

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

Fiscal Year
2022

**Bronx
Community District
2**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

Bronx Community Board 2

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District Manager: Rafael Acevedo

2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

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

Bronx Community District 2 - Land Use

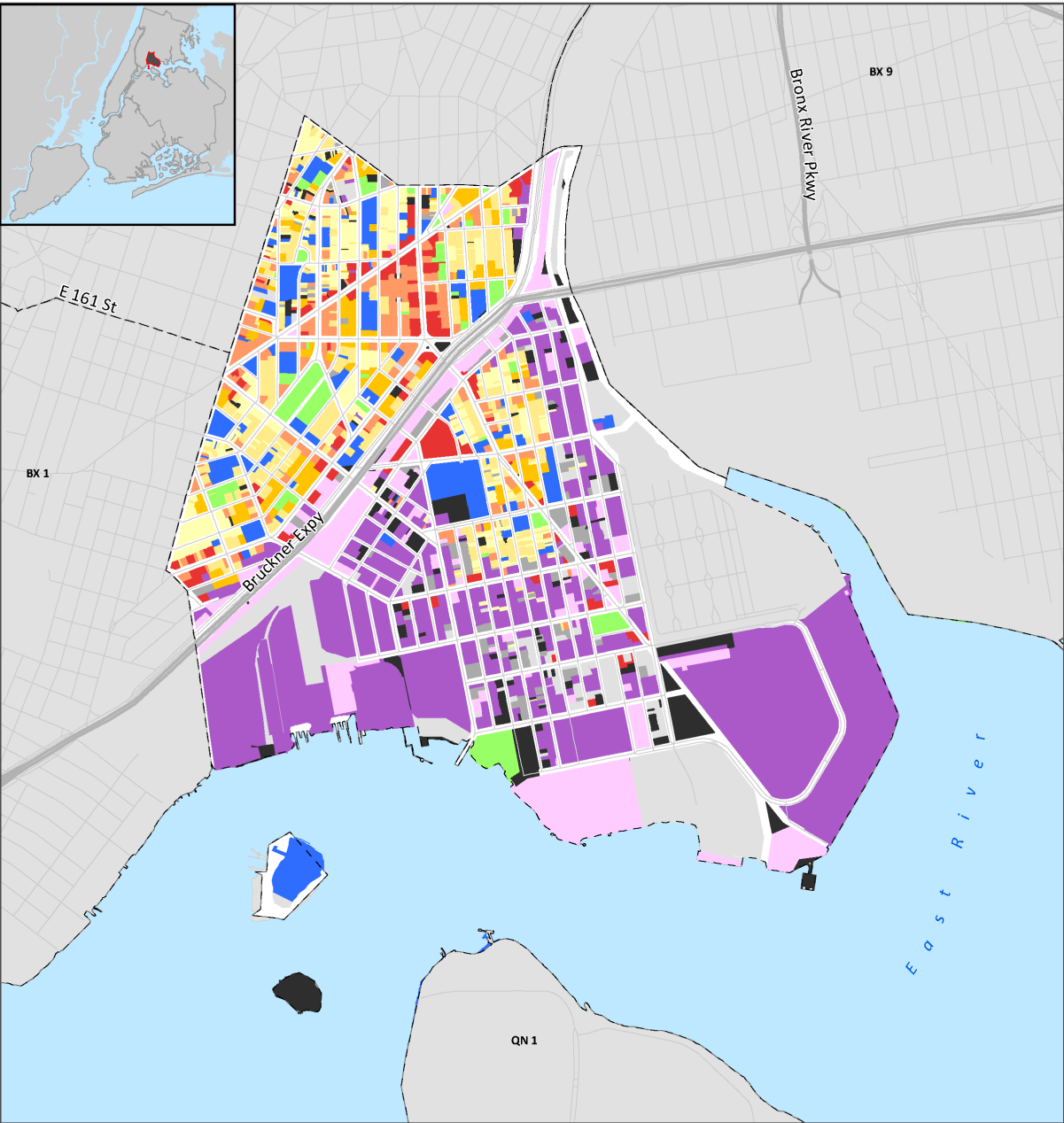
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| One & Two Family Buildings | Commercial/Office Buildings | Open Space |
| MultiFamily Walkup Buildings | Industrial/Manufacturing | Parking Facilities |
| MultiFamily Elevator Buildings | Transportation/Utility | Vacant Land |
| Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings | Public Facilities & Institutions | All Others or No Data |

Community Districts



0 1,000 2,000 Feet

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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District #2 is located in the Southeast corner of the Bronx, bounded by the Bronx River on the east, the East River on the south, E. 149th Street and Prospect Avenue on the west and portions of E. 169th Street, E. 167th Street and Westchester Avenue on the north. It is comprised of the neighborhoods of Hunt's Point, Longwood and the southeastern portion of Morrisania. The Europeans first settled Hunt's Point in 1663. At this time, Edward Jessup and John Richardson arrived on the peninsula and purchased the land from the Wekkguasegeeck tribe indigenous to the area. After Jessup died, his widow, Elizabeth entrusted the land to Thomas Hunt Jr., her son in-law. Once part of West Farms in lower Westchester County, the area was annexed to New York City in 1874 and began to develop after a subway line from Manhattan was extended in 1904. As more people moved to the area, the city's business owners began to realize the advantages of locating to Hunt's Point. Among them were the convenient access to the Tri-State region, the existing rail lines running through the Hunt's Point area and the abundance of space available for the development of industrial and commercial activity. Today, Hunt's Point is consider one of the largest transportation hubs in the City with vehicle, rail and barge.

By the 1960's local housing was deteriorating and many residents left for the suburbs. Hunt's Point was beset by poverty, drugs, and crime in the 1970's and early 1980's. Characterized by frequent arson and mass abandonment, this period was undoubtedly the low point in the area's rich and diverse history. Living conditions became so difficult that almost 60,000 residents, approximately two-thirds of the existing population left, or were forced out, of the neighborhood during the 1970's. Conditions later vastly improved through the initiatives of SEBCO Development Corp., Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association, South Bronx Development Corp., the Bronx Borough President's Office, and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development which created new housing and rehabilitated existing housing. The success of their efforts are clearly evident. Between 1980 and 1990, the population of the district grew by 14.7 percent, the largest margin of growth of any community in the Bronx. From 1990 to 2000 the Growth rate was 18.7 percent, From 2000 to 2010 the growth rate was 12%. Of over 6000 new units, two-thirds are located in what were once vacated buildings and one-third are newly created low-density housing. So thorough is the development and renovation of the district that no city owned apartment building in the community stands vacant.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

The District needs to retain its current stock of affordable housing with wrap around services to prevent eviction. The District also needs more subsidize vouchers to offset rent expenses. The District can also benefit from a revision of HUD guidelines with regards to the Area Medium Income (AMI).

Schools

Schools - The District is having a growth in residents without new seating capacity in the local schools. Also, the District is in dire need of more Pre-K and 3K seating. The District can also benefit from free Wi-Fi service as many students face connection challenges with DOE issued tablets. Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations.

Traffic

Being a transportation hub, the District suffers from a high volume of traffic. Roadways are being downsize and there is major construction on our local expressways. The District needs more measures in place to assure proper travel enforcement to decrease the amount of unnecessary traffic and accidents.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, etc.)

The District can benefit from more COVID-19 resources. The District is one of the lowest tested Districts in the Borough; This can prevent transmission. The District also needs more Personal Protective equipment (PPE).

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.

Needs for Homeless

Homeless families in shelters in the district are expressing concerns that their providers are not providing adequate services to help them achieve permanent housing and lack of support services. There is also a lack of transparency of properly informing the community when a homeless shelter is coming to the community.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Increase the number of Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/9	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>COVID-19 testing and personal protective equipment</i>	
6/9	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.</i>	
9/9	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Increase pest control extermination services in our community to include Mosquito abatement, Raccoons, and bedbug control</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Remote learning and technology

The District needs more WiFi accessibility for DOE Tablets with connection issues.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/3	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>Build a new High School in the District to accommodate seating capacity</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/9	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>Increase funding for after school programs and summer day camp programs operated by Community Based organizations.</i>	
5/9	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Increase funding for WiFi hotspots so students can connect easier.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

- Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/9	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Increase NYPD Truck Enforcement to address the illegal parked vehicles/trailers within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Illegal Dumping

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

When there is a rain storm there are certain locations in the district in which flooding is common due to: 1. No Catch Basins 2. Clogged Catch Basins

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/9	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>Increase Sanitation enforcement to address illegal dumping within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 2

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

Housing support services (for tenants and homeowners)

Affordable housing developments being created in this community is not meeting the needs of our residents because the AMI formula being used does not fit with our financial and economic needs.

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.

Needs for Economic Development

The Hunts Point Workforce One does not provide adequate jobs that meet the needs of our community.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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TRANSPORTATION

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)

The District is suffering from heavy traffic volume and can greatly benefit from traffic enforcement.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/9	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Increase traffic enforcement to minimize volume and accidents.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 2

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

Park care and maintenance

Parks department personnel in the district is at a bare minimum and more staffing is needed. More PEP is needed to address a recent spike in homeless activity.

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

Needs for Parks

No comments

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

District Service Cabinet meetings are mandated by the NYC Charter in which City Agencies are required to attend. However, there are agencies who do not attend at all: HPD, DOE, HRA, NYCHA and Consumer Affairs

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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1/3	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center</i>	
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6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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Other Expense Requests

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7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

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