open Data portals have improved, creating datasets remains difficult for the layperson – therefore, we miss out on potentially useful mapping and summaries of information on a host of issues. Thankfully, DCP has recently released a district portal with a good deal of information useful in assessing the state of our neighborhoods. A more user-friendly experience to build our as-needed research capabilities on Open Data would still be helpful. Moreover, the continued breakdown of census and agency information by community district, spearheaded by DOITT and DCP, is essential. The further mandating that professional services, like urban planning, be offered to CB's by city agencies is welcomed. Finally, appropriate funding for the CB6 office is essential to provide the level of analysis and service our community should expect. Boards are operating at a bare minimum despite nominal budget increases in recent years. Additional funds would allow us to hire more staff or fund studies and surveys that would help us better target hyperlocal services.

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[Legislation providing urban planners for each CB - Intro 0732-2015](#)



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1/29	DCAS	<i>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</i>	<i>CB6 requests that the city purchase or construct a facility that would house community board offices and meeting rooms. Our board has been in temporary space and unable to find suitable new office space due to red tape and an expensive office real estate market. The ability to have a large, city-owned space not only resolves the office challenges, but would also space for full board meetings - many of our current hosts prevent meetings when agenda items are controversial or contrary to their own policy positions. This community facility could also serve as meeting space for senior activities, local non-profit organizations, and educational initiatives. Many CBOs and government agencies also have difficulty finding meeting or event space in CD6.</i>	Community Wide
5/29	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Replace Windows at Asser Levy Recreation Center as necessary. The Asser Levy Recreation Center sustained severe damage from Super Storm Sandy. Much of the storm damage is being addressed. However, this request predates the storm and was a priority in our requests since before FY2014. Some windows are still in urgent need of repair or replacement.</i>	Asser Levy Recreation Center 392 Asser Levy Place
8/29	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>The Kips Bay Library is in need of a complete renovation, including replacement of HVAC, boiler and radiators. Renovation of interior spaces (including ADA compliance), replacement of elevator as well as addressing water infiltration in the basement and faade restoration are also required. Of first priority are the following: HVAC (33 tons), radiators, boiler and elevator replacement. While \$134,000 have been committed as of Calendar Year 2017 towards exterior work, a shortfall remains with estimates at \$1.9 Million. Interior work remains uncommitted, with HVAC alone estimated to need \$1.5 Million.</i>	Kips Bay Library 446 Third Avenue
11/29	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>The Epiphany Branch Library requires a partial interior renovation to meet ADA compliance and requires immediate replacement of its windows and renovation of the building envelope. The library envelope reconstruction is partially funded, with a shortfall of \$1.5 Million per NYPL estimates. We ask that all work at the Epiphany Branch be fully funded, including interior ADA compliance and full window replacement, to guaranty its use by the widest possible audience.</i>	Epiphany Library 228 East 23rd Street
13/29	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Reconstruct Ralph J. Bunche Park with special attention to the Isaiah Wall, which needs clean artwork and stone markers. The park also needs replacement of the pavement, benches and fencing. Refurbishment of the landscape is also needed, as well as water service for plantings.</i>	Ralph J Bunche Park Block 1335, Lot 23



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15/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>MacArthur Park is seeing significantly increased usage by families and requires up-to-date equipment in the playground.</i>	MacArthur Park Block 1360, Lot 20
19/29	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>CB6 requests a pedestrian overpass be built between Murphy's Brother's Playground & Stuyvesant Cove Park. Due to heavy and fast traffic coming off FDR Dr, access to Stuyvesant Cove Park is dangerous to pedestrians. An overpass connecting the two parks is a solution to a safety problem. It is also consistent with our 197-a Plan.</i>	Murphy's Brother's Playground Block 990, Lot 70
21/29	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	<i>Obtain additional electronic resources for library branches in CD6 (Kips Bay, Epiphany, and Grand Central branches). With library usage at record highs, primarily by those seeking to use computers for job searches, college applications, grant and benefits research, and other essential reasons, branches should be equipped with additional and upgraded computer stations and fiber optic cabling. Alternative electronic equipment such as newer servers, research platforms and tablets would also help connect all New Yorkers to better data and opportunities.</i>	Community Wide
22/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Manhattan CB6 requests that all park comfort stations be made ADA compliant. In Stuyvesant Square Park, this requires complete rehabilitation of the comfort station. We believe that all our parks, including the comfort stations in those parks, should comply with both the requirements of and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act, even in instances where the City is not legally required to update certain facilities at this time.</i>	Stuyvesant Square Park Block 922, Lot 1
23/29	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>The Grand Central Branch of the NYPL requires a new elevator. Their current elevator frequently breaks down, leaving other floors inaccessible for those CD6 residents with mobility issues.</i>	Grand Central Library 135 East 46th Street
24/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>CB6 requests that Dept of Parks and Recreation include an irrigation system at Sutton Place Park that ensures the longevity of new and existing landscaping. An investment of this kind would ensure less long-term expense on replacement of trees and plantings due to lack of water access. Private watering of these city-controlled parks has been discontinued.</i>	Sutton Place Park East River and E 56th Street
29/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>CB6 requests enhancements to St. Vartan Park. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the replacement of Robert Moses Playground, the parties agreed that St. Vartan Park would be upgraded. The park's use has increased recently due to the opening of PS 281 and requires immediate attention.</i>	St Vartan Park Block 941, Lot 11



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CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.</i>	Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Block 1339, Lot 27
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Bellevue South Park requires a re-designed layout to make the space more workable for both adults and children to enjoy in defined areas. Playground spaces need consolidation to ensure they are secure for children and their guardians. This would allow separate access for adults not accompanying children to use spaces separately. The park would also benefit from a new dog run to foster greater usage from the surrounding neighborhood. Currently, the \$1.1 Million has been allocated for a renovation of the basketball courts and installation of a dog run. We await further scoping on what additional work can be done to make this a fully ADA compliant project.</i>	Bellevue South Park Block 934, Lot 50
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Community Board 6 supports the Department of Parks and Recreation proposal to convert the roof of the 54th Street Recreation Center into a passive recreation space. We encourage the City to fully fund this project to a timely completion.</i>	54th Street Recreation Center 348 East 54th Street
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.</i>	FDR Drive and E 36th Street
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restore Lighting in East River Esplanade (Glick Park). The lighting in the park was damaged in Superstorm Sandy and has not been repaired. The lighting is essential to full enjoyment of the park and more importantly, as a security measure. This item has been listed as a "possible project" on the Parks Department profile page, and we look forward to completion of the work once federal funds are fully available.</i>	FDR Drive and East 36 Street



Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<p><i>We request the hiring of more parks maintenance staff, operations staff, gardeners and an additional welder. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening. It should be noted that non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in CD6. As a district suffering from lack of park space, maintaining what little we have is crucial.</i></p>	Community Wide
4/25	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<p><i>Fund full Service Hours at Kips Bay, Epiphany and Grand Central Libraries and Protect Six-Day Service in FY 2018. CB6 asks that recently increased funding levels be baselined. The city must maintain a minimum of six-day service and increase the number of hours the libraries are open each day.</i></p>	Community Wide
5/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<p><i>Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South.</i></p>	Community Wide
11/25	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<p><i>Increase funding for CB6 Office to hire an additional staff member in charge of special projects to organize, coordinate and promote programming for, among other things, youth and senior activities and services. The Board Office is already overburdened by district-wide issues as well as individual constituent cases that require followup and constant monitoring. They support the Board in various capacities not limited to communication with city agencies with which CB6 has ongoing business. The "special projects" staff member would not only concentrate on sub-specialty issues that require frequent offsite work, but can take on responsibilities as needed whenever the office's caseload is at its highest. It would enhance and streamline the way our Board interacts with our community.</i></p>	Community Board Six Office 866 United Nations Plaza
13/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<p><i>A video security system at Bellevue South Park would increase security for people using the park and help identify and deter criminal activity. Manhattan CD6 board office continues to receive notices from residents about problems at this site.</i></p>	Bellevue South Park 315 East 26th Street
18/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<p><i>Install Video Camera(s) in the Garden Area of Dag Hammarskjold Park. District residents have reported criminal or offensive public behavior in the Park but PEP Officers and law enforcement are hindered by the need to actually observe the behavior when it occurs. Surveillance by video camera(s) would be a cost-effective means to identify incidents and deter future illegal activity.</i></p>	Dag Hammarskjold Plaza 831 1st Avenue Block 1339, Lot 27

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Documents

[CD6 197a Plan - Stuyvesant Cove - 1997](#)

[CD6 197-A Plan - Districtwide - 2008](#)

Other Expense Requests

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17/25	LPC	<i>Increase staff to expand enforcement and preservation efforts</i>	<i>There are currently 6 designated Historic Districts within the CD6 that need to be monitored and additional areas should be considered for designation. Current Landmarks Preservation Commission staffing levels are not sufficient to physically inspect properties nor to process new (or outstanding) landmark applications. We ask that staffing at the agency increase.</i>	Community Wide
22/25	TLC	<i>Increase inspection staff</i>	<i>We request that TLC increase its number of inspections of illegal idling, pickup, parking and other practices within CD6 and thereby, request an increase in inspection staff. The District includes the UN area and several corporate headquarters. Regulated for-hire vehicles (Black cars) appear to be disregarding traffic and parking regulations and drivers appear to be contributing to litter problems and public health concerns. In light of ride-sharing and car-booking apps, and ever more participating drivers, additional inspections are needed.</i>	Community Wide

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2/29	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>CB6 requests the preservation of existing and the development of NEW low- and moderate-income housing in CD6. Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of Mitchell-Lama, and loss of Section 8 housing, and loss of rent-controlled and loss of rent-regulated housing, have caused areas in CD6 to become increasingly more income segregated. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to commit at least \$20 Million to provide new or reclaimed low-and moderate-income housing within our district in the forthcoming year.</i>	Community Wide	
3/29	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>CB6 has been advocating for a fully-connected esplanade along the East River for over 20 years. A Memorandum of Understanding between New York State & New York City is now in place detailing the funding sources for construction of the esplanade from East 38th St. to East 59th St. Certain particulars of funding, such as UN Plaza-related dispositions are yet to be accomplished. CB6 will insist that the City continue its commitment to its realization, and requests updated timelines for the esplanade and bikeway plans when possible. We are encouraged by funding of improvements north of 38th by the Mayor, but insist on further funding of the entire greenway.</i>	East River Esplanade E 14th Street E 59th Street	

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4/29	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>CB6 asks that additional housing units be built for the homeless mentally ill population in the spirit of the NY/NY supportive housing programs. Too many mentally ill people are on the streets, in shelters or in jails where they do not receive support or medications. For these individuals, supportive housing will sharply reduce shelter recidivism and greatly improve the City's quality of life. More NY/NY-type units are needed citywide. In light of the homelessness crisis, we ask that the final disbursements be made through the NY/NY III program and that funding be expedited towards Mayor De Blasio's new 15,000-unit City-led goal. We include a special note to New York State, asking for full funding of the Governor's 20,000-unit statewide commitment.</i>	Community Wide	Mental Health Association of New York City
5/29	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Replace Windows at Asser Levy Recreation Center as necessary. The Asser Levy Recreation Center sustained severe damage from Super Storm Sandy. Much of the storm damage is being addressed. However, this request predates the storm and was a priority in our requests since before FY2014. Some windows are still in urgent need of repair or replacement.</i>	Asser Levy Recreation Center 392 Asser Levy Place	Orlando Sanders, Manager, Asser Levy Recreation Center
6/29	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>The Children's Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program at Bellevue Hospital is the only psychiatric emergency care environment in New York State, and one of three in the world, dedicated solely to the care of children and adolescents. The C-CPEP census doubled from 2011 to 2012 and almost doubled again in 2013. With significant growth in volume, it is essential that Bellevue expand the physical space dedicated to these services. Space has been identified to enlarge the waiting area, add 4 consultation rooms for emergency evaluations and Interim Crisis Clinic visits, and to add office space for new staff. All that is lacking is the funding to make this possible. Project cost estimated at \$840,000.</i>	Bellevue Hospital C-CPEP 462 First Avenue	Bellevue Hospital Center Community Advisory Board

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7/29	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	<i>CB6 requests city dollars be committed to the development of additional permanent housing for homeless families. There is an insufficient supply of housing for homeless families. HPD needs to allocate to homeless families just five percent (5%) more of the vacant units that become available annually from the city's existing affordable housing resources. These resources include public housing, Section 8 rent subsidies and units developed by HPD, and inclusionary zoning on rezoned manufacturing and Brownfield sites.</i>	Community Wide	
8/29	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>The Kips Bay Library is in need of a complete renovation, including replacement of HVAC, boiler and radiators. Renovation of interior spaces (including ADA compliance), replacement of elevator as well as addressing water infiltration in the basement and faade restoration are also required. Of first priority are the following: HVAC (33 tons), radiators, boiler and elevator replacement. While \$134,000 have been committed as of Calendar Year 2017 towards exterior work, a shortfall remains with estimates at \$1.9 Million. Interior work remains uncommitted, with HVAC alone estimated to need \$1.5 Million.</i>	Kips Bay Library 446 Third Avenue	
9/29	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Provide a back-up generator to Manhattan's Engine 016/007. After Superstorm Sandy, New Yorkers became aware of how our first responders could be limited in carrying out their important work when first-line equipment fails due to flooding or blackouts. Engine 16 confirms the firehouse does not have a generator, even though they are located in the postSandy Manhattan power-loss zone.</i>	Engine 16/Ladder 7 234 E 29th Street	Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance; Uniformed Firefighters Association
10/29	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>CB6 requests that the 13th Precinct receive funds for a full renovation or replacement of the precinct house. Though NYPD has replied that this has been funded, requests for scope so far only cite upgrades to wiring and aesthetics, not the full structural work we have been told is needed. With crime-fighting shifting more and more to technology-heavy approaches, precincts should be fully equipped with state of the art hardware that would increase the efficiency of uniformed and civilian staff. NYPD management acknowledged the need and requested our support for this request in 2016.</i>	13th Precinct 230 E 21st Street	

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11/29	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>The Epiphany Branch Library requires a partial interior renovation to meet ADA compliance and requires immediate replacement of its windows and renovation of the building envelope. The library envelope reconstruction is partially funded, with a shortfall of \$1.5 Million per NYPL estimates. We ask that all work at the Epiphany Branch be fully funded, including interior ADA compliance and full window replacement, to guaranty its use by the widest possible audience.</i>	Epiphany Library 228 East 23rd Street	New York Public Library
12/29	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	<i>The Board understands the lack of fed & state funds for a new senior center, but asks DFTA to aggressively advocate for such funds & seek city funds, in conjunction with other agencies, to ensure adequate services to our aging population. CD6 only has Stein Ctr & the Center at St. Peter's, a satellite location of Lenox Hill Houses. CB6 also notes DFTA's objective to provide innovative senior ctrs and the life-long learning concept clearly fits in the innovative approach. If an add'l physical location is not feasible now, we ask that centers in CD6 have these enhanced programs and that DFTA use future support programs for seniors in other spaces such as colleges & schools.</i>	Community Wide	
13/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Reconstruct Ralph J. Bunche Park with special attention to the Isaiah Wall, which needs clean artwork and stone markers. The park also needs replacement of the pavement, benches and fencing. Refurbishment of the landscape is also needed, as well as water service for plantings.</i>	Ralph J Bunche Park Block 1335, Lot 23	
14/29	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	<i>CB6 is aware that for several years, the front and rear lobby doors at Nathan Straus Houses have been malfunctioning, thereby constituting a significant safety and security concern for residents and management. Given the \$18 million the city and state allocated in 2015 to NYCHA for comprehensive security upgrades throughout its developments, we strongly request any uncommitted funds be used to replace all these doors entirely with layered access control (LAC) technology, including security key fobs, for all buildings within this local NYCHA development.</i>	Straus Houses	Pearl Stroud, Property Manager, Strauss Houses
15/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>MacArthur Park is seeing significantly increased usage by families and requires up-to-date equipment in the playground.</i>	MacArthur Park Block 1360, Lot 20	

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16/29	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>PS 40 underwent some capital improvements, but monies allocated only covered children's bathrooms. The staff and other adults must use restrooms that are in need of renovation. Employees and visiting parents should have adequate facilities and therefore, we request they be upgraded</i>	PS 40 320 E 20th Street	Nicole Sidman, Co-President, PTA, Manhattan PS 40; SarahJane Steinberg, Co- President, PTA, Manhattan PS 40
17/29	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>PS 116 needs additional street lighting on the 32nd Street side of their building, along their schoolyard, to provide additional security for students and faculty exiting the building. Local residents at large would also be well-served to have additional lighting near that building in light of a recent uptick in vagrancy on the block and in the area.</i>	PS 116 210 E 33rd Street	Jane Hsu, Principal, PS 116
18/29	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>After Superstorm Sandy, New Yorkers became aware of how our first responders could be limited in carrying out their important work when first-line equipment fails due to flooding or blackouts. Back-up generators for our first responder units are essential. Engine 21, to the best of our knowledge, does not have one. We request it receive funding for a generator, as this station served the post-Sandy Manhattan power-loss zone with limited capacity.</i>	Engine 21 238 E 40th Street	Uniformed Firefighters Association
19/29	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>CB6 requests a pedestrian overpass be built between Murphy's Brother's Playground & Stuyvesant Cove Park. Due to heavy and fast traffic coming off FDR Dr, access to Stuyvesant Cove Park is dangerous to pedestrians. An overpass connecting the two parks is a solution to a safety problem. It is also consistent with our 197-a Plan.</i>	Murphy's Brother's Playground Block 990, Lot 70	
20/29	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>The windows on the fifth floor of PS 40 are in poor condition, allowing heat to escape and creating extra expenses to air condition the school. Custodians must constantly reopen them when ventilation is needed, as they do not remain open on their own. Replacement of the windows would make the students and staff more comfortable and save the Department of Education some money on their heating and electric bills.</i>	PS 40 320 E 20th Street	

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21/29	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	<i>Obtain additional electronic resources for library branches in CD6 (Kips Bay, Epiphany, and Grand Central branches). With library usage at record highs, primarily by those seeking to use computers for job searches, college applications, grant and benefits research, and other essential reasons, branches should be equipped with additional and upgraded computer stations and fiber optic cabling. Alternative electronic equipment such as newer servers, research platforms and tablets would also help connect all New Yorkers to better data and opportunities.</i>	Community Wide	
22/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Manhattan CB6 requests that all park comfort stations be made ADA compliant. In Stuyvesant Square Park, this requires complete rehabilitation of the comfort station. We believe that all our parks, including the comfort stations in those parks, should comply with both the requirements of and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act, even in instances where the City is not legally required to update certain facilities at this time.</i>	Stuyvesant Square Park Block 922, Lot 1	Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association
23/29	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>The Grand Central Branch of the NYPL requires a new elevator. Their current elevator frequently breaks down, leaving other floors inaccessible for those CD6 residents with mobility issues.</i>	Grand Central Library 135 East 46th Street	
24/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>CB6 requests that Dept of Parks and Recreation include an irrigation system at Sutton Place Park that ensures the longevity of new and existing landscaping. An investment of this kind would ensure less long-term expense on replacement of trees and plantings due to lack of water access. Private watering of these city-controlled parks has been discontinued.</i>	Sutton Place Park East River and E 56th Street	
25/29	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and promotes collisions - known as the "pinch point." Using some existing FDR Dr infrastructure, the Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. CB6 requests that this plan be further studied and funded.</i>	East River Esplanade East 13th Street East 15th Street	

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26/29	EDC	<i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i>	<i>CD6 hosts a premier medical corridor along First Ave that includes several major hospitals and the successful Alexandria Center for Life Science. This cluster of institutions, in addition to university and training facilities, make our district ideal for construction of additional, affordable research lab space and tech-related incubators. The rising cost in the traditional office corridors discourages greater expansion of these industries in New York. We welcome the added employment opportunities they bring, as well as the partnerships they can forge with our educational centers. We encourage exploration of city-owned sites for this purpose.</i>	First Avenue E 23rd Street E 34th Street	
27/29	DSNY	<i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i>	<i>The Board supports increased activity in the district to address the problem of overflowing trash baskets and the prompt removal of trash generated by high-rise apartment buildings and other residential buildings. An additional basket truck would help respond to this concern.</i>		Community Wide
28/29	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>CB6 requests rehabilitation of medians along the FDR service road in CD6, between 34th and 42nd Streets. Some rehabilitation has been completed along some portions of the Service Road but this area has not been addressed. We understand some implementation by DOT has begun, but we call for full funding and commencement.</i>	FDR Drive Service Road East 34th Street East 42nd Street	
29/29	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>CB6 requests enhancements to St. Vartan Park. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the replacement of Robert Moses Playground, the parties agreed that St. Vartan Park would be upgraded. The park's use has increased recently due to the opening of PS 281 and requires immediate attention.</i>		St Vartan Park Block 941, Lot 11
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Solar One conducts numerous educational programs in the park using indigenous and exogenous varieties of plants as part of its instruction for responsible environmental practices. An irrigation system is essential for survival of the plants used throughout Stuyvesant Cove Park. We look forward to its completion now that funds are committed as part of resiliency efforts on the waterfront.</i>	Stuyvesant Cove Park 24-20 FDR Drive East Service Road	Solar One

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CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Due to construction work on the roof of PS 40, the rubberized flooring was considerably damaged by equipment and worker traffic. School parents were fearful it would incur additional damage over time and become dangerous to children using the play areas. The board looks forward to completion of the roof resurfacing at this school.</i>	PS 40 320 E 20th Street	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Bellevue South Park requires a re-designed layout to make the space more workable for both adults and children to enjoy in defined areas. Playground spaces need consolidation to ensure they are secure for children and their guardians. This would allow separate access for adults not accompanying children to use spaces separately. The park would also benefit from a new dog run to foster greater usage from the surrounding neighborhood. Currently, the \$1.1 Million has been allocated for a renovation of the basketball courts and installation of a dog run. We await further scoping on what additional work can be done to make this a fully ADA compliant project.</i>	Bellevue South Park Block 934, Lot 50	
CS	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to block any efforts to further delay work.</i>	Second Avenue Hanover Square E 125th Street	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Community Board 6 supports the Department of Parks and Recreation proposal to convert the roof of the 54th Street Recreation Center into a passive recreation space. We encourage the City to fully fund this project to a timely completion.</i>	54th Street Recreation Center 348 East 54th Street	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.</i>	FDR Drive and E 36th Street	

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Manhattan Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 6 submitted 29 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Restore Lighting in East River Esplanade (Glick Park). The lighting in the park was damaged in Superstorm Sandy and has not been repaired. The lighting is essential to full enjoyment of the park and more importantly, as a security measure. This item has been listed as a "possible project" on the Parks Department profile page, and we look forward to completion of the work once federal funds are fully available.</i>	FDR Drive and East 36 Street	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.</i>	Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Block 1339, Lot 27	
CS	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Waterside Plaza has an existing pedestrian bridge at East 25th Street which should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end. The agency should also work with Waterside to make sure that resident concerns are addressed including the installation of safer surfaces that reduce problems in snow and rain, improved lighting and other safety issues. It is our understanding that the project is in the Ten-Year Plan but we want to ensure that the funds remain and that the project is completed.</i>	EAST 25 STREET PEDESTRIAN OVPS East 25 Street and FDR Drive	

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Manhattan Community Board 6 Expense Requests

Manhattan Community Board 6 submitted 25 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>We request the hiring of more parks maintenance staff, operations staff, gardeners and an additional welder. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening. It should be noted that non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in CD6. As a district suffering from lack of park space, maintaining what little we have is crucial.</i>	Community Wide	
2/25	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>A new senior facility providing meals and services has been requested by CB6 for over a decade. While we continue to advocate for an additional center in our district, our aging population would benefit from an expansion of programming that can be housed in existing city facilities or in sites run by community organizations, and funded by DFTA and other agencies. Libraries or CBOs, for example, can host or provide exercise programs, fall prevention programming (i.e., Tai Chi), life long learning and technology programming.</i>	Community Wide	
3/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>We request that the 17th Precinct receive additional uniformed officers. The precinct staff level decreased from 142 in Aug 2014 to 137 as of Oct 2016. Some enforcement issues, particularly those related to safety of our seniors, pedestrian safety, and quality of life issues cannot be aggressively monitored at lower staff levels. We would like to see an increase in Police presence & enforcement against illegal and/or dangerous bike riding; expanded enforcement of traffic & noise violations; expanded number of bicycle equipped Officers; greater vigilance on issues arising from increased homeless population; action against public nuisances and recent upticks in vagrancy near transit points, shelter facilities and parks.</i>	17th Precinct 167 E 51st Street	
4/25	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>Fund full Service Hours at Kips Bay, Epiphany and Grand Central Libraries and Protect Six-Day Service in FY 2018. CB6 asks that recently increased funding levels be baselined. The city must maintain a minimum of six-day service and increase the number of hours the libraries are open each day.</i>	Community Wide	George Mihaltzes, Coordinator, Community Affairs Unit, NYPL
5/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South.</i>	Community Wide	

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6/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>In light of recent staff increases, we request that the 13th Precinct, at a minimum, maintain its 2015 uniformed staff levels of 190 (requests for updated numbers have gone unanswered). Some enforcement issues, particularly those related to safety of our seniors, pedestrian safety, and quality of life issues cannot be aggressively monitored at prior, lower staff levels. We would like to see an increase in Police presence & enforcement against illegal and/or dangerous bike riding; expanded enforcement of noise violations; expanded number of bicycle-equipped officers; greater vigilance on issues arising from homelessness; and action against public nuisances and recent upticks in vagrancy near transit points, shelter facilities and parks.</i>	13th Precinct 230 E 21st Street	
7/25	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly in CD6. 15.6% of the population of the district is over age 65 and the mean age in the district is the oldest in the city. CB6 requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population. Increased availability of home assistance may become particularly important after the cutbacks in services at senior centers throughout the area. This method of care is far less expensive than subsidized nursing home care, which is typically the alternative.</i>		Community Wide
8/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Intersections such as 23rd and 2nd Ave have had incidence of pedestrian-automobile collisions, 57th and 2nd Ave and 34th and FDR Dr have high general collision rates. Traffic jams plague CD6, particularly on approaches to the Midtown Tunnel, 59th St Bridge and the lengths of 2nd and 3rd Aves. Despite bus lanes, our buses are frequently stuck in traffic. Pedestrian-bicycle incidents are on the rise. A planned sanitation garage may bring dozens of trucks to sections of the district. As the Mayor continues to roll out the Vision Zero plan, a comprehensive traffic study in CD6 should be incorporated into the strategy. We are aware that an East Midtown traffic study was conducted and request that it and any other studies be made available to the Board as we await a district-wide survey.</i>		Community Wide

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9/25	DEP	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	<i>Increase staffing of Noise Pollution Control Inspectors. In recent years, 311 and other reports show noise as #1 complain in the district. Aside from noise from late-night revelers and bars/restaurants, CD6 has also experienced increased complaints due to traffic congestion. Our roads are narrower due to bike/bus lanes and we have major approaches in our borders, such as the Queensboro Bridge and Queens Midtown Tunnel - the latter currently undergoing major shutdowns for improvements. We also host the 34th St Heliport and large construction projects that deserve monitoring. More inspectors would stay ahead of complaints with 24/7 monitoring, rather than the current after-the-fact on-site visits.</i>	Community Wide	
10/25	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	<i>Reports of rats increased significantly in 2014 and continued since - a multi-agency effort, rat control is still a problem. Increased construction planned in the district in the next few years will only exacerbate the problem. We also take note of the need to coordinate rat abatement activities through adequate park maintenance, litter enforcement, and increased sanitation pickups. Major infestations persist throughout the district and additional efforts are needed</i>	Community Wide	
11/25	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>Increase funding for CB6 Office to hire an additional staff member in charge of special projects to organize, coordinate and promote programming for, among other things, youth and senior activities and services. The Board Office is already overburdened by district-wide issues as well as individual constituent cases that require followup and constant monitoring. They support the Board in various capacities not limited to communication with city agencies with which CB6 has ongoing business. The "special projects" staff member would not only concentrate on sub-specialty issues that require frequent offsite work, but can take on responsibilities as needed whenever the office's caseload is at its highest. It would enhance and streamline the way our Board interacts with our community.</i>	Community Board Six Office 866 United Nations Plaza	

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12/25	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	<i>We have elsewhere requested maintaining uniformed staff levels at the 13th Precinct and increasing staff at the 17th. This request is specifically directed at the need for increased enforcement of parking and traffic violations which is under a separate command in the NYPD. CD6 residents are mostly pedestrians. Vehicles in pedestrian crosswalks or traveling in a dangerous manner are a threat, particularly to our aging population, and cause congestion in a traffic-plagued district. In addition, drivers who cause air and noise pollution through excessive honking, unmuffled exhausts and idling should be penalized. Bike and bus lanes are not being respected. Many of these facets fall in line with the Mayor's Vision Zero plan and could be addressed with increased traffic officers.</i>	Community Wide	
13/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	A video security system at Bellevue South Park would increase security for people using the park and help identify and deter criminal activity. Manhattan CD6 board office continues to receive notices from residents about problems at this site.	Bellevue South Park 315 East 26th Street	Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance
14/25	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	The city is making strides towards eradicating veteran homelessness, encapsulated in the Veteran Service Unit (VSU). CB6 requests that those efforts continue to be funded so that we hit our target of zero veterans living on the street. Additional support to keep them housed is also warranted. This special population deserves our appreciation and attention.	Community Wide	
15/25	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	A paving crew should help with traffic conditions in CD6, while it would save money due to vehicular damage claims against the city. We have been informed by DOT sources that additional staffing is necessary to meet the needs of maintenance and repair of streets in our District. This would prevent lane closures, improve traffic in spots, and avoid damage to cars, trucks and city vehicles due to potholes and sinkholes. According to the Comptroller's Office, \$138 Million was spent on pothole claims in New York from 2010-2015 and wait time for pothole repairs as of July 2015 average 7 days.	Community Wide	Report from the Office of the Comptroller
16/25	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	With an aging population comes a greater need for attention to crimes perpetrated that are particular to seniors. Combating elder abuse, whether physical (domestic) abuse or the financial kind is critical in a district that has over 15% of its population over the age of 65 (and growing). CB6 asks for additional funds to be devoted to specialized programs developed by the Department for the Aging to identify and prevent these situations. Additionally, more data on the extent of elder abuse in our city would be helpful in identifying needs in the district and citywide.	Community Wide	

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17/25	LPC	<i>Increase staff to expand enforcement and preservation efforts</i>	<i>There are currently 6 designated Historic Districts within the CD6 that need to be monitored and additional areas should be considered for designation. Current Landmarks Preservation Commission staffing levels are not sufficient to physically inspect properties nor to process new (or outstanding) landmark applications. We ask that staffing at the agency increase.</i>	Community Wide	
18/25	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</i>	<i>Install Video Camera(s) in the Garden Area of Dag Hammarskjold Park. District residents have reported criminal or offensive public behavior in the Park but PEP Officers and law enforcement are hindered by the need to actually observe the behavior when it occurs. Surveillance by video camera(s) would be a cost-effective means to identify incidents and deter future illegal activity.</i>	Dag Hammarskjold Plaza 831 1st Avenue Block 1339, Lot 27	
19/25	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</i>	<i>CB6 would like to see enhanced funding for job training programs in existence or under development by HRA and its partners. These programs seek to increase clients' skills, readying them for employment and facilitating their exit from public assistance. These programs and associated training materials should be free or low-cost so as not to deter clients from participating.</i>	Community Wide	
20/25	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>CB6 requests that funding be enhanced for preventive services that allow families to remain together while maintaining the welfare of children in the home. We understand these programs are effective in preventing children from entering foster care and can include services such as family or individual counseling, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, home care, and support for pregnant and parenting teens, among others. However, this funding must be coupled with additional staff and better training for caseworkers to ensure children's safety.</i>	Community Wide	
21/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>CB6 notes the value in providing jobs for our city's youth while they are out of class for the summer. It helps teens transition into the disciplinary structure of full-time employment and in many cases, adds much needed income to a household. There remains a large gap between funded summer youth positions and extraordinary number of applications received each year. The City has increased funding for this program in FY 2016 and FY 2017, and we look to an additional increase in FY 2019. We also ask the city target populations within our district where possible.</i>	Community Wide	

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22/25	TLC	<i>Increase inspection staff</i>	<i>We request that TLC increase its number of inspections of illegal idling, pickup, parking and other practices within CD6 and thereby, request an increase in inspection staff. The District includes the UN area and several corporate headquarters. Regulated for-hire vehicles (Black cars) appear to be disregarding traffic and parking regulations and drivers appear to be contributing to litter problems and public health concerns. In light of ride-sharing and car-booking apps, and ever more participating drivers, additional inspections are needed.</i>	Community Wide	
23/25	FDNY	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	<i>Extend Funding of the FDNY CPR Initiative: Community Board 6 endorses this borough-wide initiative. We understand that funding constraints have, in the past, limited the full implementation of this important community program. While some non-governmental funds are available, for example, via the FDNY Foundation, the City should be responsible for any short-fall in funding.</i>	Community Wide	
24/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>CB6 requests the development of after-school youth services targeted at school children and teens in the district. The overcrowded conditions in our schools require that we provide every opportunity possible to focus on the needs of our school-age children. We recognize that federal and state funding are critical components for financing such projects but we ask that the city take greater responsibility for providing youth services and increase efforts to procure the necessary funding from both government and private-partner sources.</i>	Community Wide	
25/25	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Maintenance of CD6's precious few acres of open space is essential. Increased traffic along our waterfront and weather-related damage requires that certain segments be repaved or that brick pavers be replaced as needed. Of particular interest is the segment known as Patrick J. Brown walk, along the East River between 15th and 18th Streets. Please repair this memorial walkway.</i>	East River Esplanade E 15th Street E 18th Street	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services

Bellevue Hospital a Top Performer - HHC - December 2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=AB6799BF-9D06-407E-A882-0A32F9643278>

Senior Services - Funding Decline and Funding Requests by Type - Center for Urban Future

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=163C9A05-567D-40DD-8AF4-1BA1ACCD7927>

Income Support - Community District 6 Profile - NYC DCP - 2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=1A005323-CCA6-4829-8AF4-852282FFB159>

Barriers to SNAP Benefits - AARP - 2013

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=C15B9410-25F0-43E8-B0D3-89490784F70F>

Supportive Housing Analysis - Coalition for the Homeless - April 2002

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=158C932F-59CA-4ADD-B17A-D5F6EB957090>

Families and Children in Shelters - ICPH - October 2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=EFCBBE8B-3126-41B9-9988-9EC04571BFAD>

NYC Population Projections to 2030 - DCP - December 2006

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=FE2B66AB-AD47-4E90-A724-19F4F0C13B0D>

Manhattan 6 Demographic Estimates - DCP - January 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=D406E244-E0DD-46C5-B2A0-C1F022C200E8>

Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Per Pupil Allocations by School District - IBO Report - September 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=19BF29A0-35ED-4247-9A51-BB573674E570>

After School Program National Report 2014 - Afterschool Alliance

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=BE080A47-42B0-4D48-A912-CABEE636EA42>

Kinship Care Analysis - Urban Institute-Princeton - 2004

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=7F1AB90E-6F02-4C38-A2B3-D36F23B63961>

Public Safety and Emergency Services



Bystander CPR Training Improves Survival Rates - American College of Cardiology - July 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=56EC6E25-72AE-4D16-805A-182FBB7FA0CA>

Pedestrian Traffic - NYC Business Atlas - August 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=OCD36B62-7371-43C2-B770-946BCBCB4E97>

2017 Noise Complaints to 311 - CB6 Manhattan

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=35A8AE20-B788-44E7-9825-72838F9B27F8>

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



25th Street Sanitation Garage - Alternate Site Study - BFJ Planning - Dec 2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=14DEA732-6158-4B28-9059-AEA51D322991>

Community Air Survey April 2017

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=20A26FB2-6876-418B-A8D7-896E97988B7A>

DSNY Commissioner on Recycling - CapitalNY - February 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=EFOCE565-0CDD-48C7-BE21-9982A7C925BA>

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



NYC Construction Permits Surge - The Real Deal - July 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=9C8153C8-91B9-4F0B-8702-21A22B30AD26>

CD6 Waterfront Development Summary - October 2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DB487979-633C-4EBB-AB74-7F0D2EC97963>

Life Sciences Trends - Jones Lang Lasalle - 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DC65B1F6-422A-4693-8C0A-643ECC68C902>

Taking Stock of NY-NY III - Report by the Supportive Housing Network of NY

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=5BCABC26-A2C0-4755-A521-E6F46FF36819>

Increase in rents Loss of subsidized units and Lack of future inventory - CD6 in Red - Furman-IBO Studies

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=27138B95-3EE8-4056-BD8F-11084E4F01DD>

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CB6 POPS Condition Report - 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=61AEB723-26DD-4CFB-B55B-F09687B658E5>

Transportation



Accidents with Injuries or Fatalities in 2014 - Daily News - May 26 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=12B854E8-C7E7-4C3D-BDD7-403B58295CB4>

2016-07-15 Letter to DOT about 58th and 2nd fatality

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=9FB2493B-4FD6-4D2B-B44D-80B5F0DA8AF0>

Economic Benefits of Second Ave Subway - Rep. Carolyn Maloney - 2009

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=B26C6A62-995F-49BA-A9F8-BD50DBBC6B58>

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



Gates Foundation - Study on Reliance on Library Computers

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=11F992A7-80AC-4696-9EEF-47856364AABA>

Cultural Development Funds by Borough - IBO - 2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E2806782-3F5B-42CC-8F04-4D274F2D2CB3>

Legislation providing urban planners for each CB - Intro 0732-2015

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=46B272E8-9D12-47E3-ABB3-08078E84B004>

Center for an Urban Future - Report on NYC Library Capital Needs

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=6AC3E292-A438-4576-A782-6FA3FA118DC7>

Eastside Greenway and Park MOU

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=EF841F55-BED4-4516-BABE-D7A84F7474A3>

CD6 Open Space Data and Related Demographics

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=F3D22677-7C9C-4442-B067-742ED6D9A3A6>

Additional Information and Requests

CD6 197-A Plan - Districtwide - 2008

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=5FE8E09D-D6EE-476C-8DE4-AFC6AEF88FCA>

CD6 197a Plan - Stuyvesant Cove - 1997

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=CA413E4C-D819-4C68-87CE-2B6434745597>