

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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2027

**Manhattan Community
District
4**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Manhattan

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

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

Manhattan Community District 4

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	103,245	100.00	131,351	100.00	28,106	27.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	8,712	8.4	11,444	8.7	2,732	31.4	0.3
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	103,245	100.0	131,351	100.0	28,106	27.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	18,259	17.7	23,249	17.7	4,990	27.3	0.0
White non-Hispanic	62,037	60.1	69,509	52.9	7,472	12.0	-7.2
Black non-Hispanic	6,403	6.2	9,075	6.9	2,672	41.7	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	13,556	13.1	22,933	17.5	9,377	69.2	4.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	610	0.6	1,258	1.0	648	106.2	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,380	2.3	5,327	4.1	2,947	123.8	1.8
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	69,598	100.0	84,357	100.0	14,759	21.2	0.0
Occupied housing units	61,059	87.7	75,001	88.9	13,942	22.8	1.2
Vacant housing units	8,539	12.3	9,356	11.1	817	9.6	-1.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 4

Manhattan Community District 4 ("MCD4") is comprised of three neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards bounded by 14th Street in the south, West 59th Street in the north, Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and Eighth Avenue north of 26th Street as its eastern border and Hudson River to the west. Portions of several well-known and economy-driven areas exist within MCD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Market Historic District, the Ladies' Mile Shopping District, the West Chelsea Historic District and the Theater District. Other notable sites in MCD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, Columbus Circle, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the Javits Center, the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal, Bella Abzug Park, Manhattan West, the Vessel and The Shed at Hudson Yards, the Circle Line, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Maritime Piers 56-99, and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

Community District 4 Trends

In addition to challenges induced by the pandemic and looming federal budget cuts, our district has been undergoing major population and development changes over the past two decades. Since 2010, the population of MCD4 has grown over 27%(1). This comes on the heels of 20% growth between 2000 and 2010, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth is four times faster than New York City's. The rapid increase in land value accelerated the displacement of many long-time tenants and small business owners, while many benefits of new development are slow to materialize. Members of MCD4 have strived for balance between the redevelopment of these areas with the preservation and expansion of the district's long-time residential neighborhoods. A major priority is ensuring that new development not only increases the badly-needed supply of housing overall, but in particular, helps produce more permanently affordable housing to supplement the declining stock of stabilized and older but more affordable market-rate apartments lost to demolitions.

Overall, the rezonings and new large-scale construction has not been met with sufficient mitigations and an expansion of City services to maintain the quality of life for existing residents. Some of the large-scale projects within MCD4 that have been completed in recent years include Hudson Yards, Manhattan West, the Moynihan Train Hall, with work on Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel and the Port Authority Bus Terminal replacement ongoing. City agencies, such as those working on sanitation, police, social services, and education, are slow to adjust their level of services to meet our increased population. Consequently, our services and infrastructure struggle to keep pace with the needs of a much larger population of residents, workers, and tourists.

Within the last couple of years, MCD4 has seen concerns with both low-level crimes and apparent disorder on our streets and sidewalks, even as major crime statistics have improved. For the fourth year in a row, public safety was reflected as the top priority in our district-wide survey. The city must recognize the critical need for our requested programs making our streets and neighborhoods safer, including the need for a larger presence of police officers on foot walking our neighborhoods. Despite the efforts of the NYPD, crime, drug use, noise, and emotionally disturbed people have made increased foot patrols the most frequently requested item in our community district needs survey.

While trash collection has improved markedly, the new rules are poorly followed and enforced: containers with open lids routinely overflow with bags, and containers are stored haphazardly during the day giving a sense of dirtiness and taking space from pedestrians. More needs to be

done to enforce the existing rules relating to on-street trash storage and collection. With our district topping out at 764 street wastebaskets, much of the trash overflow is due to improper use and illegal dumping, which often goes unchecked by the City.

Our district is consistently recorded as having some of the worst air quality in New York City. The three main factors contributing to that dubious honor is our constant building and construction, traffic congestion of diesel fuel vehicles and the cruise ship emissions from vessels docked at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal. The city can make great strides in curbing two of those three with immediate action MCD4 is requesting in our budget asks: to develop public electric vehicle charging stations to encourage the elimination of gas-power vehicles on our roads and MCD4 has long been on record for the conversion to electric shore power at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal.

While the challenges of the past few years are nothing new, federal threats to the City's housing, social services, healthcare, transportation, and other infrastructure funding have left residents concerned about how to maintain basic services and ensure that residents continue to have their basic needs met. All of these threats pose to exacerbate the already unaffordable cost of living for residents. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers acting with impunity have left many New Yorkers concerned for their own safety and that of their neighbors. Transgender New Yorkers are living with threats to their ability to obtain gender-affirming care. The City may not be able to fix every new issue created by the federal government, but it will be incumbent upon City leaders to figure out how to prioritize funding and resources to ensure New York can continue to be the diverse and vibrant city it is today.

footnotes

1. <https://popfactfinder.planning.nyc.gov/explorer/districts/104?source=decennial-change>

Community District 4 - Immediate Issues

For decades, MCB4 has been a strong advocate for affordable housing at a range of incomes. Our community believes that socioeconomic diversity and integration are the only way to keep Clinton/Hell's Kitchen, Hudson Yards and Chelsea the thriving neighborhoods they are today. This constant principle frames virtually all district need discussions and is also reflected in our Statement of District Needs priority list.

Deteriorating Street Life Conditions: The past few years have seen an increase in open drug use, street homelessness, and street trash, harming the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The reductions in policing, sanitation enforcement, DOB enforcement and the disproportionate placement of shelter residents without commensurate increases in public services has noticeably changed the character of our neighborhoods. While some funding was ultimately restored for a number of city-wide enrichment and social service programs since the COVID-19 pandemic, MCD4 still faces significant public safety challenges, a high rate of commercial vacancies and unsanitary street conditions. After a years-long lull in commuter activity, MCD4's sidewalks are once again bustling with tourists, workers, and residents alike. Notably, MCD4 contains tourist attractions and transit hubs for the whole of New York City and requires resources in order to keep the City a welcoming place for visitors. When our street conditions receive less investment, it harms not only residents, but all of those who come to MCD4 as their first stop in New York City.

The long delay between cannabis legalization and the State's issuance of the first dispensary licenses resulted in a robust industry of "smoke shops" operating as cannabis stores. These establishments rarely card and are a convenient way for minors to obtain drugs. The City needs to step up enforcement resources to combat the rise of these unlicensed stores and the risk they pose to our community. Due to recent tweaks to the law - notably, holding landlords responsible for renting to unlicensed sellers - as well as enforcement efforts across multiple agencies, such as the deputization of NYPD officers by the Sheriff's Office, the number of illegal cannabis stores in the district has fallen from a peak of 50+. However, many are still open, and will stay open unless the

City increases the urgency with which it addresses this issue. There is also a need for resources for cannabis education; many consumers are still not aware of the distinction between licensed and unlicensed stores and wrongly assume that the product at the latter is safe, tested, and regulated. Without expanded enforcement and education, minors will continue to be endangered, adult consumers will be exposed to unsafe and untested product, and the growing number of legal cannabis establishments will risk going out of business.

Road Safety including Car, E-Bikes & Moped Use: In MCD4 the sheer volume of vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and delivery workers makes getting around the neighborhoods chaotic and, at times, unsafe. The past few years have seen massive increases in cycling and of food delivery workers, creating more micro-mobility traffic on streets and in bike lanes. At the same time, the number of fatalities and injuries of pedestrians and cyclists due to vehicular collisions is also at its highest in years citywide. While there is not good data to understand the problem, residents express growing concern about the hazards that improper use of e-bikes and mopeds bring to our streets and sidewalks.

The rapid growth of the app-based delivery market has drastically changed our street and sidewalk experience over the past few years. Neither our infrastructure nor our institutions have the space nor enforcement capacity to accommodate this growth. While many of our district's residents and workers benefit from abundant delivery options, we are all harmed by the lack of accountability from the app-based companies and the failure to regulate their operations in Manhattan.

To combat these issues, resources are needed for both education and enforcement, for all vehicle users, including New Yorkers who have become actively engaged in the gig economy as "deliveristas," delivering food and other goods typically via e-bike or moped. While not a budgetary request per se, MCB4 also requests that app-based delivery companies are held accountable for the hazard that fast-paced deliveries create. MCB4 also requests that NYPD enforcement for unsafe driving and parking be prioritized in order to limit the threat of those road users.

MCD4 Related Documents:

- MCB4 Affordable Housing Plan: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2025/08/74-HHHS-MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-2025.pdf>
 - MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group
- Recommendations (2022): <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-N-B-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>
- Chelsea NYCHA Report (2021): <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>
 - MCB4 on Cannabis Licensing and Public Health: [https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/08/13-BLP-Letter-to-Office-of-Cannabis-Management-re-Illicit-Cannabis-Dispensaries.pdf](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/08/13-BLP-Letter-to-Office-of-Cannabis-Management-re-Illlicit-Cannabis-Dispensaries.pdf)

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 4

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and Public Safety

Crime and Public Safety

In our recent district-wide survey, public safety was far and away the number one concern in our area. Our Community Board continues to hear a high level of public concern regarding public disorder and crime. Despite CrimeStat figures indicating a decrease in most major crimes, Midtown continues to suffer from public disorder, including drug dealing, open drug use, illegal cannabis shops, flouting of traffic rules, noise complaints, and individuals experiencing mental health crises with nowhere to turn. Additional support for mental health outreach, more funding for increased foot patrols and overall improved coordination with MCD4 stakeholders is needed in the district. We request more officers patrolling the streets by foot at regular intervals and be visible to the community. An additional goal is to reduce the response time for complaints and to improve coordination with the community. Illicit activity is occurring in our parks; therefore, we continue to request more Park Enforcement Patrol (PEPs officers) to help keep our parks clean and safe. We also request more traffic enforcement to stem the rise of vehicular collisions and illegal behavior by cyclists and drivers. Finally, in addition to more resources for NYPD, additional resources are needed for the District Attorney's Office and Courts like the Midtown Community Justice Center to provide support for enforcing current laws and offering alternatives to incarceration.

Affordable Housing

While MCD4 has added thousands of market rate and affordable units over the past few decades, housing affordability continues to be a top issue among members of the community. At the same time, MCD4 continues to lose its older stock of affordable housing stock to unscrupulous actors. Such actions that threaten affordable housing include illegal demolitions, illegal hotel conversions, and harassment of tenants by landlords. Only in the past few years have state laws been strengthened to preserve and protect the existing rent-stabilized stock. Of continued significant importance is the preservation and creation of new affordable housing at a range of income levels. Affordable units across the board are essential to maintaining a truly socioeconomically integrated district as members of our middle and working class struggle to afford to stay. We also strongly advocate for a greater number of multi-bedroom units to allow families to stay in the neighborhood as they grow. In June and July 2025, our Community Board updated its Affordable Housing Plan detailing potential sites for additional market rate and affordable housing development. Amid our commitment to develop and preserve affordable housing, we must also ensure the protection of tenants and sustained investment in Harborview, Elliot Chelsea, and Fulton Houses NYCHA developments.

Other - Write In (Required)

As neighbors to major gateways to the City, including the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the entry/exit to the Lincoln Tunnel, the West Side Highway and the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal (MCT), MCD4 residents are deeply familiar with problems that make up living at the center of a major city. But long-term residents have noted that issues including noise and street trash have worsened while improvements on air quality and traffic congestion have stalled. Noise and concerns over homeless individuals topped the list of reasons for the 311 calls in the district for 2025. Buses idle in parking and on the streets. Even with the implementation of congestion pricing, queues of cars and trucks idle for hours every day to enter the Lincoln tunnel, blocking the intersections and creating even more gridlock and idling. Pedestrian and cyclist injuries continue as congestion has worsened.

Ambulances and fire trucks cannot make it through traffic and honk endlessly, adding noise pollution to the environment. One of the worst offenders to healthy living is the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal and the constant stream of harmful particulates that make the cruise ships a public health and climate liability. MCB4's priorities again this year include expediting infrastructure to the MCT for electric shore power, completing transportation, pedestrian, and cycling infrastructure to alleviate congestion, and increasing enforcement against illegal trash dumping.

As residents watch quality of life erode, it has become more challenging to build trust and support for new projects coming from City agencies and private developers. Engaging in transparent, long-term, comprehensive planning that accounts for the impacts of these large projects would go a long way toward improving both quality of life and trust between the City and residents of MCB4.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Homelessness became a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years, having been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020 followed by the migrant crisis which began during the spring of 2022. The large number of emergency hotel shelter sites, social services sites and large transportation hubs located within MCD4, including the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Moynihan Train Hall / New York Penn Station, mean that the district has natural gathering places for unsheltered individuals and others often with high social services needs including mental health and substance abuse needs with insufficient support or treatment options.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Health Care: Like many New Yorkers, residents of MCD4 face threats to healthcare access created by policy changes at the federal level. Funding for community health centers remains in jeopardy while programs and subsidies that have made insurance affordable are on the chopping block. In particular, funding for organizations offering gender-affirming care for transgender New Yorkers are under threat from the federal government. With less federal funding supporting healthcare access in MCD4, residents will need the City and State to fill in the gaps to accessing care, particularly for low-income residents. While the community is no longer home to the many thousands of new New Yorkers who called the district home over the past two years, the need for affordable and accessible healthcare, including primary care, prenatal care, and dental care remain.

MCB4 remains concerned by the closure of local healthcare facilities, especially as the district's residential population has grown. Over 50 hospitals have closed across NYS since 1996, with more than a third occurring in New York City. The ability to obtain timely doctor appointments and patient services, depending on the specialty needed, is a concern and an important issue.

HIV/AIDS: The number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Clinton\Hell's Kitchen and Chelsea neighborhoods continues to be disproportionately high compared to other neighborhoods. The recent re-opening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic along with long-standing community partners in the district, i.e., Ryan-Chelsea Clinton Community Health Center, Callen-Lorde, and Gay Men's Health Crisis, are crucial partners in this fight, but more resources are needed for the efforts to make PrEP, PEP, and rapid HIV testing more accessible to all members of our community district. Public awareness campaigns around safe sex and sexual health should also be expanded.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the US Bureau of the Census, as of 2020, there are 17,000 individuals (12.9%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boomer generation reached the 65-year mark. The number of people aged 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the MCD4 partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the performing arts with many constituents living in MCD4), the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1,700 unit Section 8 building with over 1,100 seniors) to conduct a

survey of seniors residing in MCD4. The survey identified several main priorities: education and outreach to seniors about the availability of SCRIE, a campaign to identify and promote age-friendly local business, an expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical home visit programs, support services for caregivers of the frail elderly, and a housing agenda for older New Yorkers.

Needs for Homeless

Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years. Large public facilities located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal, Moynihan Train Hall, and New York Penn Station, are natural gathering places for people without other places to go. MCB4 is open to homeless shelters in our district to help offer those who need it a place to live but encourages the City and social services partners to exercise care around future sitings. Significant consideration should be given to the location and size of any shelter opening in our community as to not concentrate too many high-need individuals in a confined area. Given the number of shelters and services in the district, MCD4 hopes to see stronger services that help residents make a successful transition from shelter to housing. Various City programs and services (including the new NYC Health + Hospitals Bridge to Home Program in MCD4) aim to meet the dual goal of assisting those with behavioral health issues while providing a path forward to permanent housing. Additionally, as a portion of the street homeless population need considerable mental healthcare and social services, there must be an increase in street outreach to engage this population to offer those services.

Needs for Low Income NYs

According to the NYU Furman Center, MCB4 represents the interests of the neighborhoods with one of the highest levels of income inequality in New York City. Our district is also home to three large public housing developments: the Chelsea-Elliot Houses, the Robert Fulton Houses, and Harborview Terrace. MCB4's 2020 Community Needs Assessment found that families living in public housing or rent controlled units need affordable retailers such as grocery stores. More resources are needed to help MCB4 residents access WIC providers and help more grocery stores become authorized WIC vendors.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOHMH	1 / 2	Ryan Health Center - Capital Needs
DOHMH	2 / 2	Ryan Health Center - Space Needs

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	Increase home delivered meals capacity
DHS	1 / 1	Expand street outreach
DOHMH	1 / 1	STi HIV/AIDS Treatment Funding
HHC	1 / 1	Gender Affirming Care Funding
HRA	1 / 1	Discharge Planning

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

MCD4 is part of Schools District 2 elementary and middle schools. New York State Exams for 2023-2024 show a D2 ELA proficiency level of 76% to 78% and a Math proficiency level of 78% to 80%. These proficiency rates include English Language Learners and Multilingual Learners. Attendance rates for 2023-24 was 93%, a 1% decline from the 2018-19 pre-pandemic school year. D2 academic goals for this year are to 1) increase literacy rates in elementary school using NYC Reads; 2) increase math proficiency in middle schools using NYC Solves, a program that focuses on problem solving; 3) increase attendance rates; 4) reduce removal/suspension rates. Furthermore, there are twenty citywide high schools located in MCD4 that have different academic focuses. The graduation rate for New York City high schools was 83% in 2023.

Most schools located in MCD4 are meeting their enrollment targets. However, two elementary schools continue to see fluctuations in enrollment due to hotels within school zones being used as temporary shelters. PS 111 and PS 51 both had an increase in students in temporary housing from shelters at the Skyline and Row hotels while PS 33 has seen a reduction due to the closure of the Stewart. The enrolling and unenrolling of students are a constant challenge for these school communities and school budgets. In addition to meeting the educational needs of these students, Principals, teachers, and parents continue to support families with basic needs including toiletries, snacks, and school supplies.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

There is an urgent need of funds to support P.S. 33 during all phases of the proposed FEC redevelopment process. Some of those needs include but are not limited to air filtration systems on the outside and inside of the building, 3rd party consultant to monitor air inside the building, replacement of air conditioners, properly sealing of windows for noise and dust control, installation of air quality sensors inside and outside of the building, rodent mitigation, new outdoor lighting, and a wall to enclose the play yard and roof from construction. PS 33 students will also need a place to have recess when the school yard is no longer deemed safe due to poor air quality and noise from the construction.

Additionally, funds are needed to make modifications in MCD4 schools to meet the Class Size law. Progress is being made in elementary and middle schools to meet the 60% class size reduction goals for the 2025-26 school year. Strategies to reduce class size includes hiring new teachers, converting spaces (that were not classrooms) into classrooms, dividing larger size rooms into smaller ones and sharing rooms. Our school buildings also need basic improved infrastructure. Bathrooms need updating; many buildings are still not completely ADA accessible; and many need technology upgrades in software and hardware. Many students also need laptops and tablets to do their homework and to have language access and support when not in school to meet their basic educational standards.

There continues to be a need for free after school programming, 3K programming, and bilingual Spanish speaking teachers and social workers. Schools District 2 overall is experiencing a shortage of teachers and paraprofessionals and is working to fill those roles.

Finally, the current number of existing and planned schools in MCD4 is not meeting the demand for seats of school-age children who are currently living in our community and the expected increase in students from all the new residential developments. As development continues, more children will enter our district schools, impacting schools already operating at full and at over capacity.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Our board has heard from the community about challenges the public school system has to support the number of Students in Temporary Housing. While the numbers of STH in Schools District 2 have gone down, there are still large percentages of unhoused students in schools located in MCD4. PTAs cannot raise enough funds to cover teaching assistants, field trips, family engagement events, and other extracurricular activities that school budgets cannot afford. Accessing student transportation is an ongoing struggle for many families, especially those in temporary housing. Changes to housing accommodations often cause several days of delay before students can be scheduled for regular bus pickups, leading to loss of school days.

Students living in temporary shelters have specific needs that require supportive social services from the city. Their schools need to have permanent on-site bi-lingual Spanish speaking social workers to help address the challenges they and their families are experiencing. Our students could also benefit from workforce development programs and educational programs that promote socioeconomic mobility. As our district's population continues to become more diverse, continued effort should be made to further diversify the educator workforce in our school's teaching and administrative staff, which research has shown will improve academic outcomes, improve attendance and decrease suspensions. Our students with thinking and learning differences must be provided with additional support and all students should have test preparation available to them. Our priority is to provide each of our students with access to the resources that will enable them to perform at the level they are capable of academically and develop the skills they will need for success in continuing education and the 21st century workplace.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 3	PS 11 Sign for School's New Name
DOE	2 / 3	PS 33 - Construction Mitigation
DOE	3 / 3	Technology Upgrades for District 2 Schools
SCA	1 / 9	Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology - PA System
SCA	2 / 9	M408 - ADA accessible Cafeteria
SCA	3 / 9	Manhattan Bridges HS Auditorium
SCA	4 / 9	Business of Sports HS - Library
SCA	5 / 9	Ps 111 ADA accessibility
SCA	6 / 9	PS 51 Roof top Garden
SCA	7 / 9	LAB Middle School - Security Doors
SCA	8 / 9	Class Size Mandate Renovations
SCA	9 / 9	HS Environmental Studies - Renovations
SCA	CS	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school
SCA	CS	Bathrooms & Water Fountains
SCA	CS	Security Cameras District Wide

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 4	Pre-K and 3K Seats
DOE	2 / 4	Wifi and Technology Funding
DOE	3 / 4	Bilingual Staff
DOE	4 / 4	PS 33 Maintenance Staff
DYCD	1 / 1	After School Programs

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Our district has been fortunate to see most major crime down across MCD4 precincts. However, the impact of increased open drug use, shoplifting, pickpocketing, package theft and traffic infractions remain concerns. Many of these issues fall under 'quality of life' concerns, but in aggregate these infractions threaten the sense of safety for residents and visitors alike. Midtown South which has one of the highest numbers of narcotics arrests in all of New York City. Many of those that are arrested are recidivists that continue to find our communities a comfortable place to operate. Required resources to help improve these conditions are increased staffing for "beat cops" and improved car, e-bike, and moped enforcement. In addition to more resources for uniformed law enforcement, additional resources are needed for the District Attorney's Office and Courts like the Midtown Community Justice Center to provide support for enforcing current laws.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

With the development of the Hudson Yards, a 50% growth in population in the last 20 years, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, high traffic tourist destinations (the Vessel, Bella Abzug Park, Whitney Museum, High line) and commuter flows (#7 subway, Lincoln tunnel and Bus terminal), increased deliveries (Whole Foods/Amazon, USPS, FedEx and UPS distribution centers in our districts) and schools (Avenues, Success Academy, PS 33) our current precincts are stretched to the limit. The four distinct precincts that service our district creates barriers to resolving public safety issues across our communities and MCB4 has long advocated for reorganizing the precinct footprints to better serve the district. The significant increase of residential and commercial populations along with the increase in crime in the district require a better distribution of resources and a more nimble structure. The consideration of a substation 10th Precinct NYPD facility, particularly in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.

Needs for Emergency Services

As the Westside of Manhattan has become more residential with larger and larger residential buildings being built, additional FDNY/EMS and NYPD facilities and services are needed in this growing area. These new facilities will need to be more streamlined, energy efficient and overall, more accessible.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	CS	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	B-Heard Program Funding
NYPD	1 / 2	Additional Uniformed Officers for Foot Patrols
NYPD	2 / 2	Expand Traffic Division

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Some of the most obvious and visible neighborhood deterioration relates to DSNY and the unsightly and unsanitary conditions of our streets and curbsides. While trash overflowing corner bins has improved, commercial trash conditions have worsened. This is resulting in uninviting and unhealthy conditions. Poor garbage storage and pickup have led to a serious pest control problem and increased litter making its way into streets, waterways, and parks. Sites for commercial garbage storage must be developed wherever possible off-street to be used until shortly before pick-up. MCD4 prioritizes rectifying these unsanitary conditions with more frequent corner basket collection including a permanent "gap truck" for daytime pick up, syringe removal, enforcement against businesses failing to maintain sanitary streets and illegal dumping, and an overall commitment to getting our city clean. The need to restore a robust syringe collection unit is critical. In addition, MCB4's Sanitation Planning Working Group produced a report with a number of recommendations to streamline the storage and management of residential trash and recycling. MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group Recommendations:

[https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4- SPWG- Recommendations-1.pdf](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG- Recommendations-1.pdf)

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The entire coastline of MCD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District are categorized as high-risk flood zones. As climate change brings greater threats to the city and our coastline, more of MCD4 will be at higher risk. Our position on this is clear - we support the offshore barrier system presented in plans 2 and 3A of the most recent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers NY/NJ Harbors and Tributaries study. We strongly oppose the proposed plan of a great barrier flood wall along the west side of Manhattan.

Our antiquated sewer and water system with combined sewer overflows needs updating, as climate change continues to inundate the system and forces raw sewage onto the streets and into basements of buildings. We expect The City will start to implement green options in all renovations and new builds, such as permeable pavement, to mitigate street flooding and encourage water separation.

MCD4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of MCD4 containing the entrances to the Lincoln and Amtrak tunnels, the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal. District residents are particularly susceptible to the layers of polluted air these massive transportation points foster. Electrifying the cruise ship terminal, installing an electric vehicle support network and prioritizing a commitment to a healthy and robust public transportation system are consistent asks from MCD4.

MCD4 has long advocated for electric shore power on the Manhattan Cruise Terminal. Recently, the EDC announced their plans for a total renovation of Piers 88 to 92 including new ports and terminals for the cruise ships, a redesigned pick up-drop off area and new, public, park space. Though electric power is included in these renovation plans, we must stress that shore power connection must be a priority and implemented independent of any Master Plan determination.

Another major cause of air pollution in MCD4 is carbon emissions from buildings still using "dirty boilers" that burn heating oil #4 and #6. Many of the buildings using these dirty boilers are rent regulated and cannot (or will not) pay for the cost of converting to cleaner alternatives and therefore may need financial support to move away from these higher-emissions fuels.

Unchecked conditions of outdoor dining have exacerbated the problem of street noise, rats and pedestrian space. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions (multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc.) have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on Ninth Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement for both sidewalk space and non-compliant outdoor restaurant setups is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Needs for Sanitation Services

The Board is very concerned with street trash caused primarily by commercial tenants and storefronts and the lack of associated enforcement. We are also requesting more frequent corner basket pick up. The litter all over our streets promote unsanitary and unsightly conditions while contributing to dirty water pooling around our curbs and corners.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	CS	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds
DSNY	CS	Other capital budget request for DSNY
DSNY	CS	128 West 17th St RFP

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 2	Gap Truck Basket Service
DSNY	2 / 2	Illegal Dumping Enforcement

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Affordable housing creation

Despite the creation of thousands of new units of affordable and market rate housing that has accompanied rezonings over the past two decades, the stock of older rent-stabilized and cheaper market rate housing has shrunk. Illegal demolition, illegal hotel conversion, and harassment continue to threaten the stock that remains. Years after the last major neighborhood-wide rezonings, thousands of units of permanently affordable housing promised to the community go unbuilt. More permanently affordable units for individuals and families of different income levels are necessary for our community. The MCD4 Affordable Housing Plan offers a roadmap for fulfilling and developing more affordable housing units for a range of income levels. In particular, MCB4 calls on the Department of City Planning and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to work with MCB4 to halt the demolition of residential units in the special districts within our boundaries and support the rezoning of 11th Avenue from West 34th street to West 41st Street to allow for more residential units to be built. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2025/08/74-HHHS-MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-2025.pdf>

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

Needs for Land Use

Years after both Hudson Yards and West Chelsea in 2005 and the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing, but many City housing commitments remain unfulfilled. Several items agreed to by the developers, the Administration, and the City Council await completion, including the many needed affordable housing units. MCB4 asks for commitment of financial resources from both the expense and capital budgets to support and implementation from the Department of City Planning, Economic Development Corporation, Housing Preservation and Development, and other relevant agencies to fulfill outstanding commitments.

Needs for Housing

MCD4's Affordable Housing Plan states that affordable housing within the district is critical to the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage, earners, and seniors. This mixed population includes many of the frailest and isolated members of our community and the backbone of the service and cultural economy essential to NYC. The City must free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in Chelsea & Hell's Kitchen. MCD4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve almost 10,000 units in our district. Unfortunately, MCD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring exemptions in the immediate future. In addition, our district has been plagued by the illegal demolition of buildings that were "protected" by zoning enacted mainly due to the efforts of this Community Board. We have been fighting against these illegal demolitions, but the City needs to step up and do its part. It is unacceptable that 150 affordable housing units have already been lost because of dishonest landlords and insufficiently active agencies. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-10.26.22.pdf>

Elliot Chelsea and Fulton NYCHA Redevelopment From the Fall of 2019 through the Spring of 2021 MCB4 participated in the Chelsea NYCHA Working Group. The Group included tenant representatives from the two NYCHA developments in the Chelsea area (Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Developments). The Group included a Deputy Mayor, the Chair of NYCHA, NYCHA administration, local Elected Officials, local stakeholders and both NYCHA tenant associations. The Group produced a report which laid out a detailed plan and delivered it to the NYCHA and the City (see

enclosed). However, in spring 2023, residents of Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Houses were offered the option for a demolition and rebuild plan for those developments. Though an initial resident survey indicated interest in moving forward with a demolition and rebuild of the development, discussions as to the future of the developments remain ongoing. Throughout the redevelopment process, tenants have continued to experience security, pest, and interim repair concerns. The Board looks to both the Elliot Chelsea and Fulton developers and NYCHA to ensure that no matter what happens in the redevelopment process, tenant rights are protected, repairs are made, the buildings remain affordable in perpetuity, and decisions regarding demolition and any land use changes are made in a public and transparent manner that respects the voices of tenants and concerns from the community. A detailed list of these concerns can be found in MCB4's September 2025 letter to the Mayor's Office and NYCHA on the subject.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2025/09/21-New-Business-Letter-CLU-and-HHHS-letter-to-Mayor-and-NYCHA-re-Future-of-the-Fulton-Elliot-Chelsea-Development.pdf>

Illegal Demolition:

For a decade, MCB4 has requested a root cause solution that DOB implements a new checkbox on DOB's online portal to indicate "Demolition Restriction." DOB previously stated it was not able to make this change easily due to the limited capabilities of their previous online platform, DOB BIS. The new DOB database, DOBNow, fully integrated in 2024 now removes that technological barrier. It is user friendly and built with current coding language. It can and should include a checkbox, "Demolition Restricted," to flag all residential buildings protected from demolition and act as an early warning system to prevent such future errors. At this stage of technology and after repeated requests, this Community Board should not be in a reactive position or have to rely upon community members or news articles to find out about improper demolition plans. Adding a new checkbox can prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when an improper demolition permit has been requested within MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five-plus years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings' demolition permits within the Special Districts -- totaling over a hundred residential units. This has to stop and be remedied.

Needs for Economic Development

More than a decade after the rezoning of the Hudson Yards (2005) and West Chelsea (2007), and nearly a decade after the rezoning of the Western Rail Yards (2009), buildings have been built; residents have moved in. Businesses have opened, but the much-promised resources for housing and infrastructure have not been delivered: many of the City's commitments remain unfulfilled. The City and private employers must take action to support local businesses, reduce empty storefronts and increase workforce development programs to retrain workers for the jobs that are available.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 1	Cruise Ship Terminal Shore Power
HPD	1 / 2	Family and Senior Housing Programs
HPD	2 / 2	Emergency Repair Program
NYCHA	1 / 2	Fulton and Elliot Chelsea Houses Interim Repairs
NYCHA	2 / 2	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments
EDC	CS	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts
HPD	CS	Other capital budget request for HPD
HPD	CS	Other capital budget request for HPD

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCP	1 / 1	Cumulative Impact Study
DOB	1 / 3	DOB Website Upgrades
DOB	2 / 3	Landmarked Building Inspectors
DOB	3 / 3	DOBNOW Migration
NYCHA	1 / 2	Elevator Maintenance Staffing
NYCHA	2 / 2	NYCHA Facade Inspections

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Manhattan Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.)

With an additional 30,000 residents, 10,000 additional tourists, and steadily increasing commuter volumes from the Moynihan station and the Port Authority, the demands on the sidewalk space and bus network continue to explode. Congestion pricing has brought some relief to the vehicular traffic that has significantly increased on our avenues. Traffic of electric bikes and mopeds has exploded on a very constrained network of bike lanes that are insufficient in number, quality and throughput. Street redesign and enforcement are critical to address most of the problems: wider and uncluttered sidewalks with proper enforcement of no bike riding; well-protected bike lanes with enforceable speed limits; speed daylighting and split-phase signals at every left-turn movement. The green phase of signals should be adjusted so that gridlock is reduced and a green wave for cyclists and pedestrians is provided to reduce the running of red lights by cyclists. Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lines are needed on 9th and 10th Avenues as well as crosstown. The reconstruction of the Port Authority bus terminal is starting and promises to address intercity bus issues, but in the interim, the parking and the volume of commuter buses on the street will explode while current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Pedestrian and cyclist safety continues to be a dominant concern that is still not sufficiently or properly addressed. Intersections remain very dangerous due to turning vehicles. Daylighting, split-phase signals, signals, and proper crossing times must be installed, as well as cameras or changes in green timing to deter gridlock. More and wider crosstown bike lanes must be provided. More sidewalk space must be built to compensate for insufficient capacity and sidewalk obstructions. Pedestrians compete for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic. This is compounded by the new rules for storing garbage containers on the sidewalk during the day and the agency's endless appetite for new storage and chargers located on the sidewalk instead of the parking lane. We are pleased that many pedestrian ramps have been built, but once built, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained, and there is still significant ponding at their base.

Needs for Transit Services

Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lanes are needed on 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. We were pleased that the City decided to proceed with the 34th Street busway and urge City officials to ensure that they can deliver on this project in the face of federal threats. With numerous high-rise office constructions already completed on the far west side, building the West 41st Street subway station is becoming imperative to reduce the proliferation of jitneys and congestion. At a minimum, decent bus shelters must be installed on W 23rd Street and throughout the neighborhood. Scores of workers coming to and from Brooklyn need additional modes of transportation, such as ferry service, which must be enhanced to include a route from Brooklyn to the west side. And more ADA-enabled taxis and for-hire vehicles are needed to improve transit for ADA and seniors.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 3	E-Vehicle Charging Stations
DOT	2 / 3	9th Avenue Reconstruction
DOT	3 / 3	8th Avenue Bike Lane Resurfacing
NYCTA	1 / 3	Congestion Pricing Gantry
NYCTA	2 / 3	#7 Train - New Station
NYCTA	3 / 3	M42 and M50 Bus Terminal\EV Charger

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 22	West 34th Street Busway
DOT	2 / 22	Daylighting Study
DOT	3 / 22	9th Ave Sidewalk Capacity Study
DOT	4 / 22	Bike Corrals
DOT	5 / 22	Crosstown Bike Lanes
DOT	6 / 22	West 42nd Street Busway
DOT	7 / 22	Dangerous Intersection Mitigation
DOT	8 / 22	Bike and Ped Infrastructure
DOT	9 / 22	11th Ave Bike Lane Extension
DOT	10 / 22	11 Avenue Bike Lane Separation
DOT	11 / 22	West 42 St and Dyer Ave Safety Measures
DOT	12 / 22	9th Ave - Signal Timing
DOT	13 / 22	W. 31 St and 8th Ave - Vertical Bollards
DOT	14 / 22	Bus Shelters on West 23rd St.
DOT	15 / 22	Code Compliant Ped Ramps and Bus Shelters
DOT	16 / 22	Dyer Avenue & Lincoln Tunnel Study
DOT	17 / 22	11th Ave Safety Measures
DOT	18 / 22	OpenDining Inspectors
DOT	19 / 22	W 30th St and Dyer Ped Crossing
DOT	20 / 22	Route 9 & West 18th Street
DOT	21 / 22	9th Ave and West 15th Street
DOT	22 / 22	W. 19 St Conditions

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 4

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

Insufficient park or open space

The increase in the number of users, including the large number of residents, temporary residents, workers and tourists in MCD4, means our spaces are receiving more use without a commensurate increase in resources. Support for our parks cannot be an afterthought but must be prioritized. We would like to emphasize our expectation of this administration's promise to allot 1% of the City's overall budget to Parks. Run down conditions must be brought back up to acceptable standards and a commitment to funding Parks staff a necessity, including Park Enforcement Patrol to curb illicit park activity. As an important highlight, public bathrooms should be installed throughout our district and a mainstay in parks. As we move forward with construction, renovations and installations, we expect a greener, more climate friendly infrastructure to be automatic and developed hand-in-hand with other district development

This year, the NY State budget included \$85 million for the development of Pier 76 (formally the NYPD tow pound). It is essential for the City to match that allocation in order to transform that area into an open, usable, green space.

Libraries: The New York Public Library provides critical public services to our community. For newly arrived immigrants, the NYPL is a great resource providing adults with ESL classes, courses in technology and employment seeking skills. Libraries also provide early literacy programs for toddlers, after school homework and tutoring for school aged children, and are a safe haven for youth during the summer when school is out of session. Increased funding is essential to the NYPL in order for it to meet the needs of new immigrants and asylum seekers. The Columbus and Muhlenberg branches are undergoing substantial repairs that require them to close. In addition, delayed maintenance has greatly increased the cost of these repairs. We urge the NYPL to address needed repairs as they surface and communicate more proactively as well as to provide more details about why certain projects and branches are selected as priorities. **Arts & Culture:** Post pandemic, independent and small theaters continue to close or lose their spaces as did the New Federal Theater this past year. We urge the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment to help locate affordable rehearsal and production spaces in our district in order to help boost audience attendance. In addition, we encourage the Mayor's Office of Ethnic & Community Media to increase the city's advertising spending that is specifically directed to the local community media.

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

Needs for Parks

The increase in the number of users, including the large number of residents, migrants, workers, and tourists in MCD4, means our spaces are receiving and more use without a commensurate increase in resources. Support for our parks cannot be an afterthought but must be prioritized.

We have a severe need for more parks staff, especially for parks that are open and in use in the nighttime hours. Currently, the DeWitt Clinton Park sports fields are permitted for athletic play into the late evening but there is no Parks staff budgeted to accommodate these hours.

We also have repeatedly requested more Parks Enforcement Patrol staff (PEPs) to aid Parks staff in keeping our open spaces safe and free from prohibited activity.

Our district's playgrounds have seen increased drug activity and adults commandeering the spaces for alternative activity. This is prohibiting many children and families from fully enjoying the parks and playgrounds for their intended uses. Our requests for increased PEP staff and syringe collection reflect this growing concern.

With the bulk of our district in Midtown West, our limited park space is the only outdoor respite for many residents and visitors. We request our aged and dilapidated playground infrastructure be renovated to make these spaces fully functional again. As an important highlight, public bathrooms should be installed throughout our district and a mainstay in parks. As we move forward with construction, renovations and installations, we expect a greener, more climate friendly infrastructure to be automatic, including solar lighting and permeable pavement in all new and reconstructs.

Needs for Cultural Services

The presence of performing arts groups develop and give voice to new talent in areas of writing, performing, dancing, choreography, and directing. This vitalizes our New York City and our community, both culturally and commercially, on a block-to-block level. In addition, support services for theater and other artistic services within MCD4 in the areas of rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios have long been located throughout Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen.

Post- pandemic, independent and small theaters continue to close or lose their spaces as did the New Federal Theater a few years ago. Theaters and their support services are also losing viable space due to development and real estate costs. The money generated from these industries provides employment and maintains the artistic life of the city. The Board is also concerned with the loss of artists' studios in the District and the displacement of working artists.

To ensure that small theaters continue to play an integral role in New York City's cultural landscape and economy, further studies and financial support programs are needed.

Needs for Library Services

The New York Public Library provides critical public services to our community. For newly arrived immigrants, the NYPL is a great resource providing adults with ESL classes, courses in technology and employment seeking skills. Increased funding is essential to the NYPL in order for it to meet the needs of new immigrants and asylum seekers. In the past the Columbus and Muhlenberg Library branches underwent substantial repairs and renovations that required them to close. In addition, delayed maintenance has greatly increased the cost of these repairs. We urge the NYPL to address needed repairs as they surface and communicate more proactively as well as to provide more details about why certain projects and branches are selected as priorities.

Needs for Community Boards

Since the 1990s, budgets (outside of personnel services) have not been re-evaluated for inflation. Community Boards are repeatedly asked to do more with less and that cannot continue to happen. In the age of Zoom meetings and the need for hybrid meetings, Community Board funding must be increased to accommodate the cost of new technology and internet-enabled meeting spaces. Furthermore, Community Boards lack funding for translation services needed to ensure equal access to public meetings. While boards do receive funding for sign language interpretation, there is no funding for foreign language interpretation. In a city home to hundreds of languages and a large foreign-born population, it is vital to ensure that each Community Board has dedicated funding to reimburse foreign language translation and interpretation services.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 7	Dewitt Clinton Park - Reconstruction
DPR	2 / 7	Park Bathrooms District Wide
DPR	3 / 7	McCaffrey Playground - Renovation
DPR	4 / 7	Parks - Solar Lighting Pilot
DPR	5 / 7	Gutenberg Playground Sidewalk
DPR	6 / 7	Gertrude Kelly Playground Renovation
DPR	7 / 7	Penn South Playground Child Friendly Bathroom
DPR	CS	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Support nonprofit cultural organizations
DPR	1 / 6	Parks Enforcement Patrol officers
DPR	2 / 6	Additional Fixed Post Staff
DPR	3 / 6	Dewitt Clinton Park Staffing
DPR	4 / 6	Playground Associates
DPR	5 / 6	Forestry Staffing
DPR	6 / 6	Greenthumb Staffing
OMB	2 / 2	Interpretation Services

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
OMB	1 / 1	Pier 76 Funding

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
LPC	1 / 1	Additional LPC Staffing
MOCJ	1 / 1	Midtown Community Justice Center
MOME	1 / 1	Small Theater Study
OMB	1 / 2	Cannabis Enforcement

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 2	Family and Senior Housing Programs	HPD
Other capital budget request for HPD		

Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) and 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA).

2 of 2	Emergency Repair Program	HPD
Other capital budget request for HPD		

Increase HPD funding and scope of the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate in special districts where demolition by neglect is prevalent.

CS	Other capital budget request for HPD	HPD
Other capital budget request for HPD		

The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.

CS	Other capital budget request for HPD	HPD
Other capital budget request for HPD		

Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

1 of 2	Ryan Health Center - Capital Needs	DOHMH
Other capital budget request for DOHMH		

Provide funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center to meet existing patient needs, including creating an emergency preparedness paging system, strip lighting, and building notification system; outfitting its new mobile medical unit to provide care to individuals throughout the district; and replacing existing autoclave and intra-oral X-ray machine in order to meet the need for dental services.

2 of 2	Ryan Health Center - Space Needs	DOHMH
Other capital budget request for DOHMH		

Expand funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for needed additional space to provide needed mental health services.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

1 of 1 Cruise Ship Terminal Shore Power

EDC

Other capital budget request for EDC

Enable shore power at the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal. The Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship's emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already converting and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry. We stress this be done with or without any master plan renovation.

CS Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts

EDC

Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts

Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 7 Dewitt Clinton Park - Reconstruction**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Fund capital improvements to Dewitt Clinton Park. DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park space as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone for decades without renovation and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground & courts, new playground equipment and new spray shower and drainage lines.

2 of 7 Park Bathrooms District Wide

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave, Mathews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St, Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street, and Clement Clarke Moore Park- 10th Ave and W22nd St. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support the need.

3 of 7 McCaffrey Playground - Renovation

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.

4 of 7 Parks - Solar Lighting Pilot

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Identify a park to install solar lighting as part of a solar lighting pilot program. We recommend Penn South Playground which is set to undergo a full renovation.

5 of 7 Gutenberg Playground Sidewalk

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.

6 of 7 Gertrude Kelly Playground Renovation DPR

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets.

7 of 7 Penn South Playground Child Friendly Bathroom DPR

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

Include a child-friendly bathroom in the Penn South Playground upcoming renovation.

CS Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) DPR

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: 10th Ave - West 48th St & West 48th St

Continue to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 3 E-Vehicle Charging Stations DOT

Other capital budget request for DOT

Fund publicly-accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure. In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.

2 of 3 9th Avenue Reconstruction DOT

Reconstruct streets

Location: 9th Ave - West 34st St & West 51st St

Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 34th Street to West 51st Street to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.

3 of 3 8th Avenue Bike Lane Resurfacing DOT

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: 8 Avenue - West 14 Street & West 59 Street

Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

1 of 3 Congestion Pricing Gantry NYCTA

Other capital budget request for NYCTA

Relocate 40 congestion pricing gantries from local streets to Port Authority properties.

2 of 3 #7 Train - New Station NYCTA

Other transit infrastructure requests

Location: West 41 St - 10th Ave & 10th Ave

Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.

3 of 3 M42 and M50 Bus Terminal\EV Charger

NYCTA

Other transit infrastructure requests

Relocate the M42 and M50 bus terminal and EV charger from Hudson River Park to the West Side Highway.

Department of Education (DOE)**1 of 3 PS 11 Sign for School's New Name**

DOE

Other capital budget request for DOE

P.S. 11 - 320 West 21st Street. Fund sign with the school's new name, the Sarah J. Garnet. This request should cost approximately \$15K.

2 of 3 PS 33 - Construction Mitigation

DOE

Other capital budget request for DOE

Provide funding to support PS 33 (281 9th Avenue) during Phase I of the NYCHA Elliott-Chelsea-Fulton Houses redevelopment. Proposed capital requests include replacement of air filters inside and outside the school, installation of new air conditioning units, replacement of windows, purchasing air quality sensors, and installation of enhanced lighting to support a safe and healthy learning environment for students.

3 of 3 Technology Upgrades for District 2 Schools

DOE

Other capital budget request for DOE

Provide funding to support technology upgrades at MCB4 schools including, PS11 (320 West 21 Street), PS33 (281 9th Avenue), PS51 (525 West 44th Street), PS111 (440 West 53rd Street) , PS212 (328 West 48th Street), LAB Middle School (333 West 17th Street) and Manhattan Business Academy (351 West 18th Street).

School Construction Authority**1 of 9 Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology - PA System**

SCA

Renovate interior building component

Fund a new building-wide PA system at Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology at 439 West 49th Street. The current system does not reliably function.

2 of 9 M408 - ADA accessible Cafeteria

SCA

Renovate interior building component

M408 Professional Performing Arts High School (PPAS) - 328 West 48th Street - The PTA's priority is to make school cafeteria ADA accessible and upgrade cafeteria restrooms.

3 of 9 Manhattan Bridges HS Auditorium

SCA

Renovate or upgrade a high school

Provide funding for Auditorium Renovation at Manhattan Bridges High School located at 525 West 50th Street. This space serves 5 schools and 2,000 students. The dim lighting is dangerous, and the sound system does not work. There is no drop down screen for presentations.

4 of 9 Business of Sports HS - Library

SCA

Renovate or upgrade a high school

Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.

5 of 9 Ps 111 ADA accessibility SCA

Renovate or upgrade an elementary school

Provide funding to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.

6 of 9 PS 51 Roof top Garden SCA

Renovate or upgrade an elementary school

Provide Funding to complete roof top garden at P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street.

7 of 9 LAB Middle School - Security Doors SCA

Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

Lab Middle School located at 333 West 17th Street - Provide funding to the schools top capital priority of replacing all doors and locks on classrooms on the 1st and 4th floors.

8 of 9 Class Size Mandate Renovations SCA

Renovate or upgrade an elementary school

Provide funding to support facility modifications at PS 51 (525 West 44th Street), PS 33 (281 9th Avenue), and PS 11 (320 West 21st Street) to ensure compliance with the new State mandate to reduce class sizes by the 2028-29 school year. Proposed work includes the removal of non-load-bearing walls and the creation of additional classroom space to accommodate smaller class sizes.

9 of 9 HS Environmental Studies - Renovations SCA

Renovate or upgrade a high school

Provide funding to renovate the High School for Environmental Studies at 444 West 56 Street

CS Renovate or upgrade an elementary school SCA

Renovate or upgrade an elementary school

Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.

CS Bathrooms & Water Fountains SCA

Renovate interior building component

Continue to fund upgrades and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems. In the following schools: LAB Middle School and NYC Museum School located at 333 W 17th Street and PS 212 Midtown West located at 328 West 48 Street.

CS Security Cameras District Wide SCA

Renovate interior building component

Continue to fund security cameras in PS212, at 328 West 48th Street; PS111, at 440 West 53rd Street; PS51, at 525 West 44th Street; and PS33, at 281 9th Avenue.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

CS	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	FDNY
Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station		

Fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

CS	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	DEP
Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds		

Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

CS	Other capital budget request for DSNY	DSNY
Other capital budget request for DSNY		

Fund and complete needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.

CS	128 West 17th St RFP	DSNY
Complete funding to DSNY to develop and release of a RFP for the recently landmarked DSNY building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4. The recently landmarked building at 128 West 17th Street is a communal asset, and the way to commemorate its legacy is to bring life back to the building. We request that DSNY, with input from CB4 and other stakeholders, issue an RFP with the goal of soliciting proposals for the space that, among other things, commit to telling the story of Former Colored School No 4.		

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

1 of 2	Fulton and Elliot Chelsea Houses Interim Repairs	NYCHA
Renovate or upgrade public housing developments		

Complete interim repairs at the Fulton and Elliott-Chelsea Houses to ensure safe and livable conditions for residents while redevelopment plans are under consideration. This request covers elevator maintenance, mold remediation, leak repairs, and security improvements, along with other essential building and safety needs. Residents of the Chelsea NYCHA FEC campuses were promised these repairs as part of the redevelopment process, and continued investment is critical to maintain habitability, uphold trust, and prevent further deterioration.

2 of 2	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	NYCHA
Renovate or upgrade public housing developments		

Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize funding for the following items: roof repair, boiler upgrade, new building entrance and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

1 of 1	Pier 76 Funding	OMB
Other capital request for OMB		

Match last year's state funding commitment to develop Pier 76 (former NYPD tow pound).

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department for Homeless Services (DHS)

1 of 1	Expand street outreach	DHS
	Expand street outreach	

Expand funding for an increase in targeted outreach to street homeless individuals to provide those experiencing behavioral health emergencies with appropriate resources, to MCD4. MCB4 also requests a 15% increase in funds to the outreach programs at Breaking Ground, Goddard, BRC, and Urban Pathways to meet the increasing unsheltered population.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 2	Additional Uniformed Officers for Foot Patrols	NYPD
	Hire additional uniformed officers	

Expand and re-allocate existing funding to hire officers in order to increase regular foot patrols in Chelsea and Hells Kitchen. Despite a drop in several crime categories throughout the precincts that cover MCD4, residents have expressed heightened concern over a lack of enforcement against illegal narcotics sales, drug use, and other unlawful and disorderly behavior happening on the streets.

2 of 2	Expand Traffic Division	NYPD
	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	

Expand funding to NYPD Manhattan Traffic Division to adequately enforce all traffic related violations including but not limited to cars, trucks, bikes, E-bikes, and mopeds.

Department of Buildings (DOB)

1 of 3	DOB Website Upgrades	DOB
	Other expense budget request for DOB	

Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when an improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.

2 of 3	Landmarked Building Inspectors	DOB
	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	

Provide funding to establish a coordinated inspection and reporting team to evaluate the structural stability of landmarked buildings and properties within historic districts prior to any alteration, construction, or redevelopment. This coordinated effort should ensure that inspections are jointly reviewed and findings are formally reported to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4), and other relevant agencies, strengthening oversight and preventing unnecessary demolitions or inappropriate alterations to historic structures.

3 of 3	DOB NOW Migration	DOB
	Other expense budget request for DOB	

Provide continued funding and staffing support to complete the migration of the Department of Buildings' (DOB) legacy Building Information System (BIS) to the modern DOB NOW platform. While the project is currently funded, additional staff and consultant resources are needed to facilitate and finalize the system integration, ensuring full functionality, data accuracy, and public accessibility across both legacy and new records.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

1 of 1 After School Programs

DYCD

Other expense budget request for DYCD

Provide funding for after school programs in both elementary and middle schools to enable more families to participate, particularly at the following schools. P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street; P.S. 33 at 281 9th Avenue; P.S. 51 at 525 West 44th Street; P.S. 111 at 440 West 53rd Street.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**1 of 2 Cannabis Enforcement**

OMB

Other expense request

Provide funding earmarked for cannabis enforcement to City agencies like the New York City Sheriff. Likewise, MCB4 believes that further coordination is needed between city and state agencies. Funding for a State/City Cannabis Coordinator would be welcomed.

2 of 2 Interpretation Services

OMB

Other community board facilities and staff requests

Expand funding to support all types of interpretation services for Community Boards.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**1 of 2 Gap Truck Basket Service**

DSNY

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

Add a "gap truck" 11am- 7pm for corner basket pick up Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday (\$200,000) and keep the recently added "gap truck" on Monday/Thursday/Saturday.

2 of 2 Illegal Dumping Enforcement

DSNY

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

Fund staffing for inspectors for illegal dumping summonses. Our CB district has topped out at 764 wastebaskets yet trash is constantly overflowing on our corners. The main culprit is illegal dumping and we need enforcement to deter violators and keep our streets clean.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 2 Elevator Maintenance Staffing**

NYCHA

Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests

Fill vacant elevator maintenance staff. NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.

2 of 2 NYCHA Facade Inspections

NYCHA

Other expense budget request for NYCHA

Establish a dedicated NYCHA unit to coordinate with the Department of Buildings on Facade Inspection Safety Program (FISP) compliance. The unit would oversee timely facade repairs and the removal of long-standing sidewalk sheds at the Fulton and Elliott-Chelsea Houses and other NYCHA sites in Community District 4. This request aims to end the cycle of permanent scaffolding caused by delayed repairs, improve safety, and ensure transparent, coordinated action across agencies.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 1 Increase home delivered meals capacity

DFTA

Increase home delivered meals capacity

Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.

Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME)**1 of 1 Small Theater Study**

MOME

Other expense budget request for MOME

Provide funding to renew and update the study of small/independent theaters from the Mayors Office of Media and Entertainment. The social, economic, and cultural impacts that independent theaters have endured since the last study need to be considered.

Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)**1 of 1 Additional LPC Staffing**

LPC

Other expense request

Increase funding for additional Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) staff to expedite calendaring for landmark designation and reduce the existing case backlog, including long-pending requests such as St. Benedict the Moor Church (referenced in MCB4's 2019 letter), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20th Street (Request for Evaluation - 2013), and New Dramatists Inc. at 424 West 44th Street. In addition, portions of the proposed Hell's Kitchen and Patty's Market Historic District. Expanding staff capacity will allow LPC to process these and other outstanding evaluations more efficiently, ensuring that historically significant sites are reviewed and protected in a timely and transparent manner.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**1 of 1 Support nonprofit cultural organizations**

DCLA

Provide more public art

Support cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCLA, in particular, the arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery at 702 9th Avenue, The Kitchen, Chelsea Film Festival, and the Open Culture Program. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**1 of 1 STI HIV/AIDS Treatment Funding**

DOHMH

Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning

Increase funding for STI, HIV/AIDS information, prevention, and treatment. As referenced in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 continues to rank high in the rate of new HIV diagnoses. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave, Callen-Lorde - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation - 315 West 50th St, and Housing Works 326 West 48th Street.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 1 Discharge Planning**

HRA

Other homelessness prevention program request

Expand discharge planning, including GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. Ensure that these services are coordinated to promote a successful transition from shelter into permanent housing. Services should be tailored to ensure that residents are successful in their new housing accommodations.

Department of City Planning (DCP)

1 of 1 Cumulative Impact Study

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

Fund a study on the cumulative impact of ULURP approvals since January 2021 on public infrastructure demands, particularly on public safety (police, fire, EMT), schools, health care, and recreational services. This request would include a forward perspective study taking into consideration specifically the rezonings in Midtown South (MSMX) and City of Yes, and a review of the future impact of NYCHA (Elliot-Chelsea/Fulton) redevelopment and ESD sites (Site K, Intrepid) that are now in the early stages of development. The study should quantify infrastructure strain, identify service gaps, and forecast future needs to guide equitable capital planning and investment. The results of the study should be made publicly available.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 6 Parks Enforcement Patrol officers**

DPR

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

Fund additional Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers. PEP provides a uniformed presence to safeguard Parks properties and facilities and enforce Parks rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. With our district's uptick of crime and unsafe incidences, our need for PEP staff is acute. The Park Rangers also conduct educational programs in parks throughout our district.

2 of 6 Additional Fixed Post Staff

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Fund fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park, Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park. The need for Parks staff is acute. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness.

3 of 6 Dewitt Clinton Park Staffing

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Fund 2nd shift staff at DeWitt Clinton Park. DeWitt Clinton Park fields are permitted for sports play until the late evening making this park uniquely busy during the nighttime hours. Staff is needed to service the park during its most occupied hours and to keep the bathrooms open.

4 of 6 Playground Associates

DPR

Other expense budget request for DPR

Provide funding for Playground Associates to conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Their recreation staff organize Family Fun Days, Outdoor Movie Nights, Tango Dance Programs, Senior Fitness Programs and more; while proving essential for successful parks programming, this program also provides local youth with opportunities for employment in their neighborhoods.

5 of 6 Forestry Staffing

DPR

Other street trees and forestry services requests

Provide funding for 46 forestry staff. The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face.

6 of 6 Greenthumb Staffing

DPR

Other expense budget request for DPR

Provide funding for 15 GreenThumb staff and supplies.

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 4 Pre-K and 3K Seats DOE

Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs

Expand funding for Pre-K and 3K Seats at PS 11, PS 33, PS 51, PS 111, and PS 212. There is a substantial waitlist, particularly for 3K and Pre-K Extended Day programs in our district.

2 of 4 Wifi and Technology Funding DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed wi-fi in all schools and maintain student technology (laptops, tablets, software, etc). Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' internet/wi-fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.

3 of 4 Bilingual Staff DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

Expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals, with a priority for Title 1 Schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families. This includes PS 51, at 525 West 44th Street; PS 111, at 440 West 53rd Street; and PS 212, at 328 West 48th Street.

4 of 4 PS 33 Maintenance Staff DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

Ensure adequate expense funding for PS 33 to support the maintenance and implementation of capital improvements to mitigate the impacts of construction activities associated with the NYCHA Elliott-Chelsea Houses redevelopment.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 22 West 34th Street Busway DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Location: West 34th Street - 12th Avenue & 1st Avenue
Implement a busway on West 34th street end to end.

2 of 22 Daylighting Study DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Conduct a comprehensive study to prioritize intersections in most need of "daylighting" based on available crash data. The study should also establish a timeline for fixing these intersections.

3 of 22 9th Ave Sidewalk Capacity Study DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: 9th Ave - West 33rd Street & West 51st Street
Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 33rd and 51st Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened to address congestion.

4 of 22 Bike Corrals DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Provide funding to install bike corrals at designated locations along 9th Avenue and certain cross streets.

5 of 22 Crosstown Bike Lanes

DOT

Provide new bike lanes

Add crosstown bike lanes and widen existing ones.

6 of 22 West 42nd Street Busway

DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Location: West 42nd Street - 12th Avenue & 1st Avenue
Implement a busway on 42nd Street - End to end.**7 of 22 Dangerous Intersection Mitigation**

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Study and fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles, including those at West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue, and make upgrades to those at W 42nd Street and 9th Avenue and West 15th Street and 6th Avenue.

8 of 22 Bike and Ped Infrastructure

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Maintain and upgrade of bike and pedestrian infrastructure per our inventory.

9 of 22 11th Ave Bike Lane Extension

DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.

10 of 22 11 Avenue Bike Lane Separation

DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Install vertical separations along the 11th Avenue bike lane to prevent vehicles from driving in the bike lane. There are not enough parked cars to create a protective barrier. Install bollards at the 44th, 45th, and 46th Street intersections to prevent cars from entering and driving in the bike lane on 11th Avenue.

11 of 22 West 42 St and Dyer Ave Safety Measures

DOT

Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

Location: West 42nd Street & Dyer Avenue

Implement safety measures at Dyer Avenue and 42nd street (signage and signal timing).

12 of 22 9th Ave - Signal Timing

DOT

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: 9th Avenue - West 34st St & West 47 Street

Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue on both avenue and cross streets to reduce gridlock and create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians. - 9th Avenue West 34 Street to West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue West 40 Street to West 47 Street.

13 of 22 W. 31 St and 8th Ave - Vertical Bollards

DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Location: West 31 Street - 8th Avenue & 9th Avenue

Add vertical bollards and cement blocks to prevent cars from using the neckdown. NW corner of West 31st Street and 8th Avenue.

14 of 22 Bus Shelters on West 23rd St.

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Location: West 23rd Street - 6th Avenue & 12th Avenue

Install bus Shelters on West 23rd Street and at six locations in the district.

15 of 22 Code Compliant Ped Ramps and Bus Shelters

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Per the Transportation Planning Committee's inventory of sidewalk pedestrian ramps and bus shelters in the district, fund the replacement and/or installation of 270 new code compliant pedestrian ramps.

16 of 22 Dyer Avenue & Lincoln Tunnel Study

DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: Dyer Avenue - West 34th Street & West 36th Street

With PANYNJ, study the redirection of traffic from Northbound Dyer Avenue to 11th avenue close to the Lincoln Tunnel entrance from West 34th, 35th and 36th street from Dyer Avenue Northbound.

17 of 22 11th Ave Safety Measures

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Location: 11th Avenue - West 29th Street & West 30th Street

Implement safety measures at 11th Avenue and W30th and W29th streets.

18 of 22 OpenDining Inspectors

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Hire and train additional staff to inspect OpenDining.

19 of 22 W 30th St and Dyer Ped Crossing

DOT

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Location: West 30th Street & Dyer Avenue

Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.

20 of 22 Route 9 & West 18th Street

DOT

Address traffic congestion

Location: Route 9 & West 18th Street

Make changes to 2 adjoining intersections: Route 9 & W.18th St., remove the No U-Turn sign in order to avoid turning at W.16th, a more congested street. Route 9 & W. 17th St., unsafe pedestrian crossing due to current signal cycle and aggressive southbound traffic exiting Chelsea Piers and W 17th St. Increase Green Signal time and provide a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) for pedestrians on the south leg of the roadway.

21 of 22 9th Ave and West 15th Street

DOT

Address traffic congestion

Location: 9 Avenue - West 15 Street & West 16 Street

Resolve traffic congestion at the intersection of 9th Avenue and 15/16th Streets. Pedestrian crossing 16th Street conflict with turning cars creating traffic delays on 9th Avenue . The congestion slows down the M11 bus and exposes NYCHA residents to loud honking noises. Signal timing should be adjusted and a split phase signal installed.

22 of 22 W. 19 St Conditions

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

Location: West 19th Street - 6th Avenue & 12th Avenue
Fix unsafe conditions on w 19th Street.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)**1 of 1 B-Heard Program Funding**

FDNY

Other expense budget request for FDNY

Expand the Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-HEARD) Pilot Program to MCD4 to respond to 911 mental health calls.

Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)**1 of 1 Gender Affirming Care Funding**

HHC

Other expense budget request for HHC

Fund gender affirming care to ensure access to all LGBTQ+ New Yorkers. Federal mandates have threatened the availability of care to under-18 patients. New York City must ensure that providers continue to offer these services to all who seek them.

Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ)**1 of 1 Midtown Community Justice Center**

MOCJ

Other expense budget request for MOCJ

Provide funding to support Midtown Community Justice Center to support its community justice solutions. This funding should support for enforcing current laws while offering alternatives to incarceration.