



Manhattan
Community District 01

#### **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 1'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.

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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.

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## 1. Community Board Information

## **Manhattan Community Board 1**

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## 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: <a href="https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/">https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/</a>

# Manhattan Community District 1





Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>: Battery Park City, Civic Center, Ellis Island, Governors Island, Liberty Island, South Street Seaport, Tribeca, Wall Street, World Trade Center

# Lots

62

174

550 11%

363

87

64 28%

20

26

33

Area

<1%

<1%

5%

22%

1%

4%

1%

2%

15%

		700	
2000²	2010	3	2000-2010
34,420	60,978		+77%
2011-2015 Estimate <sup>4</sup>			N/A
Square Miles		1.5	
Population Density		40,652/sq mi	



Land Use Category

Mixed Use

Commercial

Open Space

Parking

Vacant

**XX** Other

Industrial

1 & 2 Family Bldgs

Public/Institutional

Multifamily Walk-up

Multifamily Elevator

Transportation/Utility 41 12%





Top 3 pressing issues identified by Manhattan Community Board 1 in 2017:

- 1. Affordable housing
- 2. Resiliency
- 3. Schools

To learn more, please read Manhattan CD 1's Statements of Community District **Needs and Community Board Budget** Requests for Fiscal Year 2018.

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## A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

32
1
9
27

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minutes

RENT BURD
Manhattan CD 1
32%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent

١	Manhattan
	37%
	NYC
	45%

Manhattan CD 1
100%
of residents live within walking distance of a
park or open space

Citywide
Target
85%

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Manhattan CD 1	Manhattan
25	31 minutes
	NYC
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LIMITED ENGLISH P	ROFICIENCY
Manhattan CD 1	Manhattan
6%	16%
of residents 5 years or	NYC
older have limited English proficiency	23%

CRIME RAT	ΓE³
Manhattan CD 1	Manhattan
15.6	15.7
major felonies were reported	NYC
per 1,000 residents in 2016	11.8

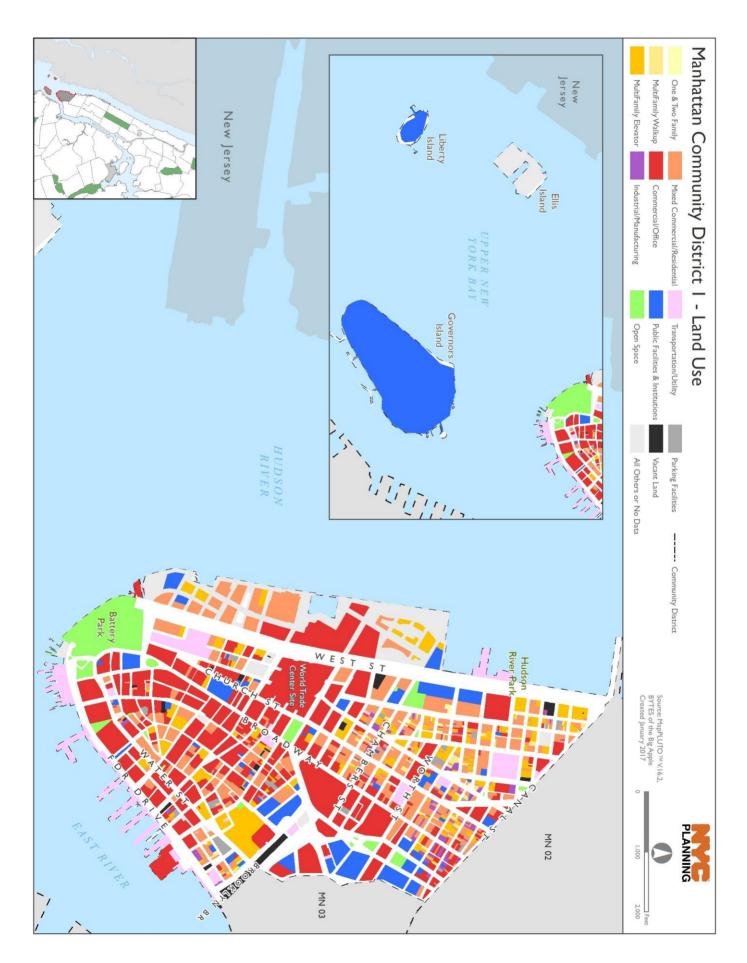
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EDUCATIONAL ATT	AINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>
Manhattan CD 1	Manhattan 60%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC 36%

UNEMPLOYM	IENT <sup>4, 10</sup>
Manhattan CD 1	Manhattan
4.4%	7.5%
of the civilian labor force	NYC
was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	9.5%
	3

NYCgov POVERTY	MEASURE <sup>11</sup>
Manhattan CD 1	Manhattan
9%	14%
of residents have incomes below	NYC
the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	21%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Comr for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. MN 1 shares PUMA 38:10 with MN 2, and the ACS population estimate cannot be reliably disaggregated. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); <sup>6</sup> Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>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.



## 3. Overview of Community District

Lower Manhattan continues to be America's fourth largest business district, even after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the financial crisis of 2008 and Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. During this time, public and private investment of over \$30 billion was made in our neighborhood. Our location at the hub of the nation's largest mass-transit network – originally built to deliver workers to the center – now works also to provide working families with a location from which they can tap into all of our region's opportunities for work, education, recreation and culture. Lower Manhattan remains a resilient place more people want to live, work and visit.

We have a lot of work to do to assure that these powerful growth trends result in a district that is livable for all. This document describes the needs of our district for more schools, more open spaces, efficient transportation, less crowded streets and thorough preparation for future disasters. Our needs are great but the opportunity is immense: we can show how New York City can be the 21st Century's model city for livable, equitable and thriving urban life.

Pedestrian and Streetscape Surveys In response to a pedestrian survey conducted by students at Pace University during 2014, 2015 and 2016, close to 2,000 residents, workers, tourists and students were asked to identify the most serious problems for each geographic sub-district in Community District 1 (CD1). The results varied by neighborhood, but the overall responses ranked overcrowded sidewalks and streets, unclean subway stations, too much noise and garbage on the streets and the lack of affordable housing as the most serious issues facing the district. Too much construction and homelessness ranked not far behind the lack of affordable housing. In summary, residents, workers, tourists and students all want more affordable housing, more parks and open spaces and improved mobility and pedestrian experience in CD1. They also want less construction and all of its attendant byproducts of garbage, pollution, poor air quality and noise. People do still love to live, work, and visit lower Manhattan because a significant number of respondents said: "Its Nice Here!"

Livability Index In July 2017 under direction of Community Board 1 Fund for the City of New York Community Planning Fellow Jahnavi Aluri completed a year-long study of livability in our district. The study identified the factors that affect quality of life for residents in NYC neighborhoods, measured this quality of life on a scale and compared the quality of life across different NYC neighborhoods through the Livability Index to determine how Community District 1 compares to other NYC neighborhoods. Over 200 quality of life factors were analyzed in the categories of health care and human services; youth, education and child welfare; public safety; core infrastructure and city services; land use, housing and human development; transportation; and community facilities, parks and cultural.

The purpose of the study was to quantify anecdotal evidence about quality of life, to better understand where CD1 performs well or poorly, and to develop actionable steps to improve quality of life issues. The Index showed that while CD1 scored generally well, it scored notably poorly in the area of Core Infrastructure and City Services, particularly due to low scores related to pollution and street conditions. Some notable factors that CD1 scored poorly on are: homelessness; quantity of public schools; air quality; noise pollution; community center capacity; street conditions; potholes; sanitation; residential stability (transient population).

## 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 1 are:

- Resiliency
- Traffic
- Other | Rapidly growing population

Resiliency The unprecedented Superstorm Sandy in 2012 brought surges of 14 feet and numerous, serious disruptions to residents and businesses in Lower Manhattan, including power outages and loss of steam (for heat and hot water), telephone, data services and transportation, including subways which experienced flooding of tunnels. Two people were trapped by rising water and drowned. Disruptions were particularly severe in the South Street Seaport; historic buildings suffered great damage and while many businesses have reopened, some businesses and non-profit institutions are still struggling and have not fully recovered. The South Street Seaport area was especially devastated by water up to seven feet above street level.

The Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project has begun with the design stage to be completed in Spring 2018. However, there are not enough capital funds for construction once the design stage is complete. Shovels won't be put to ground for this project for years and the City still has not implemented any short or medium-term measures although we are approaching the fifth year anniversary of Sandy. The risk for extreme weather events is only increasing and CD1 is still left largely unprotected.

Traffic/Mobility The rapid growth of our district has been accompanied by many challenges. Our growth was never properly planned for despite billions of dollars invested in residential and commercial development through public and private funding. Much of our district is comprised of the colonial street grid, designed for people and horse traffic, not the flood of cars, trucks and buses we see today. Combined with approximately 15 million tourists annually, hundreds of thousands of workers daily and over 65,000 permanent residents and growing, this makes mobility an inherent problem.

Narrow, crowded sidewalks and giant residential towers have resulted in walls of garbage. We also have a major problem with placard parking, both legal and illegal, given that this neighborhood is the center of the City's government and headquarters to many City agencies. Crowding in Lower Manhattan is compounded by the sheer number of double-decker tour buses, personal cars and commuter buses that fill our streets. This congestion leads to critical issues such as emergency vehicles being blocked in the streets, resulting in potentially deadly increases in response times. We are encouraged that \$500,000 has been dedicated for a Lower Manhattan traffic/pedestrian study. The scope is currently being developed by NYC DOT and we only hope that it results in a study that is holistic enough to capture the complex issues.

Rapidly growing population Since 9/11, our district's population has been increasing rapidly. The U.S. Census documented a 77% growth between 2000 and 2010 from 34,420 to 60,978. Since the last Decennial Census, our Board has been tracking the addition of new residential units to estimate increased population using a proven methodology. The rate at which new residential units are added to our district indicates that this alarming growth trend continues. Since 2010, at least 10,000 new residential units have been added or are planned for our district, and there has been a demographic shift from unrelated singles to couples, families and children.

The child population demographic trends in CD1 point to the need for additional community infrastructure and amenities in our district to serve children. In March 2013, CB1 analyzed U.S. Census data of the demographic changes by neighborhood for children ages 0 - 19 in our district. Our findings show astonishing growth. Between 2000 and 2010, the 0 - 19 population increased by 246% in the Financial District, 67% in Tribeca, and 125% in Battery Park City. While there was no net change in the Seaport/Civic Center's child population, the 0 - 4 age group increased by 57%, and the 5 - 9 age group by 44%. District-wide, there has been particularly rapid growth within the 0 - 4 and 5 - 9 age groups throughout all neighborhoods.

These demographic trends have grave implications for our district. There has been very little planning for infrastructure

# 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

to coincide with this level of growth and this has resulted in school overcrowding, congestion, shortages of local community services and an overtaxed infrastructure system.

#### **Health Care and Human Services**



#### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

## Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

CD1 has a long history of concern for homeless people in our community. We supported John Heuss House, a drop-in facility for homeless and hungry people that was operated by Trinity Church until it closed in 2010. We also have a close relationship with the NYC Rescue Mission, which expanded its capacity in 2015 to 220 beds. The success of our efforts to reclaim the Lower Manhattan waterfront and other open spaces as community amenities requires that people are safe and secure when they visit. In this regard, it is important that all levels of government maintain acceptable funding for agencies that provide outreach and services to homeless people. We have received reports recently of groups of homeless people in encampments in different locations in our district, both on the street/sidewalks and in the subway stations. It is important that resources are available to reach out to the people living in these locations.

## Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Gouverneur Health is the closest municipal hospital to CD1 and some of our residents receive medical treatment there. It is located in CD3, CD1's neighbor to the northeast. In addition, Gouverneur, along with the Bellevue Hospital Center in CD6, is one of the WTC Environmental Health Centers of Excellence, which were established to address physical and mental health issues resulting from September 11, 2001. These Centers are part of the WTC Health Program, which is administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) which was established by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010. The Zadroga Act was extended for 75 years by the U.S. Congress in December, 2016. CB1 advocated for this renewal in many resolutions and testimonies, and it was strongly supported by Rep. Jerrold Nadler, who represents CD1, and other U.S. Representatives and elected officials. The renewal was a very important victory for the community. We are also very concerned about the loss of hospital beds in all Lower Manhattan community districts. There has been an increase in illnesses in CB1 related to 9/11 and the community must have sufficient care facilities. Several years ago we lost St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village in CB2, which created great concern about whether remaining bed are sufficient for growing populations. The merger of Beth Israel and Mount Sinai has led to plans to very greatly reduce the number of beds at Beth Israel's hospital in CD6.

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

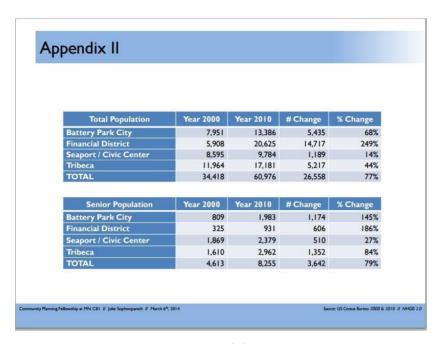
There is a need for funding for a senior services referral center in lower Manhattan. CB1 is especially concerned about the ability of seniors to remain and age in place in our district. Fixed incomes cannot keep pace with rapid inflation in housing costs, especially rent and property taxes, that rise as neighborhoods become more desirable.



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

## Supporting Materials:

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Senior slide

## Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

CD1 has a long history of concern for homeless people in our community. We supported John Heuss House, a drop-in facility for homeless and hungry people that was operated by Trinity Church until it closed in 2010. We also have a close relationship with the NYC Rescue Mission, which now cares for women as well as men. In addition, for nearly a decade the Coalition for the Homeless has been headquartered at Nassau and John Streets. Incidents in recent years have illustrated the need for additional services for homeless and mentally ill people rather than short-sighted cuts to funding in that area. The success of our efforts to reclaim the lower Manhattan waterfront and other open spaces as community amenities requires that people are safe and secure when they visit. In this regard, it is important that all levels of government maintain sufficient funding for agencies that provide outreach and services to homeless people.

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

It is a priority of CD1 to ensure that existing rent stabilized and affordable units in the District are preserved and that development of new affordable housing units continues. We must ensure that people who teach our children, patrol our streets, and fight our fires can afford to live in the neighborhoods they serve. We therefore urge the city to build more affordable housing downtown as well as do everything possible to preserve existing units. Additionally, we voice our concern about building owners attempting to leave programs that require rents in their buildings to remain subsidized as well as the expiration of taxation incentives for stabilized apartments. We urge the City to do everything possible to ensure that lower Manhattan remains a diverse community that is affordable to people in a wide range of income levels and demographic groups.



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	ННС	Other health care facilities requests	Provide funding to Gouverneur Healthcare.	227 Madison Street
1/29	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Increase resources to address the proliferation of rats and other vermin in Lower Manhattan.	Community Wide
1/29	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Continue funding for senior programs operating at the districts senior centers, Independent Plaza North, Southbridge Towers and St. Margarets House.	Community Wide
1/29	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Provide funding for a senior services referral center.	Community Wide
1/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Increase funding for mental health and outreach to the homeless population in CB 1.	Community Wide
1/29	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	Increase funding for mental health and outreach to the population of homeless veterans in CB1.	Community Wide

## Youth, Education and Child Welfare



#### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

## School and educational facilities (Capacity)

A priority issue in our district in recent years has been the development of new school seats to serve our rapidly growing population of young people. We therefore welcomed the announcement in December 2015 by the School Construction Authority that it would build a new 476-seat K-5 school at 77 Greenwich Street. But, the Department of Education has only provided half the 1,000 seats promised to the community. In addition, we need funds to expand Millennium High School, The New York Assembly Harbor School on Governors island and Lower Manhattan Community Middle School.

#### Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Construct sufficient number of school seats in CB1 in the next 5-year Capital Plan to meet the need resulting from the rapid growth in the population of our district in recent years. There is no public K-8 school in the Financial District, despite being the neighborhood with the fastest growing youth population (see attachment).

## **Supporting Materials:**

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## **Population Summary**

## Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

As a growing residential community, CD1 needs additional active and passive indoor and outdoor recreational space including ballfields. This issue remains a top priority for CB1, and with so little active recreation space available in Lower Manhattan, we are forced to search for available fields outside of our district to accommodate our growing population of children and the resulting growth in sports leagues. Community sports are important for the development of youth and sense of community. We also need additional funding for after school programs.

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#### Open Space Inventory Update

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct 1,000 K to 5th grade school seats in CB 1 in the next 5-year Capital Plan as committed by the DOE, and provide funding for expansion of the Millennium High School, The New York Harbor School and the Lower Manhattan Community Middle School.	Community Wide

## **Public Safety and Emergency Services**



## Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

## Other | Enforcement on quality of life issues

In order to continue to thrive, our community must remain secure and retain the quality of life valued by its residents and workers. In recent years the crime rate in our district has remained at reasonably low levels, however we cannot take for granted that this will continue. In addition to preventing and responding to crimes against people and property, we rely on the NYPD as well as other enforcement agencies to control quality of life problems in our busy mixed-use district, which is also a major tourist destination. These issues include idling buses, placard parking, double-parking, bike lanes, homelessness and vendors. Dangerous intersections remain a primary concern for our district. Crossing guards are especially important near schools and CB1 has advocated along with our elected officials for guards to protect the schoolchildren who cross at such intersections. The NYPD has been responsive in recent months and has provided protection for children at these locations until permanent guards can be placed there.

## Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

CB1 has numerous and significant needs in the area of public safety. The NYPD has developed a WTC Campus Security Plan to restrict and regulate traffic at the perimeters of the site. Although we are concerned about creating a fortresslike presence in our community, CB1 is working with the NYPD, local leaders and stakeholders to find the right balance between safety considerations and livability so that the area will be thriving and vibrant, commercially successful as well as secure. We also strongly recommend that to the greatest extent possible, where safety concerns allow, areas closed after September 11, 2001 be re-opened to the public. We have worked with Friends of City Hall Park to increase public access to restricted parts of City Hall Park. Comparable ways to safely reopen Park Row are necessary to relieve severe burdens placed on nearby residents and businesses by restrictions associated with 1 Police Plaza. We are encouraged that the City has allowed Park Row to be re-opened to pedestrians and cyclists, but to the extent possible, we are interested in having Park Row re-opened and re-integrated into street grid. In addition to crime against people and property, CD1 also has many significant quality of life problems. We rely on the NYPD as well as other agencies for enforcement to keep these problems under control. Our district is a destination for many double-decker as well as commuter and tour buses. These generate complaints about idling, blocking sidewalks and street crossings, and other disruptive activity. Enforcement in this area by the NYPD, NYC DOT, DEP and other relevant agencies such as the agency that issues their permits, the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, must continue. Other quality of life problems that occur excessively in our district include the abuse of placard parking. CB1 is home to many government agency offices and facilities, and enforcement is needed to keep under control the chronic and acute problem with government-authorized vehicles occupying limited space for parking and taking up spaces needed by emergency service and commercial vehicles. We also need to address the homeless situation discussed elsewhere by providing adequate and appropriate services for this vulnerable population.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Improve and modernize security infrastructure and devices in the vicinity of the New York Stock Exchange which includes Wall and Broad Streets. The Downtown Alliance has initiated a study of the area, but capital funds are needed to update the infrastructure.	NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Allocate funds for increased surveillance and law enforcement in non-permitted street encampments which are causing problems of safety, sanitation and economic distress to residents and retail merchants.	Community Wide
1/29	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Fund additional school crossing guards in needed locations, especially near elementary schools. It is also critical to increase the pay rate for school crossing guards and to offer full-time positions in addition to part-time.	Community Wide
1/29	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide traffic personnel with traffic mitigation training and mitigation measures along Canal Street at the following intersections: West Street, Washington Street, Greenwich Street, Hudson Street, Varick Street and Church Street during evening rush hours, nights and weekends and provide the same at the intersections of West Street and Albany, Liberty, Murray and Warren Streets, and at the intersections of Hudson and Vestry Streets and Hudson and Laight Streets.	Community Wide
1/29	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Increase personnel of 1st Precinct for quality of life issues such as bus enforcement including double-decker and tour buses, street vendors, crime, traffic enforcement, noise related to disruptive bars and clubs and enforcement of traffic and parking regulations including placard parking, illegal parking and blocking curb cuts and bike lanes, black cars, limos, cyclists, motorcycles and electric bicycles.	Community Wide

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



## Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Protective Infrastructure (sea walls, flood walls, etc.)

At a height of seven feet, CB1 experienced one of the highest inundation levels in Manhattan during Superstorm Sandy. Two people in our district drowned and we suffered extreme damage to residential and commercial property, tunnels, public transit, telecommunications and our electrical grid. CB1 has played an active and positive role in the public process of recovery, resiliency and sustainability since Superstorm Sandy. Lower Manhattan is in immediate need of resiliency and hardening measures. It has been five years since Sandy and we are concerned about both the short-term and long-term time frame. Lower Manhattan remains largely unprotected while we face an increasing potential for suffering extreme weather events and subsequent damage. New York City has a combined sewer and storm water system. During heavy rain and snow storms, combined sewers receive higher than normal flows. According to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), treatment plants are unable to handle flows more than twice design capacity and when this occurs, a mix of excess storm water and untreated wastewater discharges directly into the City's waterways at certain outfalls. This is called a combined sewer overflow (CSO). We are concerned about CSOs because of their effect on water quality and recreational uses.

## Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

There is an ongoing need to need to mitigate the negative impact of dozens of major public and private construction projects in the approximately 1.5 square miles of CB1 so that during this rapid time of transformation people will want to continue to live, work and visit our community. Inspection of construction sites to monitor and regulate dust, noise and air pollution and safety is not only needed during the workweek but also after hours and on weekends as deliveries of supplies and removal of debris are shifted to off hours to avoid peak traffic congestion. CB1 would like to see budget increases for investment in new technologies required to advance sewage treatment plants and wastewater management e.g. greenbelts and bio swales. Helicopters, specifically those catering to tourists, cause innumerable quality of life issues for our district including environmental concerns such as noise and air pollution. In early 2016 the City established a concession agreement with the Downtown Heliport located at Pier 6, requiring an overall reduction in the number of tourist flights, an end to tourist flights on Sunday and air quality monitoring and mitigation. While helicopter traffic has lessened and conditions have improved, most notably in relation to the moratorium on Sunday flights, the helicopter traffic is still by no means unobtrusive. This has been a good first step towards addressing the quality of life impacts from helicopter tourism, but the City must be aggressive in continuing to amend the agreement with the goal of eliminating all helicopter tourism.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

The increase in our district's residential population and associated commercial activity has significantly increased the amount of garbage on our streets. The 9/11 Memorial along with the Statue of Liberty, The Battery, African Burial Ground, Federal Hall and other tourist attractions also put pressure on sanitation It is important that the Sanitation Department be given the resources that it needs to ensure that the streets in our district are kept clean. Resources should also be increased to address the proliferation of vermin in Lower Manhattan. Mounds of plastic trash bags often clutter narrow streets during both day and night and are unsightly and a health hazard as well as an impediment to pedestrians. The frequency of garbage pick-ups needs to be increased. The number of days when there are piles of refuse on the street is increased because there are separate days for pickup of recyclables and trash and residential and commercial waste. When new buildings are built or old buildings are converted, the design process should take into consideration where the residents' garbage will go and how it will be picked up. The landmarked street grid of the Financial District has narrow sidewalks and streets, making it difficult and unpleasant to navigate areas congested with piles of garbage and waste left out for recycling. CB1 has joined together with a group of community stakeholders to advocate for a managed street plan in Lower Manhattan to better handle a variety of issues pertaining to vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist mobility but also including sanitation. The first step to this plan is a comprehensive traffic, mobility and street study. \$500,000 has been approved for this study and the scope is currently being developed by NYC DOT. Our priorities are to ensure that the scope is appropriate and assesses critical areas like sanitation. It is imperative to the continued growth and economic development of this community that the City use the mobility study to develop and recommend to the community a set of specific and implementable measures to address the congestion challenges, mainly including the trash piles.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	Provide or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales - CB1 would like to see budget increases for investment in new technologies required to advance sewage treatment plants and wastewater management.	Community Wide
1/28	DEP	Replace or upgrade water mains	Replace or upgrade water mains aging infrastructure in water delivery systems is a serious problem that results in large losses of water due to leaks. There have been several water main breaks in Tribeca in recent years. We are looking forward to the completion of Water Tunnel No. 3 in 2020 so that Tunnel No. 1 and No. 2 can be closed for inspection and repairs. Continued infrastructure upgrades and repairs of CD1 water pipes are necessary.	Community Wide

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Add personnel and resources to increase frequency of garbage pick-ups and graffiti removal to match the residential population explosion in the district, and increase enforcement of regulations for commercial waste.	Community Wide
1/29	DEP	Address air quality issues	Increase personnel for 24/7 air/noise/idling inspections (enforcement teams) including for helicopters, trucks, buses and construction equipment.	Community Wide

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



## Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

Community Board 1 is a rapidly changing district with dramatic increases in population, facing an enormous amount of construction and still recovering from Superstorm Sandy.

#### Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Decades-long increases in the numbers of residents, office workers and tourists have significantly increased the density of our district. This has heightened concerns about infrastructure capacity, including overcrowded streets and sidewalks, resiliency, public school seats, public transportation capacity, open spaces, and much more. Our waterfront remains particularly vulnerable. Many recently completed large developments in the CB1 area as well as those underway will add to this pressure. CB1 has discussed various ways to handle these infrastructure issues, including studying the related mobility issues, creating zoning rules to deal with how new developments can help internalize some of the impacts, concepts of a capital "impact fund" to pay for needed critical infrastructure in the district, etc.

## Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

The rapid and continuing growth of the population of CD1 in recent years has created significant challenges. Since 9/11, our district's population has been increasing rapidly. The U.S. Census documented a 77% growth between 2000 and 2010 from 34,420 to 60,978. This makes us the fastest growing residential area in all of New York City. In comparison, the entire population of New York City increased only 2% during the same time period. Since the last Decennial Census, our Board has been tracking the addition of new residential units to estimate increased population using a proven methodology (see attached). The rate at which new residential units are added to our district indicates that this alarming growth trend continues. Since 2010, at least 10,000 new residential units have been added or are planned for our district, and there has been a demographic shift from unrelated singles to couples, families and children. CD1's rapidly growing residential population and the ongoing addition of residential units to the district's housing stock create a unique set of housing challenges in Lower Manhattan. After 9/11, incentives for the development of housing units in lower Manhattan spurred a boom in residential conversions, and development remains strong today. However, community infrastructure falls woefully short in meeting the needs of this considerable residential growth. As a result, CB1's top priorities include more school seats, community centers and resources for seniors. As a district with many ongoing construction projects, CD1 has extensive scaffolding, detours and other construction-related impacts. Scaffolding is a particular blight on our district, as City laws make it is very easy for property owners to renew permits that enable them to keep it in place indefinitely, creating circulation and safety issues and hindering economic development by blighting blocks with conditions unfriendly to retail and commercial businesses. CD1 also strongly supports the retaining existing affordable housing units in the district and developing as many new affordable units as possible. This has traditionally been a community with a diversity of income levels and a strong middle class, and government at all levels should do everything it can to keep this important demographic diversity.

#### 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.

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## Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Lower Manhattan has long served as a unique tourist destination, as it is rich in iconic historical, cultural, and economic assets. We receive approximately 15 million tourists anually. An ongoing project of great importance to our Board and our District has been the redevelopment of the South Street Seaport. CB1 has served on the Seaport Working Group along with various elected officials, city agencies, the Howard Hughes Corporation and other stakeholders. Our priority is revitalizing this historic area while maintaining and protecting its historical significance. Small businesses, or "mom and pop" operations are very important to our District. Supporting and preserving them are of great importance to our Board. We understand that the NYC Economic Development Corporation views tourist helicopters as an important revenue stream. However, these flights present critical quality of life challenges for our district and we have therefore joined our elected officials in a successful effort to significantly reduce flights at the Downtown Heliport at Pier 6 in the Financial District, especially weekend flights. We must ensure that impacts from the flights do not threaten the quality of life of the increased residential population.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Develop and maintain affordable housing including rent stabilized rentals units.	Community Wide
1/28	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Provide funds to continue transformation of Governors Island. As the Island completed its ambitious 40-acre park project last year, it is now focusing on a new plan to create a 24/7 community with even more public parks, nonprofit tenants, restaurants, and 5 million square feet of new commercial, office and education space. Funds are also needed for the Islands aging or absent infrastructure and for the maintenance of historic buildings.	Governors Island
CS	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Complete construction of East River Waterfront Esplanade up to Brooklyn Bridge.	East River Waterfront Esplanade
CS	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Create viable pedestrian and bicycle connections and access to the Battery Maritime Building with open space in front of the building in association with the proposed development.	Battery Maritime Building



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Provide funds for staff to study land use patterns and zoning designations to better match current use and future neighborhood needs. This includes the Tribeca area of Community Board 1, which has seen a dramatic rise in sidewalk cafes throughout the district that are often located on crowded, narrow side streets that are inappropriate for this use. CB1 would like to see a study of zoning options to limit sidewalk cafes in Tribeca.	Community Wide
1/29	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Provide funds to study impact of the Water Street Zoning Text amendment on open spaces in Lower Manhattan.	Water Street The Battery Fulton Street
1/29	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Allocate funds for staff to determine impact of contextual zoning district proposals and revise current zoning regulations for CB1 to better reflect ability of City services and infrastructure to match growth of residents, workers, tourists and students.	Community Wide
1/29	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase personnel for day, night and weekend building and construction site inspections (enforcement teams) and for additional community liaison staff, with additional resources for enforcement of Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) regulations and compliance.	Community Wide

#### Transportation



## Main Issue Related to Transportation

## Pedestrian safety

In lower Manhattan, narrow streets, a large number of ongoing public and private construction projects, vehicular and pedestrian conflict and crowded public transportation present many challenges. Much work needs to be done to ensure that our streets are safe and accessible to all. We are in a period of transition following the implementation of the City's bike share program and the opening of the Fulton Transit Center and the WTC Transportation hub, but we still have many significant challenges and areas of interest such as the need to better regulate commercial cyclists, improve subway and ferry service, further restrict tourist helicopters, and implement a one-seat ride to the airport and build an extension to lower Manhattan of the 2nd Avenue Subway line.

## <u>Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure</u>

Community District 1 faces many issues in regards to traffic and transportation infrastructure and public transit services. CB1 has worked with the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) to enhance street crossings and improve pedestrian safety on select streets, but much work still needs to be done. We have many old streets which require cobblestone repair. New developments also require substantial improvement of street conditions, as in the case of the 5 Beekman development and Theater Alley. The many reconstruction projects in the district that have been completed or remain underway have caused challenges for quality of life, but ultimately improve the infrastructure in meaningful ways. Reconstruction projects were completed recently on Chambers and Hudson Streets. Work on Broadway remains underway and work on Worth Street continues, with Warren Street just recently started. In addition, a major multi-year project on Route 9A has largely been completed. Work must be done to rationalize cyclists, pedestrians and cars on Route 9A. The issue of a left turn on Liberty Street off Route 9A must be addressed. A taxi stand on Route 9A has also been long-requested to make the space more efficient and increase safety. CB1 works closely to monitor these projects and troubleshoot problems that arise for residents and workers in the affected Other important projects such as the West Thames Street Bridge, an important passage between Battery Park City and the Financial District, is underway as well. This bridge has been in design for well over a decade and remains a priority as many pedestrians, including seniors and children, need a way to safely cross the dangerous Route 9A highway. The temporary pedestrian bridge at Rector Street was built by NYSDOT after 9/11 and needs to be replaced by a permanent structure. We have worked with the Mayor's office and NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYC EDC) to provide input on the design of the bridge so that it meets the needs of our changing community. CD1 has many dangerous intersections. We would like enhanced streetscape improvements to ensure safety at these intersections. We are especially concerned about crossings near schools, and have advocated vigorously for crossing guards to protect schoolchildren. With much help from our elected officials and thanks to the NYPD, NYC Traffic Enforcement Agents are assisting at many of these crossings on an interim basis until permanent crossing guards can We have been encouraged by the openings of the Fulton Transit Center and the WTC Transportation Hub. which are important components of the transportation infrastructure in lower Manhattan. However, subway and bus overcrowding and service and station maintenance and cleanliness remain critical issues. Cyclists, specifically commercial cyclists, sometimes disregard rules and pose a threat to themselves and vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Better enforcement is needed.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

While Lower Manhattan has plans for transportation improvements, all efforts must be made to protect one of its most valuable assets – its dense transportation network. All efforts must be made to make subways, bus routes, tunnels/underpasses, the Brooklyn Bridge, ferries and docks resilient to extreme weather events. Billions of dollars of existing investment must be hardened. Currently underway are three major tunnel repairs due to Sandy: the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (formerly Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel), the South Ferry Station and the Battery Park Underpass. These repairs are costly, take years to complete and add to commuter travel time.



# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Staple Street between Duane and Harrison Streets, a cobblestone street within CB1's historic district.	Staple St Duane St Harrison St
1/28	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Additional funding for traffic and mobility studies in the Financial District, including east of Broadway and south of Park Row, as well as the WTC area, to address safety, sanitation and crowding issues as noted previously by CB1 and numerous other groups, including for example, the "Make Way for Lower Manhattan" initiative.	Community Wide
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Duane Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.	Duane St Greenwich St Hudson St
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Greenwich Street between Vestry Street and Hubert Street, a cobblestone street within CB's historic district.	Greenwich Street Vestry Street Hubert Street
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Repair Theater Alley behind the Park Row block.	Theater Alley Beekman St Ann St
1/28	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Rehabilitate the Morris Street Pedestrian Bridge over the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.	Morris Street Greenwich Street Washington Street
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Vestry Street between West and Greenwich Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.	Vestry St West St Greenwich St
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Repair the currently cobbled roadbed of Moore Street between Water and Pearl Streets.	Moore St Water St Pearl St
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Collister Alley between Laight and Beach Streets, a cobblestone street within CB1's historic district.	Collister Alley Laight St Beach St



# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation**

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1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Franklin Street between Hudson and Varick Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.	Franklin St Hudson St Varick St
1/28	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide funds for improvements to areas under and surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge, including rebuilding active recreation space underneath the bridge as well as repairs to the staircase on Frankfort Street.	Brooklyn Bridge
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore N. Moore Street between Hudson Street and Varick Street within CB1's historic district.	N. Moore Street Hudson Street Varick Street

# **Expense Requests Related to Transportation**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide funding to study Route 9A (West Street) traffic patterns from 59th Street to Battery Place, focusing on pedestrian and vehicular interaction.	Route 9A 59th St Battery Place
1/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund maintenance and repair of cobblestone streets that have been rebuilt in Tribeca in recent years.	Community Wide
1/29	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Provide funding to study the Holland Tunnel area and continue to pursue actions to alleviate the continuous negative impacts.	Holland Tunnel
1/29	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Fund traffic study of South End Avenue in Battery Park City.	Battery Park City

## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



## Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Park care and maintenance

Quality parks are essential to the mental and physical well-being of community residents and strengthen resiliency to storms and extreme climate events. CD1 lacks sufficient active and recreational space to meet the needs of its rapidly growing population. In July 2011, CB1 documented this inadequacy in a report which found that there are approximately 3.5 million square feet of open and park space in our district. However, the analysis conducted for the report concluded that a large portion of this open space does not serve the community, is not accessible, and does not facilitate active recreation. Therefore it is extremely important that the parkland we have be of the highest quality possible and that as much new parkland and open space as possible be developed in CD1. The recent opening of the Hills on Governor's Island brought an important new amenity to the district. CB1 has long advocated for the development of public open space on Governor's Island as a resource for residents of CD1 and elsewhere.

## Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

CB1 has some important needs associated with our existing parks and open spaces. The Battery is a vibrant part of the CD1 waterfront which provides a resilient edge as protection from future storms. Its integrity must be maintained and strengthened. CB1 looks forward to the fulfillment of inspiring plans presented in recent years. We were very pleased when the SeaGlass Carousel opened in August 2015 and we look forward to the fulfillment of other inspiring plans presented in recent years for The Battery including the Green and bikeway that will link the Hudson River Park Bikeway to the East River Esplanade, and the imaginative and educational Playspace for children designed by Frank Gehry. However some commercial activity detracts from the experience of visiting the park. We continue to receive complaints about vendors in The Battery aggressively selling tickets for bus and boat trips and blocking narrow pathways. Stepped up enforcement is needed. East River Esplanade Open space is in short supply on the east side of Lower Manhattan. However, there is an extensive waterfront, which, when fully developed, will be a wonderful amenity for the community. We welcome efforts by NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to fully realize the long anticipated East River Esplanade and Piers Project, which includes the Wall Street and Pier 15 area that are now open to the public. Additional funds will be needed to fully implement the comprehensive waterfront restoration project envisioned in the City's well-received East River Waterfront concept plan put forward in 2005. CB1 urges NYC EDC and the Department of City Planning to identify additional funds, complete a final design and move forward expeditiously to complete and maintain this project. Elizabeth H. Berger Plaza (formerly Edgar Plaza) We strongly support the redevelopment of Elizabeth H. Berger Plaza in accordance with the proposal developed by the Downtown Alliance. Governors Island The 172 acres on Governors Island contain numerous well-maintained historic structures and playing fields, and we support efforts by the Trust for Governors Island to make as much of it as possible accessible to the public. Peck Slip Park In 2006, a plan for a permanent park at Peck Slip was approved using funding through the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. With major delays, CB1 and other community stakeholders began calling for an adjustment to the design to better accommodate the changing community. In September 2017, CB1 held a Town Hall style meeting with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to hear from the community about what they would like to see on Peck Slip. Parks will return to CB1 with a reformulated plan based on this feedback. We thank the Parks Dept. for returning to these plans and we look forward to working with them towards an appropriate park on that site...

## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



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

The east side of our community, which includes the South Street Seaport/Civic Center and Financial District, was radically transformed in the last decade into a thriving mixed-use community with a large residential population. Though our entire district has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, the population growth on the east side has made it the fastest growing neighborhood in the city. However, it does not have a community center or other public recreational facility or a public library. The South Street Seaport Museum has been unable to open its galleries at 12-14 Fulton St. because of damage to the electrical systems from Sandy. Exhibits can't be mounted in rooms that are not correctly heated and air conditioned. The Museum needs to keep both its land-based premises and its ships to tell the story of how New York began and grew as a great port. They are an important cultural hub in a historic district that is unique in New York City. The permanent location for the New York City Police Museum remains closed due to damage from Sandy. It is not clear when the museum can reopen. We continue to support the museum's efforts to reopen in CD1 We also strongly support creation of the WTC Performing Arts Center (PAC) at the World Trade Center. Recently it was announced that Ronald Perelman had donated \$75 million to the development of this important facility. Previously, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) committed \$100 million. This major new cultural center will provide needed arts programming in lower Manhattan and also create construction and long term jobs and promote the economic revitalization of the neighborhood. The Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center in Tribeca serves people of all ages and has developed programs in response to evolving community needs. In addition, the Asphalt Green community center and the community center at Stuyvesant High School, both in Battery Park City, serve our growing community. We need to ensure that all such facilities in CD1 receive needed funding to provide places where children and teenagers can play, learn, and grow; where our seniors can socialize and find needed resources and intellectual stimulation; and where all adults can pursue personal enrichment through fitness and continuing education. These existing facilities serve as models for what is needed east of Broadway as well.

#### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The population in Lower Manhattan is growing rapidly. Though the majority of the recent population growth has occurred east of Broadway, the Financial District and Seaport areas are still without a public library branch. A new library is needed to serve the many new residents in these areas. It is also important that our existing libraries in Battery Park City and on Murray Street receive sufficient resources to meet the needs of our growing population, and that funds are allocated to ensure that these libraries are open at times when residents and children need them most.

## Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

The current annual budget allocation for Community Boards is woefully inadequate to address the rapidly increasing needs faced by our lower Manhattan Community Board. Community Boards play a critical role in providing local residents and workers with a voice in determining policies and priorities for their community. A long-awaited and much needed increase would greatly assist us in fulfilling our important mission, particularly at a time when lower Manhattan is undergoing tremendous construction and redevelopment activity that challenge the quality of life of our residents and workers.



# Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide funds for the reestablishment of a robust South Street Seaport Museum as an educational and historical institution, community center, and anchor to the historic South Street Seaport district, including all seaport historic vessels.	South Street Seaport Museum
1/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate Barnett Newman Triangle at Church and White Streets. There is a need to convert this unsightly traffic island into a usable and attractive open space.	Barnett Newman Triangle
1/28	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funding for a new library on the east side of CD1, where the residential population has been increasing rapidly with a particular increase in families and children.	Community Wide
1/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate the pathway of Bowling Green Park, which currently pools with water after heavy rains.	Bowling Green Park
1/28	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop more park and unstructured open space and more ballfields and space for active recreation east of Broadway in Lower Manhattan.	Community Wide
1/28	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Create a performing arts center at Castle Clinton.	Castle Clinton
1/28	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide funding to the NYC Police Museum for improvements to interim space.	Community Wide
1/28	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Build a community center to serve the increased population east of Broadway in Lower Manhattan.	Community Wide
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide additional funding for the expansion and renovation of Elizabeth Berger Plaza to include Trinity Plaza.	Elizabeth Berger Plaza
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete construction of Peck Slip Park.	Peck Slip Plaza



# Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rebuild comfort station and park office in The Battery.	Battery Park
CS	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	Construct connections between East River Bikeway/Walkway and the Battery Park City esplanade. There are currently esplanades/bikeways along both the East and Hudson Rivers starting at the Battery and stretching northward. There is, however, no easy connection between them that enables travelers to go around the Battery and proceed up the other side of Manhattan. It has long been a goal of many downtown organizations to create a continuous waterfront esplanade and bikeway around Manhattan. The completion of the small connection between these two esplanades/bikeways at the Battery would be a major step towards realizing this goal.	Battery Park
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct playground in The Battery.	Battery Park



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase full-time personnel for Parks Department Enforcement (PEP) Officers and maintenance workers, including in the Battery.	Community Wide
1/29	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Provide ongoing, consistent funding for Seaport Museum operations in support of programs, ships and collections.	South Street Seaport Museum 12 Fulton St
1/29	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide funding to supplement maintenance and upkeep at Hudson River Park.	Hudson River Park
1/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Restore funding to FY08 levels to provide increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. The services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers now more than ever and with increased funding can be open more hours, including evenings and weekends, when working families need them.	Community Wide
1/29	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Fund after-school and recreational programs district-wide.	Community Wide
1/29	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Provide funding to the NYC Police Museum for youth programming.	Community Wide
1/29	ОМВ	Provide more community board staff	Increase Community Board budget to \$400,000 which would be the first increase in over 20 years.	Community Wide

# 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

# **Other Capital Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/28	EDC	Resiliency infrastructure	Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency - Provide funds for the design and construction of short to medium term resiliency infrastructure in anticipation of future extreme weather events.	Community Wide
1/28	EDC	Resiliency infrastructure	Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency - Provide funds to close the funding gap for Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency, for the design and construction of long term resiliency infrastructure in anticipation of future extreme weather events.	Community Wide
CS	EDC	Rehabilitate bridges	Provide funding to build permanent pedestrian bridge in southern Battery Park City (West Thames Street bridge) while maintaining the existing bridge until the new bridge is complete and ready for use.	Community Wide
Other Ex	pense Requ	ests		
Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	EDC	Expense	Provide funds to continue maintenance of Governors Island. The current City expense budget includes funding for the expansion of public access to Governors Island. The Trust's priority is to maintain this budgeted level of funding to facilitate the budgeted levels of service to New Yorkers.	GOVERNORS ISLAND
1/29	EDC	Resiliency infrastructure	Provide funding to study and perform a cost-benefit analysis on the New York Harbor Storm Surge Barrier, which would protect all of Lower Manhattan as well as	Community Wide

# **Manhattan Community Board 1 Capital Requests**

Manhattan Community Board 1 submitted 28 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Collister Alley between Laight and Beach Streets, a cobblestone street within CB1's historic district.	Collister Alley Laight St Beach St	
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore N. Moore Street between Hudson Street and Varick Street within CB1's historic district.	N. Moore Street Hudson Street Varick Street	
1/28	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Create a performing arts center at Castle Clinton.	Castle Clinton	
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1/28	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Develop and maintain affordable housing including rent stabilized rentals units.	Community Wide	
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Repair the currently cobbled roadbed of Moore Street between Water and Pearl Streets.	Moore St Water St Pearl St	
1/28	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop more park and unstructured open space and more ballfields and space for active recreation east of Broadway in Lower Manhattan.	Community Wide	
1/28	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct 1,000 K to 5th grade school seats in CB 1 in the next 5-year Capital Plan as committed by the DOE, and provide funding for expansion of the Millennium High School, The New York Harbor School and the Lower Manhattan Community Middle School.	Community Wide	Council Member Margaret Chin
1/28	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Rehabilitate the Morris Street Pedestrian Bridge over the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.	Morris Street Greenwich Street Washington Street	

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1/28	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide funds for improvements to areas under and surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge, including rebuilding active recreation space underneath the bridge as well as repairs to the staircase on Frankfort Street.	Brooklyn Bridge	
1/28	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Provide funds to continue transformation of Governors Island. As the Island completed its ambitious 40-acre park project last year, it is now focusing on a new plan to create a 24/7 community with even more public parks, nonprofit tenants, restaurants, and 5 million square feet of new commercial, office and education space. Funds are also needed for the Islands aging or absent infrastructure and for the maintenance of historic buildings.	Governors Island	

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1/28	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Additional funding for traffic and mobility studies in the Financial District, including east of Broadway and south of Park Row, as well as the WTC area, to address safety, sanitation and crowding issues as noted previously by CB1 and numerous other groups, including for example, the "Make Way for Lower Manhattan" initiative.	Community Wide	
1/28	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Improve and modernize security infrastructure and devices in the vicinity of the New York Stock Exchange which includes Wall and Broad Streets. The Downtown Alliance has initiated a study of the area, but capital funds are needed to update the infrastructure.	NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Staple Street between Duane and Harrison Streets, a cobblestone street within CB1's historic district.	Staple St Duane St Harrison St	
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Duane Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.	Duane St Greenwich St Hudson St	
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Reconstruct and restore Greenwich Street between Vestry Street and Hubert Street, a cobblestone street within CB's historic district.	Greenwich Street Vestry Street Hubert Street	
1/28	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide funds for the reestablishment of a robust South Street Seaport Museum as an educational and historical institution, community center, and anchor to the historic South Street Seaport district, including all seaport historic vessels.	South Street Seaport Museum	
1/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate Barnett Newman Triangle at Church and White Streets. There is a need to convert this unsightly traffic island into a usable and attractive open space.	Barnett Newman Triangle	
1/28	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funding for a new library on the east side of CD1, where the residential population has been increasing rapidly with a particular increase in families and children.	Community Wide	
1/28	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Repair Theater Alley behind the Park Row block.	Theater Alley Beekman St Ann St	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/28	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate the pathway of Bowling Green Park, which currently pools with water after heavy rains.	Bowling Green Park	
CS	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Complete construction of East River Waterfront Esplanade up to Brooklyn Bridge.	East River Waterfront Esplanade	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct playground in The Battery.	Battery Park	
CS	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	Construct connections between East River Bikeway/Walkway and the Battery Park City esplanade. There are currently esplanades/bikeways along both the East and Hudson Rivers starting at the Battery and stretching northward. There is, however, no easy connection between them that enables travelers to go around the Battery and proceed up the other side of Manhattan. It has long been a goal of many downtown organizations to create a continuous waterfront esplanade and bikeway around Manhattan. The completion of the small connection between these two esplanades/bikeways at the Battery would be a major step towards realizing this goal.	Battery Park	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rebuild comfort station and park office in The Battery.	Battery Park	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete construction of Peck Slip Park.	Peck Slip Plaza	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide additional funding for the expansion and renovation of Elizabeth Berger Plaza to include Trinity Plaza.	Elizabeth Berger Plaza	

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CS	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Create viable pedestrian and bicycle connections and access to the Battery Maritime Building with open space in front of the building in association with the proposed development.	Battery Maritime Building	
CS	EDC	Rehabilitate bridges	Provide funding to build permanent pedestrian bridge in southern Battery Park City (West Thames Street bridge) while maintaining the existing bridge until the new bridge is complete and ready for use.	Community Wide	

# **Manhattan Community Board 1 Expense Requests**

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1/29	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Provide funding for a senior services referral center.	Community Wide	
1/29	OMB	Provide more community board staff	Increase Community Board budget to \$400,000 which would be the first increase in over 20 years.	Community Wide	
1/29	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Fund traffic study of South End Avenue in Battery Park City.	Battery Park City	
1/29	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	Increase funding for mental health and outreach to the population of homeless veterans in CB1.	Community Wide	
1/29	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Provide funding to the NYC Police Museum for youth programming.	Community Wide	
1/29	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Provide funding to study the Holland Tunnel area and continue to pursue actions to alleviate the continuous negative impacts.	Holland Tunnel	
1/29	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase personnel for day, night and weekend building and construction site inspections (enforcement teams) and for additional community liaison staff, with additional resources for enforcement of Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) regulations and compliance.	Community Wide	
1/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Increase funding for mental health and outreach to the homeless population in CB 1.	Community Wide	
1/29	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Allocate funds for staff to determine impact of contextual zoning district proposals and revise current zoning regulations for CB1 to better reflect ability of City services and infrastructure to match growth of residents, workers, tourists and students.	Community Wide	
1/29	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund maintenance and repair of cobblestone streets that have been rebuilt in Tribeca in recent years.	Community Wide	
1/29	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Provide funds to study impact of the Water Street Zoning Text amendment on open spaces in Lower Manhattan.	Water Street The Battery Fulton Street	
1/29	EDC	Expense	Provide funds to continue maintenance of Governors Island. The current City expense budget includes funding for the expansion of public access to Governors Island. The Trust's priority is to maintain this budgeted level of funding to facilitate the budgeted levels of service to New Yorkers.	GOVERNORS ISLAND	
1/29	DEP	Address air quality issues	Increase personnel for 24/7 air/noise/idling inspections (enforcement teams) including for helicopters, trucks, buses and construction equipment.	Community Wide	

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1/29	EDC	Resiliency infrastructure	Provide funding to study and perform a cost-benefit analysis on the New York Harbor Storm Surge Barrier, which would protect all of Lower Manhattan as well as other areas along NYC's vulnerable waterways.	Community Wide	
1/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Restore funding to FY08 levels to provide increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. The services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers now more than ever and with increased funding can be open more hours, including evenings and weekends, when working families need them.	Community Wide	
1/29	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase full-time personnel for Parks Department Enforcement (PEP) Officers and maintenance workers, including in the Battery.	Community Wide	
1/29	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide funding to supplement maintenance and upkeep at Hudson River Park.	Hudson River Park	
1/29	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Provide ongoing, consistent funding for Seaport Museum operations in support of programs, ships and collections.	South Street Seaport Museum 12 Fulton St	
1/29	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Continue funding for senior programs operating at the districts senior centers, Independent Plaza North, Southbridge Towers and St. Margarets House.	Community Wide	
1/29	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Increase personnel of 1st Precinct for quality of life issues such as bus enforcement including double-decker and tour buses, street vendors, crime, traffic enforcement, noise related to disruptive bars and clubs and enforcement of traffic and parking regulations including placard parking, illegal parking and blocking curb cuts and bike lanes, black cars, limos, cyclists, motorcycles and electric bicycles.	Community Wide	
1/29	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide traffic personnel with traffic mitigation training and mitigation measures along Canal Street at the following intersections: West Street, Washington Street, Greenwich Street, Hudson Street, Varick Street and Church Street during evening rush hours, nights and weekends and provide the same at the intersections of West Street and Albany, Liberty, Murray and Warren Streets, and at the intersections of Hudson and Vestry Streets and Hudson and Laight Streets.	Community Wide	
1/29	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Provide funds for staff to study land use patterns and zoning designations to better match current use and future neighborhood needs. This includes the Tribeca area of Community Board 1, which has seen a dramatic rise in sidewalk cafes throughout the district that are often located on crowded, narrow side streets that are inappropriate for this use. CB1 would like to see a study of zoning options to limit sidewalk cafes in Tribeca.	Community Wide	

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1/29	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Increase resources to address the proliferation of rats and other vermin in Lower Manhattan.	Community Wide	
1/29	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide funding to study Route 9A (West Street) traffic patterns from 59th Street to Battery Place, focusing on pedestrian and vehicular interaction.	Route 9A 59th St Battery Place	
1/29	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Fund additional school crossing guards in needed locations, especially near elementary schools. It is also critical to increase the pay rate for school crossing guards and to offer full-time positions in addition to part-time.	Community Wide	State Senator Squadron and Assembly Members Glick and Silver; Council Member Chin
1/29	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Allocate funds for increased surveillance and law enforcement in non-permitted street encampments which are causing problems of safety, sanitation and economic distress to residents and retail merchants.	Community Wide	
1/29	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Add personnel and resources to increase frequency of garbage pick-ups and graffiti removal to match the residential population explosion in the district, and increase enforcement of regulations for commercial waste.	Community Wide	
1/29	ННС	Other health care facilities requests	Provide funding to Gouverneur Healthcare.	227 Madison Street	
1/29	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Fund after-school and recreational programs district- wide.	Community Wide	

## **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**



Senior slide

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## Youth, Education and Child Welfare



Open Space Inventory Update

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**Population Summary** 

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## Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



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## Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



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